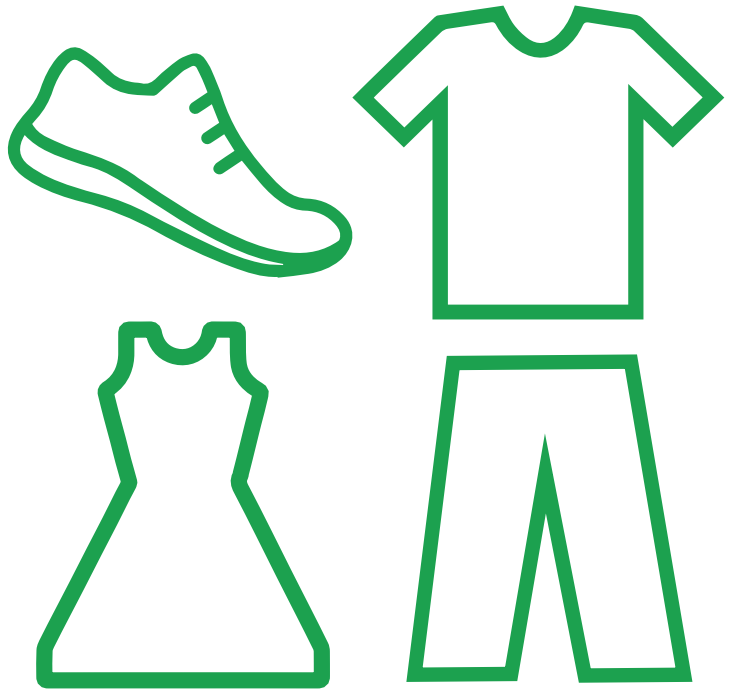


What happens to your donated clothing?



Our clothing recycling schemes mean that unwanted clothing and shoes are kept from landfill and our charity raises funds!

The WAA has partnered with Recycling Solutions to provide a clothing recycling scheme which provides a regular and sustainable revenue stream for the charity. For every every tonne of clothing donated the WAA receive a percentage of the sale at no cost to the charity.

We regularly get asked what happens to the clothing and this info sheet will help answer those questions!

Want to learn more about our recycling schemes? Contact us on waa@recyclingsolutions.org.uk

- Once items are donated into a textile bank the bank is emptied by our collection team
- The clothing is returned to the local hub and baled into larger hessian sacks.
- The clothing is then sold to trading partners both in the UK and abroad to be sorted.
- Once the clothing is sold the charity receive their funds but the story does not end here...
- The trading partner will transport the clothing to a factory to be sorted
- Clothing is separated by item and then graded from the best quality to items which need to be recycled
- All items which are able to be reworn are sent onwards to second hand shops or markets within Europe, Africa or India
- Any items which cannot be reworn are shredded and recycled into wiper rags, mattress stuffing or even pellets for punch bags!
- All of our sorting partners are working towards zero waste and we only sell into markets where free and fair trade is available