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## **One woman's junk is another woman's treasure**

Despite chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, chronic arthritis, and joint replacements in her fingers, Doreen Russell has magic hands.

Doreen has been volunteering at our Harold Hill retail store for 18 years, turning one person's junk into another person's treasure. You name it, Doreen makes it: aprons, peg bags, jewellery, baby blankets and soft toys — all from odds and ends, sometimes broken.

As summer winds down and the nights draw in, it's time for falling leaves, crisp air, pumpkin in everything, and bugs to crawl back to where they came from. It's also when Doreen's cosy comfort blankets and cuddly rag dolls are in high demand.

This autumn, we're appealing for you to drop what you would usually throw in the bin to your local store for Doreen to work her wonders on. She needs your beads, gems, curtains, cloth, broken jewellery, and torn clothes. Now 75, Doreen doesn't miss a trick. She's still got her finger on the fashion pulse and moves with the times to deliver the latest trends.

If you'd like to donate your old rags and bits and bobs to Doreen, then we'd love to see you at one of our stores. All you need to do is bundle your bric-a-brac in a box and mark it up for the attention of Doreen Russell.

We're confident that our very own rag and bone lady will make something special out of it.

Photos:

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### **Notes for editors:**

**Saint Francis Hospice is a registered charity that employs 150 nurses, doctors and specialist healthcare staff who are supported by 800 volunteers. Together they provide care and help to more than 4,000 people across the boroughs of Havering, Barking & Dagenham, Redbridge and Brentwood. Saint Francis Hospice provides all of its services**

**free of charge to support patients from our local community with any life-limiting illness including cancer, heart, lung or motor neurone disease.**

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