

Frequently Asked Questions About Devon's WARPit Club

What is WARPit?

WARPit is a bit like a cross between Freecycle and Facebook for public organisations such as local authorities, schools and charities. WARPit is a web based portal that allows organisations to redistribute (give, loan or share) items (such as tables & chairs) legally and conveniently within their own organisation and with agreed partners.

What are WARPit Clubs?

A WARPit club is a group or organisations that agree to give, loan or share their items in order to use resources more efficiently. By developing a big network of users and partners in Devon we can reuse more items and ultimately save money.

Why is Devon using WARPit?

There are many benefits to using WARPit including:-

- Quicker and more efficient communication about available resources across Devon County Council properties & schools.
- Saves money in procurement costs.
- Saves money in waste disposal charges.
- Liberates storage space.
- Creates a network of sharing between WARPit club members helping to increase savings and use resources more effectively across Devon.
- Better for the environment by reusing more, wasting less and reducing CO₂.

What items can be reused through WARPit?

Anything from reusable furniture, stationery items, sports equipment, and even pot plants! As long as it was purchased for Devon County Council use, it can be exchanged on WARPit. Individuals have to abide by the terms and conditions and must confirm that they have the authority to upload the item(s).

Can electrical items be reused?

Electrical items can be reused within Devon County Council but can not be shared with partner organisations. Please ensure the item is safe to use and meets current standards for electrical appliances.

Can staff use the system to trade their own goods?

No, WARPit is aimed at public organisations such as local authorities, schools and charities. For personal use there are a number of public websites where you can swap, buy and sell reused items including [Freecycle](#), [Freecycle](#), [Gumtree](#), [Preloved](#), [Ebay](#) and [Amazon](#).

How do I register as a DCC user?

Visit www.warp-it.co.uk/devoncc and click on the big green register button. You will then receive a confirmation email giving you further instructions on how to use the system.

Who is responsible for uploading equipment onto the system?

DCC staff who have registered and been authorised can upload information about the equipment they are offering. The upload process is very easy. You can watch how it is done here: - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_MABe3JUoJo

Who is responsible for arranging the transfer and transport of items?

It is the recipient's responsibility to arrange collection of the item/equipment. Any costs including labour, packaging and transport are to be covered by the recipient.

Who is responsible for ensuring that the items that are transferred are usable, safe and appropriate?

To abide by waste legislation and liability issues the guidelines must be followed. It is the responsibility of the contributing party to ensure that items are described correctly and the guidelines are followed. It is the recipient's responsibility to ensure the item/equipment is safe and appropriate before using it. All users must agree with the terms on registration and before a transaction takes place.

What happens if the item that is transferred is then unwanted by the recipient?

It is the recipient's responsibility to re-advertise the item. This is done simply with a relist function.

What happens if I have an item which is broken, soiled or has missing parts?

Please contact a member of the facilities management team for your building to arrange for the appropriate form of recycling or disposal.

What happens if my item(s) is not claimed?

If an item is not claimed by another member of staff in DCC, then the item will automatically be advertised to DCC's partner organisations (the DCC WARPit club). If it is still unclaimed then you can choose to re-advertise the item or arrange for it to be recycled or disposed of. Please contact your local Facility Management team if you require help with this.

What are the benefits over using existing email systems to advertise items?

WARPit is easy to use and encourages community and co-operation, thereby facilitating better participation, management and control. The system makes it easy for all parties, which encourages mass participation. Every participant is registered. Carbon, recycling and financial information on each transaction is recorded which allows the production of management reports, important for carbon and financial reporting. There are further benefits [here](#)

We don't have storage so how can we benefit?

In the main there is a direct transfer of equipment between owner and claimant, so WARPit also negates the need for any intermediate storage. This makes for a more user friendly, efficient way of getting the best value out of unwanted resources.

We already have storage and use it to exchange furniture and items - how does WARPit help?

The WARPit system will complement your existing storage swap shop system in a few ways. As WARPit allows users to communicate easily it means in the majority of cases a home can be found for the item without having to transfer it to storage. This means there is no double handling, taking out the storage link in the removal chain, reducing damage to goods and

H&S risks. It will also reduce the need for people to walk around your store, as the items are displayed on line. WARPit also acts as a stock management system.

How do you work out the financial savings of WARPit?

Each item is given an average replacement value using public sector contract prices. Each item is also given a waste disposal financial cost. These figures are updated annually.

How do you work out the reuse/ recycling rate/weight?

Using established references and methods each item is given an average weight. Every transaction/ item that is reused is added to the running reuse total which is measured in kilogrammes (KG).

How do you work out the carbon emissions savings of items transferred?

Every item transferred saves on carbon emissions because a new item does not have to be purchased. Using established references and methods each item is given carbon dioxide equivalent (CO2e) value.

How do you prevent 'double counting' furniture that is reused more than once?

Each transaction prevents the purchase of a new item. So the carbon associated with purchasing is factored in on every transaction. However the waste charges are not as the item can only be disposed of once!

Is WARPit secure?

Access to your bespoke WARPit is password protected. Staff from the subscribing client organisation can register automatically. Individuals who do not work within the subscribing client organisation will only be given access if they are authorised by the subscribing client. Members of WARPit clubs can view other club members' listings.

Can I access WARPit if I haven't paid the fee?

Anyone can view the content of the general site, but will not be able to upload or request items, unless their organisation has joined and paid the annual subscription fee (Please note that Charities can join for free). For more information visit <https://www.warp-it.co.uk/register>

Who do I contact for further information?

Please contact either Laurie Harford or Bobby Hughes on 01392 383000.