



ZHEST Newsletter

Issue 2 - Autumn/Winter 2014

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. We are looking forward to our third annual general meeting and hope you enjoy catching up with what is going on at ZHEST at the moment.

ZHEST 3rd Annual General Meeting

Saturday 1st November 2014

4pm to 5pm

at

**Enterprise Works, Units 1a & b, Gipsy Lane Swindon,
SN2 8DT**

Followed by supper

**COME AND HAVE A SAY IN OUR PLANS FOR THE
FUTURE**

All members and supporters welcome.


Please confirm attendance by phone or email:

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ZHEST membership

Would you like to be a member of ZHEST? If you would like to have a say and be actively involved in deciding ZHEST's priorities then become a member. Membership is free. You will be kept abreast of charity activities and invited to participate in the events we run throughout the year.

For more information on membership and for a membership form contact Robert Bird on 01793 322184 e-mail: robert.bird@zhest.org

Trustees sought

We are seeking individuals with a commitment to our vision to join our board of trustees. We are particularly seeking those with experience of education, business and fundraising. While no previous experience of being a trustee is required, energy, time and making things happen are a requirement. If you are interested please contact Mutsai on 01793 322184 or mutsai@zhest.org

Unlocking potential



Mwembe Primary School
P. Bag 212
Mberengwa

26.02.14

Dear Maclam

Re: Report on the benefits I got from the assistance rendered to me

My two kids managed to go to school and attend daily without being chased away. My kids always get warmth in winter due to winter clothing provided.

Myself personally I was given a chance to study my "O" Level since on my kids side fees were being paid. God managed to make me pass 6 (O) Level subjects of which I am looking forward to advance to get a chance course. The happenings of all these things being the kind hearted of Z.F.S.T

Thank you for your assistance

Sithulisiwe

By supporting her children through school, ZHEST is enabling Sithulisiwe and her kids to plan and hope for a better future. Her kids are 2 of the 35 that we currently pay school fees/levies for in Mberengwa, Zimbabwe.

Trustee who is who

Meet one of our founding trustees Rosemarie Thompson. Rosemarie has been a trustee and secretary of ZHEST since 2010.

She lives in Swindon with her husband and has 3 sons, 3 stepsons and 13 grandchildren.

She has worked in health and social care for most of her career and currently works as a dementia support worker - supporting people who live with dementia and their carers. She is also a trainer for the Alzheimer Society.



Rosemarie is an avid reader, enjoys walking, going to the theatre and cinema, gardening and working on her allotment. She is a freelance florist and has arranged flowers for several weddings and other events. Her family has recently become the owners of 2 abandoned kittens who keep them busy and amused.

As well as being a trustee Rosemarie is a tireless fundraiser for ZHEST. This year alone she could found waitressing at a ZHEST Pop Up African Food restaurant, creating flower arrangements to sell for ZHEST and counting coins from collection bottles.

Thank you for your Support

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us this year by donating goods, money, buying crafts or supporting our fundraising activities. By Christmas we will have raised over £5000. All the funds raised will go towards increasing the number of children we pay school fees for, furnishing more classrooms and income generation projects for rural communities in Zimbabwe.



Thank you and farewell

To one of our founding trustees Kerry Webster who has stepped down from our board of trustees. We appreciate her energy and support for the charity.

All kitted up

In March, courtesy of Melksham Town Football Club Youth Wing, we were able to deliver football kits to Mwembe Primary School, Chingezi Primary School and Chegute Secondary School. A chance discussion with one of our supporters Jan Flanagan led to an introduction to Melksham Town Football Club President Dave Philips and Youth Section Secretary Rob Bridges. They were both very keen to support schools in rural Zimbabwe and as a result the club donated 10 teams worth of football kits, mostly for primary schools. The kids wore their newly acquired uniforms with pride and the schools were very grateful for the donations. We have been receiving phone call requests from other school headmasters asking us to look out for more.

Thank you very much Melksham Town Football Club. Remaining uniforms will be distributed to schools in Matebeleland in December 2014.



Gift Aid

As a charity, ZHEST is now registered for Gift Aid, a government scheme which enables charities in the United Kingdom to claim the tax back from HMRC on donations. If you are currently a UK taxpayer and you fill out a Gift Aid declaration when you make a donation to us, we can claim back 25p for every £1 that you donate.