

Aquabox responds to forest fires in Nepal

Serious forest fires have been causing further misery in Nepal and hampering the recovery from the recent earthquakes. Officials have said that as much as 1.3 million hectares of forest cover in Nepal were destroyed by wild fires in the space of a fortnight.

Some villages have been totally decimated by fires, with houses and shelter completely destroyed. Tragically at least 18 people have been killed and the lives of thousands of people have been seriously disrupted, leaving them in need of immediate humanitarian aid.



The devastation caused by forest fires in the Dang region of Nepal

Aquabox received an urgent request for help from Rotarians of District 3292 in Nepal and has recently dispatched 520 boxes via the British Gurkha Rifles Regiment.

The Aquaboxes are being distributed to families in the seriously affected districts of Sindhuli and Dang, with the help and support of local Rotary clubs.

Please!
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Please donate today to help towards the 520 Aquaboxes we have just sent.

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Thank you for all your vital support.

Thank You!

RIBI President visits Aquabox

We were delighted to welcome the President of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI), Peter Davey, and his wife Sandra to the Aquabox depot on 18th May. They were accompanied by Rotary 1220 District Governor Roger Summers and his wife Pauline.

During their visit they were able to see at first hand how the AquaFilters work and are assembled and how the Aquaboxes are packed with over 70 different humanitarian aid items.

Commenting on the work of Aquabox, Peter said, "It's very good to see a Rotary life-saving project which engages the local community so well. Through the combined efforts of the Aquabox volunteers, people in desperate circumstances get the gift of safe drinking water, which we all take for granted."



A big thank you to all the Aquabox volunteers who gave up their time to make this visit such a success.

Delivering safe drinking water to schools in Cameroon

Working in conjunction with our partner Christian African Relief Trust (CART), 25 Aquabox Community Filters were shipped from the depot on 13th May destined for Cameroon.

Cameroon is currently experiencing a serious water crisis and, as is often the case, the first victims of any crisis are children. Many schools are operating without water and children use water from very unsafe sources such as streams, wells and rivers for drinking and cleaning. The deployment of Aquabox Community Filters will go a long way to reduce water-borne diseases and illness, and of course to greatly improve levels of attendance at school.



Aquabox volunteers Mick & Chris load the filters onto the lorry



Chair of trustees Mike Tomlinson accepting the cheque

Matlock Cycling Club

Huge thanks go to Matlock Cycling Club who raised over £300 for Aquabox at one of their social evenings. This money will help buy life-saving water filters and many other essential aid items, such as cooking utensils, educational supplies and tools to build shelter.

Thank you for your support – Please keep knitting!

There is an unsung army of local, and not so local, people who knit or donate babies and infants clothing, teddies and blankets for Aquabox. We are very grateful for all your vital support and we know from the feedback we get that all those items are valued and appreciated so much.

In recent weeks we have had several visits from different organisations with donations for our “bottom table”, including the Macclesfield Castle Inner Wheel, the Nimble Knitters, West Bridgford “Knitwitters”, SP3 and Friday Club knitters from Stroud and the Long Eaton Dawnbreakers Rotary Club.



Macclesfield Castle Inner Wheelers Chris & Adrienne with Aquabox volunteer Sandra



Aquabox volunteer Cynthia with knitting consignments



Gill from West Bridgford and friend Marie from Stroud

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