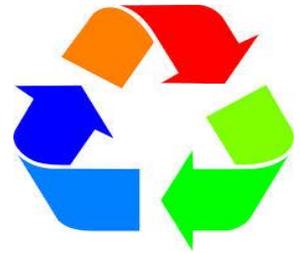




Ability Dogs 4 Young People



Recycling Update, January 2018

We can raise money recycling things you might just throw away!

As an Isle of Wight Charity, we are proud to be able to raise funds by recycling things for cash. In 2016 we raised **over £1,600** and a further **£1,800** in 2017. We also raise money with our charity shop sales. Thank you for all your support. Here is a brief update:



Plastic Milk Bottle Tops

Many of you have been collecting plastic milk bottle tops for us for quite some time now. After sorting them and storing them until we have 20 black bags or more, they are collected by GHS Recycling in Portsmouth who recycle them. They chop them up and the granulated tops go to make hard plastic toys for children, such as slides and other garden toys. They also go to make more bottle tops!



There is a minimum payment amount of 500 kgs (which is about 50 large black bags full), but

GHS are happy to collect smaller amounts and they keep a tally for us. They pay £30 for every 500 kgs on a pro rata basis. In 2016 we recycled over a tonne and received a payment of **£71.70**. We are well on our way to our next tonne, having already collected over **£49.14** in 2017. All your bags of tops are adding up, so please keep collecting them for us.

Plastic Milk Tops

Marked with a 2 or 4 recycling symbol
Washed with no foil inside



Stamps and Foreign Coins

We have been collecting stamps since the charity started. Our stamp collector likes the stamps to be cut-out and he sends us large envelopes which we can fill. In 2016 we received **£101.56** and **£301.10** in 2017.

We started collecting foreign coinage in 2016, which has raised over **£80.19** so far. So along with stamps, please collect any foreign, out of date coins and notes for us to 'recycle'.

Stamps

Any stamps, British or foreign
Attached to envelope.
Cut with a 5mm border.
Untorn and with edges intact

Books

We sell books in our charity shops, but we are fortunate to be given more books than we can sell. So, we put the popular titles on the shelves and any which don't sell we recycle for cash. The company take books in any reasonable condition and they pay us £25 per tonne. In 2016 this earned us **£83.93** and **£85.85** in 2017.



Books

Hardback & paperback
Fiction & non-fiction
No magazines

We also recycle used **Ink Cartridges** and have received **£176.96** from originals. The range is very limited, no compatibles. Please contact us so we can check the list first.

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Textiles

Our best 'recyclables' are clothing, shoes, belts, hats, shoes, bags, sheets, towels, etc. We put any new or nearly new items in our charity shops for sale, but those items we cannot sell are recycled by 'Phil the Bag' - the textiles are sold on and distributed to people who can use and enjoy them in developing countries.

'Phil the Bag' collect from us when we have at least 40 black bin bags full. They **accept** all kinds of adult and children's clothing, hats, shoes, belts, handbags, and household textiles including sheets, pillow cases, duvet covers, curtains and towels, including school uniforms. They do **not** accept blankets, duvets, pillows, sleeping bags, offcuts of fabric, any wet or dirty items, ripped or stained clothing. However, please let us know if you have any clean items as we may be able to use them for our puppies in training (they love sleeping on duvets), or we may be able sell them in our charity shop.

We have been recycling for cash with 'Phil the Bag' since the charity started (in 2012). They now pay £350 per tonne (originally it was 50p kilo which equates to £500 per tonne). In 2016 we received **£1,200.52** and **£1,299.79** in 2017 with more bags ready for collection.



Charity Shops

We opened two charity shops in 2014 in Sandown and Shanklin. These are run by very dedicated teams of volunteers managed by Geoff and Rose, also volunteers, and are providing an important regular income from donated items, a form of recycling for charitable benefit. We are always amazed at the amount of kind donations we are offered, from

mini house clearances to single items and everything in between. We are also fortunate that Rob kindly PAT tests all the donated electrical items so that we know they are safe.

We are happy to sell a whole range of things as long as it is clean and safe. We can accept small items of furniture, including chairs, tables and cupboards, but not beds or suites. We accept electrical goods which you think are working, (but not white goods such as fridges). If in doubt, please ask. Sadly, we had to close our shop in Sandown at the end of 2017 because we struggled to find sufficient volunteers. However, we may open another charity shop in Newport in 2018 and so we will be looking for volunteers in this area. Please let us know if you can help in either shop.

How to donate:

We can accept most items at our charity shop or at our Training Centre (Lake). Please ring for opening times or to check when we are there, particularly if you have a large amount. We are happy to collect where we can as we have puppy parents living around the Island. Please ring on **01983 216246**.



CHARITY SHOPS

We always need donated items
for our charity shop

Regent Street, SHANKLIN

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