

# Spotlight on

P R E E N   B I G G L E S W A D E



## **Brief general overview of organisation**

Preen is a domestic goods reuse project. We pass on donated furniture, white goods, household goods and electricals. We run a massive shop which is open to the public and have a extremely busy drop-in Food Bank. We are a Safe Space where people can get information and contact organisations that will help with their domestic abuse experience. We work with local authorities to provide food and furniture for Ukrainians that have been rehoused, we also run a grant scheme which aims to help the poorest with household necessities.

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## **What challenges has your organisation faced in your journey to become eco-friendly?**

Bureaucratic challenges to do with permits for the storage and recycling of electricals and refrigeration.

## **What has your organisation done to be more eco-friendly?**

Preen reuses around 8 tons of furniture every week – much would have been destined for land-fill. We recycle clothing, shoes, books, cardboard, electricals, print cartridges. We actively promote Reuse, Repair, Reduce, Recycle.

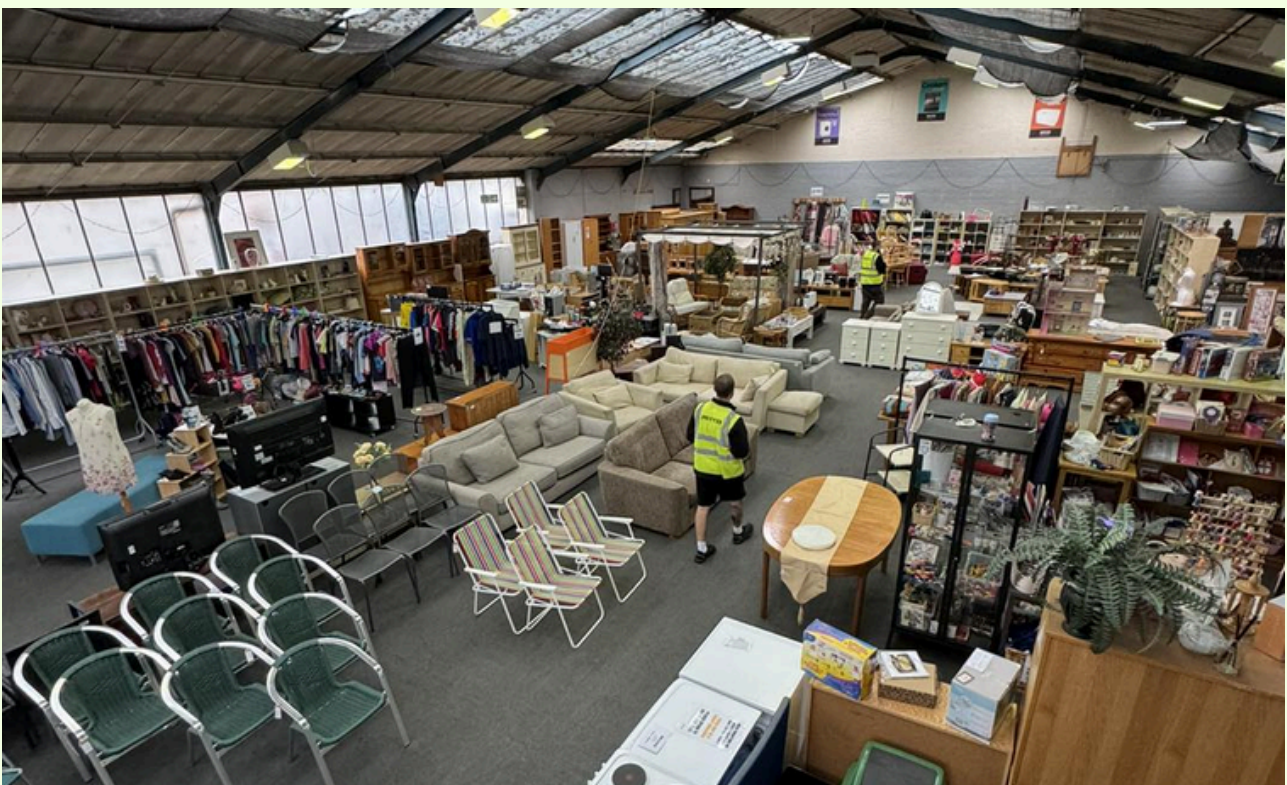
We also have a community larder with a variety of food options available for those in need.

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## **What has been your organisations greatest success in the journey to become eco-friendly?**

To still be here, improving every year, 18 years later!

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## What are your top 3 tips for other organisations to be more eco-friendly?

1. Ensure someone is in charge of your recycling and eco-projects
2. Explain to and encourage your colleagues – you must all be onside
3. Let the public know what you are doing – for us their support and understanding is essential.

