



A newsletter from Jay Sidhu

It is a year since I travelled to Malawi on the Project Africa trip and I wanted to share this newsletter to say thank you to everyone in our community who helped make this happen, from your kind donations and words of encouragement.



In July 2024 I joined Berkshire Scouts on a 3 week trip to Malawi to take part in a global community project.

Berkshire Scouts teamed up with a local charity based in Malawi called Joshua.

We were tasked with 3 projects:



- To build a new community centre for the local pre school
- To refurbish 2 community buildings
- To replace a toilet block

We camped approximately 45 minutes drive from Blantyre in a village called Milo.

The charity and the local community built a fenced camp and shelter next to the main project site. We had local cooks to help keep us well fed and water was delivered by tanker every few days.



We were split into teams and each day a different team would work towards the completion of one of the projects. I helped with the building of the new community centre and am on this photo:





I also helped paint an existing community centre with a local artist:



By the end of the trip, all projects were complete, except the roof of the community centre. After the scouts had left, local builders completed the roof and they also constructed another new building 😊

Along with the hard work, we were lucky enough to take part in some recreational activities. We went on a safari drive with an overnight stay in a national park. This is one of the most beautiful things I have seen.

We went on a boat trip on Lake Malawi and a day trip to walk to the waterfall at Mt Mulanje. We met with the local scout group on both Sundays to share games and craft activities. The scout group grew enormously while we were there with an extra 150 members by the time we departed. Berkshire Scouts donated half of the tents that we took out with us to the local scout group to enable them to continue with activities in the future. Since we have left the group has continued to grow with the village of Milo now having its own established group. The charity we worked with, Joshua, has also continued to expand and is now helping to run the new community center.

Thankyou again for supporting me and to help this now thriving community.

