## Barnardo's Shoe Appeal starts today

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A-list actress Brenda Blethyn has teamed up with singing icon Dame Shirley Bassey to ask women across Scotland to put their best foot forward for Barnardo's Shoe Appeal starting Saturday 16 March.

The dynamic duo have joined the mass shoe de-clutter event, aimed at encouraging people all over Scotland to free themselves from their unworn or good condition shoes, and help raise thousands for the most vulnerable children.

We need shoes that will cover every occasion; to protect from rain, sleet and snow; that finishing touch to an interview outfit; or even finding the perfect 'baffies' to relax in.

Brenda Blethyn OBE, star of the hit TV crime drama 'Vera' and 'Mary and Martha', said: "As a confirmed shoe-devotee, this is a great opportunity to donate pre-loved shoes and help children and young people throughout the UK. Dame Shirley Bassey and I share a strong desire to support Barnardo's and the Shoe Appeal is a fun way to do just that."









The double Oscar-nominated actress, and Barnardo's Ambassador has donated a stunning pair of gold sandals worn on the red carpet.

Fellow celebrity Shoe Appeal signatory Dame Shirley Bassey, a Barnardo's supporter, said: "Like most women I have shoes that I certainly don't wear anymore. By giving them to the stock appeal, it's given me the perfect chance to clear out my shoe rail, donate the forgotten footwear and support a great cause. I'm urging everybody to 'step up' for the Shoe Appeal and donate their shoes to Barnardo's."

The international singing star has donated ten pairs of her favorite footwear, including elegant Emporio Armani sandals, glamorous chunky cowboy boots, peep toe Stuart Weitzman shoes

and vintage style TTxTT evening shoes.

Companies, retailers and individuals are encouraged to donate; please dig deep into your cupboards, lofts, and dust off that shoe rack! All proceeds go toward supporting disadvantaged children in your area.

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