

Vinted Policy

This policy is to provide guidance to directors and volunteers on how we will decide what is kept as part of swaps instead of being listed on Vinted, given to charity or a similar clothes recycling service.

We have a finite amount of space to store items after a clothes swap. Therefore, we need to make decisions to sell some items or dispose of them in another way. A potential criticism from stakeholders could be that we appear to take high-quality clothes, e.g. designer items that are new and still have tags on, whereas we leave lower-quality clothes for swaps. In reality, this does not happen.

When we receive donations, we will wait until the end of the clothes swap to make most decisions about which clothes will be sold on Vinted. This means that all items are placed in the swap initially. Towards the end of the swap, we will look for clothes that are from a similar brand (and therefore have a similar value), colour, style, condition, and material. We will sell these along with clothes we have seen at multiple clothes swaps that haven't been taken, are plain or low-cost to buy brand new, or are unlikely to be popular, e.g., an unpleasing pattern. Deciding whether patterns will be popular or plain is subjective. Our directors or volunteers will need to use the experience of our audience to pick how many clothes we need in each size, including larger sizes (over XL) and very small sizes (under XS), to keep. We are also aware that people in different towns and cities will make different fashion choices, and we aim to keep clothes appropriate to the area of the swaps.

We only sell items we think can be reused, will sell relatively quickly, and are in at least good condition. Any items we fail to pass our quality check and dispose of will be sent to Cash 4 Clothes (we reserve the right to change the charity we donate to), or an alternative clothes recycling service.

We will aim to sell items that justify the time and effort of our volunteer(s) as we understand we don't have the capacity to list and sell every item individually, even though it raises money for our cause.