



combatting crisis +  
creating change

**“I was  
naked and  
you clothed  
me”**  
Matthew  
25:36

Sharewear Clothing Scheme provides high quality clothing, shoes, bedding and bath towels free of charge to people in need. This is done via referral partners in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.



# Our Donations

Clothing, bedding and shoes are donated by members of the public along with schools, faith organisations, educational organisations, hoteliers and retail businesses



## OUR REFERRALS

### Reasons include:

- Debt problems/arrears
- Benefit sanctions
- Low income
- Victims of crime or abuse
- Rehabilitating addicts and offenders
- Sufferers of poor mental health
- Discharges from hospital
- Temporarily homeless
- Refugees and asylum seekers

## Our Partnerships

## Our Impact

With the supply of clothing people are able to; attend interviews leading to work and training, send their children to school, have a supply of clothes to go to work until they get out of debt, keep warm, dry and healthy. Referrals can also access other support services, move out of negative networks and rebuild their lives by combating their current crises and creating change.

### Distribution

Bulk deliveries are made to organisations helping large numbers of people in need of clothing such as Nottingham and Mansfield YMCA, Nottingham & Notts Refugee Forum, and the British Red Cross.



### Outreach

Existing organisations take pre-packed parcels of clothes for individuals and give them to clients presenting a need at their service. This eliminates the need for an extra journey to their clients.



### Referrals

Charities and other organisations refer clients to Sharewear including: Children's Centres, NHS teams, Nottinghamshire Police, homeless organisations, food banks, schools and colleges





# Our History

Sharewear Clothing Scheme was put into action in 2014 by founder Louise Cooke, who became aware that individuals and families in crisis had no access to much needed clothing, shoes and bedding. Sharewear is the only scheme of its kind in the country. The Scheme is run with over 30 volunteers and 11 board members and currently there are no paid staff. Many of the client referrals become volunteers themselves and learn new skills.

## OUR FUNDING

The main funding sources are direct debit donations and fundraising events. Clothing and bedding donated that is not suitable for distribution is sold onto the rag trade instead of going to landfill. This can provide a small monthly income which is used for volunteer expenses. Sharewear has also been previously supported financially by Councillor's Ward Budgets from the following Nottingham City wards: Bestwood, Bulwell Forest, and Berridge.



# Ready to help Sharewear?

## Volunteers

We are always looking for new volunteers who may be able to give regular hours (at least once per fortnight) on Wednesdays between 12.30pm and 3pm and Fridays between 10am and 3pm at our base in Arnold.

## FUNDRAISING

Hold a fundraising event for our benefit or organise a clothing donation when we are appealing for certain types of clothing. As we are self-reliant for funds we are always looking for regular financial donors by direct debit.

## Outreach

Your organisation could become one of our outreach or distribution partners, helping us reach even more people in need.



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