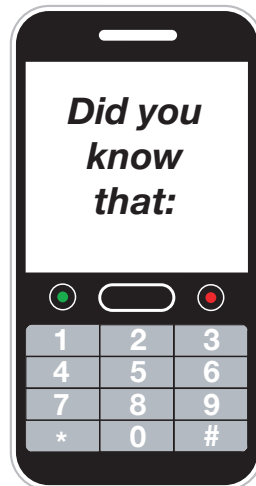


# Phone Facts

***There are an estimated 90 million unused mobile phones in the U.K today...***



***...That's about 2 unwanted mobiles per household!***

On average, people in the UK upgrade their mobile phone every 18 months, but less than 5% of mobile phones are recycled.

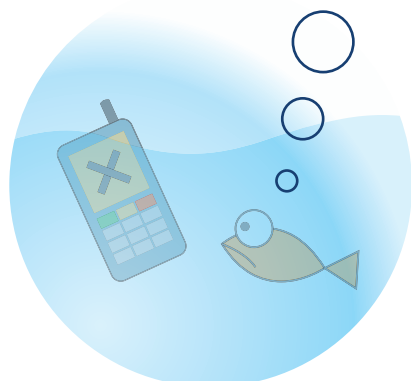
The WEEE Directive is a piece of legislation (or law). WEEE stand for Waste Electrical and Electronic goods – this means things like mobile phones, i-pods and computers, and the WEEE Directive aims to prevent things like this being sent to landfill where they can harm the environment.



***There's enough gold in 50 mobiles to make one gold wedding ring***

From all of the phones that are sent to Foneclub, about 70% are repaired and resold. The other 30% are very old or very badly damaged phones, and these are recycled and their individual parts are reused.

***One misplaced mobile phone battery could potentially pollute 600,000 litres of water!***



***Phones that can be repaired are mostly sold in developing countries (for example in Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya, and other countries in Africa).***

***In many developing countries, getting a fixed landline can be difficult to do and very expensive. Second-hand mobile phones are an affordable means of communication that allow businesses to run more efficiently and families to stay in touch more easily.***

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