

Brethertons Solicitors

Brethertons are once again providing support to the Banbury International Community School in Waterloo, Freetown. Originally just a primary school we started junior secondary classes (age 11 to 14) back in September 2018 and we are adding a 3 cubicle toilet block to supplement the 2 new classrooms, which were opened in April last year.

This was an e-mail they sent to their customers:

This year we have taken the decision not to send any Christmas gifts to our customers and have instead allocated the money we would have spent towards doing something a little bit different. As you know, as lawyers we are in a service industry. We like to think that we are always at your convenience whenever you need us. In fact, we want to go one better and **build a convenience**... yes, a water closet, a loo, a lavatory, a toilet! We won't build it in Oxfordshire, but at a junior secondary school in one of the poorest countries in Africa. You could be forgiven for not knowing how problematic and unsanitary the conditions are for children in some schools in Sierra Leone.

However, you may recall that in 2014 we funded the cost of building two classrooms in Sierra Leone. In 2020 we aim to finance the cost of a toilet block with a basic rainwater harvesting system so that hand washing facilities can be provided as well. It would be fair to say that we take such facilities for granted every day.

The Brethertons Christmas appeal raised an amazing £750. **Sincere thanks to everyone!** They hope to raise extra funds in the coming months.

2020 another busy year in Sierra Leone

Further development is planned at four schools:

Calvary Primary School – work has started on the expansion of the nursery school facilities.

Banbury International Community School – a new 3 cubicle toilet block complete with water harvesting & handwash facilities – starting soon.

Liverpool Community School – installation of water system into the school laboratory - started.

Kunduma Community School – we hope to sink a well later in the year, funds permitting.

St Mary the Virgin, Broughton & North Newington

Since 2009 the Parochial Church Council have supported my work by making a donation as a result of the collections over the Christmas period and they have just presented me with a cheque for **£1,100** taking the total donated since 2009 to **£4,552**. A HUGE thank you to everyone who contributed and to the PCC for their continued support. This donation takes the total raised for my projects to **£250,685** since January 2007.

A member of the PCC said “We are pleased to support Alan’s projects knowing that every £ is helping communities. Alan sets up a display of photos in church every Christmas showing progress that has been made on various projects, which provides great feedback for us all.”

With **EVERY £** going direct to the projects we are **“Making A Real Difference”** in Sierra Leone.

Momoh – looking good in his Christmas outfit



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