

## Spring Cleaning in Support of VTT

Spring has sprung, the sun is out and a new wave of sentience is upon us. What better way to ride this wave than to go on a spring cleaning spree. Dust down the cobwebs, clear the clutter, and freshen up your living space.

Why not have an audit of your current collection of books? Have some of them been lying around gathering dust for a long time? Have some been read long ago and not put to any further use? Have some just lost interest for you completely? If so, do you wonder what you could do with them?

May I suggest that you consider donating your books to charity. Traditionally, it has been possible to do this by dropping books off at charity shops but these days it is possible to use another method to bequeath your books to good causes.

There are several companies who provide a website to help guide you through how you can pass your books on to them to generate money. A great development is that some of these companies offer you the option to donate to charity instead of receiving cash directly yourself.

Recently, I used one of these websites (<https://www.ziffit.com/how-it-works>) to help me pass some old books on to them and I requested that all proceeds be given to the Valerie Taylor Trust. The company make the donation via the JustGiving infrastructure and this is all admin-free for you.

I went to the local paper shop and asked for some old boxes for free. I then logged on to the Ziffit website and listed the books that I wished to donate and they gave me a price that they could generate. I then boxed up the books using some old newspaper to help protect them inside the box. The website give you a label to print out with their address on it. It is possible to then drop the box off at a local collection point known as a Collect+ store. There are numerous Collect+ stores throughout the land - in my case I was able to use a nearby convenience store as the Collect+ point to drop my labelled box of books off at. When staff at the Collect+ point scan your label they give you a receipt and this has a number that you can track the progress of your transaction through. The company update you by email once they have received your books and processed them.

Why not give it a go? Please consider this as it is a great way to help charity and spruce up your living space. Happy Spring cleaning :-)

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