



NEWSLETTER

UK LANGA TOWNSHIP PRE-SCHOOL TRUST

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Covid-19 How will it affect LTPT's work?

Our Corona Virus Appeal is separately reported. What is uncertain is whether we will be able to hold any events in this financial year. If not we will lose an estimated £8,000 contribution to support spending.

In the worst case scenario the 3rd year of the LTPT 10th Anniversary project for Nomonde Pre-School, the improvement of the playground, will have to be postponed. The priority will be to continue to supply food for the 500 children and to maintain the Office and the administration. If we can raise some more donations we should get the water conservation system repaired and extended.

Nomonde water conservation

A year ago, concerned about the acute water shortage in Cape Town and the intermittent piped water supply to Langa Township LTPT funded the extension of guttering and also a downpipe to a 2500 litre water butt. This was put to good use over the months but was damaged by a fierce gale in January as reported in Newsletter 33. When funds are available this will be repaired and if possible the system will be extended by adding another water butt.

Trustee Emily Lynsky launches special emergency appeal for help with Covid-19

Our youngest Trustee, Emily, deeply concerned about what the virus might do to our children and staff in Langa asked whether LTPT could do something to help. She mentioned the need for plastic gloves, wet wipes, hand wash, hand sanitiser, hand lotion, mouth wash, plasters and bin bags.

Through us on 20 March she launched her Appeal to our e-mail list and within a fortnight £1,600 had been raised. This has enabled us to send ZAR to Nadia Petersen and, with her husband Clarence, Cape Town was scoured for fast-running out supplies. Happily all our pre-schools were able to benefit from this. The Appeal continues.



Emergency packs ready for distribution

Stuart and Sandy Cripps visit Langa Township



Stuart and Sandy, Friends of LTPT, visited Langa for a third year to see how things are getting on with the pre-schools supported by LTPT. The visit this February was particularly opportune because usually visiting annually I am not able to visit in 2020. They visited Langa twice, talking to the Chairman Clarence Mahamba, to Yolisa the Administrator and to the pre-schools' principals. Also they took Clarence and Nadia Petersen out for dinner.

On return to the UK, over coffee in Old Amersham, Stuart reported very helpfully. Stuart and Sandy had visited all six pre-schools that we support and had been very well received. They were very impressed by the organisation of the vegetable scheme seeing it as 'excellent value for money'. They followed the food from supermarket purchase, saw pre-school storage problems due to power shedding and broken down fridges, and watched it made into soup in tiny kitchens.

Stuart was able to keep track of the new fence construction and was satisfied it was being well supervised.

He examined the recent damage caused by a gale to the guttering and water tank and has advised on ways to make the system more secure when we get it repaired.

He considered the working of the Office to be satisfactory but felt that some procedures could be streamlined and the computer could be put to better use. Visiting with friends, who met Yolisa the Administrator, he said that these friends were most impressed by her dedicated work for pre-schools within the community.

It was comforting for me, 6,000 miles away from Cape Town, through such supporters to be kept so well in touch with what is going on. GG.

Nomonde Pre-School - from old fencing to new

The second year of the 3 year Nomonde project especially involved the replacement of sagging and insecure fencing as reported in Newsletter 32. The new fencing, with both a vehicle and a pedestrian gate was completed in the second half of February. Many thanks to donations to our November Appeal, which enabled us to cover the £17,000 cost.



Work starts demolishing old fencing



Principal Ruth, Tanya, Chairman Clarence, & Administrator Yolisa inspect the completed fence & gates

Financial Summary 2019/20 (2018/19)

The provisional figures, subject to audit, are:-

Income £36,897 (£35,358)

Expenditure £38,672
(£31,608)

The income from events
£12,018 and the expenditure
was £5,944

HMRC Gift aid £3,177.

Other areas of expenditure for
Nomonde Pre-School were :

Building and Maintenance
£22,738

Nomonde Educare
(administration, vegetable
project, materials and office
services) £8,968

Clothing £1,246.

The end of year bank balance
on 31 March 2020 was £2,059

The Bungay Story

This started when Carole Weaver from Bungay in Suffolk became a very active supporter of LTPT. Then in March 2019, when our Board considered how we could extend the supply of vegetables to include six pre-schools, one of our trustees, Aimee Luther, offered to fund the extension for 2019/20.

Considering how to finance for 2020/21 a minute for the Board meeting of 26 October records, 'Focussing on the work of Carole Weaver in Bungay AL wondered whether there might be mileage in contacting her former boss, Bil Bungay, to see if a link could be developed.'

Aimee made the contact and we are delighted to report that Bil has made a significant donation which will cover the supply of vegetables and some fruit to our pre-schools for the next 12 months.



New LTPT Website

Work on the new website is underway and we expect it to 'go live' at the beginning of July. It will have a 'new look' throughout and will follow the scenario:

- What we have achieved so far.
- The projects we are currently working on.
- What we are planning next.
- Life in Langa Township
- How you can become a Friend and support the work of the Trust.
- It will also include an archive of all our newsletters and details of our trustees.

Our email address will remain the same:
www.langapreschooltrust.uk

Elvis Shmelvis at the Mazza Restaurant



Events Programme 2020/21 see Newsletter 33

This has been decimated by the current plague and in our worst scenario there will be no events. To date the May event has been postponed indefinitely, the June event has been cancelled, golfers want us for the time being to retain in the diary the 6 July Golf Tournament and we will wait and see about the rest of the programme. Some compensation may arise through developing other ideas, for example through the pending digital strategy. Also we might establish a 200 club, a monthly draw for a £50 Prize. If this is feasible the starting date will be 1 July (more later)

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Fund Raising Event

This very special and happy evening was attended by around 100 people, two thirds of whom were new to LTPT events. An Indian banquet was followed by the cabaret with Ricky Lopez as Elvis with brilliant support from his wife, Sue. Not only was there dancing in the aisles but we made some new friends and £1,282 was added to our funds.

Digital Strategy

UKLTPTs Digital Strategy vision centres on using available technologies in supporting efficient internal processes and enhancing the charity's visibility and marketing to all stakeholders. The digital strategy rests on three main pillars as below:

Digital Finance: implementation of Cloud based accounting to aid the Charity's financial management and regulatory requirements.

Digital Marketing: to update the Website and set up Twitter and LinkedIn to keep the friends of UKLTPT and the wider community informed on fundraising activities and how the funds are used in support of the Langa Pre-Schools.

Digital Fundraising: making better use of online, secure portals such as PayPal donations, Just Giving and Crowdfunding for specific projects. In addition, providing contactless card donations options at future UKLTPT Charity events

More than ever the ways of working and approaches to fundraising are changing and the use of digital services provides an opportunity to maintain and enhance the support given to the Langa Pre-School Township in these difficult times