

ECORRN - ESSEX COMMUNITY REUSE AND RECYCLING NETWORK
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Is it a Charity or not?

The Essex Community Reuse and Recycling Network (ECORRN) has today called for the general public to take care when they donate unwanted items to Charity and Community Groups and ensure that the organisation collecting your donated items are really who they say they are.

Brian Darwood CEO of the Lighthouse Furniture Project said "We have all seen an increase in businesses setting up to collect clothing from the door step masquerading as charities. This is having a big impact on charities income. More upsetting is that it now seems that furniture and domestic appliances are being targeted . I don't really have a problem with your typical second-hand dealer who pays you for your furniture, we all know that times are hard and for some people they do need to get money for possessions they don't need anymore. But what I object to is the business that pretends to be a charity or a not for profit organisation who are just out for personal gain. I think these people are misleading the general public, It is hard enough with working appliances that are donated to charities, being stolen from peoples driveways by white van man for scrap"

The best way to find a reputable charity to give your donation to is to look on the ReUse Essex website, www.reuseessex.org.uk. This site is a comprehensive directory of ReUse groups in Essex and lets you check if an organisation is a Charity, Community Group or Business ensuring your donated goods are used for Charitable purposes if that is what you want.



ECORRN - The Essex Community Reuse and Recycling Network is a network representing Reuse and Recycling Groups throughout Essex

The Lighthouse Furniture Project is a member of ECORRN based in Brentwood

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