

## What will happen to the textiles I put out for collection?

Blue bags will be collected along with the blue bin and paper caddy and placed in the paper compartment of the vehicle. Once tipped at the depot, blue bags will be separated from the paper.

Textiles will then be sent for sorting into different grades based on quality and either sent for reuse or recycled.

## Why is the Council undertaking this trial?

The black bin contains a significant amount of textiles and shoes which could be re-used or recycled. We have received external funding to develop an easy to use textile collection service for our residents.

### Feedback

We hope residents will make full use of the trial textile collection service and help make it a success.

We welcome your feedback on the service and would encourage you to contact us if you have any comments or suggestions.

For more information visit [www.scambsgov.uk/textiles](http://www.scambsgov.uk/textiles) and to contact us email [bluebin@scambsgov.uk](mailto:bluebin@scambsgov.uk) or call 03450 450 063

## Pass it on: Give your unwanted items a new home



Don't throw away the things you don't need any more – there's somebody out there who could benefit from them.

We accept items that people no longer want then pass them on to someone else who needs them.

## New trial service

South Cambridgeshire District Council will be running a trial textile and shoe collection service in your area of South Cambridgeshire. The trial covers 5,000 households and, if successful, may be rolled out across the district.

## How will the service work?

We will collect your unwanted textiles and shoes with your blue bin and paper caddy. The trial textile service will begin on Wednesday 30 January 2013 and will run until further notice.



### 1 Bag it

Place clean and dry clothing, textiles and shoes in the blue bag provided.



### 2 Tie it

Squash the blue bag to remove trapped air and tie a knot to secure the contents.



### 3 Recycle it!

Place the blue bag containing textiles alongside your blue bin on your scheduled collection day.

- Do not place textiles in the blue bin.
- Please only use the blue bag provided.
- The collection crew will leave a replacement blue bag.

## What textiles can we accept?

Yes please ✓



Coats and Jackets



Pairs of Shoes



Accessories



Trousers and Jeans



Sweatshirts, Jumpers and T-Shirts



Shirts and Blouses



Dresses and Skirts



Baby and Children's Clothing



Towels



Blankets and Rugs



Bedding and Curtains

Items which are worn or damaged can still be placed in the blue bag. Items not suitable for re-use can be recycled, that includes a torn pair of jeans or socks with holes!

## No thank you

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~~X~~ duvets, cushions, pillows, quilts and sleeping bags

Please continue to donate textiles to charity shops and textile banks. We will collect some items charities may not accept such as old and worn clothing.