

# Use Scrapstores!

Scrapstores enrich visual arts learning by making it more accessible, sustainable, and creatively engaging.

If you run an after-school art club, visiting your local scrap store can help you access a wide range of high-quality art and craft materials for your members. The range of materials in scrapstores changes from day to day and could include card, paper, textiles, paint, corks, wool, cardboard tubes, netting, gauze and a thousand other things!

All scrapstores have different means of accessing their scrap materials. In some, you need to pay an individual membership fee, whilst in others, you simply pay for the scrap you take on the day. Below is a list of scrapstores nationwide, with contact details for each. If you are interested in listing your scrap store on the AccessArt website, then please contact [rachel@accessart.org.uk](mailto:rachel@accessart.org.uk).

You can see inspiring resources on using scrapstore materials here: [A Wealth of Materials](#)







Use [this directory](#) to find a scrapstore near you.

### Renée Materials (Online)

[Renée Materials](#) reduces waste and cuts emissions on a large scale by offering businesses' off-cuts, surplus stock, and leftover materials for reuse. We feature high-quality materials like paper, wood, textiles, leather, glass, metal, and yarn through our marketplace."

**Birmingham Playcentre Network, Birmingham**

"Enjoy the joy of crafting while helping the environment at [BPCN](#)."

**Address and Opening Times:**

**Birmingham Playcare Network  
Hollymoor Centre  
8 Manor Park Grove  
Birmingham  
B31 5ER**

**Tuesday - Friday 10.00 am- 4.00 pm**

**1st and 3rd Saturday of the month 10.00 am - 2.00 pm**

**Children's Scrapstore, Bristol**

"The [Children's Scrapstore](#) is a reuse charity dedicated to helping businesses divert reusable waste away from landfill/energy recovery to help improve art and play opportunities for children, young people and adults."

**Address and Opening Times:**

**Scrapstore House  
21 Sevier Street  
Bristol  
BS2 9LB**

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10.00 am - 5.00 pm**

**Thursday 11.00 am - 5.00pm**

## Re-Imagine Resource Centre, Cambridgeshire

**"[At Re-Imagine](#), we are finding creative ways to help look after our planet. We are passionate about being creative to be well, and I provide making sessions in-store and run outreach workshops for all types of groups, as well as a fully stocked resource warehouse full of amazing items to be turned into something eco-fabulous.**

**We collect wonderful materials that businesses normally just throw away, and for a tiny fee, make them available for you to transform into works of art, to play with or wherever your imagination leads..."**

### **Address and Opening Times:**

**We are on the same site as [Witchford Household Recycling Centre](#).**

**Witchford Household Recycling Centre  
Stirling Way  
Witchford  
CB6 3FA**

**Wednesday 10.00am - 2.00pm**

**Saturday 10.00am - 12.00pm**

### **Bits and Bobs, Cambridge**

**"Our Scrapstore is named Bits and Bobs because that's exactly what you'll find. In amongst the**

rolls of colourful card, massive containers full of fabric scraps, there are lots of things we don't even have names for."

#### Address and Opening Times:

3 Commercial Road

March

Cambridgeshire

PE15 8QP

01354 607667

#### Factory Shop open to members:

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9.30am to 4pm

Fridays and Saturdays, 9.30am to 2pm

#### Play and Recycling Centre, Derby

"[PARC](#) is a registered charity in Derby providing mountains of fantastic, recycled resources as well as opportunities for people to learn about how we can actively support our environment through reducing waste, re-using and recycling. We offer recycled resources and materials and prevent them from going into landfill. We process these to provide low-cost resources. We encourage creativity and provide opportunities to gain creative skills and share our ideas for how resources can be used. We want people to recycle, repurpose and re-love materials and reduce landfill. Low-priced recycled materials such as wools, fabrics, beads, ribbon, haberdashery, vinyl

sheets, blind fabrics, art paper and paints, craft resources and household paint."

**Address and Opening Times:**

**Play And Recycling Centre  
6 - 10 Werburgh Street  
Derby  
DE22 3QG  
01332 299165**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10am-2pm  
First and Third Saturday of every month 9:15am-2pm**

**Artytime Scrapstore, East Sussex**

"Using [Artytime Scrapstore](#) is a brilliant way to reuse materials and promote recycling. These materials may be supplied to individuals, families and schools. As well as playgroups, holiday clubs, special needs groups and other community organisations such as Scouts and Guides. Please ask about our large group membership. Most of the materials will be free, some may have a small charge."

**Address and Opening Times:**

**Jarvis Brook recreational park  
Crowborough  
East Sussex  
TN6 2EG**

**Monday 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm**

**Tuesday 9.30am - 11.30 am**

**Wednesday 9.30 am - 11.30 am**

**Thursdays 4.00 pm - 6.00 pm**

**Every second Sunday and the last Sunday of the month, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm**

**The Gloucestershire Resource Centre, Gloucester**

**["The Gloucestershire Resource Centre](#) has been promoting creativity in the arts, health, play and education sector through the re-use of materials from industry and business for over 32 years now. We don't specialise in any type of materials, as we have to run with the surplus being generated by local businesses within our catchment of Gloucestershire at the time. We rely on the national community of scrap stores to exchange materials, so we can provide variety and choice for our 1300-plus members."**

**Address and Opening Times:**

**City Works**

**Alfred Street**

**Gloucester**

**GL14DF**

**Tuesday 10:00 am - 7:00pm**

**Wednesday 10:00am - 5:00pm**

**Thursday 10:00am - 5:00pm**

**Plus occasional Saturdays 10am - 1pm**

## The Children's SCRAP Project, Hackney

["The Children's S.C.R.A.P project](#) is a registered charity No. 281010 which collects, stores and distributes clean, safe, industrial waste to schools, nurseries, colleges, special needs groups, churches, hospital wards, playgroups, community groups and charitable organisations involved in education."

### Address and Opening Times:

137 Homerton High St  
London  
E9 6AS

Monday 10.00 am - 6.45 pm

Tuesday-Thursday 12.00 pm - 4.45 pm

## Rose Tinted Rags, Hereford

[Rose Tinted Rags](#) is a "textile Resource & Arts Centre selling Vintage and Modern fabrics, haberdashery, curtains, antique lace, wool and assorted miscellanea. Arts workshop working with adults with disabilities."

### Address and Opening Times

Monday 9:30am - 4:30pm

Tuesday 9:30am - 4:30pm

Wednesday 9:30am - 4:30pm

Union Walk  
Commercial Rd  
The Country Bus Station  
Hereford

Ragtag Arts, Kendal

"The environment is at the heart of our [Ragtag Arts](#). This is evident in all that we do, from running the community scrapstore, making repurposed craft kits, working in partnership with sustainable providers, and our extensive workshop program in schools and at events and festivals."

Address and Opening Times:

Unit 16 Mealbank Mill Ind Est  
Mealbank  
Kendal  
LA8 9DL

Tuesday: 10am – 4pm  
Thursday: 10am – 6pm  
Friday: 10am – 4pm  
Saturday: 10am – 4pm

Work and Play Scrap Store, London

"Do you need inspiring, cheap arts and crafts and design materials, or props for your productions or unusual creative play resources? Do you want to use more sustainable materials? For an economical

fee, you, your school or your group can join the [Work and Play Scrapstore](#) based in Tooting and have unlimited access to our materials for your projects, all of which are saved from landfill. Paper and paint, textiles and trimmings, buttons and bubble wrap, wood, foam, fine wire, and so much more... come and visit us and see for yourself. No need to book an appointment, just come and look around!"

**Address and Opening Times:**

Hazelhurst Estate  
13 Blackshaw Road  
Tooting  
SW17 0DA

Tuesday 11.00am-5.00pm

Thursday 11:00-5pm

Every first Saturday of the month, 11.00am-4.00pm

Every third Sunday of the month, 11.00am-4.00pm

**Community Scrapstore, North Somerset**

"[The Community Scrapstore](#) is an Aladdin's cave full of marvellous and sometimes quirky resources that will fire the imagination and spark creativity and play."

**Address and Opening Times:**

66 Gazelle Road  
Weston-super-Mare

**BS24 9ES**

**Monday: 11.00 am – 4.00 pm**

**Tuesday: 9.00 am – 1.00 pm**

**Thursday and Friday: 11.00 am – 4.00 pm**

**Saturday: 9.00 am – 2.00 pm**

**Orinoco Scrapstore, Oxford**

**"[Orinoco](#) is an Oxfordshire scrap store with a long history of using creativity, craft and play to inspire the reuse of materials that would otherwise end up in landfills. It would be easy to assume that this little charity is all about scrap, but take a look behind the lorry loads of materials saved, and you'll find a source of affordable resources for schools and organisations working with children and young people across Oxfordshire. For more information, have a look at [our website](#)."**

**Address and Opening Times:**

**111-113 Pound Way**

**Templars Square Shopping Centre**

**Cowley**

**OX4 3XH**

**Tel. 07763 923746**

**Email. [oxford@orinoco.org.uk](mailto:oxford@orinoco.org.uk) Tuesday 12-4pm**

**Wednesday - Saturday 10.30am to 4.30pm**

## Community Scrap Shack, Stone-on-Trent

"[Community Scrapstore](#) is an 'Aladdin's Cave' full of exciting and affordable reclaimed resources suitable for use in play and creativity, and is open to families, individuals, schools and community groups as day or annual members."

### Address and Opening Times:

Unit 2  
7 China Street  
Fenton  
Stoke-on-Trent  
ST4 3NJ

Tuesday and Wednesday 10.00 am - 5.00 pm

Saturday 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

## The Recycle Yard, Wakefield

"[The Recycle Yard Ltd](#) recycles waste from the local area that can be reused for arts, crafts and play. We support local schools, nurseries, community groups, charity groups etc by supplying them with low cost materials or through donations."

### Address and Opening Times:

16D Healey Road  
Ossett  
United Kingdom

**Monday 10:00 am - 2:00pm**

**Tuesday 10:00 am - 2:00pm**

**Wednesday 10:00 am - 4:00pm**

**Saturday 10:00 am - 2:00pm**

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