

Care and Give Collections recycle over 450,000 tonnes of used clothing and shoes a year, by working with community groups, schools, and charities.

The Recycling Process

RECYCLE

The public donate used clothing and shoes

EXPORT

We export clothing to Africa and the Middle East to be sold in local markets.

COLLECT

C&G collect and weigh the donations & pay 30p per kilo.

SORT

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RECYCLE



We work with organisations to place textile banks in **their community** to raise funds for **their cause**. The more the community recycles, the more money the cause receives.



COLLECT



Our friendly drivers **collect donations regularly** in a branded vehicle and **weigh those donations** at point of collection. We pay 30p per kilo for what we collect.

SORT



C&G sort used clothing and shoes into **sacks of around 160-200kg ready to export**. These are baled and loaded onto a shipping container, ready to be sent to customers abroad.

EXPORT



We export re-useable clothing and shoes to **Africa and the Middle East.** These will be sold in local markets. This provides **employment and opportunities to local people** in these countries as well as a source of affordable clothing for their communities.



RECYCLING FACTS

- Our customers grade the textiles you recycle into over 160 categories to sell into different markets.
- As the textiles are graded into different clothing types, they are double checked for quality and accuracy.
- It takes 420 bales to fill a 40ft high cube container ready for export.
- It takes 2 hours to load a container ready for export and as the bales are so heavy, this is done using a forklift truck.
- Most of our containers are sent to Felixstowe to export abroad and it takes an average of 4 weeks to reach its destination port.
- These goods will have to go through customs before they can be transported to the warehouse.
- Market traders will buy clothing by the bale and then sell them at local markets.
- Traders tend to specialise in types of clothing that they trade.
- Our customers can grade up to 100 tonnes of clothing per week.
- The Textile re-use industry creates trade and commerce in the UK and abroad.



DID YOU KNOW?

Over 70% of the world's population use second hand clothing.





By working together, we enable access to good quality, affordable used clothing as well as employment and opportunities in the UK and abroad, whilst protecting our planet's precious resources.

