

# SPOTLIGHT NEWS



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## MATERNITY CENTRE UPDATE



The Placenta Pit and Incinerator shown below and on page 2 are also taking shape and should be completed by the end of next week. Our focus now is to raise money for the Maternity Centre equipment and fit out of the building so that it can be fully functional by February 2022. All donations towards these costs would be greatly appreciated. You could even donate to specific items such as maternity beds or the ultrasound machine. For more information, please contact our treasurer, Sandra Meyer [treasurer@hsoa.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@hsoa.org.uk)

Amazing progress is being made on the new Maternity Centre construction works. The photos below show how the building looked 2 weeks ago, compared to the photo above that shows how it is now! Such a difference in just a few weeks. The local Mbale contractors are working really hard to complete this phase of the project so that they are ready for the next stage - adding a roof!



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To donate towards the Maternity Centre equipment and fit out of the building, please contact: [treasurer@hsoa.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@hsoa.org.uk)

Spotlight is run entirely by volunteers, so over 95p of every £1 you donate goes directly to our projects. With Gift Aid, this increases to over £1.21!



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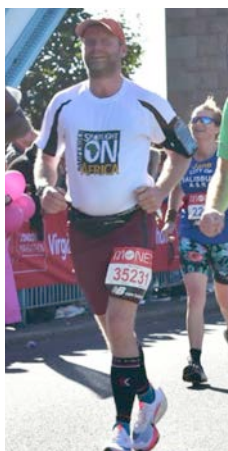


In early November, a team of 4 from the UK will be visiting Uganda to see first hand how the project is progressing and to make plans for when the Maternity Centre is open and operational. The group includes our Patron Hefin Rees QC, HSoA Chair Dr Bethan Rees and 2 of the architects that helped design the building. We look forward to hearing their stories and seeing photos from the trip on their return.

## Thank You Charles

A huge well done to Charles who ran the London Marathon on October 3rd and raised £2,897 (including Gift Aid) for Spotlight, smashing his original fundraising target of £2,000.

We are incredibly grateful for these funds, as they will go towards the kitting out of the new Maternity Centre.



## CARPENTRY GRADUATES

15 of our trainee carpenters have just qualified for graduation. 25 students were initially enrolled, but sadly due to COVID and social distancing requirements during lockdown, the carpentry teacher Walter wasn't able to create enough space to accommodate all of them. However, his perseverance to continue their training during this time was testament to his commitment to pass on his knowledge to others, so that they can create a better life for themselves using these new skills.



One of the graduates is 27 year old Sande. Although he is deaf, his disability didn't stop him from enrolling for the carpentry scheme and he was warmly welcomed onto the programme. The Chairman for People with Disabilities attended the graduation and praised Spotlight for being one of the few organisations in the area that recognises the plight of people with disabilities and does not discriminate against them.

Onen is another graduate. He is just 14 years old and our youngest trainee. After learning that all our previous trainees are now employed, Onen decided that he too wanted to learn how to be a carpenter, so that he could get a job to support his family.



On graduating, all of the new carpenters were given tool kits. Walter told us it can often take locals ten years to acquire this sort of equipment as they simply cannot afford to buy it for themselves. But now they have the skills and the tools that they need to find work in their new trade. We wish them all the best of luck.



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