

Recycling of printer and photocopier cartridges

Shetland Amenity Trust is sorry to say that, due to logistics, it can no longer offer a centralised recycling service for inkjet and toner cartridges. Many of the schemes available are geared up for smaller deliveries from individuals and are no longer willing to accept larger scale deliveries.

Although the Trust can no longer offer this service, there are a number of recycling and reuse schemes available in which we would encourage you to participate. We have outlined a number of options below and provided a sample of web links over the page.

Options for your used cartridges include:

- Recycle your cartridges through rewards schemes.
- Recycle your cartridges through manufacturer schemes.
- Refill and reuse your cartridges.
- If you hire printers or photocopies, ask if the rental company have a recycling scheme.

Reward Schemes

Many organisations recycle used cartridges for rewards, offers include payment, in money or points, or a donation to charity. A simple internet search will identify many of these organisations, and we have provided a link to a few overleaf. Once you have identified a site, you need to check your cartridges are accepted by the company and that they either supply freepost bags or will pick up from Shetland free of charge. There is usually a quick registration system, after which you can start recycling.

Locally, the British Red Cross shop on Commercial Street accepts most types of inkjet and toner cartridges, EXCEPT EPSON. Simply drop the cartridges off at their shop. For further information you can call the shop on 01595 693517.

Manufacturer Schemes

Many manufacturers offer free recycling of their products and some also make donations to charity in relation to this. Manufacturer's schemes are particularly useful for the makes which are increasing hard to recycle through other schemes, such as Xerox and Epson. These sites often require you to input your type of machine and the cartridge to be recycled, after which you will get a freepost label to put on your box to send for recycling. Again a simple internet search should find manufacturer sites and we have put links to a few of their recycling schemes overleaf.

Paid for schemes

If a free recycle scheme is not available for your cartridge, there are schemes where you pay a small fee, such as: www.recyclingbox.co.uk

Refill and Reuse

There are many do it yourself refill kits on the market as well as companies which will refill your cartridges for you. A selection can be found on the Zero Waste Scotland Sort it site: www.sort-it.org.uk/results.asp?AuthID=26&SubCatID=54&MiniCatID

Selection of Links to Recycling Schemes

As stated overleaf, there are many recycling schemes available, this is just a small selection and Shetland Amenity Trust does not endorse any scheme over another. We would recommend you carry out a full search and find the scheme best suited to you.

Charity Recycling Schemes

- Cartridges 4 Charity: www.cartridges4charity.co.uk
- Recycling Appeal: <http://recyclingappeal.com>
- Each One Counts: <http://eachonecounts.co.uk>
- Support Your School: www.supportyourschool.co.uk
- Greensource Solutions: www.greensourcesolutions.co.uk/recycling

Money/Points Recycling Schemes

- Cartridge Co: www.cartridgeco.co.uk
- Empty Cartridge Ltd: www.emptycartridge.co.uk
- Inkcycle: www.inkcycle.co.uk/empties1.php
- Cash for Cartridges: www.cashforcartridges.co.uk
- Greentech: www.gtrecycling.com/recycle

Manufacturer Recycling Schemes

- Xerox: www.xerox.co.uk/about-xerox/recycling/engb.html
Alternatively you can contact their UK centre: 0870 900 5501
- Epson: www.epson.co.uk/Explore-Epson/Environment/Recycling/Our-recycling-philosophy/1223288772187
or <http://content.epson-europe.com/environment/collectandrecycle/en>
- HP: <https://h30248.www3.hp.com/recycle/ereturns>
- Canon: www.canon.co.uk/recycling
- Brother: www.brother.co.uk/q3.cfm/s_page/204820/s_name/toner2
- Samsung: www.samsung.com/uk/business/b2b/service/a_sustainable_future.htm
- Lexmark: http://www1.lexmark.com/en_GB/company-overview/collection-and-recycling-program

If you are having problems finding your manufacturer recycling scheme, you may also find the Recycle.co.uk site useful: www.recycle.co.uk/inkcartridges