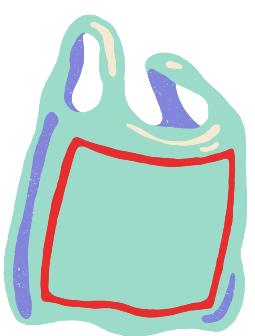


Our sustainable practices

Donated books



Over 500 donation points nationwide enable families to donate their books easily and within their local community. Collections from these donation points are carefully planned to avoid unnecessary mileage. A further 250+ book drives organised nationally by schools, offices and community groups permit families to make use of existing trips in order to gift their books.



We receive 1000s of books each week in pre-loved boxes and bags. Cardboard boxes are recycled. Plastic bags and bags for life are gifted to local food banks that can use these with their clients.



Good condition books unsuitable for our partner settings still find a home. Adult books are boxed up for gifting via school staff rooms, local community groups or support fundraising. Children's books are gifted to the community within the vicinity of our three regional hubs.



We work closely with waste recycling organisations that find homes for the donated books we cannot use due to being too damaged or unsuitable. Books that can't be gifted onwards are pulped with the recycled paper used for other purposes.

Gifted books



We pack efficiently for recipient organisations using as few cardboard boxes as possible. Our boxes are from FSC sustainable sources and are fully recyclable. We invite recipients of our boxes to reuse them or to pass them back to us for reuse.

Logistics

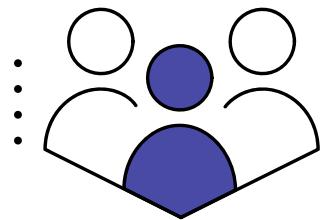


In all three regions we combine geographically close book collections and deliveries to benefit by empty van space and to minimise fuel consumption. Our new London van offers fuel efficiencies and features that reduce its impact.

Premises



In all three regions we contract waste removal companies to recycle all paper and cardboard plus mixed recycling. We also use local suppliers where possible and invite our corporate volunteers to purchase lunch at local independent cafes and retailers.



We have an open door policy and welcome members of the public that would like to hear about our work and understand the power of a pre-loved book. We encourage community volunteering and also proactively collaborate with regional / wider charities wherever possible.