

WILMSLOW WELLS FOR AFRICA



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Last autumn we passed the £1.5 million mark of money raised! As all the work here is voluntary, 99.3% of this has been directly invested into over 325 projects across 21 different African countries.

Jenny Gibbs recently stood down as Chair for personal reasons. We are very grateful for her wisdom and sound leadership over the last six years; during which the work of the charity continued to expand - even during the covid lockdown. Your continued support, primarily through online donations, was greatly appreciated.

Each one of our 325 completed projects has brought enormous health and other benefits to hundreds, often thousands, of people. Most of these are in remote communities where the only access to water involved a 1 – 2 hour each way trek, often to a polluted source. Every project is carried out in conjunction with trusted partners with locally based staff who ensure that the money is spent wisely. We require a report and photographs to be submitted at the end for verification. You can see from the list that over time, the type of project has expanded from water provision – wells, boreholes, spring protection and water storage tanks - to also include latrines and hand washing facilities for better hygiene and improved health standards.

As the new Chairman, I look forward to continuing the work of Wilmslow Wells for Africa. We know that many parts of that vast continent have needs now as great or greater than ever. In case you don't know me, I moved to Wilmslow with my family in the mid-90's. My first experience of WWfA was in 2002 when I wore the tee-shirt and ran my one and only London Marathon - the support of plenty of sponsors kept me going! We first opened our garden in 2005 and when I retired in 2016, I became more involved with the organisation of Gardens Day. Some of you may have visited our garden in Hawthorn Lane (the one with a tulip tree).



David Cash

DAVE TONKS' FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE

On 28 May WWfA Trustee Dave Tonks will be taking part in the Sponsored Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge for his third, and almost certainly last opportunity as he celebrates three score years, plus ten! Wilmslow Wells is pleased to be supporting the Chazuka Project to raise money for a new well for this village near to Lake Malawi, at the local school.

The [Chazuka](#) Project is a local charity set up by Alex and Sara who run Edge Fencing.

Dave's fundraising page: www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/davidyorkshire3peaks

SOUPERDAYS ARE BACK:

After a two-year break, how good it was to hold a Souperday again at the end of March! This time with pre-reserved places and two sittings to control numbers, the home-made soup and breads were as good as ever as were the many delicious cakes on the stall. The event raised £1,085.50. We are grateful to Wilmslow URC for letting us use their halls free of charge.

REMEMBERING HETTY LEWIS



When Hetty died in January, we lost a much-valued member of our General Committee. Her familiar role was as the very cheerful dispenser of hot drinks at our fund-raising events, as well as making soup and being wonderfully helpful in lots of ways over many years. We'll certainly miss you, Hetty!

Helen Battilana

SEVEN PROJECTS COMPLETED including:

Rehabilitation of Waterpoints in Zambia and Mozambique (306 and 307) – at £1,958 for two wells this has been a cost-effective way of providing water. The well in Mozambique takes 51 strokes and 43 seconds to fill a 20 litre container with drinking water.



Water Connections in Kosova Slum area of Kampala, Uganda (303) – WWfA doesn't only fund rural projects. 25 new safe water points have been provided to serve the poorest families in Kosova, a community of 33,000 people of which 60% are children.

NEW PROJECTS SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER:

315 Zambia, Chuundwe Primary School, Zimba district. Construction of 75,000 litre rainwater harvesting tank serving 528 pupils. Funding of £6,302, an African Revival project. Maintenance and management training are a key part of this project.



316 Uganda, Fishing Village near Entebbe. 2 hand augured boreholes with supporting links. Funding of £2,500 alongside further monies from the Highway One Trust supporting a Mission 4 Water project.

317 Uganda, Vocational Training Centre north of Kampala. 1 hand augured borehole. Funding of £2,500 alongside monies from Highway One Trust supporting a Mission 4 Water project.

318 Uganda, location to be determined. 1 hand augured borehole. Funding of £500 alongside a private donation supporting a Mission 4 Water project.



319 Uganda. Protection of a further 14 springs with Afrinspire (see Project 310), £3,080.

320, Uganda, Mukono Village. Spring water well provided with Joint Efforts for Green Mountain Initiative, £1,385.

321, Tanzania, 2 Secondary Schools in Kasulu District, Kigoma. Each school provided with a hand drilled borehole and rope pump - with Tanzania Development Trust, £3,000.

322, Malawi, 9 Borehole Repairs. Pump repairs to boreholes supplying water to 842 households (approximately 3,650 people) - with Aid Africa, £4,370.

323, Kenya, Sisei Shallow Well. Hand dug deep well with Geoff and Diannah Charitable Trust, £2,957.

324, Ghana, Kuondoble. 60 metres deep wells to serve 450 people with Ghana Outlook, £4,360.

326, Uganda, Matuba Village. Deep borehole with Act 4 Africa, part funding of £4,000.

327, Uganda, Akam Dyang Village, Gulu Area. Deep well with Amigos, £4,700.

328, Malawi, Chazuka. Borehole for school (in conjunction with new Handforth based charity). First stage (survey) funding agreed of £409.

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE EVENTS

Saturday 25th June 10.30 – 4.30 GARDENS DAY This year there are nineteen beautiful gardens to visit including three new ones. Together they display a range of design styles and horticultural techniques.

Refreshments will be available in a number of the gardens and some will also have plant sales to inspire you to be extra-creative when you get home!

Tickets giving access to all gardens are available for £13 on the day from the first garden visited or in advance (from 30th May) for £11 from Chelsea Flowers (Chapel Lane, Wilmslow), The Potting Shed (Alderley Edge), Primrose Cottage Nursery (Styal) or from Shan (01625 520193) or Donald (01625 590339).

Monday 24th October 8.00pm AGM at Wilmslow Methodist Church, Water Lane.

Thursday 27th October AUTUMN SOUPERDAY At St John's Church Rooms, Lindow with soup, bread, hot drinks. Cake Stall and Home Produce.

Thursday 17th November pm BRIDGE DRIVE - Details will be found on our website.

NOTELETS



Packs of 6 notelets (price £3) featuring the quilted wall hanging crafted by Moira Rutherford and based on a design by Rosemary Stubbs. Can be purchased at our events or by telephoning Helen on 01625 250368.

2021 CHRISTMAS CARD



Many of you will have sent or received the beautiful Christmas card, once again, designed by Rosemary Stubbs and printed by James Townsley at no cost to WWfA. We are grateful to them both. It was in great demand. In total, it raised £899.50.

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