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HANDBAGS AT **THE READY FOR** **CHILDREN IN** **NEED...**

"I wanted to do something for Children in Need and I got the idea for a handbag sale when I looked in the darkest recesses of my wardrobe and found ten handbags that I no longer use," – Zylpha Thomson, Head of Promotion, University of Central Lancashire, Preston

MARGARET Thatcher was famous for the one she carried. Dame Edna Everage never leaves home without hers. And generations of girls have needed theirs to dance around in discos.

Yes, we're talking handbags here - fashion accessories, receptacles for lipsticks, address books and hankies, and even weapons.

And because women attract handbags like magnets attract iron filings, Zylpha Thomson is having no trouble building a giant collection for a special handbag sale to raise money for Children in Need.

“I’ve already got over 50 in my office and the pile is growing every day,” explained Zylpha, Head of Promotion at the University of Central Lancashire, Preston.

“I got the idea for the sale when I looked in the darkest recesses of my wardrobe and found ten handbags that I no longer use. Since I put out the appeal in the university the handbags have rolled in.”

Zylpha will be selling off the handbags on Friday (November 16) and welcomed donations from members of the public.

“I don’t mind whether they are Bet Gilroy leopard skin designs to classic Italian leather jobs – as long as they are in a good, clean condition,” she said.

“Just leave them at the reception of Foster Building in Preston and they will go into the sale and hopefully raise lots of money for Children in Need.”

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Notes to editors:

- **Zylpha Thomson will be delighted to pose for photographs with her massive pile of handbags! Please contact Alan Air on Mobile: 07974 765870 for further details.**