

# Charity Street Collections

## Do I need the Council's permission to collect donations for charity?

The Council needs to have a good understanding of the locations and dates of charity collections in public spaces throughout the district.

All organisations intending to collect public donations in public locations should inform the Council of the fundraising. This is to help avoid several charities collecting at the same place and time and competing for public donations or causing any obstruction on public footpaths.

## If I am paying my street collectors does it make a difference, and what does the Council want to know?

Yes, it does make a difference.

If you are paying your collectors you need to know about the Commercial Charity Bylaw. This applies to the Business Zones in the towns of Rangiora, Kaiapoi, Woodend, Pegasus and Oxford.

The objective of this bylaw is to protect the public from nuisance and minimise the potential for offensive behaviour in public places.

You will need a licence to allow your charity to collect on the streets of the business areas of the towns. The licence will specify the day, time and location where collecting can happen. The Code of Practice associated with the licence has key requirements to ensure that pedestrians are not impeded or access to businesses blocked.

## What can happen if I do not get a licence?

You legally would not be able to collect for your charity. Any equipment you have, such as a table and chair, can be removed at your cost. People who breach the bylaw provisions can be liable for prosecution.



## Code of Practice for commercial charity fundraisers

Commercial charity fundraisers are coordinated and organised events by organisations that pay collectors to ask for, or seek, any subscription, collection or donation from members of the public.

The Council wants to manage the use of public space in a fair and reasonable way to minimise conflict and allow free flowing movement for all pedestrians.

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The conditions for conducting commercial charity fundraising in the Waimakariri District are set out below:

- The licence issued for the collection will be displayed and available upon request
- Each collector will undertake fundraising at the time, in the place and in the manner that has been agreed with both the organisation and with the relevant site owner and the Council
- Collectors will comply with any reasonable requests of nearby businesses and the Council
- Each organisation should ensure the suitability of their collectors with appropriate background checks
- Each collector will display identification so any donor can verify who they are, who they are working for and on whose behalf they are fundraising
- Collectors will not harass or pressurise people or obstruct any person from going about their lawful business
- Collectors should not obstruct shop windows or entranceways.

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