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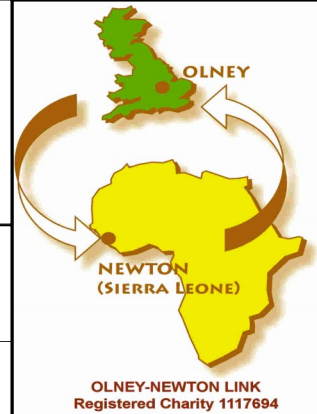
"To advance education and to relieve poverty

in the village of Newton, Sierra Leone, by the provision of charitable assistance"

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The books have arrived!

Redborne Upper School in Ampthill, where Sarah (Sue Lynch's daughter) teaches, donated boxes of unwanted Science textbooks and sent them to Newton.



The Preschool in action

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Newton Preschool



Just before Christmas the ONL was able to send a further £1500 to Newton, to be used to complete the building of the preschool toilets. This message was received shortly after that from Mabinty, the Newton treasurer and the person managing the preschool.

Thanks very much for all good works You have been doing for the people of Newton. Once again a very big thanks to the ONL Committee and the Trustees, We do appreciate You much.

*The toilet project will be completed soon.
We will start the fence now because the previous one was Just bamboo.*

*Thanks very Much.
Season greetings to You all In Advance.*

Mabinty Sesay

Mabinty's latest report says that the toilets will be finished next week.



The side fence, which is being constructed from concrete blocks, needs more materials—prices have risen sharply.



News from Newton— a committee meeting report

The Olney committee look forward to receiving their detailed proposals

Good morning to u all

Meeting held 16th February 2020 at about 5:00pm at pre school compound

Here are names of committee members present:

Valecious King (chairman)

Mabinty Sesay

Morie Koroma

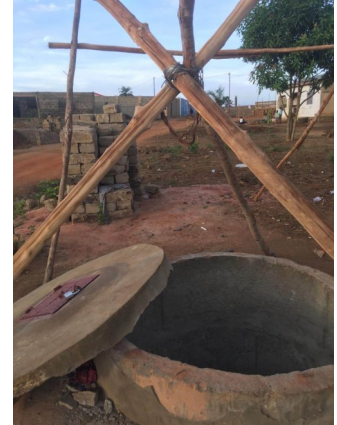
Mariatu Kamara

Mohamed O Kamara

Mohamed Y Sesay

James Conteh (newly appointed secretary)

Christiana Johnson.



For your information and updates for money sent for water wells and pre school for fencing and completion of toilet

For water well: Please note that all wells have been completed but we as a committee thought it fit that we need more wells as we are getting problem with water, especially in the dry season. This time we are requesting for more three wells with water burn pipe and a five hundred litre water tank, submissive marching pump together with three solar panels which will be sending water to the tank and we also need 500 metre half inch water nor pipe which will be connected from the 500 litre tank with standing water tap for any 50 feet and we need up 50 standing taps to stop people from gathering in one pump for over a period with out fetching water and we think this will salvage the situation. Proposal for water well will be sent to u soon.

For pre school: fencing is almost finished but we have problems with inflation in building materials which we expected to finished the next two weeks if we have some funds from u and we also need money for gate but u will get that from Mabinty who is responsible for pre school and also getting problem with toilet materials which also should have completed but due to increased in building materials up hold to the completion of the toilet but u will get latest from Mabinty.

Thanks From Chairman
Valecious King.



Tailoring Apprentices

James Kabia's scheme to train people in tailoring continues to thrive.

The ONL was able to send £800 in mid January to provide solar lighting for the building. James now needs an embroidery machine—currently his students have to travel to Freetown to learn to use one.

James has also been involved in a public consultation on the provision of solar powered electricity to Newton. It seems that Bakarr, MP for Newton and our former secretary also spoke at the meeting and is encouraging the project. The Institute is planning to offer a course in solar installation to be followed by apprenticeships—it looks as though the project is developing quickly.

