



Hailsham

TOWN COUNCIL

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Bag Pack Raises Over £XXX for Charity

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Young people from the Square Youth Café packed bags for shoppers at Asda in on Saturday [19 March] to help raise funds for Sussex-based charity, the Quicken Trust.

Working from 10am to 4pm and taking only minimum break time, the bags were packed for hundreds of shoppers and a total of £XXX was collected on the day.

The money raised will help towards the young people's trip to Kabubbu in Uganda this October, where they will take part in a building project, agricultural development and helping families within the community, a life-changing volunteer experience for everyone involved.

Hailsham Town Council's Youth Project Coordinator Andy Joyes said: "The young people from The Square did really well on Saturday and the money will go towards the regeneration of Kabubbu and contribute to improvement in a number of areas including healthcare, shelter, physical welfare and social concern."

"I would like to thank the management and staff at Asda in Hailsham for their support in allowing the bag pack to take place. I would also like to thank shoppers who agreed for us to pack their bags, and to those who paid us not to!"

The Square Youth Café, owned and operated by Hailsham Town Council, has a long term relationship with the Quicken Trust, a Sussex-based charity which aims to transform the lives of people living in poverty in Kabubbu in terms of healthcare, nutrition, education, welfare and sustainable work projects. The Quicken Trust works in partnership with a range of organisations around the UK and worldwide to achieve this goal.

Young people from 'The Square' have visited Kabbubu several times in the past, where they have built a house for a family in need, and cleaned, painted and participated in arts and crafts sessions.

Previous activities included 'Pier to Pier' sponsored walks, charity football matches, quiz nights, raffle competitions, table-top sales, leaflet drops and sponsored chest and back wax. The Square Youth Café has raised around £4,000 of its £5,600 target for the October trip to Kabubbu so far.

To make a donation to the Square Youth Cafe's Kabubbu fund, please visit justgiving.com/kabubbu2016/ Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity.

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Notes to Editors:

- In its first decade in Kabubbu, Quicken Trust has helped tackle the destitution, disease and despair endured by villagers who once described themselves as "the Forgotten People" Success stories include:

- Over 600 children sponsored to attend school – including those who have left

- New Primary and Secondary schools – teaching 900 children every year
 - a Health Centre treating around 18,000 patient visits each year
 - Building Projects for 140 families
 - Building Projects supplying safe water
 - Help for HIV Mothers and for 500 other patients each month
 - Foster Care and Elderly People
- Kabubbu lies 20 miles north of Uganda’s capital, Kampala. Kabubbu parish spreads over a large area, making it tricky to estimate the population but about 4,200 live within two miles of Kabubbu village centre.

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