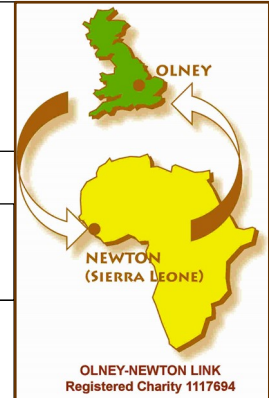


# Olney—Newton Link

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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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## **Thank you everyone: a letter from Newton**

OLNEY/NEWTON LINK COMMITTEE UK/SL  
7 STATION ROAD, NEWTON

The Chairperson,  
Olney/Newton Link Committee  
United Kingdom U.K



Dear Madam,

16 November 2014

### **Appreciation of Ebola Help**

I write on behalf of the above named committee and the Ebola affected victims of Newton who have received tremendous assistance from the Olney/Newton Link committee in the UK.

The people of Newton wishes to express their sincere gratitude and appreciation for all that you have done for them over the past few months since the outbreak of the Ebola virus diseases.

The Ebola victims of Newton have received buckets and sanitizer for hand washing, the provision of food to vulnerable quarantine homes, used clothing for children affected directly and indirectly from the virus and the financial help given to the Newton Health centre.

Ebola virus diseases have deprived many homes in the community. It has also left many children homeless, hopeless and deprived without parent or guardians that will take care of their welfare. Some of these children are under age, some are in the primary and secondary schools, while others are in tertiary learning Institutions. In fact as of writing you Madam, some of these victims barely survive to get food, while some go to bed hungry. The most precarious situation right now is the level of stigmatization faced by their extended families, members of the community and children's play mates in way of social exclusion, discrimination and marginalization. The situation lying ahead of Ebola victims is still challenging and needs robust action to find a remedy.

However, the link here in Sierra Leone will continue to facilitate and do all what it could to provide you with the necessary information for further humanitarian consideration.

Once more on behalf of the people of NEWTON I want to thank you very much and to all those who have contributed in diverse ways and means in helping the people of Newton. May God richly bless you all.

I beg to remain,  
Yours faithfully,

Abubakarr Fofanah  
Secretary  
OLNEY/NEWTON LINK COMMITTEE U.K/SL

# How we have supported Newton

To date, we have received donations of £6736 specifically for Ebola support. More funds have been promised, both through Virgin Giving and by direct donations to the Olney Newton Link.

£3309 has so far been sent to Newton, to provide:

- Food for quarantined people
- Clothes and cooking utensils for families of victims (these are destroyed by the fumigation process)
- Disinfectants, buckets and protective clothing
- Support for education about preventing infection

We have also sent a further £2000 to continue the building of the community toilets. One set of 4 cubicles and the washroom is now complete. Another set of 4 is under construction.

The trustees are consulting with the Newton Committee in order to determine the most effective way of using funds to provide

- Support with the prevention of the spread of Ebola
- Help for those affected in the community

and

- Future health provision

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## What is needed?

The Olney Newton link here in Newton have been constantly holding meetings to discuss the ways and means to help find a remedy.

The most preferential projects needed to be achieved are as follows:

### **Toilet project**

Vital to provide a safe and healthy environment in order to obviate the need to defecate in the bushes around the market and other areas.

### **Food, replacement clothing and materials for Ebola victims**

Including the provision of foam mattresses so grass ones (which also harbour insects ) can be burnt

### **Sensitisation workshop on the integration of victims**

Most people are scared to get close to Ebola affected homes and even talk with those in them. This huge stigmatisation accounts for their marginalisation, social exclusion, discrimination and segregation in the part of members of the society. The Newton Committee proposes to hold a workshop for 150 people in positions of authority in the community designed to inform about the prevention of the spread of Ebola and advise about the re-integration of victims and their families into the community.

### **Future projects**

To extend the pineapple project to include the production of staple foods such as rice, cassava, potato, pepper and vegetables.

To provide a pre school day care centre for children aged 3 to 5 who have been affected by the Ebola crisis.

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2014/5

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| 7th December  | Support our tombola at Dickens Day, Olney         |
| 19th December | Carol Singing: Meet at 6 30pm in the Market Place |
| 30th January  | Cheese and Wine evening— details to follow        |
| 6th March     | Soup Lunch—details to follow                      |
| 27th March    | Race Night—details to follow                      |

More details can be found on our website: [www.olneynewtonlink.org.uk](http://www.olneynewtonlink.org.uk)

## CORPORATE MEMBERS SCHEME

We are already fortunate to receive support from local businesses, both financial and practical. We have decided to formalise this arrangement and to offer the opportunity to join the scheme to a wider range of business within the area who may not be fully cognisant with the charity. The scheme will provide existing supporters with greater and more tangible recognition as well. Corporate members will be requested to sponsor the Link's work through a series of packages, briefly:

**Bronze Membership**, £50 per annum – Benefits:- your website link and name on ONL's website.



**Silver Membership**, £100 per annum – Benefits:- your website and name and description on ONL's website and your company name and logo in our newsletter.

**Gold Membership**, £150 per annum – Benefits:- your website name and link and profile (maximum 30 words) on ONL's website and listing as sponsor in newsletter and logo.

**Platinum Membership**, £500 per annum - Benefits; link, profile (maximum 200 words) on ONL website, logo and advert carrying their logo in newsletter

Our very grateful thanks to those who have already joined the scheme—**David Coles, Heron Opticians, J Garrard & Allen, Souls Garages and Stephen Oakley.**

### GOLD

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