

## Know your 3 R's

Reduce the amount of waste you produce,  
Re-use items where you can, and make use of Hertfordshire's recycling  
services at your kerbside and at your local recycling centres.

It's only rubbish if you throw it away!

At Household Waste Recycling Centres householders can recycle paper, magazines, cardboard, green garden waste, glass bottles and jars, cans, plastic bottles, wood, textiles, engine oil, fridges, TVs, tyres, fluorescent lighting tubes, batteries, toner cartridges, metals and mobile phones.\*



\* Cole Green HWRC does not have facilities to recycle plastic bottles or mobile phones.

To find out more contact

WasteAware on 08457 425000 [www.wasteaware.org.uk](http://www.wasteaware.org.uk) or your local council

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# Re-use... ...an innovative way to go green



## Introduction

If you have an item of furniture that you do not need any more, but is in good condition, why not donate it for re-use?

Re-using your household items will save a significant amount of energy compared to simply disposing of them, and sending good quality items to landfill represents a significant waste of resources. Furniture, and other bulky waste, can take up a lot of space when buried in landfill sites, so it is important that we re-use our everyday items to help divert considerable volumes of waste from disposal.

### The three R's, Reduce, Re-use and Recycle

Re-use is an important part of the three R's waste hierarchy, and doesn't require the energy needed to recycle and reprocess waste materials.

There are several organisations in and around Hertfordshire who can accept good quality furniture that you may no longer want. They can then offer it to people on low wages, or families needing emergency support. This takes it out of the waste stream altogether and also benefits your local community.



Items of furniture and electrical equipment, are among the fastest growing waste streams in the UK, due to frequent developments in technology and changes in fashion. So to help prevent the growth of waste in Hertfordshire, we need to consider how to reduce it, and see if items can be re-used.



### 1. NHCVS Furniture Link

669 Saunders Close,  
Letchworth Garden City SG6 1PF  
T: 01462 683800

### 2. Stevenage Furniture Recycling

2-4 Willows Link, Stevenage SG2 8AR  
T: 01438 362900  
email: info@stevenagefrs.org.uk

### 3. Harpenden Trust Centre

90 Southdown Rd,  
Harpenden AL5 1PS  
T: 01582 460457

### 4. Emmaus St Albans Furniture Shop & Store

Batford: Unit 8, Lee Industrial Estate,  
Lower Luton Road, AL5 5LQ  
T: 01582 469564  
St Albans: Hill End Lane, AL4 0FE  
T: 01727 817297

### 5. Hatfield Wot Nots (Part of the Connect Club Charity)

10 & 16 High View, Hill Top,  
Hatfield AL10 8HU  
T: 01707 273296

### 6. Dacorum Paradise Furniture Project

Paradise Furniture & Training, Wood Lane, Hemel Hempstead HP2 4TP  
T: 01442 263197

### 7. Nine Lives Watford & Three Rivers Furniture Scheme

25 Wharf Lane,  
Rickmansworth WD3 1HA  
T: 01923 718666

### 8. Broxbourne Furniture Project

T: 07817 497917

### 9. St Clare Hospice Shop

Unit 2A, St James Centre,  
East Road, Harlow CM20 2BJ  
T: 01279 639760  
Email: harlow.shop@surfwise.co.uk

### 10. Restore Community Project

Unit 18 Ashley Road,  
Tottenham, London N17 9LJ  
T: 0208 493 0900

### 11. Noah Enterprise

54 Church Street,  
Luton LU1 3JG  
T: 01582 484001

### 12. Preen Furniture Bank

Unit 2, Shortmead Industrial Estate,  
Sun Street, Biggleswade,  
Bedfordshire SG18 0BP  
T: 01767 600332  
Email: info@furniturebank.co.uk



## Don't forget your local charity shops

You could also try other local charity or second hand shops, car boot sales, or try advertising in the local paper or on [www.freecycle.org.uk](http://www.freecycle.org.uk)

To find your nearest charity shop search [www.charityshops.org.uk](http://www.charityshops.org.uk)

Here is a map of your nearest re-use groups and their contact details.



## Volunteering

The projects are always looking for volunteers in the shop or office, on the van or in the warehouse. If you would like to volunteer please contact your local project.



## Top tips for donating:

- Donate re-usable items only: they must be rip and mark-free, clean and with no parts missing.
- Items such as sofas, easy chairs and beds must carry fire safety labels.
- All electrical items should be free from rust, reasonably clean, have intact seals and have been working the last time they were used.
- Items will need to be inspected before collection is agreed. If collectors are not able to accept your items they will explain why.



- Unsuitable items can either be taken to your local Household Waste Recycling Centre or collected by your local council's bulky waste collection service: for enquiries please call your local council or visit [www.wasteaware.org.uk](http://www.wasteaware.org.uk)

**When you donate an item you will be helping a project which supports somebody who is living on benefits or low wages, or needs emergency support.**

**The following local organisations accept these items for re-use and make them available (often at low cost) to those who need them.**

**You can find your nearest re-use group and their contact details overleaf**

\* Should be free from stains, tears and comply with the current fire regulations  
 \*\* The computer project will contact you if you leave your name and phone number

**How about...**

...**Next** time you have some furniture, clothing or an appliance you no longer need, remember to get in touch with your local furniture re-use scheme. You will also be contributing to WasteAware's campaign to prevent as much waste as possible from going to landfill, where it could take years to degrade.

So you could help benefit the environment as well as assist someone in need of quality furniture at affordable prices.



	North Herts CVS "Furniture Link"	Stevenage Furniture Recycling	Harpenden Trust Centre	Emmas St Albans Furniture Store	Hatfield Wot Nots	Dacorum Paradise Furniture Project	9 Lives Watford & 3 Rivers Furniture Scheme	Broxbourne Furniture Project	St Clare Hospice	Restore Community Project	Noah Enterprise	Preen Furniture Bank
Beds*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bicycles				✓	✓		✓				✓	
Carpets	✓	✓			✓	✓						✓
Computers				✓				✓**				
Electric cookers	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
Fridges & freezers		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Furniture*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Garden equipment	✓				✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
House clearances	✓			✓				✓			✓	✓
Mobile phones							✓		✓			✓
Small electrical items					✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
Textiles and bedding					✓	✓	✓		✓			✓
Tools	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
TV / audio				✓	✓	✓	✓					
Washing machines	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓

