

# Barnardo's want your unwanted presents!

Recycling and re-gifting your Christmas presents can help vulnerable children in the year ahead, and help bring festive cheer to those who have gone without, says Barnardo's Scotland.



Barnardo's Scotland is appealing for duplicate and unwanted gifts from the festive season to be donated to their shops in Edinburgh and the Lothians so they can be sold to raise vital funds. A poll conducted by the charity found that gifts were deemed 'unsuitable' by Scottish people because they weren't something the person was interested in (36%), they disliked them (40%) or the item was the wrong size (25%).

Martin Crewe, Director of Barnardo's Scotland said: "We've all received a gift at Christmas that's not suitable, such as the wrong size clothing or two of the same item – by donating any unusable or duplicate Christmas presents to our shops you will not only be re-gifting, but also helping Scotland's most disadvantaged children. Every penny raised in our shops plays a vital part in ensuring we continue to support these children."

Barnardo's Scotland can find a customer for all unwanted gifts that are donated. And as it is estimated that in the UK over £2.4 billion worth of unwanted presents are regularly received at Christmas, with a third of these ending up gathering dust in the back of a cupboard or loft, recycling is always a good option.

Barnardo's Scotland has over 85 stores across the country. Shoppers can buy quality collectibles, household goods, books, toys, fashions, books and accessories – perhaps even

discovering the present they really wanted to find under the tree!

To find your nearest branch visit our store locator at:  
[www.barnardos.org.uk/shop](http://www.barnardos.org.uk/shop)