

Oxfam

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Hi, I'm Louise, and this is Oxford. Oxford is a beautiful city that's most famous for its historic university. But there's a lot more to Oxford than just an old University. The city is also the 1. _____ of another world-famous organisation: Oxfam – a charity that has been helping people in need since the 1940s.

The Oxford Committee for Famine Relief was set up in 1942. The charity, which soon became known as Oxfam, encouraged people to donate food and clothing to help the people of Europe who were suffering during the Second World War.

The British people were very 2. _____ and after the end of the war, Oxfam continued to raise money to relieve suffering caused by wars and disasters around the world. This is the Oxfam shop at 17 Broad Street, Oxford, a small shop on one of Oxford's 3. _____ streets. In 1947, this shop became the first permanent charity shop in the UK – and it's still going strong today.

Charity shops are great when you haven't got much money and you need to give your credit cards a rest. They are full of cheap 4. _____ - _____ clothes, books, music, and many other things that people have donated. For someone like me they are the perfect place for a 5. _____ - _____ shopping spree. And, most importantly, none of the money you spend here is ever wasted – it all goes to support a very good cause.

Today Oxfam has more than 1,200 charity shops all over the world, and 6. _____ of them are in the UK. Today I'm meeting Joan Massey, who has volunteered at Oxfam for 15



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years, since she retired. 'What kind of things do people donate?' 'Well, mostly clothes, household goods, and, er, some years ago there was a 7. _____ donated. Er, it had a tag around its neck saying 'I'm for sale' and it had been sold within ten minutes.' Oxfam has changed a lot in seventy years and the small charity that started in this tiny shop now has its headquarters here – just outside Oxford on the Cowley Road. Today Oxfam is an 8. _____ charity working in more than 92 countries around the world and helping over 15 million people every year.

This is the headquarters of Oxford GB, the British division of Oxfam. About 700 staff work here, but

Oxford GB also employs almost 6,000 9. _____ working in 70 different countries.

Oxfam does amazing work around the world, and none of it would be possible without the help of its 10. _____, the generosity of individuals donating money and goods to the charity, and even people like me who love shopping for bargains!

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