

Ever tried feeding a big family - 13 kids, for instance plus mum and dad. With a weekly grocery bill of £11 it isn't easy, but Donald Eric Brooker does it and doesn't even go to work to pay the bills.....

*The children range from ~~the~~ 6 months*  
 2 greyhounds share the house at Tredegar, South Wales that the man 'who can't afford to work' is buying on mortgage for £1.13.0 a month.....

Mr. Brooker was a regular soldier for 17 years. Discharged unfit after Dunkirk, he hasn't had a regular job for eight years because of ill-health. But the family <sup>doesn't</sup> ~~don't~~ suffer.

National assistance, family allowances, free meals, milk and clothing for 12 of the children bring in £16 a week and Tony

the eldest puts another £4 in the kitty from his job in the pits.

*Now he totals more than £20 a week.*  
 If he got an ordinary job he'd lose far more than he could

earn. So until Mr. Brooker can find the right sort of job - £16

a week or ~~more~~ <sup>more</sup>, he finds it better to let the State look

after him - and his happy brood.....

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