

SPOTLIGHT NEWS



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UGANDA VISIT

It has been a long time since we've been able to visit our projects in Mbale due to restrictions in travel as a consequence of COVID, but earlier this month, Spotlight on Africa Chair Dr Bethan Rees and Charity Patron Hefin Rees QC finally made it back, along with 2 of the architects involved in the design of the Maternity Clinic.

They visited the placenta pit and incinerator which have now been completed and had a tour round the Maternity Centre construction site that is due to open in March.



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FORGING LINKS - TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES



Dr Bethan Rees spent time at one of the Outreach Clinics that educate communities on good health and hygiene practices. This is such an important part of our Health Project work, saving lives by avoiding illnesses from preventable diseases.

The architects from CAUKIN Studio provided a good insight into the construction projects, working with the Ugandan team on the roof structures.



Our CHPs do not only educate local communities on better hygiene practices, they are also very active in maintaining the cleanliness of the areas they live in. A clean environment means less waste build up, which is a haven for disease. Our CHPs have committed to cleaning Mbale town every month in the hope that this activity will be copied by local people as they adopt new attitudes towards cleanliness.



During the trip, equipment donated by The Elms Medical Practice in Harpenden was handed over to the Health Clinic staff. Midwife Betty was particularly happy with her new needle holders.



You can read more about the trip in our local paper - the Herts Advertiser:

<https://www.hertsad.co.uk/news/harpندن-spotlight-on-africa-initiative-8510204>

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