

WILMSLOW WELLS FOR AFRICA



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It's been a busy summer with a major celebration, the publication of a book telling the charity's story and several additional fundraising activities linked to our 40th anniversary all happening alongside the regular events. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed in whatever capacity. These activities have spread the word enthusing more people to contribute. When the figures are reported at the AGM in October, we hope they show better income than has been achieved for several years and more projects funded and people in Africa helped. Fingers crossed!



Perhaps inspired by others, Brenda Mottershead's granddaughter Carys and daughter Catherine took on their own anniversary challenge which involved each walking 5 kilometres a day for 40 days, one in Leeds and the other in Cambridge! They've done superbly well as you can see through this link: <https://bit.ly/wwfaCarysBrian>

Over the years, we have built up an extensive network of tried and tested partner organisations who actually carry out the projects we fund on the ground. The list has been developed by introducing one or two 'first-timers' each year. Each of the organisations tends to specialise in a specific type of project across one or two countries. Invariably the people involved are totally dedicated to their work so that it is a privilege to be associated with them. You can read more about these organisations, the different types of project and the various countries they cover in our book. Sales are going well and if you would like a copy, you can purchase one from the Little Greene shop at 41 Alderley Road for £10. Because printing costs for the book have been sponsored by a generous donor, all the money it raises goes directly to funding more water or sanitation projects.

David Cash



THANK YOU

We are delighted that Churches Together in Wilmslow has selected Wilmslow Wells as recipients of their Harvest collections this year. We are also grateful to the local churches who have allowed us to use their facilities for our fundraising events at either no charge or a reduced one.

In spite of some rain at the start, Gardens Day was a great success once again. There were 18 gardens this year including some which hadn't opened before or for a long time. £17,000 was raised. Many thanks to all those who organised or publicised this event which is clearly very popular locally. Thanks also to the gardeners and their helpers who work so hard to get everything looking good for people to enjoy. A couple of them even managed to organise separate fundraising visits afterwards which was great!

The Wilmslow Wells Challenge also went very well with seven cyclists and one bus-pass user completing the journey and generating a magnificent £20,000. Many thanks to the 300 supporters who sponsored the effort!



ELEVEN PROJECTS COMPLETED including:



314 Sierra Leone, Manowa community, boreholes, tap points around the town, improved latrines facilities for 12,000 people including 3 schools, health centre and surrounding settlements. . The community are victims of civil war and the Ebola epidemic resulting in many widows, orphans and disabled people. With Christian Engineers in Development, funding of £5,000.

364 Ghana, Daarteng (Upper West Ghana) Deep well serving a small remote community (136 people) which has no access to clean water. With Ghana Outlook, funding of £4,000.



NEW PROJECTS SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER:

365 Malawi, 4 villages - Suwed, Thamanda, Lolo and Makumbi. Repair of borehole pumps to 4 communities serving approx. 6,400 people in total. With Aid Africa, funding of £1,822 (including contribution from Mulchand Foundation).

366 Uganda, Mukongoro village. Provision of 3 x 10,000 litre rainwater harvesting tanks clean water to a remote community. With JEGMI, funding of £5,925.

367 Uganda, Adudi Kisole 'A' village. One shallow well and two spring protection projects. With Afrinspire, funding of funding of £2,040.

368, Rwanda, Cybatanzi. Construction of 5 new pit latrines at the Audacious Church and Community Centre.

Construction is by volunteers - funding of £2,300 provided alongside £2,300 already raised.

Latrines in Rwanda under construction.



369 Uganda, Busunju near Kampala. Provision of the latrine blocks (boys & girls) for New Hope School for 300 children from the Kosovo slums. With HUGS, funding of £9,000.

370 Uganda, Mpigi Region. Rehabilitation of a non-functioning borehole providing water, sanitation, hygiene, and environmental improvements. With Busoga Trust, funding of £2,500.

371 South Sudan, Mamenze - primary schools in Maridi and Ibba. Provision of 5,000 litres tanks to each of two new classroom blocks to harvest the heavy seasonal rains. These will be the only source of clean water. With African Revival, funding of £1,600.

372 Uganda, Mama Elisabeth School, Olony, Gulu. Complete water system comprising borehole, pump, tank and pipework for new school. With Bujagali Trust, funding of £10,600.

373 Malawi, 7 villages in rural locations. In response to the cholera outbreak which followed the devastating cyclone, 100 household toilets serving 371 people are being constructed. With Aid Africa, funding of £2,205. Project completed!

374 Malawi, 6 villages - Mpoti, Likangaliya, Tiki, Mandota, Kamoto and Kwakhwaniwa. Repair of borehole pumps to 6 communities which had broken down leaving thousands at risk of cholera. The pumps serve approx. 3,550 people plus 1,018 students. With Aid Africa, funding of £3,913. Project completed!

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE EVENTS

AGM Monday 28th October 7.30pm at Wilmslow Methodist Church, Water Lane. Find out about future plans and the projects we are funding as well as hearing all about what's been achieved over the last year.

AUTUMN SOUPERDAY Thursday 31st October 11.30am – 2.00pm at St John's Church Rooms, Lindow with soup, bread, hot drinks plus cake stall and home produce.

BRIDGE DRIVE Thursday 21st November 1.15pm for 1.30pm start at Morley Green Club with a delicious afternoon tea. Contact helenbattilana@gmail.com for tickets.

9 LECTURES AND CAROLS Wednesday 4th December at 7.00pm at Wilmslow Guild, Bourne Street. 9 short talks with a Christmas theme including art, architecture, stand-up comedy, music and theatre will be interspersed with carols. Mulled wine and a mince pie served.

GARDENS DAY Saturday 28th June 2025 from 10.30am – 4.30pm.

2024 CHRISTMAS CARD

This year's card, once again designed by Rosemary Stubbs and printed without charge by James Townsley, will be on sale at the Charity Christmas Card Shop in Wilmslow Library from 26th October until 7th December.

Price £4.00 for a pack of 10.

CAN YOU HELP?

If you would like to become more involved in any aspect of our work, please get in touch via our website. If you would like to organise your own fundraising event, all proceeds will be gratefully received. Also, we are looking for more help in the General Committee with the organisation of events – if interested, please contact Helen Battilana helenbattilana@gmail.com

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40th Birthday Celebrations



Trustees Past & Present



After the Celebration, the Barnby Choir gave a water-themed concert

40th Birthday Celebrations



*Brenda's daughters & grand-daughter standing in front of the beautiful quilt made for us by Moira Rutherford
You will see it proudly displayed at all our events*



PROJECT IMAGES



After everything has been decimated by a cyclone, an enclosed toilet not only helps to prevent cholera but restores some dignity. Project 373



Plenty of volunteers help in construction of 5 self-built pit latrines in Rwanda. Project 368



Water is Life!



Pump at Mpoto School repaired! Project 374