



CAMBOURNE TOWN
FOOTBALL CLUB

Community Football Kit Exchange

What are we doing?

Starting a Community Football Kit Exchange where people can donate and collect good quality items of football kit for reuse. It's that simple.

All items are free.

How will the scheme work?

You can now donate any of the following items:

- Astro/3G football trainers
- Football boots
- Shin pads
- Shirts/tops (not necessarily club tops but football shirts in general)
- Football shorts
- Gloves
- Hats
- Thermals
- Hoodies
- Socks

Donations can be made at designated blue collection bins located at:

- **The Dugout** (Cambourne Town FC Clubhouse at Cambourne Sports Pavilion - donate during match days at the weekend or at CTFC events held at the Dugout)
- **Everyone Active Cambourne Sports Centre** (opening times are listed at <https://www.everyoneactive.com/centre/cambourne-fitness-and-sports-centre/>)
- **Cambourne Town Council** office reception area at the Hub Community Centre (weekdays between 9.30am and 4.30pm)

We ask that any donations of clothing be washed, boots/trainers cleaned and all items bagged before putting them into a collection bin.

Events will be held on designated weekends at the Dugout where donated kit will be displayed for collection by anyone who can make use of it. There is no cost and no need to register or provide any personal details. Just take what you can make use of (see our terms of use below).

We are also planning to hold collection events at other community events such as the annual Town Council Community Action Day and Cambourne Repair Cafe

In future, it may be possible to place ad hoc requests via email based on an online inventory.

Why are we doing it?

How many items of good quality football kit are being neglected in a garage, attic or cupboard?

No one should ever feel excluded from playing football because they don't have the right kit or equipment. Football kit can be expensive and, for some people, a barrier to participation. Even if that is not the case, many items of football kit are simply outgrown or replaced with a newer version but are still in good, usable condition.

Through the Community Football Kit Exchange, we want to make it easy for our Club members, members of the Cambourne community and the Clubs and communities we play against to share good quality reusable football kit.

This initiative aims to enable easy donation and collection of this kit, saving money and unnecessary waste at the same time, and promoting the principles of sharing and reuse within communities.

What are our terms of use?

- Take what you can make use of now or within a short period of time and nothing more
- No donation is required in order to collect an item
- The scheme is open to people/clubs outside of Cambourne
- The scheme is open to anyone who can make use of the donated kit
- Pay it forward. If the kit you have collected, or any other kit you own, is still in good condition after it is outgrown or replaced, donate it for reuse

What are our objectives?

- Remove barriers to participation
- Promote the principles and practices of a sharing, sustainable, circular economy
- Prevent good quality items of football kit from going to waste or disuse
- Help the environment by enabling continued use of unwanted items and keeping them out of landfill
- Extend the lifespan of football kit
- Tap into the inherent generosity of people and the desire to help others
- Break down stigma attached to using second hand equipment
- Improve physical and mental well-being through access to sporting participation

What do we do with any excess or uncollected donations?

- Donate them to the Cambs FA/Sports Gen scheme (<https://www.cambridgeshirefa.com/news/2022/sep/20/introducing-sports-gen>)
- Charity recycling such as the Salvation Army <https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/recycle>

Is there any additional benefit?

- The equipment that will be used for this scheme (clothes rails, hangers, magic mirror) can be borrowed by other community groups in Cambourne, or community groups/parish councils elsewhere in the District, for their own events

Funding

- The purchase of the equipment being used for the scheme was made possible by a Community Chest grant from South Cambridgeshire District Council (<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/grants/community-chest-grants>)
- The bins used for donations were kindly donated by Greater Cambridge Shared Waste (<https://www.greatercambridgewaste.org/>)

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