**ReStore Donation Drive**

ReStore Donation Drive All products in the Habitat ReStore are donated by organisations and individuals who want to help improve their community, the environment and the lives of families in need. A ReStore donation drive is a volunteer opportunity which asks you to publicise the work of ReStore and collect as many items as possible, which will then be sold in ReStore, building sustainable communities.

**Why not host a donation drive in your Scout Hall?**

**Here’s how:**

1. **Set a goal.** As a section how many items do you want to donate? Could you fill a box, two boxes, a car boot or the Habitat lorry? Roughly how many items per scout would that be?

2. **Contact the Habitat ReStore** closest to you to obtain a list of items they accept, giftaid forms for donors to complete and, if you’re aiming to fill a lorry full of goods, book a collection for the date of your choice.

3. **Consider Health & Safety**. Do you have public liability insurance? Shared safe lifting techniques? Adult volunteers to assist in lifting larger items/pieces?

4. **Start promoting**. Now you have the type and number of items per Scout you are aiming to collect; considered the practical details such as H&S and set your date - now start gathering interest! Share the ‘what to donate’ flier with friends and family (Appendix N - available from habitatireland.org/scouts). Get the scouts to create posters and share with their wider networks (both in person and online); maybe share across your section’s social media and Scouts website.

5. **Start collecting items** before the event – set aside an area where donated items can be stored safely and make sure to arrange assistance for those donating large items.

6. **On the day of the event**, post signs to direct cars to the donation drop-off point. You could also put up some **Habitat signage** (book in advance of the event) to place on your Scout hall railings or in the Scout hall, so donors can see who they are donating to. Why not borrow some **Habitat buckets** or collection cans too and place them somewhere visible, so donors can add their loose change if they want to offer more support?

7. On the day of the Donation Drive. if you have lots of items, make sure you’ve organised for the **ReStore lorry** to come out and collect all your items.

8. Before items are loaded onto the Habitat lorry. **Make a record** of the types/ numbers of items collected.

9. **Say cheese!** Take plenty of photos.

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