

3RD HARPENDEN SCOUTS TROOP DONATE TO MOTEC

30th April 2012

The Harpenden scouts led by their leadership hosted Motec at their anniversary celebration in Harpenden on 30th April 2012. The function was attended by the scouts commissioner and honorary queen mother of Hohoe Mrs Jo Busby. Motec was represented by Mrs Kay Bowers- a personal secretary of Motec's President, Mrs Linda Bigham- Trustee Executive and Mr Ofori-Atta, President of the organisation.

As part of the celebration, Mr Ofori-Atta presented a lecture on humanitarian work of Motec in Ghana. He explained the difficult situations facing malnourished children in the northern part of Ghana describing it as a 'circle of deprivation and death' and that humanity had a part to play to break that unfortunate situation. He admired the efforts of the scouts saying that there were shining examples of committed aid workers. He cited one of the projects that they have undertaken in Hohoe in Ghana in which about 40 Harpenden scouts camped at the outskirts of the town for months and built a community centre for the township. He said that showed a different level of dedication as compared with volunteers who were housed in hostels and hotels in Ghana and he wished he had many of their kind in order to save money for good causes.

The Harpenden troop donated an amount of £395 to Motec in support of Motec's Nutrition rehabilitation project in Jirapa in the Upper West region of Ghana. The money was raised through voluntary work by the scouts at a local supermarket last Christmas. Receiving the cheque, Mr Ofori-Atta thanked the scouts for their donation and promised that every penny of it would go the project (NUWLIFE – Nutrition Working for Life). He appealed for more help in the construction of a centre in Jirapa that will support the training of vulnerable families, teaching of appropriate farming practices aimed at providing nutritious food for the families. The centre will also host vocational training and economic investments for the families of the malnourished children.

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