



## From eco-friendly businesses to people who like sniffing books..

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THEY are the pick of the internet — the best websites of this year, from the practical to the downright odd.

Today, internet site Yahoo! announced its online "finds of the year", which include a website reviewing supermarket wines and one featuring dogs dressed up as bumblebees.

Other sites honoured include Stop Tout, an ethical ticket exchange for fans, and Fat Badgers, a pub guide broken down by region.

There are 11 categories including ethical, educational, travel, shopping, showbiz and weird and wonderful.

A spokesman for Yahoo! said: "The array of sites ranges from Alternative Wedding List to Zubka, a recruitment site which works through recommendations and referrals from friends and past colleagues."

Yahoo! will conduct a public vote to find the ultimate winner in each category, to be announced in the New Year.

Winners of the first nine categories will be decided by judges led by Nick Poulton, who won the award last year for 'The Leaky Caldron, a chat and blog site for Harry Potter fans.

### Charities

**theroadtobeijing.co.uk**  
One man's effort to participate in the 2008 Olympics in aid of the British Lung Association.

**cowforce.com**  
Buying livestock for Africans.

**dogblooddonors.com**  
Register your pet as a donor.

**bigwhitebox.com**  
Buy and sell digital pictures — profits go to Oxfam, Care and Save the Children.

**thealternativeweddinglist.co.uk**  
Guests make donations instead of giving gifts.

### Ethical

**responsibletravel.com**  
An online travel agent offering environmentally friendly trips.

**stoptout.com**  
Ticket exchange run by fans for fans. Tickets are sold at face value.

**expensivetaste.co.uk**  
A boutique full of carefully selected accessories and clothes.

**creativepaperwales.co.uk**  
Recycled paper products, made with sheep droppings.

**allthingsgreen.net**  
Organic, eco-friendly, recycled, sustainable and natural products and gifts from UK businesses.

### Educational

**knowyourlimits.gov.uk**  
Educating people about alcohol.

**workinglife.org.uk**  
Photographs of people who laboured in factories, on farms and in fishing boats in Britain.

# Revealed: best (and quirkiest) websites of 2006



Getting shirty: a model wears a splitting The Atom top



Making a buzz: dogs as bumblebees, top, the Cowforce charity and All Things Green's gift site

**filmstreet.co.uk**  
Educating young people of film-making.

**mymaths.co.uk**  
A tool to learn maths which helps children with online homework and offers engaging games to help them understand mathematical concepts.

**Innovative**  
**loseitback.com**  
Loss protection and recovery.

**zubka.com**  
A recruitment site that works through recommendations.

**nappyvalley.co.uk**  
Online marketplace for buying and selling second-hand baby items.

**fatbadgers.co.uk**  
Nationwide pub guide.

**myprivatehire.com**  
Advertises personal items for hire — similar to eBay but you don't sell your belongings.

**pledgebank.com**  
A website where people can make charitable or political pledges.

**Resourceful**  
**patientopinion.org.uk**  
Site enabling patients to share their experiences of the NHS.

**britblog.com**  
Directory of British blogs.

**the-spine.com**  
Blog focusing on political satire in

words and in pictures.

**urbanjunkies.com**  
London lifestyle.  
**tiredandtested.com**  
Social networking site focusing on sport.

### Travel

**geograph.org.uk**  
Collection of photographs and information for every square mi of the UK and Ireland.

**meaningful.i-to-i.com**  
A website that brings travellers together to share experiences.

**babyfriendlyboltholes.co.uk**  
Baby friendly holidays.

**trindelays.co.uk**  
Helps passengers get reimburse for their train delays.

**heartbeatguides.com**  
Lists downloadable podcasts for travelling.

### Weird and wonderful

**beedogs.com**  
Dogs that are dressed up as bees

**thechap.net**  
A satirical magazine for modern gentlemen.

**Book Sniffer and Son**  
[http:// tinyurl.com/yftatg](http://tinyurl.com/yftatg)  
A group of people who are interested in sniffing books.

**cheeseracing.org**  
The exciting, cutting-edge sport that is cheese racing.

**trolleyspotting.co.uk**  
A project looking into abandon shopping trolleys.

### Shopping

**supermarketwine.com**  
Shopping site that lets you find recommended wines at your local supermarket.

**splittheatom.com**  
Limited edition T-shirts.

**britishcornershop.co.uk**  
British food for expats.

**riverford.co.uk**  
Fresh organic vegetable boxes direct from the farm.

**re-foundobjects.com**  
New and old goods for sale.

### Entertainment

**stewartwalton.com**  
A sketch book of famous bands

**thecustard.tv**  
Preview TV listings.

**mrpaparazzi.co.uk**  
A site that encourages people upload their own paparazzi-st shots of the famous.

**theroyalist.net**  
A blog relating to all things royal

**thebubbleburst.co.uk**  
Where yesterday's stars are now