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Over the years, we have built up an impressive list of organisations who submit projects to us which require funding so that we can decide how best to spend the money raised. Some of these organisations focus purely on water or sanitation whilst others have a more specific objective such as developing a new school and ask if we can provide the water component. They are often UK based, regularly visiting their projects in Africa, although the number coming from various African countries is growing. What they all have in common is a wonderfully positive attitude and an absolute determination to improve the dreadful situation which limits so many people in rural Africa. For the WWfA Trustees, it is uplifting to witness the work these people do and humbling to receive the gratitude which invariably flows back from those people we have been able to help.



Rob and Alice of Advantage Africa, recently reviewed the rainwater harvesting in Kalulini, Kenya which we funded in 2019 (Project 353).

We like to add a few new organisations to our list and last year, one such was the Helen Margaret Owen Foundation who spoke at the AGM. Helen was so moved by the plight of refugee children she came across during a visit to Kampala in 2013 that she decided she simply had to do something to help them. Using her own money, she bought a piece of land there on which she subsequently established the Kirinya Children's Centre which includes schools and residential accommodation. We have been pleased to fund a borehole which became necessary when the Centre's water supply was cut off. The money for this came from a single WWfA donor who wished to remain anonymous.

David Cash

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who worked hard in different ways to make last November's bridge drive a great success. All the tables sold out well in advance and the event was clearly enjoyed by all who attended. It generated almost £1,700, a magnificent result.



Every pack of this year's beautiful Christmas card was also sold, many in the Charity Card Shop in Wilmslow Library. We received a generous bonus from the card shop and as the card was once again designed by Rosemary Stubbs and printed by James Townsley at no cost to us, it generated an excellent income of £1,116.

We are very grateful to have received a substantial bequest through the wills of Alan and Pat Parfett. They were both great supporters of the charity from its earliest days so it's heartwarming that Wilmslow Wells was included in their Charitable Trust. It's a wonderful way for us to remember them.

7 NEW PROJECTS SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER:

403 Mozambique - Barue District. Repair of 5 broken water points, training 7 Area Pump Minders to carry out future maintenance, hygiene and sanitation training in a school, training 14 water committees to promote good hygiene practice. With Village Water, funding £8,500.

404 Tanzania - Kigoma Region. Rope wells based in schools in 5 villages (Rugufu Relini, Kamchele, Nyarugusu, Nyabigomwa and Kumsenga) serving about 17,000 people. With Tanzania Development Trust (supported by Highway One Trust).

405 Uganda - Masinga. Deep well to serve approx. 1,000 people in wetlands area (similar to project 387). With Amigos, funding of £5,000 which will be match funded.

406 Malawi - Ching'amba, Miaviwa, Muwawa, Thomu, Tiyera and Tuthuwa villages. Full repair of broken pumps in 6 villages serving over 6,000 people. With Aid Africa, funding of £4,090.

407 Uganda - Kikooba. Construction of a borehole to provide safe water for a rural community of approximately 1,500 people. With Advantage Africa, funding of £4,282.

408 Zambia - Lake Bangweulu. 8 shallow wells in the Zambia wetlands. With Afrinspire, funding of £7,667.

409 Uganda - Kanungu District, Mpungu. Spring protections to 5 forest villages within Bwindi Impenetrable National Park serving approx. 4,400 people. With JEGMI (Joint Efforts Green Mountain Initiative), funding of £7,236.

ELEVEN PROJECTS COMPLETED including:



In April 2025, road challenges caused delays in getting the drilling equipment to the site as did conflict in neighbouring communities. Finally, on the fifth attempt, they made it and drilling commenced in November 2025.



387 Okana Idero, Uganda. The village of 1050 people now has a borehole and has been given hygiene and sanitation training. Previously, the village had many problems resulting from the lack of safe drinking water. These included high levels of domestic violence (some men suspected their wives were having affairs whilst out collecting water), illnesses such as typhoid and trachoma which led to high mortality rates, and children unable to attend school because of the need for them to collect water. With Amigos, funding of £5,000.

386 Kpeteroteen Borehole, NW Ghana. The 212 inhabitants in this remote region now have a borehole supplying safe drinkable water. No longer do the women and children need to collect 1200L of water each day from a muddy stream in their 25L "silver basins".



The borehole was drilled to a depth of 60 metres to ensure there is enough there in even the driest month. A water sample was sent to Ghana Water Company which showed the aquifer required treatment to remove contaminants - this has now been carried out successfully and the water is fit to drink! With Ghana Outlook, funding of £3,000.



PLEASE SUPPORT THESE EVENTS

SPRING SOUPERDAY Saturday 7th March 11.30am – 2.00pm with soup, bread, hot drinks plus cake stall and home produce at Wilmslow Methodist Church, Water Lane.

QUIZ & PUDDING EVENING Friday 17th April 7.00pm. Put a team together or join a team for a fun evening of quizzing! Pudding and hot drinks served, bring your choice of bottle. At Wilmslow United Reformed Church Hall, Chapel Lane.

GARDENS DAY Saturday 27th June 10.30am-4.30pm. As ever, there will be a great selection of beautiful gardens to visit displaying a range of styles and horticulture. A wonderful day out will be completed by refreshments and plant sales in several of the gardens.

AGM Monday 26th October 7.30pm at Wilmslow Methodist Church, Water Lane.

BRIDGE DRIVE November. We hope to repeat this successful event - details will be found on the web-site in due course.



CAN YOU HELP?

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