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Welcome to our quarterly newsletter. We have nearly completed all the work at Hawane Primary School and have some updates on other projects we have been supporting recently. We also have plans to work at a school that we have supported in the past.

## Hawane Primary School

Since the last update we have added further water harvesting tanks, renovated the Grade 1 boys' toilets, installed ceilings in the classrooms and painted the classrooms. We have also provided new furniture.

We would like to thank Reading Lions who donated £5,000 towards the renovation of the toilets and the classroom repairs. Below are before and after pictures of the toilets.



## Regular Donations

If you do feel you are able to contribute a regular amount on a standing order please let us know. £5/month goes a long way in Swaziland.

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Below is a picture of the renovated classrooms with the new furniture



To complete the work at this school we are planning to upgrade the teacher's accommodation (as some teachers live at the school during the week), provide home economics and science and maths equipment to allow the school to teach the curriculum properly.

## Skills Training

In 2016 we collaborated with Young Heroes on their STEP programme to offer a variety of different skills training courses (e.g. agriculture, carpentry). To complete the programme and to graduate students must complete 12 months of theory and then must be attached to an organization or company to gain relevant practical experience for 6 weeks. Of the 20 we supported 12 have found positions. The hardest internships appear to be for motor mechanics. To help three of the students (one carpentry and two metal work)

to gain the relevant practical experience we set up a project to repair school desks (see report below).

As the project was so successful we are sponsoring a further 20 students in 2017.

## Carpentry Microbusiness

Rather than purchasing new furniture there are a lot of schools with furniture that could be repaired and this is a more cost-effective solution. The students were offered the chance to repair desks and chairs at one primary school and one high school. They have now completed the repair of 52 desks and 23 chairs at the primary school and are about to start work on the desks and chairs at the high school. Below are before and after pictures of the desks.



## The Rocking Horse Project

The aim of The Rocking Horse Project is to provide palliative care and improve the quality of life of children and young people with life limiting illnesses. We continue to support the Rocking Horse Project with a physiotherapist. Last week we received a grant of £500 from Kenilworth Rotary Club. Last month was a particularly hard month as they lost five children to childhood cancers. They are aiming to use the grant to run a series of training courses on recognizing the early signs of cancers in children and reducing the stigma attached to cancer in Swaziland, hopefully encouraging parents and children to come forward for screening and treatment before it is too late.

## Forbes Reef Primary School

In the past we have worked with this school building classrooms and providing uniforms and football kits. On our last trip to Swaziland we visited the school and found it very well run by the Head Teacher. Our team in Swaziland visited the school recently and found that they needed significant improvements to the kitchen, needed sewing machines repaired and needed ceilings installing in a number of the older classrooms. We are currently putting together the budgets but this is likely to be our next major project.

## Fundraising

The Changing Futures Quiz Night run by Sarah and Scott Chambers raised £1,065.

The Charity walk (10k) organized by Vicki Hamilton raised £445.

We would like to again thank Reading Lions and Kenilworth Rotary Club for their generous donations and to everyone who contributes regularly to support our projects. You truly make a difference to the lives of some very disadvantaged children in Swaziland.