

Books



Bookdonors is a not-for-profit social enterprise based in Tweedbank. They collect and sell used books for the benefit of people, charities and the environment. Contact 01896 755243 or www.bookdonors.co.uk

Toothbrushes

Selkirk Dental Practice has a Terracycle box for **toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and electric/battery toothbrush heads**. None of these items can go in the blue bin. Collect at home and take them along at your next check-up.

Electrical Goods

Selkirk Recycling centre takes large and small electrical items. Items in working order can be put in the Re-Use cabin to be passed onto Home Basics. Other appliances are sent away to be dismantled and materials recovered for further processing and eventual re-use.

Selkirk Charity Shops

Barnardos 01750 21645
British Red Cross 01750 21750
Scott's Selkirk 07718 786841

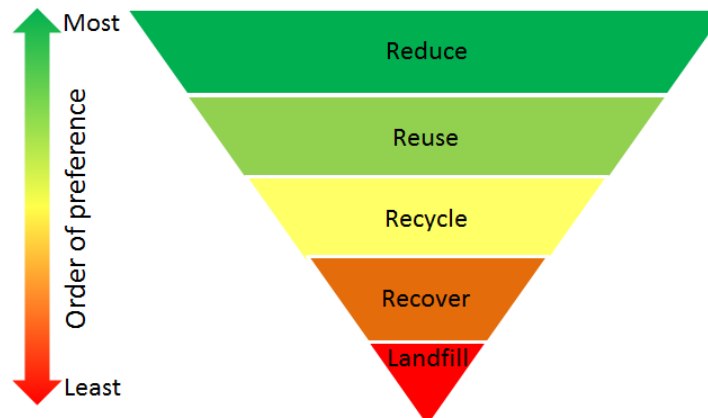


Spectacles

You cannot put old spectacles or glasses in your blue bin. However, our local opticians collect them for charities like Vision Aid. The glasses are sent to developing countries where many people cannot afford to buy glasses and are suffering due to poor sight.

Food Waste

Remember to use your Food Waste bin. More than 30% of the waste in an average general waste bin is food. Food waste is a valuable resource diverting waste from landfill, allowing it to be recycled and turned into valuable resources such as agricultural fertilisers and energy. Uncooked food waste can be composted at home if you have a garden.



Selkirk Parish Church

The church has a recycling point in the Meeting House just through the church entrance.

We collect:

Postcards, raising funds for the Scottish Bible Society
Stamps, raising funds for the Church of Scotland World Mission
Milk Bottle Tops, raising funds for local palliative care projects
Unwanted or broken jewellery, watches, mobile phones, cameras, ipods, satnavs, tablets and laptops and unwanted currency are collected by Recycling for Good Causes in aid of Traidcraft.
Crisp Bags and Biscuit wrappers are collected in the church hall in the **Terracycle** boxes.

Freecycle

Freecycle is an online community for passing on unwanted items to others to use. Free membership. www.freecycle.org

Selkirk Recycling Centre

Open Tuesday to Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, to dispose of garden waste, wood & timber, tvs & monitors, rubble, scrap metal, small appliances, fridges & freezers, car batteries, light bulbs, glass, textiles and shoes, books & music.

Furniture and tools

Home Basics, a local social enterprise, collects donated furniture and working electrical goods for redistribution to people on low incomes. They will collect larger items from your home. Contact the shop in Hawick 01450 363974 or Walkerburn 01896 870455. www.homebasics.org.uk

The Shaw Trust in Galashiels will also uplift donated furniture. Contact 01896 664 702. www.shaw-trust.org.uk/Scotland

Selkirk Community Shed will accept wooden furniture for upcycling and repair. Please first contact secretary@selkirkcommunityshed.org.uk as storage space is limited.

Ink jet cartridges

Knowepark, Kirkhope (Etrickbridge) and **Yarrow Primary Schools**, as well as **Tesco's** in Galashiels, collect ink cartridges for charities. The ink cartridges are often sent back to the companies that made them so they can reuse them. They are also used to provide plastic and metals for various industries.



Batteries



Used batteries are collected at Sainsbury's supermarket in the High Street. Most batteries, particularly lead-zinc, can be completely recycled to make new batteries. The marketable products extracted from batteries during the recycling process include:

- small amounts of Gold and Copper.
- Nickel – used in the production of stainless steel.
- Cadmium – a component used in new batteries.
- Plastics – used in furniture.

Bikes

Just Cycle, is a local charity in Tweedbank which repairs and recycles bikes that would otherwise have been thrown out. After refurbishment they are made available to the local community at an affordable price. Contact 01896 208180. justcycle.org.



Clothing and Shoes

Clothing and shoes not suitable for charity shops can be left in the Ragbag collection units at the Argus Centre, at Selkirk High main gate, at Philiphaugh Primary and in Sainsbury's carpark.



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