



Surrey Life style goddess CHANTELE ZNIDERIC brings you all the latest fashion news from around the county, including some great tips for the January sales

**L**ove them or loathe them, those January sales are back and bigger than ever. There are irresistible bargains to be had, but where on earth should we start?

Before embarking on the sales, a great tip is to plan what you really need to buy first, then set yourself a realistic budget (and refrain from going over it!).

Beware though; you might think you've got a bargain but it's not a real bargain if it ends up at the back of your wardrobe with the price tag still on it! Nevertheless, be sure to hunt around at the bottom of those piles and you'll strike gold!

Meanwhile, here is a round-up of some of the latest fashion news from around the county.

### Size matters for Eric Hill

There is still a definite shortage of fashionable clothing for ladies with a fuller figure – something I'm constantly reminded of by some of my clients.

Therefore, I was really pleased to hear that Eric Hill recently opened in Haslemere with a new look. Whilst the brand is over 60 years old, the new collection has been revitalised offering a diverse range of styles for every occasion. All clothing is available in sizes 12 to 26.

If Haslemere is too far for you to travel, you can check out their collections online at [www.erichill.co.uk](http://www.erichill.co.uk).

### Promoting independence online

I was truly inspired when I heard about a Ugandan lady from Walton-on-Thames who has made it her mission to help those less fortunate by selling beautiful handmade jewellery, bags and silk scarves through her website: [www.ethnicsupplies.co.uk](http://www.ethnicsupplies.co.uk).

Last December, Ida Horner visited part of her native country and was shocked to see so much poverty. Her experience was life-changing and on her return home she quit her job, deciding to seek out African women's groups that needed her help instead. Having made contact with a group in Tanzania, she found herself working with poverty-stricken women, some who have been affected by HIV and AIDS.

"These women buy their own materials and then tell me how much each item costs," Ida says. "The price is sufficient to cover the raw material cost so they can make a profit."

Do check out their website for some gorgeous accessories that will also help these women to lift themselves out of poverty.

### Fashion through the ages

Marion May, from Shamley Green, is a fanatical costume collector and will be returning to Guildford House Gallery with an exhibition showcasing 10 years of fashion.

This is a fantastic opportunity to explore Marion's extensive collection of exquisite dresses and witness the changing silhouette of women's fashions between 1870 and 1950.

She will also be giving an illustrated talk about her vast collection on Thursday February 7 at 1pm. Admission is free, but space is limited so early booking is essential. Call 01483 444742 or book online at [www.guildfordhouse.co.uk](http://www.guildfordhouse.co.uk).



Carina Shawl, £45, from Eric Hill



Dresses from the Silhouette Exhibition

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### Christmas party to go to?

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