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Banbury Rugby Club supporting Alans Africa in Sierra Leone

Since 2007, Club member, Alan Wolstencroft has been undertaking voluntary work in Sierra Leone visiting the country **12** times. He has funded the building of classrooms, toilet blocks, the sinking of wells and many other projects including sending football kits out to the communities he works with.

After speaking to Alan, Club coach, Matt Goode, said “I was sure that there was some old rugby kit which would be of benefit to the children in Freetown, and the Banbury link really appealed to me”.

The Club has just donated a set of second-hand rugby shirts and a number of pairs of boots and trainers to Alan and they are currently on their way to Freetown. They are going to be donated to a school funded by Alans Africa which was re-named Banbury International Community School in recognition of the support from the Banbury area. Club President, Clive Adkins, said “I have known about Alan’s involvement in Sierra Leone and this seemed a good opportunity for our Club to help in a small way”.

As well as the shirts, Spratt Endicott have sponsored some rugby balls to be donated to the school. David Inch, a Consultant at the firm, said “Spratt Endicott Limited are delighted to be involved in this project, and we very much hope that the rugby balls supplied by us will be enjoyed by the school’s pupils”.



Club coach, Matt Goode, handing over the kit to Alan Wolstencroft (AlansAfrica)

Club President, Clive Adkins & David Inch, Spratt Endicott handing over match balls to Alan



Alan said “I am really grateful to the Club and Spratt Endicott for their support. Although the kit and footwear are second-hand they will **Make A Real Difference** to these lads, as most of them they would never be able to afford to buy a pair of boots”.



Fayah Foday, a Governor at the school, sent this message: “On behalf of the school management, staff, pupils and community as a whole, we want to express a big **THANK YOU** for your kind support for the rugby kit, boots and balls that you donated to us. The kids are happy because this is their first time of seeing this game. We’ve got some guys to train them and they are on it. This again has made a real difference in our community. We really appreciate your support. God bless you all and thank you once more for your kind support”.



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