

Just be a Child, registered charity since Feb 2013, works with UK clubs, groups, schools, organisations and other charities to create libraries in some of the most remote or densely

populated and under resourced

locations in Kenya.

"As a football club we welcomed the chance to help kids in Kenya. It is great to see how caring our own children are given the opportunity."

Knebworth Football Club

"We get so many books donated to our store, but unfortunately we cannot sell them all. People don't buy books very much any more. It's great that we can ship them to Kenya and know that they will be used, rather than sending them to a landfill."

Oxfam Books Shop

"Our Eco Worriers are very passionate about making sure our school is as environmentally friendly as possible. When they were asked to come up with a solution for dealing with our old textbooks they came up with the fantastic idea of donating them to schools abroad. Just be a Child was the only charity we could

find that would take our books."

Trotts Hill Primary School

"Destroying books is wrong. But what can we do with them? Donating them to charity that you know is going to do something worthwhile with them is the perfect solution."

Resident

"We encourage our children to donate their unwanted books and in turn we get very inspiring talks about life in Kenya. We can see how our books help children and adults there to better their lives." Highfield School







In Kenya, Just be a Child works with local communities and makes sure that they take leadership and initiative throughout the conversion process and at the end have a complete ownership. The library, made from a converted 40ft container, is opened and free to anyone who wishes to read and play.

"I have never seen so many books." Marietta, age 12

"This is my first time holding a book." Juma, age 25

"The library helped me get better at school." Aisha, age 16

"I like to play. I like all the toys." Sule, age 5

"I became a librarian. My English is better now. I read to the children! Haji, age 32

"It's great to have somewhere to do my homeworks."

Elizabeth, age 13

"The children's schoolwork is so much better now. The library is really helping." Teacher of Little Moon School

Each library:

costs £10,000;

houses 5,000 books, toys, jigsaw puzzles and games;

has over 1,000 members and 250 visitors per month;

works in partnership with around 20 schools;

is home to a number of informal classes such as reading, writing and arts and crafts;

is run by volunteers;

helps adults start up or support their livelihoods; and is free and open to all.

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