PROJECT	**Give and Take Event**
LEADER / PARTNERS	Parish or town council (this example from Cockermouth Town Council)
COUNCIL POWERS	General Power of Competence
FUNDING SOURCES	Town Council funds used. Costs minimal.
ADVICE / USEFUL CONTACTS	Cumbria County Council Fact Sheet on how to run a give and take event. Freegle or Streetbank
Requirements:	Donated unwanted items in good condition. Running a give and take event is a great way to encourage your community to keep more things in circulation rather than throwing them away. It's a bit like a bring-and-buy sale but with no money involved.
SKILLS	None
RESOURCES	Staff time to collect items and run the event
MATERIALS	Donated unwanted items in good condition
PERMISSION	Used a Town Council owned venue
CONTRACTORS	n/a
Steps to Success:	1. Manage risk, check whether your covered by your venue's public liability insurance 2. Avoid accepting electrical items unless you have been able to PAT Test them 3. Avoid accepting large pieces of furniture and other heavy items – you may get stuck with them if they are not taken 4. You will need some donated items to kick things off – spread these items around the tables ready for when people start arriving 5. Categorise items e.g. clothing 6. At our August event we included pre-loved school uniform
ECONOMIC BASIS	You can donate unwanted items and take away useful things from other people, all for free.
COMMUNITY BENEFIT	Running a give and take event is a great way to encourage your community to keep more things in circulation rather than throwing them away. It's a bit like a bring-and-buy sale but with no money involved. It's also a chance to spread the work about the importance of reuse and help your community to get more involved in sharing networks.
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT	Every item we buy and use as consumers represents energy and materials taken from the natural environment so when we avoid sending unwanted items to landfill, we can reduce energy, waste and cost with less pollution for our local area.
MAINTENANCE	We repeat the process on a quarterly basis.