**Something for the weekend....Action #23: Take part in second hand September; and beyond**

If you haven't seen the [Secondhand September](https://www.facebook.com/secondhandseptember/?ref=gs&__tn__=%2CdK-R-R&eid=ARBxvoZbwORuNrkK7ITFXSJUqLn2ZY2wkvzflygye_CNLfX5XeI296mNajejvtrCkQVF2vvGYVvI3LMM&fref=gs&dti=308664193075982&hc_location=group) campaign, now is the time to read up and crack on.

We have an abundance of charity shops in Southbourne. Clothes, furniture, toys, soft furnishings, crockery, chintz and more - what may be old to someone else can be new to you.

If it is just clothes you're into, with a weakness for a more boutique-y second hand shopping experience, check out the fabulous [The Charity Rail](https://www.facebook.com/thecharityrail/?ref=gs&__tn__=%2CdK-R-R&eid=ARA709mWuctzMDY7DegT9QCwwKLPZIbhRUHUg0qE8sEMT43CPhJ6KzGDmsXpo38sSN8l1Od8ouDcrbjK&fref=gs&dti=308664193075982&hc_location=group) on Pokesdown Hill/Boscombe East. You can also pick up some gorgeous hand made lavender shoe fresheners - all made with scrap fabric and lavender donated from local gardens. [#wastebusting](https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/wastebusting?source=feed_text&epa=HASHTAG) [#winning](https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/winning?source=feed_text&epa=HASHTAG)

And don't forget the other options....shops locally, such as [Bournemouth's Vintage Emporium](https://www.facebook.com/bournemouthvintageemporium/?ref=gs&__tn__=%2CdK-R-R&eid=ARBUnDvdFSfsOpZYtHRuw9NK_W6CBlbJlZO1CiqwsTfMQk7ulrBVu-LEmk5ROAf4-xXjZy2iR_3TqVaJ&fref=gs&dti=308664193075982&hc_location=group), [The Crooked Book](https://www.facebook.com/crookedbook/?ref=gs&__tn__=%2CdK-R-R&eid=ARCN7xi5BeF7gHwpiWTdAL9BKOElFquHkQba1GQN4udYHHCqyq6QfLfGdZwGTb6ChlRfoNv4NvxvbRav&fref=gs&dti=308664193075982&hc_location=group); arrange a clothes swap with friends (us Wastebusters had lots of fun laughing at the totally unsuitable; and rejoicing in the totally suitable swaps among us); or go online using Facebook Groups / Marketplace, Ebay, Gumtree and more.

You can also make use of many of the above options if you are having a clear out. There are multiple local tailors around to assist with any clothes that need fixing or altering; or have a go yourself!

♻️ Any clothes that are truly knackered can be bundled up and taken to the textile recycling point in the Woodside Road carpark (see [https://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/…/NeighbourhoodRecyclingCent…](https://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/binsrecycling/recyclingrecyclingcentres/NeighbourhoodRecyclingCentres.aspx?fbclid=IwAR3yeEgnzUjZI5EDqSwsVQEo5dDMG06G_QrX228ql0bLKuwW0cP3dCLdV-M) for other locations across Bournemouth) - unless the fabric could be used as scrap for an upcycling project? Pictured is a very cute lavender filled bunny made from old cashmere jumpers, purchased from the aforementioned The Charity Rail (sorry, it was the last one for sale 😬. But may it provide some inspiration! ).

Of course, shopping second hand may be second nature to many of you. Either way, whether your motivation is to save money or save the planet, here are 4 facts to help you review your buying of brand new clothes:

❌ Every week 11 million items of clothing are sent to landfill in the UK.

‼The emissions from new clothes bought in the UK each month are greater than those from a plane flying around the world 900 times (Oxfam)

‼‼The UN says that by 2050 the equivalent of almost three planets could be required to provide the natural resources needed to sustain current lifestyles given the growth in global population.

✅ By buying second hand, you are setting an example that challenges throwaway culture. Imagine if more of us did this? Could we create a cultural shift?

Sobering.

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