

# Lost property gets gift-wrapped



Hundreds of toys and games left behind on London's transport network are being distributed to disadvantaged children in the capital this Christmas.

MANY of the items, from puzzles and board games to dolls, cars and teddies, are new and were found abandoned on buses, trains and across the TfL network. All efforts to find their owners have failed, and they have remained unclaimed for more than three months.

Now TfL's Lost Property Office is donating them to the Salvation Army's Christmas Present Appeal, where they will be wrapped and given to families in need.

It's the eleventh year running that TfL has supported the appeal, which it describes as a very worthy cause.

Manager of the Lost Property Office, Paul Cowan, said: 'Each year, we are left with thousands of unclaimed items. As many of them are new and

unused, they make perfect gifts to donate to children and their families during the festive season, bringing a smile to their faces.'

The Salvation Army works with local councils and care services in south London to distribute the gifts and ensure the toys get to where they are most needed.

## Unclaimed items

Lost property that cannot be matched with an enquiry, or remains unclaimed after three months, becomes the property of TfL.

Any personal data is removed and securely destroyed.

Items are then donated to charities, such as The Salvation Army, The British Red Cross and Scope, or are

recycled, sold or disposed of.

Any revenue generated from unclaimed items goes towards the cost of running the Lost Property Office.

■ **For details about the Lost Property Office or how customers can ask about missing items, go to [tfl.gov.uk/lostproperty](http://tfl.gov.uk/lostproperty)**

## Don't forget your bags

With all of the joy and excitement that comes during this festive period, customers are reminded to take extra care of their belongings when using London's transport network.



The Night Tube is running Fridays and Saturdays on five lines, perfect for the city that never sleeps.

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**Simply the best:** Award-winning London schools were honoured at a special STARS event this week to mark their achievements in getting pupils and parents to switch from using cars as part of their journey to and from school. The STARS programme is TfL's flagship travel accreditation scheme for primary and secondary schools. It helps and encourages young people and schools to adopt safer and more sustainable ways of travelling to school, such as cycling, walking and using public transport.

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