

Recycle your unwanted clothing and help the Salvation Army

We now have a permanent Salvation Army clothing collection point in the Sports Hall car park. Please bring your unwanted items in a bag and drop it into the collection bank at any time. Every penny raised from your donations will help to fund the valuable work of the Salvation Army whilst reducing the amount of clothing sent to landfill at the same time.

The donation banks can accept:

- Clothing
- Footwear
- Bags
- Belts
- Towels
- Bed linen



Please ensure that shoes are put together in pairs into a bag so that they stay together in the clothing bank.

All of the good quality products that are donated will be offered for sale in store. The staff and volunteers take time to sort donations, and saleable items will be cleaned (all clothing and home linens are steamed) and displayed on the shop floor.

Any items that they are not able to sell in their shops are sold for reuse overseas. This means they are acting responsibly with all donations to raise essential funds for The Salvation Army and to avoid unnecessary waste going to landfill by encouraging reuse and recycling. The need for pre-owned clothing in less affluent countries than the UK is significant. There are many people who can't afford new clothes, which makes second-hand Western fashions popular. It also gives charities a route to provide affordable clothing to those that need it, as well as raise funds for good causes.

Why recycle?

- An estimated £140 million worth (350,000 tonnes) of used clothing goes to waste in landfill every year
- The average UK household owns around £4,000 worth of clothes, but around 30% hasn't been worn for at least a year
- Clothing made from natural materials like cotton, wool and leather will produce a range of greenhouse gases while biodegrading in landfill sites
- For every tonne of textiles reused rather than sent into landfill CO₂eq (harmful greenhouse gases) are reduced by 7 tonnes
- Extending the average life of clothes by nine months would save £5 billion in resources used to supply, launder and dispose of clothing
- Donating your unwanted clothing and household items to us helps raise millions of pounds every year for The Salvation Army

Thank you for your support.

Miss E Kennerley
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