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## “BUY A BLOCK”

I was saddened to hear a couple of weeks ago that part of the Liverpool Community School, Waterloo, Freetown Sierra Leone had been broken into and some furniture and stationery had been stolen. Also damage was caused when the thieves smashed the ceilings on the veranda & classrooms to gain access and I heard yesterday that over the weekend there was a bit more vandalism, to our water harvesting system.

We have already built a retaining wall to prevent water egress from a nearby stream during the “rains” and as a result of the break in/vandalism we are now planning to extend the retaining wall to form a security wall/fence to secure the school compound. This is an unforeseen **but** necessary measure and although building a wall is not as “**sexy**” as building and equipping classrooms or toilets it is an essential need.

The total budget for the project is between **£5,800** and **£6,000**, dependent on the exchange rate. The perimeter security wall will be 75 x 45 metres and will be about 2.5 metres high.

My “**buy a block**” campaign aims to raise funds to speed up the process of securing the school as I am having to borrow funds which were originally intended for other community school projects.

At my projects we always employ local guys to make all the blocks by buying sand and cement. This is cheaper than buying from a builder’s merchant and also generates employment for community members.

**Blocks are £1 each and if you would like to participate you can sponsor any number you wish.**

You can donate by:

**Cheque:** (pay to The Rotary Club of Banbury) to me: 39, Danvers Close, Broughton, Banbury OX15 5DX

**Bank Transfer:** Rotary Club of Banbury: Lloyds Bank - Sort Code: 30-90-42 A/C No: 00493986

If paying by Bank Transfer please put **Buy a Block** as a reference AND it would be extremely helpful if you could send me an e-mail so I can keep track of donations as well as our Treasurer.

If you are able and willing to Gift Aid your donation that will add another 25% to the appeal.

Please use the following link to download a form: [http://banburyrotaryclub.org.uk/?page\\_id=3651](http://banburyrotaryclub.org.uk/?page_id=3651)

Try and fit these words to the Pink Floyd song “**Another brick in the wall**” and singalong while you donate. Watch out for a possible video upload of this song in the not too distant future.

They just want an education  
But they need a, security wall  
To stop the break-ins to their classrooms  
Help us build these kids their wall  
**Instrumental**  
Please help us, help us build this wall  
All in all they need another block for their wall  
All in all they need a, load more blocks for their wall

**Thank you in anticipation of ANY support you may be able to offer**

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