



TRASHY BAGS AFRICA



Transforming Waste: An Innovative
Approach to the Challenge of Plastic Waste

Trashy Bags Africa is a UK-led social enterprise company that converts plastic waste into saleable, eco-friendly useable items and in so doing creates local enterprise, employment and empowerment. In Ghana, plastic and fabric waste finds a new lease of life in a wide range of products from school bags to picnic blankets.

Our collecting team currently gathers over 250,000 pieces of plastic waste and 2,000 yards of waste fabric monthly from the streets and beaches of Accra. They are then sorted, cleaned, and upcycled by our Trashy Bags Africa team into practical, durable and iconic products.

From our inception in 2007 to the end of 2023, we have collected and upcycled over 33 million pieces of plastic waste in Ghana alone.

By giving plastic waste a value Trashy Bags Africa endorses and promotes a "Trade Not Aid" approach. Job creation within the local economy is a key factor, our venture now employs over 80 local Ghanaians, both directly and indirectly.

The company is accredited by the Government of Ghana's flagship "National Plastic Action Partnership" as a leader in "Reduction and Innovation". Our initiative plays a crucial role in the wider drive towards alternative recycling practices and innovative environmental and sustainability solutions on the African continent.

In recognition of this, Trashy Bags Africa was highly commended in the UK Gift of the Year award (2023) for our upcycled school bag.



Our Team

The People Behind it All



35 valued employees, 85% of whom are female and many of whom have been with Trashy since 2007, each with full-time employment contracts, health insurance, pension contributions and travel allowances.



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Highlights of The Range

Purely Plastic Waste





Etsy Customer Reviews

Off-Cut Fabric & Plastic Waste



Products made from over
70 
pieces of upcycled materials

A full copy of the wholesale catalogue with latest price lists is available online. Please scan QR code for further details.



Going Further

The Foundation for Change



At Trashy Bags Africa, we firmly believe in fostering a sustainable future by creating awareness and responsibility through educating the next generations about the importance of the need for environmental conservation. In 2023, we are proud to have hosted over **900 school children** on educational eco-tours of our factory, where they have actively participated in educational programs focused on plastic waste management.



In line with our commitment to education and environmental sustainability, we proudly supports the UK Charity, School in a Bag (Registered Number: 1186357), across Ghana. SIAB provides upcycled SchoolBags to underprivileged, orphaned, vulnerable, disadvantaged, and disaster-affected children worldwide. Raising funds through partnerships, together we provide local children with equipped SchoolBags, ensuring each child has the necessary materials for a productive day.



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To further boost our environmental credentials and our dedication to climate change, Trashed Bags Africa has signed up to the UN's *Race to Zero* campaign, committing to be carbon neutral by 2030.

Utilising wholly solar-powered manufacturing within our factory ensures a considerable reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, mitigating the impacts of climate change and reducing our carbon footprint, upholding our pledge to promote a cleaner, healthier environment.



At the beginning of 2022, Trashed Bags Africa teamed up with a local turtle conservation project, supporting their work to increase the turtle population in Ghana via hatcheries and sanctuaries along the shoreline.

Projects have included introducing additional breeding centres and "Beach Clean-up" events to remove harmful plastic waste.





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