

The Ultimate Recycling list October 2019

There is no quick fix to getting your items reused! Charities can very quickly get overloaded which leads to donations being wasted, so please always check what they need *before* you donate. Send me any new information so I can keep this list up to date.

BUY LESS and BUY SECONDHAND! Thank you recycle@marlowdirectory.org.uk

Bedding; sleeping bags; towels: clean and presentable

- **Wycombe Homeless Connection**
- **High Wycombe Helping Others:** see [mixed collections](#)
- **London homeless Run:** see [mixed collections](#)
- **YMCA: single bedding**

Bedding; towels; carpet pieces: clean, old and scruffy

Temple End Vets use old towels for operations and pet care – drop into their Marlow Bottom branch (part-time opening) or they have branches elsewhere.

Stokenchurch Dog Rescue uses non-feather duvets + pillows as well as towels, blankets and sheets for animal bedding.

All other pet rescues: dogs abroad often sleep on concrete outside all the year round. The international rescues will accept bedding, including pieces of carpet for the dogs, if they can fit it in the van. There may be a local volunteer who can collect from you or meet you at a service station. Examples of international Dog Rescues: **Home2Home; Sadie's Stray Dog Rescue; Marilena's Little Romanian Dog Rescue; Action Aid for Animals.**

Bikes

Re-cycle.org: your bicycle will be a much-valued alternative to walking for someone in Africa, enabling them to transform their life. Bike drop-off points are listed.

Books

Book Exchange - Phone box on the Newtown/Newfield Roads corner. Swap books, always open!

Find a **School Library** that no-one else has donated to. Wycombe schools usually have less than Marlow ones. Your books will be appreciated and enjoyed for years to come.

Marlow, Bourne End and Wycombe Libraries accept donated books.

Wycombe Hospital: Scannappeal collects and sells books in the front reception area.

Build On Books

Hughenden Manor: collects and sells books next to the café

Books and sheet music

Helen Hospice Charity Shop has a whole room devoted to books and **sheet music**. Please help them build up a lovely collection of sheet music like Oxfam had before it closed!

Oxfam book shops: Henley and Beaconsfield.

Bras for Africa are collected at:

- **Oxfam** in Marlow
- **Wycombe High School** - box in car park
- **John Lewis** – lingerie department

Christmas Decorations; red and white fleece from Santa suits

Find a **school** running short! High Wycombe C of E and Castlefield Schools were absolutely delighted to be handed some chopped up Santa Suits from the Fun Run plus some rather strangely coloured tree decorations last February.

Apparently prisons are desperate for decorations to cheer everyone up at Christmas.

Clothes

Smart designer/ nearly new: Any charity shop

Presentable

- Ladies + children: sell at **The Thrift Shop**, Medmeham. Check Facebook page, open Wednesday mornings plus one evening a month.
- Baby: see **Baby bank mixed collections**
- Children: see **Doran Project mixed collections**
- **High Wycombe Helping Others** see **mixed collections**
- Men: see **London Homeless Run mixed collections**

All clothes and cloth including scruffy and worn out

- **Burford School Friends** collected and weighed for money.
- Also **Holy Trinity School** and various other schools.
- **H&M** and **Salvation Army:** see **mixed collections**

Cooking utensils

YMCA and **Sainsbury's:** see **mixed collections**

Crayons; pencils; felt tips; card; paper; craft items

Marlow Opportunity Playgroup- this is a fabulous cause and no longer in Marlow but needs to keep topping up these things. www.marlowopportunityplaygroup.org.uk

Felt tips: (*but please replace with pencils and crayons!*) **Terracycle** will recycle – many drop off points <https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/>

Crayons – please use instead of plastic highlighters

St Peter's School: see [mixed collections](#)

Curtains; cloth; sewing items; wool

- Some charity shops do not sell these so always check before leaving.
- **Schools, Brownies, Cubs, Guides, Scouts.**
- Find a **Retirement, Care Home** or **library** that runs a sewing or knitting club.
- Curtains/sewing kit: see [setting up a new home](#)

Food/unopened toiletries

onecantrust.org.uk: supermarkets and churches have drop boxes for this food bank.

See [Mixed Collections](#):

- **Wycombe Homeless Connection;**
- **High Wycombe Helping Others;**
- **All Saints Church.**

A charity or school tombola, raffle or shop

Furniture/beds

- **Wycombe Central Aid** and **British Heart Foundation** will collect certain items for free.
- **The Furniture Shop** and **La Maison** in Bourne End will buy some items to paint or sell.
- **freecycle.org** and **ilovefreegle.org:** see [mixed collections](#)

PET ITEMS: drugs (new, old, opened or part-used); food; beds; leads/harnesses/saddles/tack; collars; toys; tennis balls; animal coats/blankets/rugs

Any animal rescue. Some rescues are so desperate for pet drugs they will accept out of date ones – *so please post instead of throwing away!*

Battersea Dog Rescue, Windsor, has a long list under “make or donate goods”

Setting up a new home: basic items

Some people cannot afford a cooker; fridge; small table; chair; bed; microwave; washing machine, crockery or curtains when they get a new home. Find someone moving into a home who would appreciate your items. Suggestions to contact:

- **Saunderton Lodge:** 01844 345436
- **Wycombe Homeless Connection:** check their giving list
- **Padstones:** supports homeless young people
- **Link Foundation:** a local charity that supports young people in need.

Shoes

Clarks shoe shops collect and recycle old shoes.

See **H&M; Salvation Army; London Run Homeless Charity** in **Mixed Collections:**

Specific school textbooks and uniform

Find a child who has lost their home – a box with uniform plus text books they will need is a great present. Remove all names/writing to keep anonymous. Suggestions to contact:

- **School Student Welfare Office**
- **Saunderton Lodge**
- **Link Foundation**
- **Padstones**

Spectacles and reading glasses

visionaidoverseas.org: their website will provide you with a postage pack or details of their nearest recycling centre. Never throw glasses away as they can transform a life!

Toys

See **Mixed Collections: Doran Project; Baby Bank; freecycle.org; ilovefreegle.org**

Mixed Collections

Doran Project: Social workers distribute parcels directly to children in need. Label your parcels boy/girl + age group and include a few clothes + book + pencil case + small toy. Check Facebook page or website for pick up points in Wycombe. Collection bins may be damp so wrap in plastic.

Salvation Army has a recycling bin (hidden behind the gate) at Marlow Football Ground, Oaktree Road for clothing and shoes.

London Homeless Run: Currently requires men's clothes, backpacks, men's shoes, sleeping bags, *but please check:* lhr@marlowdirectory.org.uk

Baby Bank, Maidenhead. Check their Facebook page– they have no storage but help out families with pushchairs, baby clothes etc.

St Peter's School, Prospect Rd, Marlow : collects and recycles food pouches (like Ella's); used crisp packets; batteries; ink cartridges and used pens.

YMCA: Single bedding + good quality kitchen utensils.

freecycle.org and **ilovefreecycle.org:** register online, post your item, and people will request permission to come and collect it. Clothes, furniture, toys, ANYTHING from a house or garden, even things like toothbrush chargers, WCs, sinks and kitchen units! The whole process is FREE as the objective is to keep things out of landfill.

Sainsbury's Maidenhead (+ other branches?): collects and recycles Tassimo coffee pods and packaging; old pots and pans; Britva water filters; some plastic bags and wrappers.

H&M Shops: collect all fabric and clothes (in any condition) + clean shoes for recycling.

High Wycombe Helping Others: Helps refugees. Currently requesting medical supplies, crutches and neck/leg splints, walking aids, packs of underwear, reusable sanitary pads, toiletries, baby care packs. Their website gives good, clear and detailed lists of what is required and why.

All Saints Church, Marlow is currently collecting rucksacks of toiletries and school supplies for Sierra Leone. Drop at 38 Oak Tree Rd and 30 Trinity Avenue by the end of October.

Build on Books: Currently rucksacks with Xmas gifts, school supplies, toothbrushes, hair decorations, sweets and treats are being requested for November 2019 together with £9 for transport.