

## Sports Wear For All Thirsk



Good day, my name is James Asquith & this is my not-for-profit organisation called Sports Wear for all Thirsk I set up nearly 2 years ago now.

I set up this organisation a few years before going big, I am a player/coach for the micro & senior team at Thirsk RUFC. We are a not-for-profit scheme helping to ensure children can participate in sports by loaning and swapping boots, sports trainers, sports equipment and more. Not all carers can afford to purchase new sports equipment for their children, but these are required so they can safely participate in activities.

What we have also found is it can be expensive to fully kit your child to try a new sport for them not to enjoy it after a few weeks! I started off with a few little boots I loaned out to my micros as the cost of boots was still high considering how small they were. I would pick up boots from car boots, charity shops & Facebook. Just before lockdown my partner and I decided to take things a bit further, with the expansion of my shed I was able to house the boots and kit better.

As you can see from the first photo, we started off small and only had about 30/40 pairs of boots and trainers. Then over time during the lock down people was donating more and more, we were donated cricket gear, gymnastic uniform, hockey sticks etc. I was so overwhelmed by people's generosity; the second photo is my shed at current moment. On last count I believe I have over 120/130 pair of boots and trainers saving 3'900lbs in carbon emissions; I have 7 full boxes of clothing saving 1'960lbs of carbon which some were donated by Julie herself and her family and that made it surreal that someone was so kind enough to do so and send it our way to help children and adults. So far, we have helped around 30/40 families save some costs and swap out their old boots & loan equipment. I am ever so grateful to everyone who has helped up so far and continue to use us & save 30lbs of carbon being produce to every pair of boots and trainers.

Thank you for taking your time in reading about our organisation in Thirsk. James Asquith

