

# **A Green Directory for St Albans**

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# Furniture Collection in St Albans

## British Heart Foundation



[www.bhf.org.uk](http://www.bhf.org.uk)

A free collection service is bookable on the website

Can collect furniture (including mattresses and upholstered bed bases) – with fire labels

- Large electrical appliances
- Small electrical items
- Also books, clothing, accessories, jewellery, CDs and DVDs, children's toys and homeware at the same time.

Please make sure that if you are donating items to us, that they are clean and in good working condition.

## Emmaus – St Albans

[emmaus.org.uk/st\\_albans](http://emmaus.org.uk/st_albans)

01727 817297 (Mon - Fri 9.30am - 5pm, Sunday 10am - 4pm)

Emmaus St Albans is a homelessness charity providing up to 33 formerly homeless people with a safe home environment and the opportunity to work.

Emmaus collects donated furniture and other household items which are recycled, restored and resold. This funds the community and helps people to move on from homelessness. We provide skilled work and training and a stable home environment, thereby giving people a chance to regain their self-esteem.

We are happy to accept most household items but there are some exceptions for either legal or practical reasons. This includes soft furnishings without a fire label, safety items, baby equipment or any item that is not in a saleable condition.

Freecycle.org

The Freecycle Network™ is made up of 5,35 groups with members around the world. It's a grassroots and entirely nonprofit movement of people who are giving (And getting) stuff for free in their own towns and neighbourhoods. It's all about reuse and keeping good stuff out of landfills.

Check the website for how to do this.



## DEBRA

Furniture and Electrical Charity Superstore

Free Collection Service - We will collect for FREE your good quality unwanted furniture and electrical items to raise funds for DEBRA. Also offer a house clearance service (charges may apply). They also take pianos.

DEBRA is the national charity that supports individuals and families affected by Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB) – a painful genetic skin blistering condition which, in the worst cases, can be fatal.

We may be unable to accept some items due to safety or quality reasons. Free collection of smaller items is at the discretion of the store manager. Our van drivers will make the final decision regarding the collection of any donations.

01442 905898

[hemelhempstead@debra.org.uk](mailto:hemelhempstead@debra.org.uk)

[www.debra.org.uk](http://www.debra.org.uk)

160 Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1BA

A charity registered in England and Wales (1084958) and Scotland (SC039654)

## BETEL UK - Restoring broken lives

[www.betel.uk](http://www.betel.uk)

We need your donations of:

- Furniture
- Bric-a-brac
- Clothes
- Appliances



Need a house clearance – Betel clears the same day. Please note there are some items we cannot take/sell – this includes upholstered items without fire labels.

Collecting Aylesbury to Watford, London, Bucks, Berks and Herts

Watford: 01923 803149

[betel.donations@gmail.com](mailto:betel.donations@gmail.com)

269-265 St Albans Road, Watford WD24 5BN

Betel is a free Christian residence omitted to healing hurting lives and giving them new direction in a caring family atmosphere

Registered Charity 1081482

## Traidcraft – Fighting poverty through trade



**TRAIDCRAFT**

Today in Bangladesh tens of thousands of families struggle to grow the food they need to survive. Traidcraft gives these families hope by providing them with the skills, confidence and saplings they need to harvest tea. With this support each family can produce 800kg of tea a month giving them an income that will feed their malnourished children all year around and or years to come

- Recycle your unwanted items
- Raise funds for Traidcraft
- Protect your environment

Envelopes available, where you can insert ANY old or unwanted Gold, Silver, Costume Jewellery, watches, old/new foreign/UK banknotes. Even broken and damaged items will help, so all those odd earrings and snapped chains are a perfect start.

0800 633 5323

[INFO@RECYCLINGFORGOODCAUSES.ORG](mailto:INFO@RECYCLINGFORGOODCAUSES.ORG)

[WWW.RECYCLINGFORGOODCAUSES.ORG](http://WWW.RECYCLINGFORGOODCAUSES.ORG)

Parcel up your items and send to:

TRAIDCRAFT  
FREEPOST  
LICENCE RTHT-CUYU-ABET  
TAMWORTH  
B77 4RP

## Charity Shops in St Albans

These are some of the Charity shops in St Albans. This list is not exhaustive.

### Oxfam shop – 11 Chequer Street, St Albans AL1 3YJ

01727 848930

Oxfamshopf4704@oxfam.org.uk

Take: mostly household things, clothes and jewellery, curtains and linen, jigsaws and games



Oxfam shop – 8 – 10 Catherine Street, St Albans AL3 5BX

01727 861589

Oxfamshopf4749@oxfam.org.uk

Take: all books, vinyl, CDs, DVDs and postcards and cassettes of talking books, foreign coins and banknotes, maps and stamps

### Oxfam shop – 161 Hatfield Road, St Albans AL1 4LB

01727 854251

Oxfamshopf3608@oxfam.org.uk

Take: easy novels and household things and clothes, curtains and linen, jigsaws and games

### Grove House Hospice Shop – 4 Victoria Street, St Albans, AL1 3JD

01727 857516

[www.renniegrove.org](http://www.renniegrove.org)

### Grove House Hospice Shop – 153 Hatfield Road, St Albans, AL1 4LB

01727 855352



Scope – 49 The Maltings, St Albans, AL1 3HL

01727 858199

[www.scope.org.uk](http://www.scope.org.uk)



Mencap Royal Mencap Society – 15  
Sandfield Road, AL1 4JZ

01727 835253

[www.mencap.org.uk](http://www.mencap.org.uk)

The Children's Society – 37 The Quadrant, St Albans

01727 861856

[www.childrenssociety.org.uk](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk)

The Hospice of St. Francis – 21 The Quadrant, St Albans AL4  
9RB

01727 739766

[www.stfrancis.org.uk](http://www.stfrancis.org.uk)

Kadect - Kashmir & Africa Deaf Children's Trust

101 Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts AL1 4JL (01727  
833510)

[kadect@hotmail.com](mailto:kadect@hotmail.com)

Charity Reg. No. 1086367

take anything even electrical goods and they will also do  
house clearances





# Specialist Recycling

## Medical - Derek's Pharmacy – St Albans

111-113 St Peter's Street, St Albans, Herts, AL1 3ET

Tel 01727 850480 and 01727 853735

derekspharmacy.co.uk

Supports hospices in Eastern Europe and collect unwanted medical equipment / unused dressings. Field packs only – must be in date.

## Glasses - Vision Aid Overseas

The best known organisation to which you can **donate** them is Vision Aid Overseas. Your **glasses** can be left at opticians throughout the country and they will be **recycled** to raise money for their work in the developing world.

But many chemist shops also collect and re-use old and unwanted glasses.

<https://www.visionaidoverseas.org/recycling> To find out where you can **recycle** your **glasses** and type in your full postcode.

## How To Recycle GLASSES



[reducereuserecycle.co.uk](http://reducereuserecycle.co.uk)

## Tools - Tools with a Mission (TWAM)

Dagnall Street Baptist Church is open from 12 noon until 7pm on the last Wednesday in May each year (Wed 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018) for the donation of tools to be given to TWAM (Hand Tools, Power Tools, Sewing and Knitting Machines, Computers (Pentium 4 processor or later, no CRTs), Gardening Tools, School Books, Haberdashery Items). Local rep. is Alan Hickman, 01438 861231.



## Tools - Tools for Self Reliance

(Also known as Tools for Africa)

[www.tfsr.org](http://www.tfsr.org)



Tools for Self Reliance (Southampton) requires over £100,000 each year to operate. Over half of this we have to raise from charitable trust local groups, donations from individuals or by selling items we cannot send overseas. Our costs cover the running of our workshops, collecting tools, refurbishing of tools, buying consumable items for kits and administration and running costs. Donations and assistance to help our fund raising are always welcome.

We refurbish and send a wide range of tools used by many different trades. The most common kit we send is a carpenter's kit, so we are always in need of hammers, chisels, saws, planes etc.

Sewing machines are also in demand both and electric which we can convert to hand if required. Fabric especially cotton and thread is also required. Tools are refurbished in our workshop in Northampton which is partially staffed by workers who through mental or physical disabilities are unable to have normal employment.

We are currently looking for the following items:

Vices	Pliers	Needles	Foot pumps
Wood planes	Screwdrivers	Fabric	Cycle pumps
Draw knives	Saws	Clamps	Welding equipment
Wood chisels	Sewing machines	Bottle jacks	Tyre pressure gauges
Routers	cotton	Oil stones	Cycle spanners
Photographic equipment of all types	Computer printers (WORKING OR NOT)	Old cameras and projectors	Cycles
Garden tools	Monitors	Blacksmith's tools	

Nearest workshop: 28B Clare Street, Northampton, NN1 3JF (01604 604954) [tfsrnorthampton@btconnect.com](mailto:tfsrnorthampton@btconnect.com)

Or they have a collector in Milton Keynes (01908 670825).

## Stamps - The Leprosy Mission



We welcome donations of ALL types of stamps.

Please note: it is better for stamps to be left on their backing and not be soaked off. We recommend they are trimmed with a maximum of 5mm of single thickness paper border around each edge.

It is hard to believe that a bunch of used stamps can help transform the life of someone affected by leprosy. But the fact is that it can! Over the past 30 years, TLM Stamps & Collectables has raised more than £1 million to benefit people affected by leprosy. It takes seconds to rescue a used stamp from an envelope destined for the recycling bin but, by doing so, healthcare and opportunities can be provided to people in desperate need.

We would be grateful if you could collect any of the following items on our behalf:

- **Stamps of all descriptions, GB and foreign (even the very common ones)**
- **Postcards (GB and foreign, posted or unused)**
- **Coins and bank notes**
- **Medals**

Please ensure when posting your gift to us that it is weighed and the correct postage paid. Royal Mail will otherwise make a surcharge for underpaid items.

*Please send your gifts to:*

The Leprosy Mission  
Goldhay Way  
Orton Goldhay  
Peterborough  
PE2 5GZ

## Ink cartridges - RNIB Ink Cartridges - Charity Recycling - [rnib.org.uk](http://rnib.org.uk)



Raise money for RNIB today. Send us your ink cartridges today.

Services: Helpline & Practical Help, Reading Services, Business Services, eLearning, Fundraising, Volunteering

## Ink cartridges - Alzheimer's Society - <https://www.therecyclingfactory.com/alzheimers/>

Dementia affects over 850,000 people in the UK with numbers set to rise to two million by 2051.

Alzheimer's Society is the UK's leading support and research charity for people with dementia, their families and carers. It provides information and support to people with any form of dementia and their carers through their publications, National Dementia Helpline, website, and more than 2,000 local services.

The Society campaigns for a better quality of life for people with dementia and greater understanding of dementia. It also funds an innovative programme of medical and social research into the cause, cure and prevention of dementia and the care people receive.

The recycling scheme is completely free of charge and 100% of the value of all inkjet cartridges successfully recycled will be donated to this charity. There are certain cartridges which are eligible for the charity scheme, so please ensure that you check to see if yours is listed ([http://www.therecyclingfactory.com/wp-admin/wp-content/uploads/pdf/Charity\\_Inkjet\\_Toner.pdf](http://www.therecyclingfactory.com/wp-admin/wp-content/uploads/pdf/Charity_Inkjet_Toner.pdf))

If your inkjet cartridge is listed and you would like to send it into us, please click on the freepost downloadable label and affix to your own packaging. Please note that the freepost weight limit is 1kg; if you have multiple items and think that you may exceed this weight limit, you may have to split them into smaller packages.

Inkjet Cartridges - If you would like to recycle laser toner cartridges, please contact [info@trf-uk.com](mailto:info@trf-uk.com).

## Wood Recycling

<http://www.stalbanswoodrecycling.org.uk/about/>

We are a not-for-profit social enterprise that is financially self-supporting. Our income is derived from the charges we make from our waste wood collection service and from sales of wood and wood products. Any surplus is reinvested in the business. We provide work, learning and training opportunities to those facing barriers to gaining paid employment and for local people who enjoy working with wood.

We work with local agencies such as job centre restart schemes and the probation service to provide practical work experience, learning and training opportunities. We provide an opportunity to help local people to develop their skills and confidence working alongside us as part of a team. We are socially inclusive and welcome volunteers from different backgrounds.

## Batteries | Recycle Now

<https://www.recyclenow.com/what-to-do-with/batteries-1>

Want to **recycle batteries** but you not sure if you can? To find your nearest **battery recycling** facilities, check our handy **Recycling** Locator

## IT - Recycling For Charities: IT waste handling

<https://www.recyclingforcharities.co.uk/>

**Recycling for Charities'** vision goes further than that of IT waste handling. ... Mobile phone **recycling**; UPS, Laptop, Mobile phone **battery recycling**

## Wool

Collect left over wool which they use to knit or crochet into squares to make blankets for local rough sleepers. They have distributed blankets through Emmaus, Hatfield Night Shelter and FEED food bank, and will extend to other Herts agencies as their stock grows. They need any spare wool, or volunteers to knit or crochet squares.

See [www.facebook.com/stalbansbfth](http://www.facebook.com/stalbansbfth)

Email: [stalbandsblankets@gmail.com](mailto:stalbandsblankets@gmail.com)

01727 761660

Contact St Albans Blankets and they can arrange for wool to be dropped off or can arrange collection. **OR** there is a collection box in the foyer of the Salvation Army, 16-18 Victoria Street, St Albans. This is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays 10am – 12noon, or Sundays 10am – 12.30pm.

*If you have any other suggestions of organisations to add to this Directory please contact Revd Rosemary Fletcher (on [Rosemary.Fletcher@methodist.org.uk](mailto:Rosemary.Fletcher@methodist.org.uk))*

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