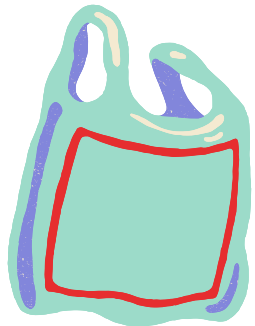


Our sustainable practices

Donated books



Over 300 donation points nationwide enable families to donate their books easily and within their local community. A further 200+ 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. Children's books are gifted to the community within our local vicinity.



We work closely with Choice Textiles, a sustainable recycling organisation that finds homes for the donated books we cannot use due to being too damaged or unsuitable. Less than 1% of everything they collect ends up in landfill; all remaining items are either reused or recycled.

Gifted books



We pack efficiently for recipient organisations using as few cardboard boxes as possible. Our boxes are from FSC sustainable sources and we hope to use paper tape prior to the start of the next academic year. We avoid colour ink on all packaging and any further box inserts.

Logistics

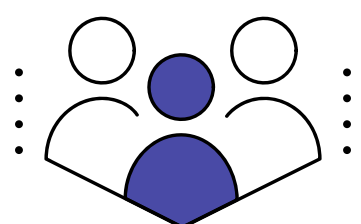


We combine geographically close book collections and deliveries to benefit by empty van space and to minimise fuel consumption. We use shared van services and will start using Zipvan's new electric vehicle in W12 from May 2023 for some of our trips.

Premises



Our London Book HQ uses Biffa plc to recycle all paper and cardboard plus mixed recycling. We use only reusable mugs etc for refreshments. We 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 local / wider London charities wherever possible.