

SPOTLIGHT NEWS



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PIONEERING ECO-HOUSE



With Climate Change on everyone's minds and an increased awareness on how we can all protect the environment, our latest project is something we are particularly proud of; an Eco-House. It has been built on the 7-acres of land in Namatala where we hope to one day build a secondary school. And has attracted a huge level of interest from other locals who also want to learn how they can construct similar houses that are both environmentally friendly and cheap to build.

Rather than conventional bricks, we used eco-bricks which are made from hydra-foam blocks of clay, marram and a little cement. As they are not clay-fired, they remain environmentally friendly whilst still providing the strength and stability required to support the structure of the house.

We have also installed solar panels to harness renewable energy. And a bio-digester instead of a pit latrine, a much more environmentally-friendly alternative.

Sam will be living in this eco-house. He is an arboriculturist and has planted hundreds of trees on the Namatala Land which he will be looking after and nurturing to ensure their optimal growth.



OUR HEALTHCARE TEAM GROWS

We are delighted to welcome 30 new Community Health Promoters (CHPs) to the team, who all passed their exams after completing their training. CHPs are such valued members of their communities, teaching better hygiene practices and promoting healthcare, whilst serving in countless other (often unseen) ways whilst acting as wonderful ambassadors for Spotlight on Africa.



More pictures of the team can be found on page 2.

FORGING LINKS - TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

MCS IN NATIONAL CLASSICS ON THE COMMON NEWSPAPER

Musoto Christian School has appeared in a national newspaper, The New Vision, naming it as one of the best 20 schools in Mbale. It came 7th out of 231 primary schools in the district and achieved a 100% pass rate! Enormous well done to the pupils and staff at the school for all your hard work in achieving this.

19	Wanyera PS	17.0	16
20	MBALE MAIN		94
1	Joshua PS, Bungokho	10.7	63
2	Light Mixed PS	11.1	68
3	El-Shadai PS	14.3	48
4	Lulwanda Children's Homes School	14.9	15
5	Nabumali Boarding PS	14.9	67
6	Highway Namanyoni Sda PS	16.6	24
7	Musoto Christian School	17.1	81
8	Hadassah PS, Mbale	17.2	23
9	R&S PS	17.6	20
10	Good Vision Parents P/S	17.8	42
11	Nauyo PS	19.0	160

We are absolutely delighted to have been chosen by Harpenden Village Rotary Club as one of the beneficiaries of this years 'Classics on the Common' which takes place on Wednesday 22 September. Please do come and say hello to us on our stall and find out more about our work.



Peter's Half Marathon Challenge

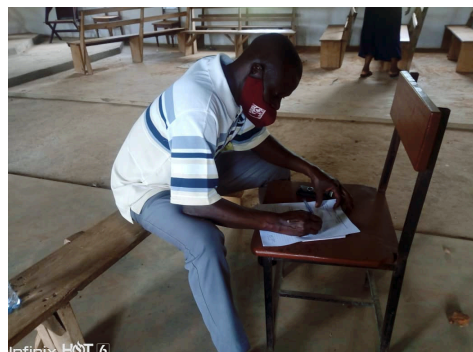
Huge congratulations to Peter Thornton who completed the Vitality Big Half Marathon in under 2 hours and has so far raised £1,185 for Spotlight on Africa, for which we are incredibly grateful. There is still time to donate to his page if you would like to:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/PeterThornton15>



Healthcare Team

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