# Donation Drive Impact Report 2025-26

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# Summary

In 2025/26

**8 tonnes**

**of items collected from students through Donation Drive project**

In 2025/26

**67**

**volunteers supported Donation Drive**

In 2025/26

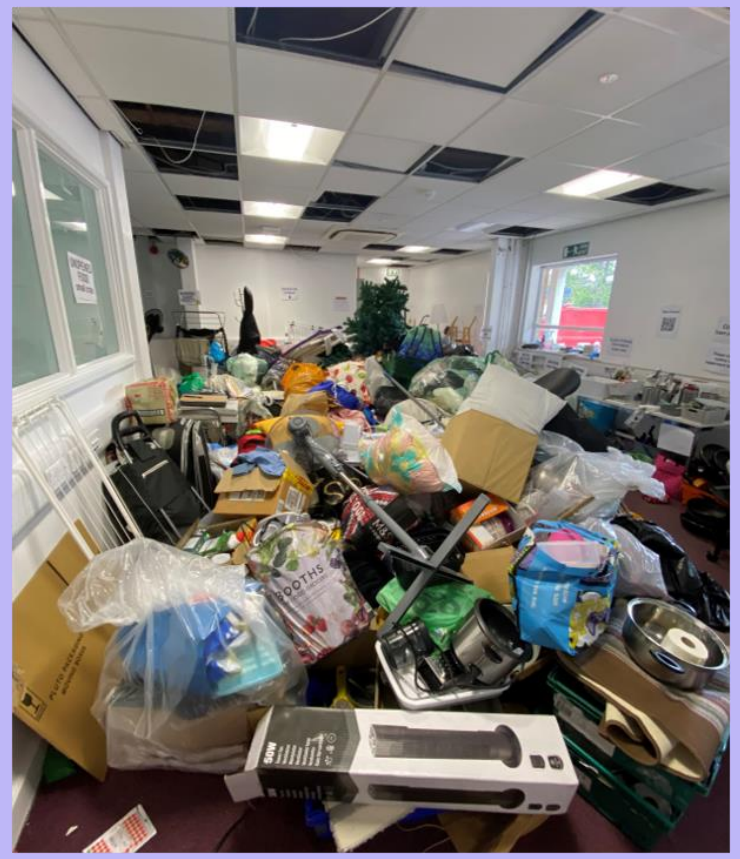
**35 tonnes**

**of carbon emissions avoided**

**...equivalent to..**

**5.2 laps**

**around the world in a car**









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# Summary cont.

In 2025/26

**4.2 tonnes**

**of kitchenware rehomed at the Kitchen Kit Market**

In 2025/26

**4.9**

**out of 5 rating for Kitchen Kit Market experience**

*“Great opportunity to get things on a tight budget. Well organized and the staff was helpful and friendly as well. I‘m quite impressed honestly. In terms of sustainability also quite important." - attendee feedback*

In 2025/26

**£6,351**

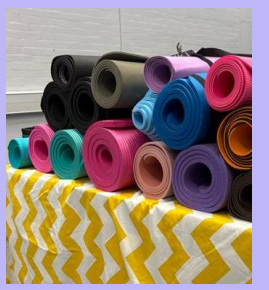
**raised for local charity Carriers of Hope**

In 2025/26

**1491**

**students visited the Kitchen Kit Market**











# Strategic Priorities

Donation Drive directly contributes towards the **UN Sustainable Development Goals**, specifically:




Donation Drive also feeds into two of the **University of Warwick's strategic priorities**:

> *"Embedding sustainability in our curriculum and research, supporting campus biodiversity, and operations to go beyond net zero."*

Our **Sustainability Strategy:**

> *"Our approach is rooted in circular economy principles - reducing resource use, designing out waste, extending product life, and prioritising reuse, repair and responsible sourcing."*
>
> *"Deliver a minimum of 10% year-on-year growth in circular economy activity from a defined 2025/26 baseline through to 2030."*



# Process Improvements in 2025/26



This year we worked more closely with the Waste & Recycling team who moved all the donations for us from across campus into our sorting hub. They also triaged donations, removing anything that wasn't suitable due to its condition and putting straight into waste stream.

Worked with accommodation teams, to access kitchens post move out to save suitable items for Kitchen Kit Market, before they were cleared for cleaning agencies.

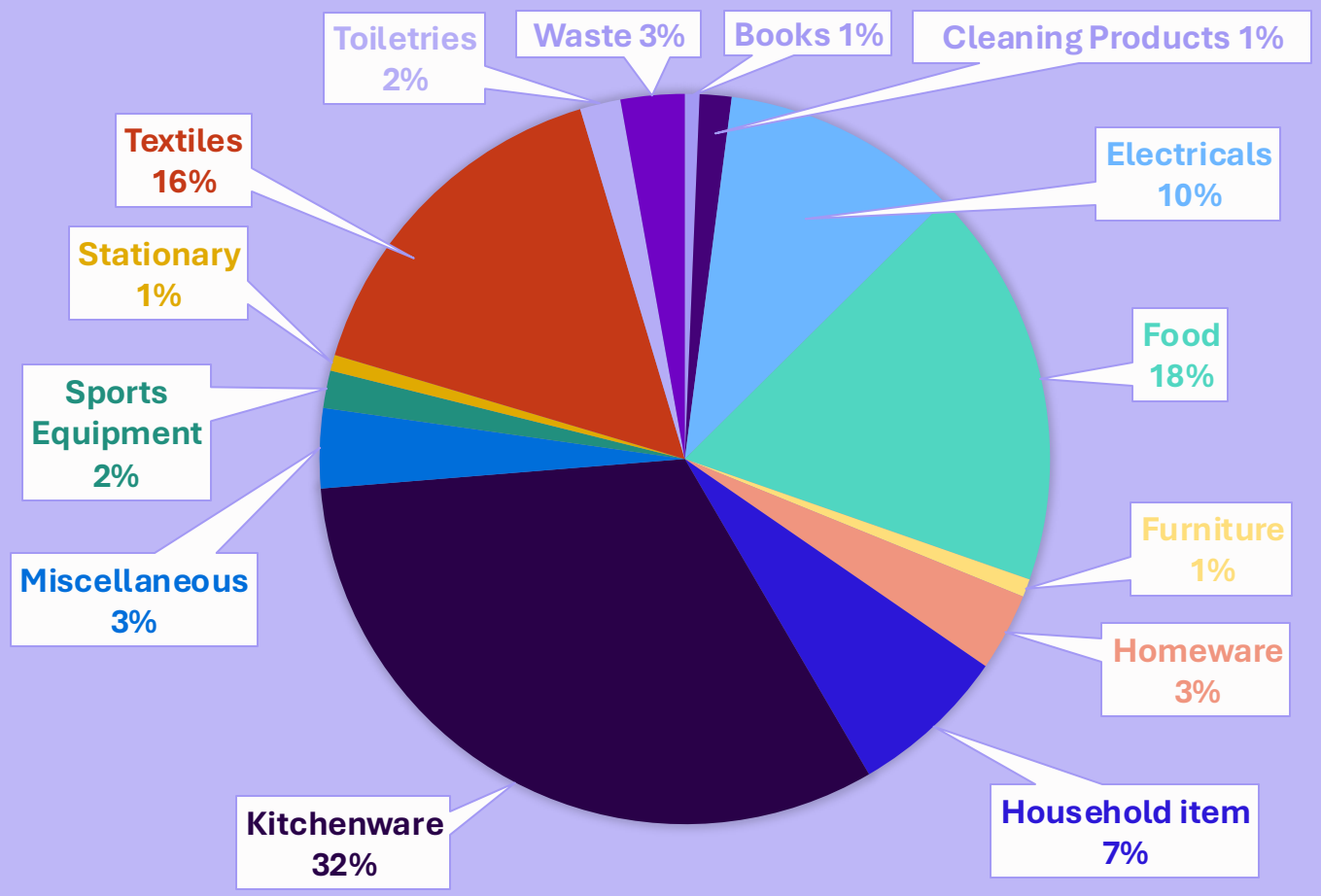




Over half a tonne of linen including bedding, duvets, pillows and towels, were washed and dried in the Westwood laundrette, something we haven't done to this scale in the past.

# Items Collected – Summary 25/26

| Item | Weight (kg) |
|---|---|
| Books | 51.97 |
| Cleaning Products | 112.9 |
| Electricals | 843.17 |
| Food | 1425.47 |
| Furniture | 63.97 |
| Homeware | 276.7 |
| Household item | 559.82 |
| Kitchenware | 2575.68 |
| Miscellaneous | 283.01 |
| Sports Equipment | 132.82 |
| Stationary | 56.69 |
| Textiles | 1264.85 |
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| Waste | 226.57 |



# 2025/26 vs. 2024/25

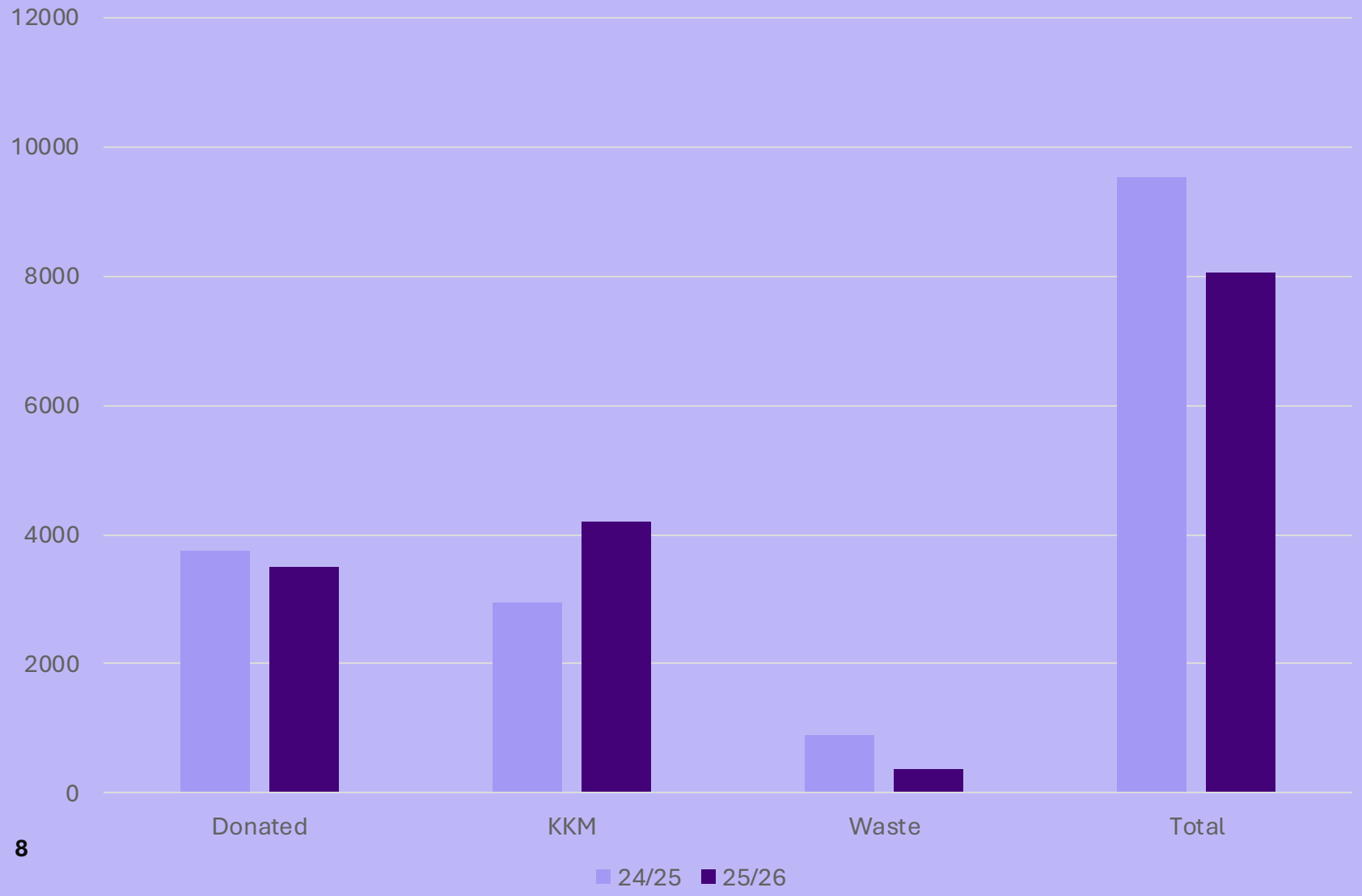
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| 2024/25 | |
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| **Item** | **Weight (kg)** |
| Kitchenware | 2350.36 |
| Homeware | 435.04 |
| Textiles | 2681.7 |
| Toiletries | 122.72 |
| Books | 90.45 |
| Food | 1783.35 |
| Miscellaneous | 336.92 |
| Cleaning Products | 150 |
| Sports Equipment | 47.46 |
| Electricals | 447.5 |
| Toilet paper | 33.11 |
| Stationery | 84.3 |
| Furniture | 32.56 |

As you can see, here are two comparisons from this year and last year. The highlighted groups are the top number of items collected. As you can see, 'kitchenware' is remarkably close in weight over the 2 years.

The other two categories 'Food' and 'Textiles' were also the top number of items collected by weight, the same as last year.

# Volume of items collected through Donation Drive vs. What was taken to Kitchen Kit Market.




This graph shows the number of items by weight donated by students  vs. Number of items by weight that were taken to our Kitchen Kit Market (KKM).

Not all items are suitable for KKM, which is why we also measure waste, to see each year how much we must process as waste. If we are not happy for an item to be rehomed due to its condition, we will not process it for the market.

As you can see, overall, this year we received less donations compared to last year. However, last year also had higher waste and less went to KKM, compared to this year.

# Volunteers

The Donation Drive was powered by 67 incredible volunteers - including staff, students, and local residents - who dedicated their time to sort, clean, and weigh donations.

Their enthusiasm and teamwork made it possible to process thousands of items efficiently and ensure everything found a new home. Our volunteers said:

*“Volunteering with the Donation Drive has been a rewarding experience, where I got to see firsthand how items are given a second life while bringing staff and students together to create a positive environmental impact. It is incredible to see how something as simple as reusing and donating items can bring people together to make a real difference across the Warwick community and beyond!”* (Aleesha )

*“Donations Drive is a really fun experience and a highlight of term three! It’s really wonderful to be able to help the environment and local communities through processing and recycling items. The volunteers are so welcoming and make the whole experience even more fulfilling! It’s really great that Warwick are running such a useful and environmentally friendly project every year.”* (Bethany)



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