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# New charity shop's a record-breaker

A NEW charity shop is celebrating after a record-breaking opening weekend.

The **ExtraCare Charitable Trust**, which runs 28 retirement villages and housing schemes all over the country, has opened a new shop in Marple.

Manager Liz Heslop, the former manager of the Sue Ryder shop in Heaton Moor, cut the ribbon, as customers queued outside to see what was on offer.

Due to the large number of donations before the opening, the shop was packed with goods from clothing to toys, handbags, DVDs, books and shoes.

The shop broke the charity's record for takings on an opening day, and Liz says the customers and donations have continued to pour in.

"The people of Marple have been fantastic and so welcoming," she said.

"The donations have just blown me away.

"On the first day we had people queueing outside, and we are doing incredibly well so far. It has exceeded all expectations.

"The shop is beautiful and it's in a great location right next door to the Co-op, so we get a lot of people passing by and it is convenient for people dropping off donations too."

Despite the good response so far Liz says they are still on the lookout for more donations.

"You'll never find a charity shop with enough stock," she said.

"We rotate the stock with two other ExtraCare shops, so anything that hasn't sold after two weeks is moved on, which keeps it fresh."

**BUSY** Manager Liz Heslop, deputy manager Kathy Heacock, volunteers Katie Halliday and Rob Hanlon, and regional manager Jill Blanshard

