

Shared Services Connected Limited (SSCL) is a leader in critical business support services for the largest Government departments and agencies, the Ministry of Defence, Police and CITB across the UK.

We transform services through digital solutions and innovation, including end to end Finance and Accounting, HR and Payroll, Procurement, Pensions Administration and Resourcing Services - enhancing the customer experience, enabling smarter public services.

We employ around 3,300 people who, with their in-depth client knowledge and collaborative approach, sit at the heart of our business strategy. SSCL operates at size and scale across the UK public sector and has already delivered savings of just under £750 million - providing more funds for front line public services.

SOCIAL VALUE

Making a difference

For us, shaping the world for the better is our commitment to making a difference – harnessing the power of innovation to drive positive change for business, society and the planet.

Our three key areas of focus are people, planet, and purpose.

Embedding social value isn't just the right thing to do; it's about creating a tangible, lasting impact on people, places, and the planet. Every action we take contributes to our larger goals around Sustainability, Diversity and Inclusion, Employee Wellbeing, Clients, and Suppliers.



The Little Green Sock Project

The Little Green Sock Project was set up by Catherine D'Albertanson in 2022. Cat made it her mission to provide a service where families in need were able to access clothing, equipment and accessories. The Little Green Sock Project is a registered charity and has over 130 regular volunteers that sort, wash, iron and distribute the donated items to families that have been referred to the service.

The charity work with referral partners who are professionals already supporting families in financial crisis, such as health visitors, foodbanks and domestic violence refuges. The team at Little Green Sock Project has a clear purpose to reduce the financial burden of clothing on families whilst creating a positive change in behaviour to a more circular economy

CHARITY

"I first had the idea in February 2022 when my little one was just 6 weeks old, she didn't fit in any of her baby clothes and I passed them on to a woman in the refuge. It just got me thinking about reuse and recycling for a social cause, and Little Green Sock Project was born. We distributed our first bundle on 1st April 2022 to a family from Ukraine and have gone on to distribute over 1300 bundles to over 1000 children, saving families over £150,000."

Catherine D'Albertanson, Founder, Little Green Sock Project



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Succeed
Together**

OUR SUPPORT

In April 2024, 18 colleagues from our Marketing & Communications team travelled to the Little Green Sock Project to assist volunteers over two days. As well as hands on assistance, we also provided financial assistance through our Tech for Good hub, the Little Green Sock Project relies on and continues to operate through the funding they receive from both individual and corporate donors.

The team were tasked with building new shelving in the lead up to the store opening its brand-new front desk, whilst other members cleaned and organised baby equipment including prams and cots. The team also helped to sort through the bags of clothing donated by the local community, creating categorised clothing parcels by size, gender and use. Our Head of Social Value & Engagement, Jane Searls, also kindly agreed to take 5 sacks of clothes home for the weekend to wash, returning them the following week in preparation for more bundles to go out to those in need.

It was a fantastic couple of days for the team, being able to meet face to face and building connections with colleagues, whilst giving back to the local community.

Fiona Christie, Marketing & Communications Director, said "Part of what makes SSCL a great place to work is the fact that everybody has the opportunity to use three paid corporate volunteering days every single year. It's fantastic that our team have been able to come to the Little Green Sock project and help support the local community".



When I was tasked with finding a volunteering activity for the colleagues in my wider team, I immediately knew that I wanted an opportunity that created a meaningful and impactful experience. I contacted numerous organisations and charities enquiring about their opportunities.

The Little Green Sock Project had such an easy enquiry and booking system and provided all the necessary information regarding availability and pricing without too much trouble. Being able to speak directly to Catherine, the co-founder of the Little Green Sock Project was invaluable as she was able to detail the organisation mission and the kind of impact larger groups of volunteers can make to their work.

The enthusiasm from my colleagues, the team building, getting everybody together, being hands on and doing stuff that isn't part of our usual day-to-day - that for me, after organising, was really rewarding."

Africa Sprigg,
Social Value and Communications Coordinator
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