



## HOW DOES IT WORK?

**Recycling Solutions has partnered with Thames Valley Air Ambulance to provide a clothing recycling scheme that will raise funds and keep unwanted clothing and shoes from landfill.**

Clothing donated via the clothing banks is sold on and Thames Valley Air Ambulance receive a percentage of the sale price, which will be at least £200 per tonne. The scheme provides Thames Valley Air Ambulance with a regular and sustainable revenue stream helps to keep Thames Valley Air Ambulance's helicopters in the air and rapid response vehicles on the road, ready to attend to the most critically ill and injured patients in the region.

**Find out more about Thames Valley Air Ambulance's life-saving work by visiting:**

**[www.tvairambulance.org.uk](http://www.tvairambulance.org.uk)**

We are asked regularly what happens to the clothing. We hope the information provided will answer any questions you may have.

**Have a question or would like to speak about our recycling scheme?**

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Thames Valley Air Ambulance Trading Limited will receive 30% of the net price achieved on sale of Donated Goods with the addition of VAT. Thames Valley Air Ambulance (Trading) Limited is a subsidiary company of Thames Valley Air Ambulance which is a registered charity (Reg Charity No: 1084910).

- Once items are donated into a clothing bank, the bank is emptied by the Recycling Solutions collection team.
- The clothing is returned to the local hub and baled into larger hessian sacks.
- The clothing is then sold to trading partners both in the UK and abroad to be sorted.
- Once the clothing is sold, the charity receives their funds, but the story does not end there...
- The trading partner will transport the clothing to a factory to be sorted.
- Clothing is separated by item and then graded from the best quality to items which need to be recycled.
- All items which are able to be re-worn are sent onwards to second hand shops or markets within Europe, Asia or Africa.
- Any items which cannot be re-worn are shredded and recycled into wiper rags, mattress stuffing or even pellets for punch bags!
- All of our sorting partners are working towards zero waste and we only sell into markets where free and fair trade is available.