

Is gumtree.co.za legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 75/100

gumtree.co.za

Verdict



75
OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

gumtree.co.za appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not ScamLow Risk

Assessed 2026-08-17 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Gumtree South Africa homepage for classifieds listing: shows categories, live ads (cars, property, jobs, furniture, electronics), promotional banners, and links to sign up/log in and post ads. Marketplace facilitates peer-to-peer listings and offers promoted listing/payment features.

Evidence status and limitations

- Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN
- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
 - Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	23 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by GeoTrust TLS RSA CA G1	NOTED

The page as captured

<https://www.gumtree.co.za/>

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What gumtree.co.za served when TrustSniffer captured it on 2026-08-17. The page may look different now.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.
- The operator behind the site could not be independently connected to a real-world brand or person.

Full analysis

Overview

Gumtree South Africa is an established classifieds marketplace presenting cars, property, jobs, furniture, electronics, services, live advertisements, account features, and options to post or promote listings; its apparent business model is to facilitate peer-to-peer buying and selling while monetising advertising, promoted placement, and related transaction services.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed: the reviewed content contains no phishing, impersonation, blacklist, or malicious-reputation finding. The homepage's marketplace presentation is internally consistent with its stated purpose, and its login and sign-up functions do not redirect to an untrusted destination. Peer-to-peer listings and payment-related features create ordinary counterparty and transaction risks because individual sellers are not automatically validated by the platform, but that commercial exposure is distinct from evidence that the website itself is fraudulent. Automated interaction testing observed hidden forms and inline script activity, yet no external password forms, wallet-drainer behavior, clipboard hijacking, or cloaking were detected; these observations are therefore treated as implementation complexity rather than a confirmed deception signal.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage presents classified categories including cars, property, jobs, electronics, home and garden, and services, with live advertisements and standard account functions.
- The homepage states that users can post free advertisements and promotes paid placement and online purchase-protection features.
- The domain was registered on 2003-05-12 and is approximately 23.28 years old.

Regulatory Verification Notes

Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate marketplace, although the real-world operator identity is not independently verified. The reviewed page content does not clearly present a licensing or registration number; this is a transparency and regulatory-verification point rather than evidence of a scam, particularly because the site operates as a classifieds platform rather than presenting itself as a regulated financial institution. The clean external reputation, long-established registration, reputable registrar, substantial traffic footprint, and valid transport encryption provide converging support for an established site. Any payment-protection or transaction-facilitation service should nevertheless be assessed according to the legal entity actually providing it.

EVIDENCE

- The domain registrar is xneelo (Pty) Ltd; registration is recorded from 2003-05-12 to 2027-05-12.
- The site is served from AS8075, Microsoft Corporation, US.
- TLS is provided by GeoTrust TLS RSA CA G1 using DV validation and is valid until 2026-12-10.
- The site is ranked 17205 globally and is within the top 1,000,000 websites.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, independently confirm the merchant or service-provider identity shown in the relevant transaction flow, review the applicable terms, privacy, returns, dispute, and payment-protection provisions, and ensure that any protection promise applies to the specific listing and payment method. Where a payment or escrow function is material, confirm the responsible provider and any applicable licensing or registration through the relevant official registry. Official support and contact channels should also be confirmed through an independent route before a disputed transaction is escalated.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage links to Terms & Conditions, Privacy Notice, and Cookie Policy.
- The homepage provides account, orders, purchases, wallet, chats, and support functions.
- The reviewed content includes promotional statements concerning online payment protection and nationwide delivery.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is high trust and low risk, with the evidence consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website and no observed contradiction indicating scam or impersonation activity. The classification

supports ordinary marketplace interaction, while the absence of independent operator verification means that site legitimacy should not be treated as proof of a particular real-world corporate identity.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site benefits from Cloudflare CDN/WAF protection, and the observed address was a CDN edge address rather than an identified origin server. This reduces direct exposure of the underlying hosting environment and is a mitigating infrastructure characteristic, not independent proof of legitimacy.

EVIDENCE

- Cloudflare CDN/WAF protection was observed; edge address 13.107.246.56 was associated with AS8075, and no origin candidate was identified.
- The resolved hosting provider is MICROSOFT-CORP-MSN-AS-BLOCK - Microsoft Corporation, US.

Closing Assessment

Normal browsing and standard marketplace use are proportionate to the assessed posture; credentials or payments should follow ordinary independent checks of the counterparty, transaction terms, and available payment protections.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-17 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	30/100
Identity verification confidence	50%

- No on-site identity signals detected

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of gumtree.co.za.

- The request stayed on gumtree.co.za. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under xneelo (Pty) Ltd. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by cloudflare.com, across 2 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-05-12. NOTED
- It is hosted on MICROSOFT-CORP-MSN-AS-BLOCK, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	xneelo (Pty) Ltd
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Hosting	MICROSOFT-CORP-MSN-AS-BLOCK - Microsoft Corporation, US
Country	US
Server IP	2620:1ec:bdf::53
Name servers	donna.ns.cloudflare.com, pranab.ns.cloudflare.com
SSL issuer	GeoTrust TLS RSA CA G1
SSL expiry	2026-12-10
Domain age	23.28 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-05-12
Archive first seen	Not available
Archive snapshots	0
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about gumtree.co.za at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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