

# Benefits of charity stores

With the cost of living constantly rising and residents feeling the pinch, second-hand stores are not only where to find great bargains but places where community members can donate unwanted goods.

Many organisations that run charity stores rely on the income generated by the store.

Items donated must be in good working condition.

The public relations and communications co-ordinator of Little Eden Society, Gaahle Mokgoro, said there are several benefits to donating to charity stores.

These include:

- Being environmentally-

friendly. Donating to or shopping at charity stores reduces waste and supports recycling by giving items a new life.

- Clothes being inexpensive. Quality clothes, including designer brands, are available at a fraction of the price and designer clothing is cheaper.

- Your shopping giving back. The purchases made support the community and the causes they support.

- Having a large selection available. Clothes, books, toys, household goods, and many other items are found in charity stores.

- Treasure hunting. You never know what you might find in a charity

shop, making it an exciting experience.

- Inspiring creativity. Find items that will help you create a unique, personalised or vintage look.

- Encouraging sustainable fashion as it reduces the environmental impact of fast fashion.

- Giving shoppers on a budget options. Shoppers on a limited or low income can find affordable clothing and household goods.

The Little Eden Society accept donations, provided the items are in good condition. Community members can contribute to the charity's efforts by donating clothes and more.