Hosting



When you purchase a cheap domain, you'll often see deals on hosting for £1 per month, and more likely than not, you'll go for it, and then you'll realise that it's missing key features like Email, SSL Security Certificates, Backups, or a decent Site Tools area.

We've got vast experience with the most common, and will advise on costs that you need to be aware. Although we Wix is below, we recommend that you don't limit your design or hosting to self-contained solutions like Wix and Squarespace.

Includes VAT if charged	SiteGround	Wix	GoDaddy	123 Reg
Domain For this example: BatsWebsite.co.uk	£18 for Yr 1 £18 for Yr 2+	£Free if using a Wix Domain Custom Domain £Free for Yr 1 £18 for Yr2+	£Free for Yr 1 £18 for Yr 2+	£Free for Yr 1 £14 for Yr 2+ Yr 1 is only Free as part of the Hosting
Hosting To include SSL	£86 for Yr 1 £172 for Yr 2+ Start-Up Package includes SSL, Backups, and Emails	£Free if using a Wix Domain Custom Domain £115 for Yr 1 £115 for Yr 2+	£144 for Yr 1 £187 for Yr 2 + SSL Cost of £72 for Yr 2+	£214 for Yr 1 £286 for Yr 2 + SSL Cost of £48 for Yr 2+
Email At least 1 Email		£86 for Yr 1 £86 for Yr 2+	£Free for Yr 1 £72 for Yr 2+	£14 for Yr 1 £29 for Yr 2+ Starter Package
Pay Monthly?	No	Will cost more	No	No
Wordpress?	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Transfer Site?	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Year 1 Cost	£104	£201	£144	£228
Year 2 Cost	£190	£219	£349	£377
Total Yr 1+ 2	£294	£420	£493	£605

SiteGround (that we do recommend) is the best option for your wallet for Year 1 and each year afterwards, and gives you Email, Backups and the SSL without charging extra. Their 24/7 support is brilliant too.

The downside – as with many companies is that you have to pay for the year upfront.

Always check the company's price list and focus on key items such as allowed bandwidth, memory space, emails, backups and SSL.