

# WILMSLOW WELLS FOR AFRICA



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Next year will mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Wilmslow Wells - definitely a cause for celebration because so much has been achieved since 1984. A small team has been putting together a book to tell the story of the charity and there will be a concert with the Barnby Choir to be held at the United Reformed Church on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> June. We hope that many of our friends and supporters will attend.



Since it started, Wilmslow Wells has raised over £1.6m and funded more than 350 projects. At a conservative estimate, this has provided safe water to more than 600,000 people, fundamentally changing lives at an average cost of less than £3 per person – a quite remarkable figure by comparison to the cost of our water rates! However, whilst celebrating past achievements, we need to remember that the need for safe water and improved

sanitation in many parts of Africa is as great now as it ever was so there is a lot more to do!

It is encouraging that with each year, the number of projects we fund increases. This is partly because the amount of money we raise generally goes up but also because we are steadily becoming more efficient. As a small charity, totally run by volunteers, our ability to process and monitor projects is limited. The good news is that we are gradually building up the number of tried and tested partner organisations whose work we are prepared to fund. This means there are more repeat projects with teams who are not only familiar with the local conditions but also understand our requirements (and we theirs). An effective way of working.

**David Cash**

## THANK YOU

Once again, the sun shone brightly on Gardens Day at the end of June and, judging by the feedback received, a most enjoyable day was spent by the many people who toured the 16 gardens. Around 1,000 tickets were sold and £19,350 was raised - including additional contributions from a few gardens which organised follow-up events. A wonderful achievement, many thanks to all who contributed!



The spring Souperday was also very successful and raised £1,462. To achieve such a figure, a huge quantity of home-made soup and bread had to be made as well as the mouth-watering array of cakes, jams and other preserves which were sold on the day. Again, thanks to all those who worked so hard to enable this to happen.

Finally, it is important to acknowledge the contribution made by everyone who donates to Wilmslow Wells, either through one-off payments or on a regular basis. Over the last 40 years, donations have amounted to around £1.1m including gift aid – more than two thirds of our total income.

### EIGHT PROJECTS COMPLETED including:

**Rehabilitation of Waterpoints in Zambia and Mozambique (Projects 331 & 332)** – funding of £1,783 to repair 2 broken waterpoints providing safe water to 973 people. With Village Water.



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**2 Shallow Wells at Omugara and Ongobi, Uganda (Project 339)** – one serving 384 people and the other 402 people.



Both are providing drinking water and mean they no longer have to walk many kms to a dangerous open shaft. With Teso Development Trust.

## **NEW PROJECTS SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER:**

**347 Zambia, Western & Central Provinces** Rehabilitation of waterpoint to support 300 people including maintenance training for local community. With Village Water, funding of £1,363.

**348 Mozambique, Manica Province** Rehabilitation of waterpoint to support 327 people including maintenance training for local community. With Village Water, funding of £967.

**349 Zambia, Kaliyoliyo Village** Installation of new well plus training in hygiene and sanitation for the community of 300. With Village Water, funding of £4,643.

**350 Uganda** New well plus protection of a further 23 springs. With Afrinspire, funding of £2,000.

**351 Uganda, Mpigi, Jinja, Wakiso, Mitooma, Rukungiri and Kumi Districts** Repairs to 9 wells which have either broken down or were working poorly. With Mission4Water Uganda, funding of £2,673.

**352 Uganda, Mukongaro and Kanyamisinga, 2 villages in Buhoma** Two spring water protection projects conjunction with JEGMI (see project 335). Funding of £3,128.

**353 Kenya, Kalulini (Eastern Kenya)** Rainwater catchment and storage for 1,000+ people (wells have been unsuccessful in this arid area as water produced is saline). With Advantage Africa, funding of £4,900.

**354 Malawi, various locations** 7 further borehole pump repairs following damage caused by Cyclone Freddy (see Project 346). With Aid Africa, funding of £3,000.

## PLEASE SUPPORT THESE EVENTS

**AGM Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 7.30pm** at Wilmslow Methodist Church, Water Lane. This is your opportunity to find out more about the water projects we are funding!

**AUTUMN SOUPERDAY Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> November 1.15pm for 1.30pm start** at Morley Green Club with delicious afternoon tea. Contact [helenbattilana@gmail.com](mailto:helenbattilana@gmail.com) for tickets.

**SPRING SOUPERDAY Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 11.30am – 2.00pm** at Wilmslow Methodist Church Halls, Water Lane.

**40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONCERT Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June** with the Barnby Choir at the United Reformed Church

**GARDENS DAY Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am-4.30pm.**



### 2023 CHRISTMAS CARD

This is the design for this year's card, generously donated by Rosemary Stubbs and printed without cost by James Townsley. The cards will be on sale in the Wilmslow Library Charity Christmas Card Shop from October 28th until December 9th, price £3.50 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. In particular, we are looking for more help in the General Committee with the organisation of events – if interested, please contact Helen Battilana ([helenbattilana@gmail.com](mailto:helenbattilana@gmail.com))

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