How to

...find a home for a collection box

MCS relies on the generosity of supporters to allow the charity to keep up the fight to protect our amazing seas.

If you don't have much time, an easy way to fundraise is to find a home for a collection box.

We can provide you with a collection box to put in your home, local shop, school or to take to events. Here's our step-by-step guide explaining how to fundraise with a collection box.

Where can I collect donations?

- At home.
- At work.
- In a shop or café - do you know someone who owns a shop or café? If so, would they be willing to have a collection box on their counter?
- At an event - are you manning an event stand where you could collect donations?
- In public places - you will need permission to collect donations in a public place, read our street collection guide for more information.

Carol Rhodes in Edinburgh coordinates four collection boxes in her local community and empties them when they are full. Carol then makes one payment, letting the MCS team know how much came from each box, meaning that MCS can send certificates and thank you letters to each business.

Paul Kondritz
At home
Download our collection box template, print it, cut it out and stick the tabs together to create your own box. Pop your loose change in the collection box until it’s full!

At a local business
Once you have gained permission from the business owner or event organiser, request a secure collection box from the fundraising team. MCS will post you the collection box, some tamperproof seals and some information leaflets to display with the box. If you find more businesses that are happy to support MCS, we can send you more collection boxes.

If you are leaving the box with a business, you will need to plan how best to empty it – some business owners are happy to do this themselves and others prefer the fundraiser to go and empty the box instead. It’s entirely up to you and the owner how you organise this.

What type of box do I need?

My collection box is full! Now what?

The easiest way to transfer donations to MCS is to pay the cash into your own personal account, and then either:

- Write a cheque payable to ‘MCS’ for the equivalent amount
- Or
- Donate online via our website

Please don’t send any cash through the post!

Please fill in the collected funds form for all donations, and post it with your cheque, or email it to fundraising@mcsuk.org.

You can keep the collection boxes for as long as you would like, but if you are unable to continue to collect donations, please post the collection box back to MCS so we can send it to a new home.

Thank you for supporting MCS!