

Annual General Meeting 27 April 2021

Chair's Report 2020/21

The Bereko Community Partnership has had a quiet year, with the varying degrees of lockdown preventing any fundraising activities and most Committee meetings.

The community visit to Bereko planned for October 2020 had to be cancelled. The group had included representatives from St Justus Roman Catholic Church, Mascalls Academy and St Andrew's Church. We do not yet know when we will be able to visit again but this is unlikely to be before 2022.

The work of the Bereko Garden Group is progressing well, although there have been some hitches, for example with the collapse of a water tank stand, the failure of some crops while a diesel-powered water pump was being sourced and some challenges around the leadership of the Group. With the much-appreciated support of Livingstone Tanzania Trust, these issues have been worked through and with each change overcome, the group becomes mor resilient. It has not yet produced a profit but the ambition of providing an example for the community is already being fulfilled with many visits from people in Bereko and from surrounding areas as well as the Kondoa District Commissioner.

We are very grateful to Paddock Wood Town Council for funding the ongoing costs of the BCP website last year: www.bereko.co.uk.

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