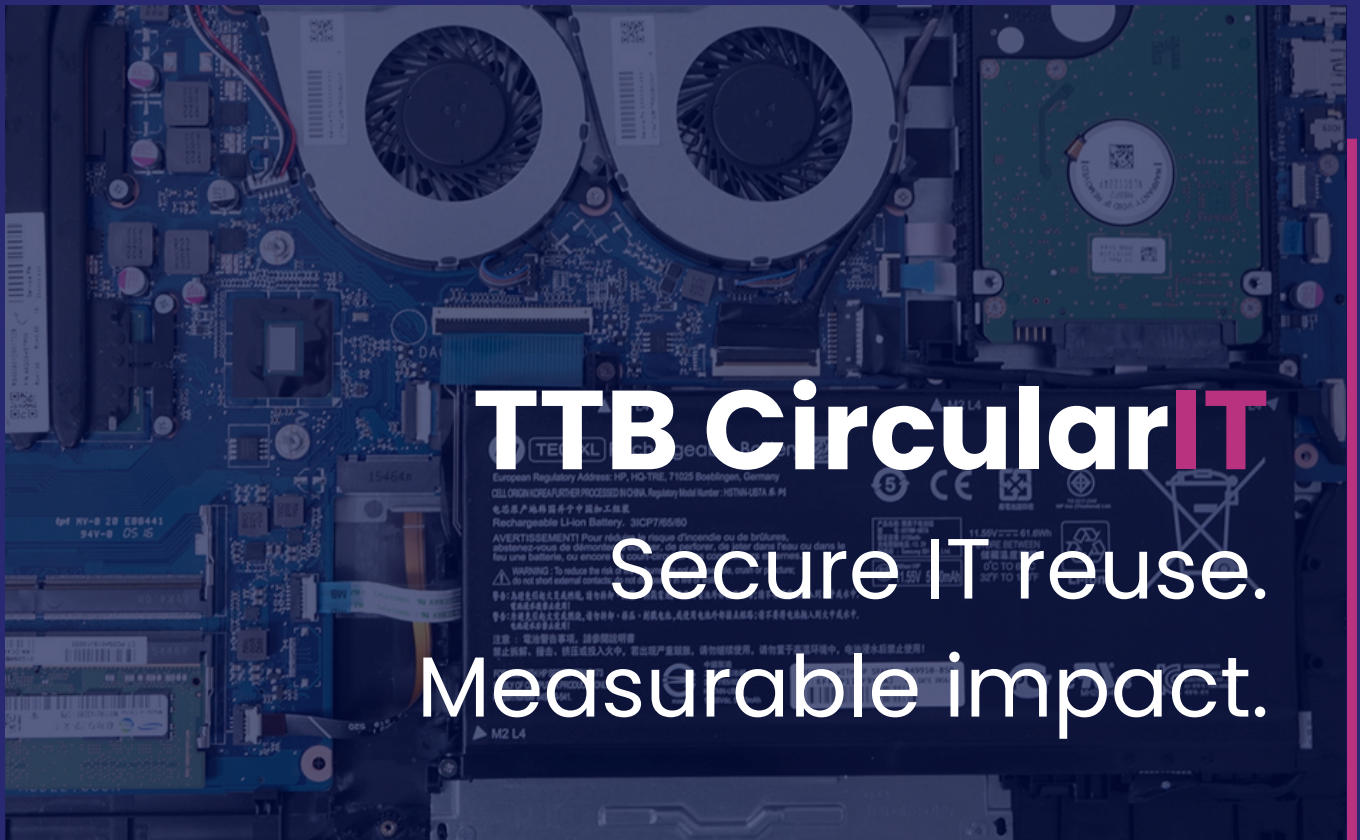


Our year in review

Our 2025 environmental, circularity and digital inclusion impact



About TTB CircularIT

Secure. Circular. Simple.

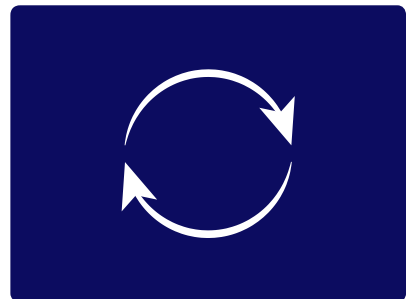
TTB CircularIT helps organisations retire their IT securely and responsibly through certified data erasure, reuse-first processing and transparent environmental reporting.

We support SMEs, mid-market organisations and councils to:

- Reduce data risk
- Improve compliance
- Extend device life
- Reduce Scope 3 emissions
- Recover valuable materials responsibly

Our mission is simple:

Make it easy to do the right thing with old IT.



Our Organisational Evolution

In 2025, all activities, from secure data erasure to digital inclusion, were delivered by Tech-Takeback.

In early 2026, Tech-Takeback evolved into two distinct organisations:

- **TTB CircularIT:** secure, circular IT services
- **Tech-Takeback Foundation:** an independent charity focused on digital inclusion.

This report covers the final year of impact delivered under the original Tech-Takeback structure.

Thank you

2025 demonstrated the power of practical circularity.

Through secure, reuse-first processing of more than 16 tonnes of end-of-life tech, Tech-Takeback helped organisations reduce Scope 3 emissions, recover valuable materials and keep resources in circulation longer.

Our digital inclusion work also continued to grow, with laptops donated to support people experiencing homelessness, domestic abuse, isolation or health challenges.

At the start of 2026, we formalised this model by establishing two separate organisations from shared Tech-Takeback roots:

- TTB CircularIT: delivering secure, circular IT services
- Tech-Takeback Foundation: an independent charity focused on digital inclusion

I want to thank our staff, volunteers and partners for helping us make 2025 such an impactful year.



Dr David Greenfield
Managing Director

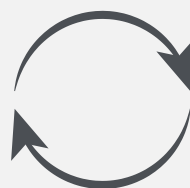
2025 at a glance



12,800

Items collected

Weighing 17 tonnes



4,800

Items reused

Weighing 6 tonne



8,000

Items recycled

Weighing 11 tonnes



4,700

Items data-sanitised

HMG Infosec 5



366 t

CO²e (Scope 3)
saved



244

People digitally
included



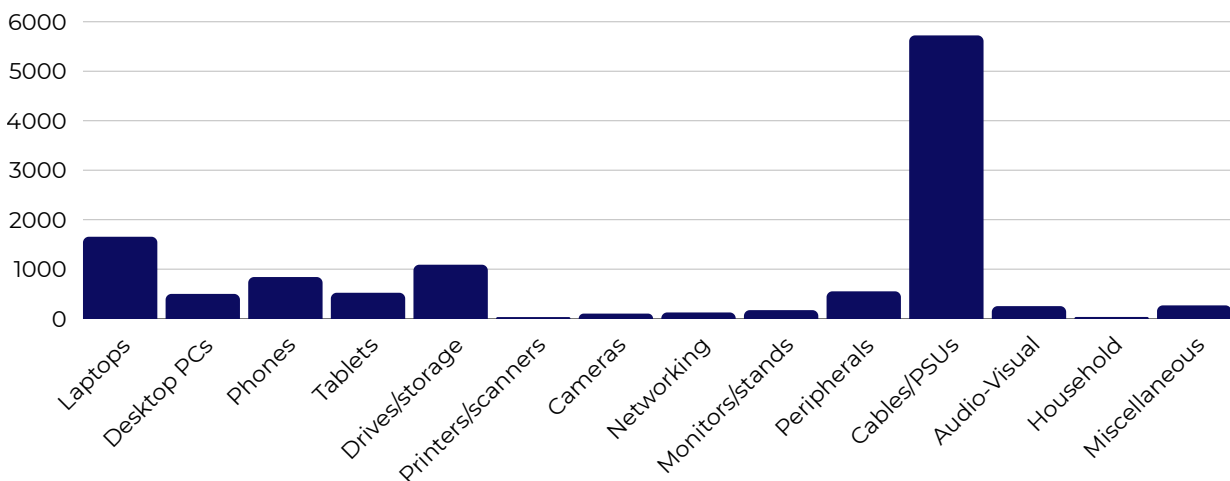
£12,581,820

Social value generated

2025 insights

What did we collect?

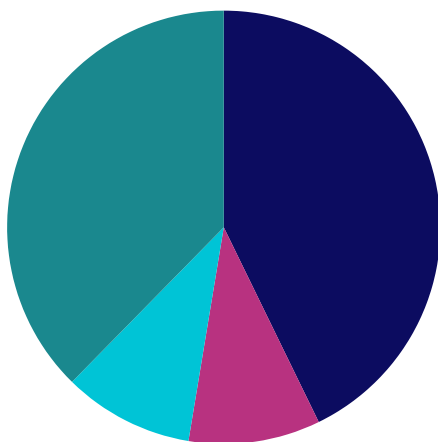
This chart shows the mix of device types we collected from households and organisations in 2025



Financials

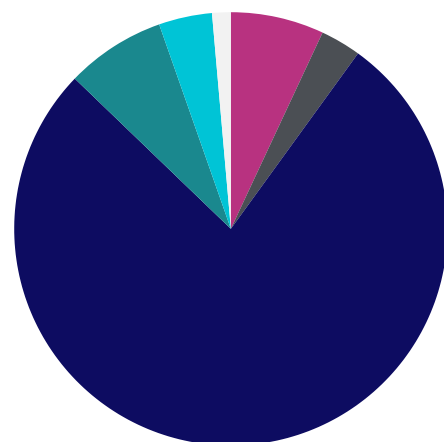
Our income and expenditure reflect a year of growth in both resource recovery and secure processing.

Where our money came from



- Device sales
- Resource recovery
- Events and sponsorship
- Grant funding

Where we spent it



- Staffing costs
- Admin
- Device processing
- Premises
- Vehicles
- VAT

Environmental impact: reuse

Reusing devices that our business partners no longer had use for resulted in measurable resource savings:



314 t

CO²e (Scope 3)

Equivalent to the CO² absorbed by **14,869** trees in a year



37,300

M³ of Water

Enough to fill **15** Olympic swimming pools



69 t

Chemicals

Equivalent to the weight of **69** VW Beetles



5,140,200

mj/year fossil resources

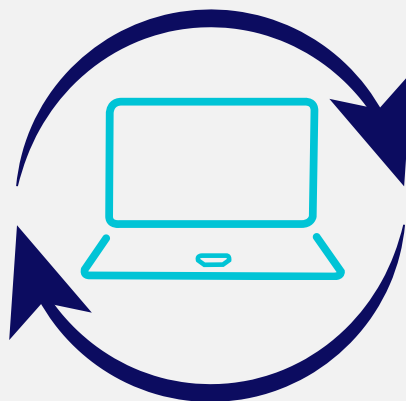
Depletion of resources prevented



840 t

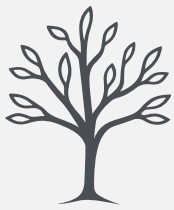
mining materials

Saved through the avoidance of mining rare earths



Environmental impact: recycling

Where reuse wasn't possible, devices were recycled responsibly, recovering key materials:



52 t

CO²e (Scope 3)

Equivalent to the CO² absorbed by another **2,383** trees in a year



600 kg

Steel and ferrous

Enough to make **40,000** empty food cans



2.8 t

aluminium

Equivalent to **198,000** fizzy drink cans



1 t

plastics

Equivalent to **50,000** water bottles



820 kg

PCBs

Equivalent to **51,000** mobile phone circuit boards



870 kg

copper

Enough to make 21km of lighting cable

Environmental impact: recycling

Where reuse wasn't possible, devices were recycled responsibly, recovering key materials:



43 kg

magnesium

Enough to make **190** lightweight laptop shells



2 t

batteries

Enough to power up to 6 electric cars



2 t

display glass

Equivalent to **4,000** wine bottles



82 kg

rare earths

Enough to manufacture up to **10,000** smart phones

Methodology

We calculate our impact using the actual weights of every item we've reused or recycled.

Our model uses manufacturer life-cycle data and sector studies to estimate per-kg savings in CO₂e, water, mined materials, fossil resources and chemicals, as well as materials recovered through recycling.

Social value: residential collections

The provision of data erasure services to householders continues to be a key driver for TTB CircularIT. In 2025, we helped more than 450 individuals securely pass on their tech for reuse and recycling.

Donor surveys at events and doorstep collections showed a clear shift from concern to confidence:

- Before erasure: individuals expressed high levels of concern about privacy, identity theft and data exposure.
- After certified erasure: the majority reported feeling “not very concerned” or “not at all concerned”.

Secure data erasure increases trust, reduces risk, prevents ‘hoarding’ and ensures compliance with best-practice disposal standards.

Without data erasure

With data erasure

Donor confidence before and after erasure



Social value

£2,961,200

Using HACT Social Value Insights, the social value of our ftech reuse service for householders in 2025 is:

Secure data erasure services: **£1,800,723**

Ability to reuse/recycle e-waste: **£1,160,474**

Social value: digital inclusion



244

People digitally included across the South East



232

People accessed training or education



83

People found employment (23 full-time)



131

Feel able to make better lifestyle choices



190

Said they can more easily access support



197

Report improved mental health and self-esteem

Digital inclusion

Tech-Takeback Ltd donated 244 laptops and computers to people in need in 2025, helping them access education, employment, support, healthcare and more.

Chloe's story

Chloe (19), a transient and isolated young care leaver, was struggling to complete her online college course without a laptop. She felt useless and was becoming depressed and anxious.

Six months after receiving a free laptop from Tech-Takeback, Chloe is able to study, carry out a part-time job and keep in touch with her friends. She's in more secure housing and reports improved mood and increased confidence.

"My laptop has everything I need to complete my assignments. It's great talking to mates online too. Providing a laptop for a total stranger - that's just an amazing thing to do. Thank you so much."



This story reflects the impact of Tech-Takeback's digital inclusion support in 2025, before this work moved to the independent Tech-Takeback Foundation in 2026.

Social value

£9,620,620

Using HACT Social Value Insights, the estimated social value generated through Tech-Takeback's digital inclusion work in 2025 was £9.6million, reflecting improvements in wellbeing and benefits to the exchequer.

Looking forward...

A new era for circularIT

As we move into 2026, Tech-Takeback enters an exciting new chapter, introducing a structure that reflects how our work has evolved and where we can have the greatest impact.

From March 2026, Tech-Takeback will operate as two distinct organisations, allowing each to focus on what it does best.

- **TTB CircularIT** delivers secure data erasure, reuse-first processing and circular IT services.
- **Tech-Takeback Foundation**, an independent charity, leads the digital inclusion mission previously delivered by Tech-Takeback.

In 2026, TTB CircularIT will

- Increase reuse-first processing across all device categories
- Expand our secure IT services
- Support the tech flow to the independent Tech-Takeback Foundation
- Enhance compliance, chain-of-custody, audit and impact reporting

We look forward to delivering even greater secure, circular and measurable impact in the year ahead.



2016



2022



TTB CircularIT
Secure, circular IT reuse



Tech-Takeback FOUNDATION
Reusing Tech. Rebuilding Lives.

2026

Methodology

Environmental impacts calculated using life-cycle assessment comparisons between reuse and new manufacturing, and between recycling and disposal streams.

Social value estimated using HACT Social Value Insights.

Data security outcomes derived from donor surveys at the event.

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From 2026, digital inclusion work is delivered by Tech-Takeback Foundation, an independent charity

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