

First Lesotho Mountain Crafts Gallery

Lesotho Mountains Crafts (LMC) reached a significant milestone in their short history when their first showcase gallery was opened on the 30th of November in Teyateyaneng (TY). The crafts of all twelve groups are now on display in the bright gallery, lined with specially designed units. LMC's Patron, **Anna Gervin**, accompanied by her husband, **Gerry Gervin** (Irish Ambassador to Lesotho), performed the official opening ceremony amidst much ululating & dancing from LMC members.

The gallery is conveniently located off the main Maseru-Maputose road in **Hatooa Mose Mosali's** premises at the edge of TY. Apart from being a great place to buy crafts, the gallery café provides the chance of having a relaxing cup of coffee whilst overlooking the scenic escarpment across the valley. There is also an adjacent workshop, where artisans can be seen at work, and an arts & crafts table for children to play at. The aim is to make this one of the 'must visit' places for anyone looking to buy well-made Basotho crafts in Lesotho.

Action Lesotho worked very hard with LMC to get this gallery open & is extremely grateful for all the support they received to make it possible. **Citywire** (London) was the main donor, providing the funds to renovate the building & construct a new toilet & kitchen. The gallery layout was designed with the help of visiting Consultants **Morag Tweedie & Anne Ferugson**, whilst volunteer woodwork teacher **Guy Dalton** & his students built the display units.

The shop is open 7 days a week (Monday to Saturday from 9am to 5pm and Sundays from 9am to 4pm).



M'e Anna (Nyenye Crafts) enjoying the colour workshop (p3).

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Project News: Lesotho Mountain Crafts

The last three months have been a particularly busy time for **Lesotho Mountain Crafts** (LMC) with great progress being made in a number of areas including design, upskilling, new markets and development of links with other organisations. The opening of their first showcase gallery in TY was a particular highlight (see front page).

Outlets outside Lesotho

The LMC project is already making significant progress in terms of finding outlets in other countries and selling their wares at seasonal events. Here are some of them:

Cherry Festival: For the 2nd year in a row, Lesotho Mountain Crafts had a stall at the 3-day long November Cherry Festival in Ficksburg, South Africa. The reaction to



their products was very positive & the groups were delighted with the compliments received from visitors, which included the District Cultural Officers for Berea and Leribe. Interestingly, a common comment was 'Are you sure these items were made in Lesotho?!' Attendance was high and many sales were made & orders placed.

M'e Mamolapo (above) demonstrated wool carding at the stall. The good news is that there is the possibility of the organisers formally inviting the groups to hold workshops at next year's festival & supplying them with a stand with proper demonstration space incorporated! All good news and a definite sign that progress is being made.

Buzz Backpackers: A lovely Lesotho-themed craft shop opened in November at Buzz Backpackers in Ficksburg, South Africa. The majority of the stock was supplied by the LMC groups. Many thanks to Maria at Buzz for this initiative.

Art of Africa: A shop in Glastonbury, England, recently started stocking Nyenye Crafts' newly designed Seshoeshoe cloth bags. The owner, Nicky Diment, was delighted with the first batch to arrive at her shop, praising the beautiful colours & noting that they were well-made.

Living Life: LMC had a stall at Living Life's annual Christmas Fair in Ladybrand, South Africa. It was an outstanding success with sales of R3200 during the four hour fair. It would seem that we have our branding off the ground as many visitors said "oh, you're Lesotho Mountain Crafts! Did you open a gallery in TY last weekend?!" It's very

heartening to know that word about LMC is spreading fast and that there is a demand for the products.

Orkney: Morag Tweedie, one of the Design Consultants who recently worked with the groups in Lesotho, is selling LMC products, including specially designed Scottish black-face sheep, in Orkney, Scotland in the run up to Christmas.



Embassy showcase event

Anna Gervin, is the Patron of Lesotho Mountain Crafts and the wife of the Irish Ambassador to Lesotho, **Gerry Gervin**. In October they very kindly hosted a garden party at the Irish Embassy Residence to enable LMC to showcase their products to all the other diplomats & expats in Maseru. **His Majesty Prince Seeiso of Lesotho** (pictured with M'e **Majoyce**, Positively Empowered Artisans) also attended the event, helping make this a particularly special day for the LMC groups.



Specialist training for the leatherworkers

Two LMC leatherworkers, **M'e Mateboho** (Rose Leatherworks) & **Nt Fusi** (Fusi Shoes) were given the amazing opportunity to attend an intensive two-week long course with master craftsman, **Frik van Jaarsveld** in Capetown. During the two weeks, they made an impressive range of products, including a belt, handbag & travel-bag (pictured bag made during the course by Fusi). Frik was very impressed with the rate of learning and the standard achieved by the two craft workers. Huge thanks are due to Frik who made Fusi and M'e Mateboho so welcome and to **Lesotho Enterprise Assistance Programme (LEAP)** for providing 75% funding for this invaluable training which has given both companies a huge boost.



Limkokwing University linking



Irish Ambassador to Lesotho, Gerry Gervin & LMC Patron Anna Gervin, with staff & students of Limkokwing University & Action Lesotho's Consultants.

The Irish Ambassador, **Gerry Gervin**, LMC's Patron, **Anna Gervin** and Action Lesotho's **Pippa Kearon**, along with visiting Design Consultants, Morag & Anne, attended an event at **Limkokwing University of Innovation**, with the aim of establishing a link between LMC and the college. The hope is that students can do placements with the individual LMC groups, allowing the students to gain practical experience of craft skills & running a business. In turn, the LMC groups would benefit from the students' design & technology skills. A win win situation!

Consultants visit



Two Design Consultants from Scotland, **Anne Ferguson** (left) & **Morag Tweedie** (below), recently spent six weeks working intensively with the LMC groups to help improve their skills in relation to product design & quality.

Each LMC group received an individual consultation, with advice on product design, finishing, quality control, etc. Often the changes were simple e.g. making sure a strap was the right length, lining a bag with cotton Seshoeshoe rather than plain synthetic material, changing

the colour-way on a rug, adding decorative stitching to a baby shoe or dyeing old stock to update its look. For other groups, they recommended trying out new designs e.g. a new range of felt animals, a style of bags to suit the younger market or a collectable set of woven coasters. The fruits of the consultations were evident at the various festivals attended by the groups, with great comments on the products and, best of all, good sales!



Morag and Anne also ran a 5-day colour workshop for the LMC members. It was a revelation for many of the participants who had never had the chance to work with a wide range of art materials and techniques to experiment with design. It was heartbreaking to see a sixty year woman use a paint brush for the first time, but inspiring to see how quickly the creativity started flowing. On the last day, LMC's patron **Anna Gervin**, accompanied by **Gerry Gervin**, the Irish Ambassador, came to speak to all the participants, look at their work and present certificates. All the participants loved the workshop and were very grateful to Morag & Anne for sharing their expertise & inspiring them.



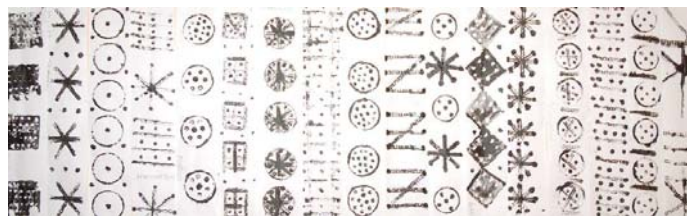
Morag & Anne were very busy during their visit, not only meeting all the LMC groups at least once, but also helping design & set-up the new gallery at TY, meeting officials & contacts in the craft world and carrying out market research.

A litema-inspired design by one of the workshop participants.



*LMC's Patron, **Anna Gervin**, presenting a certificate to **M'e Masetumo** of Maseru Tapestries.*

Huge progress at LMC was made during Morag and Anne's visit as a result of expertise, enthusiasm and hard work. Fortunately for LMC & Action Lesotho, they are returning in February to engage in the second part of their consultancy. This has been made possible by the generosity of the **Hick Family Trust** (see p8).



A collaborative print made by the workshop participants.

Cultural Officers

On Friday 29th November, **Action Lesotho** met with all the District Cultural Officers & officials from the **Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Environment** for the first time. The meeting was also attended by the Irish Ambassador, **Mr Gerry Gervin**. The agenda for the day was to introduce Lesotho Mountain Crafts to the group, but also for Action Lesotho to learn about the work of the Culture section of the Ministry and their District Cultural Officers. The aim is to forge a working partnership between all parties.

Action Lesotho's Design Consultants, **Morag Tweedie** & **Anne Ferguson**, gave an excellent and interesting presentation based on their learning during their six week visit. They addressed the importance of culture & heritage in relation to the identity and future development of the craft industry. The District Cultural Officers have indicated that Action Lesotho and LMC will be invited to visit all the districts in Lesotho in order to consult with them in relation to the further development of the craft industry.



Contact: to find out more details or to order products from any of the LMC groups please contact Pippa Kearon of Action Lesotho at actionlesothopippa@gmail.com

Project News: agriculture

Planting time: the ups and downs



This is an important time of year for the **Action Lesotho** farm team as the deadline for planting nears. Will there be enough rain for the tilling but not so much that the seeds wash away and the fields become waterlogged? Will the machinery work properly?

This year, the rains came earlier than last year which was good news. Having been ploughed earlier in the year, the fields were tilled and planted. With the inputs collected and a second-hand planter having been newly purchased (pictured above) it was ready to start sowing the maize. However, there were a couple of unforeseen technical hitches with the planter and it took a few days waiting for a part – a new sprocket - before it could be correctly calibrated. Unfortunately, it then started to rain so much that sowing took longer than expected to complete. However, **Action Lesotho's** entire 21 hectare farm has now been planted, the fields have been sprayed with a pre-emergence pesticide and at this stage some of the maize has emerged. Now the farm team will be able to relax a little over Christmas!

Farm forum

Our farm team, **Molemo Lethea & Nt Mankoe** recently held a meeting of local farmers, including the landowners from whom **Action Lesotho** leases land (pictured below). This was the first such gathering at our Phukalla site. The meeting was an outstanding success & issues of seed variety, weed control, crop security, etc. were discussed at length. One outcome of the meeting was that the group has agreed to lobby the Chief to address the issues around the grazing of tillage land by nomadic cattle which is detrimental to good farm practice. It was also agreed that **Action Lesotho** would assist the local farmers where possible with weed control this year, which will benefit them whilst also helping prevent the spread of weeds onto the **Action Lesotho** land.



Carl von Maltitz: new Action Lesotho advisor

Carl von Maltitz, our recently recruited farm advisor has started working with our farm team based at Phukalla and the team in Temo Moho & Nte Mehapo. Carl will work in an advisory capacity on a part time basis. His position has been part-funded by **Country Crest & Arrabawn Co-op**.



Carl, who speaks fluent Afrikaans, English & Sesotho, received training & briefing in Ireland organised by Brian Flaherty. He attended a course at the Innovation Academy of UCD which was organised by **Brendan Allen**. The learning experience at the Innovation Academy was interactive & he met a lot of people from diverse backgrounds. The first part of the course was held in Galway & the rest in Dublin. While Carl was in Dublin, the Ambassador **Paramente Phamotse** visited the Academy and was impressed with the methods of teaching used to ensure effective and fruitful participation by the students.

As part of Carl's training/experience in Ireland, he visited various farmers as well as Teagasc in Athenry and the Artificial Insemination (A.I.) Station in Enfield. He also watched Kilmessan of Co. Meath win the County Senior Hurling Championship. He was presented with a hurley and a sliothar by an uncle of one of the players. He might come back and play for them!!



Carl at the Basotho Blanket exhibition hosted by the Lesotho Ambassador to Ireland on National Basotho Day at TCD

Carl attended the Ploughing Championships in Ratheniska and experienced live Irish Music and drank Guinness. He really liked our black pudding and has been given the recipe by **Brian Flaherty's** mother, which he intends to use in South Africa – a new industry perhaps!

Whilst in Ireland he stayed with Brian & Catriona Flaherty in Kilmessan & with a colleague of Brian's whilst he was at the course in Galway. Another colleague of Brian's kindly gave him the use of his jeep for the duration of his visit.

New cow and calf

The most recent additions to the **Action Lesotho** herd are a cow & calf, joining the dairy cow bought last year. The original cow still produces about 15 litres of milk per day, which is used to supply much needed protein to our feeding programme clients. Any surplus milk is sold to local villagers. This has proved to be a very profitable enterprise, with cash income from the milk sales giving a healthy surplus over maintenance.



Project News: Community centres

Woodwork



In October 2013 **Guy Dalton** returned to Lesotho for the fifth time to work with trainees to teach woodworking skills while constructing furniture & other items for use in the Action Lesotho projects. This year his trainees were **Thabo Moleko** (left) & **Thapelo Khasela** (below right), with some help from **Popa Seako**.

The group industriously built desks & shelves for the Ha Mapele Community Centre (below left) and a whole range of display units & tables for the new **Lesotho Mountain Crafts** Gallery in TY (see p1). They also carried out repairs to the playground that Guy & his students built in 2011. Thabo & Thapelo also found time to make small pieces of furniture for themselves. After Guy left, Thapelo continued to help LMC to finish the units in time for the LMC gallery opening on the 30th November.



Distance Learning

Action Lesotho is paying a stipend to tutor 16 people who have registered to avail of Distance Learning for Junior, Primary Leaving & COSC certificate courses. These are disadvantaged people who are working in low paid jobs at the textile factories. The tutorials are held at **Jonsson's** factory at weekends. The students are tutored in Maths, English & Sesotho by graduates of the National University of Lesotho & Lesotho College of Education, including **M'e Litlhare** (left). The final examinations will in November 2014.



New weekday programme: Classes-4-Fun

Mapule Rabede has recently started an art activity class at the Community Development Centre in Ha Mapele (below). Mapule is **Action Lesotho's** secretary & assistant Centre Manager. However, she trained as a teacher & previously worked at the Laura Vicuna pre-school. She loves working with children and is thrilled to be able to spend some time away from the computer on such a lovely project! Most children do little or no art at school in Lesotho due to the large class sizes and lack of basic resources such as paint & crayons. Mapule's practical & engaging activity sessions are important to help children explore their creativity & are proving a great hit!



Chicken project

In late November, ten families each received three hens & a cockerel, plus food to feed the chickens for a month. Five sets were given to clients of the Malimpho programme, including **Nkhono Mantala** (below) an eighty year-old granny living with orphaned grandchildren. Some of the local **Action Lesotho** staff have also been given chickens & will be keeping accurate records and producing a manual so that knowledge of rearing this kind of chickens in the village can be passed onto the next recipients. The eggs will provide an important source of protein for the families whilst also providing the opportunity to generate a small amount of income from the sale of eggs. Chicks reared from this batch, will be passed on to needy families in the area to help make this project self-sustaining.



Seeds for OVC carers

In October, the carers of the orphans & vulnerable children (OVCs) who attend the weekend programmes at Ha Mapele & Lepoqong were invited to the centres to receive a selection of vegetable seeds. **Action Lesotho's** Community Centre Manager, **Limakatso Rantao** (below) dished out packets of beetroot, spinach, carrots & butternut squash seeds. Most people have a small patch of ground in Lesotho but seeds & plants can be expensive to buy. Let's hope the weather is kind & the crops thrive.



An Action Lesotho Doctor visits Lesotho

Diane Foord



In September this year I was able to return to Lesotho for the third time & reviewed the weekend feeding programmes & visited all the Malimpho programme clients in their own homes. The children's measurements show a high persistence of stunting and instances of chronic borderline malnutrition, demonstrating the programme's continuing value, especially when combined with the educational opportunities available to the children as

demonstrated by the English language choir recital I greatly enjoyed on the day of my visit (pictured below, right). **Mapuso** who was trained by **Theresa Moriarty** has done a wonderful job teaching the children.

The clients on the Malimpho programme are truly grateful for the help that Action Lesotho is providing for them. There are 15 males & 27 females. 34 clients are definitely HIV positive & of these 32 are on anti-retroviral drug treatment. About 25% (i.e. eleven clients) are children. Many of these children are not only sick or recovering from sickness which, at present knowledge, will require lifelong engagement with health maintaining therapies, but have poverty not only of wealth, but of emotional & intellectual support. Ideally, our support should continue until the children have completed their educational potential, & become independent adults, or until we have found alternative support for them.

One of our young clients has been nursed back to health over the last 5 years, he is now 18 & the only member of his family that his grandmother has seen come back from critical illness to survive. He is now willing & able to begin a small commercial business from his home, selling foods, milk & paraffin to his neighbours. He is to be one of the first five Malimpho clients to be given a chance to build up an independent income by the provision of a start-up supply of goods. This is an exciting development which has been created by and is being organised by our Community Centre manager, **Limakatso Rantsoa**.

Our adult clients are willing to work as soon as they feel well enough to do so. Most try to do some gardening in difficult drought conditions if they have land & water. Some make small items for sale at the market or sell fruit & vegetables, but most see a full time factory job as the only option for a regular reliable income. Two clients having regained their strength, have found employment & left the programme in recent months. It was agreed that it would always be irresponsible of us to leave vulnerable clients with no known means of feeding themselves to deteriorate in health & revert to their former state of illness.

Three clients have sadly died this year, two were new clients who we were too late to help, and one was a longstanding client with an AIDS defining illness. One client is missing, whereabouts unknown.

Two clients are pregnant, & the team decision was to support the clients until they can get work three months after delivering their babies. One of these clients has especially severe social problems & our staff are working with local support services to try to facilitate best care for her and her baby.

A number of our clients are over 60 & have arthritis or other conditions limiting their ability to work. Unless their family circumstances improve & they are fed by relatives it will be difficult for them to leave the programme. As I understand it, the state 'pension' is a stipend of R300/month paid at 70 years of age.



Dr Foord (far left) and M'e Futho (centre) with staff & children at the Ferrando Resource Centre.

M'e Futho, our part time nurse, has worked enthusiastically in recent years to encourage the return to health of our clients. Many had been treated with anti-retroviral medication for some time before coming on to our programme without improvement, but show rapid responses with adequate food & counselling especially in complying fully with medications. She is quietly proud of her achievements but of course there has been sadness when clients have died, especially children and long-term clients she knew well. She is greatly liked by our clients & even a brief visit for a chat is therapeutic!

In the future we hope to find ways to return all our clients to a fulfilling & independent life. The novel new initiatives to enable them to earn their own income will be built on & other community development initiatives will help.

*Thank you to everyone who helped this visit happen, especially **Pippa Kearon** for her guidance and hospitality and all the Action Lesotho staff. Thank you too to everyone who gave donations towards the humanitarian programmes in Lesotho.*



People & Places

A first for special education in Lesotho



In 2012 **Action Lesotho** helped set up the **Ferrando Resource Centre** to provide education & other resources, including physiotherapy and speech therapy to differently-abled children. It was the first such centre in Lesotho. A resounding endorsement of this pioneering project came in December 2013, when one of the pupils, **Teboho Senemolele** (pictured receiving a present from **Sister George**, Centre Manager) became the first person with Cerebral Palsy in Lesotho to sit state exams.

The exam results came out the same day the centre held its Christmas party. He received the best present ever: his results! He had achieved a 1st grade in his Standard 7 Primary exams coming 6th overall in the country! It was a great achievement for him, his family, the volunteers who have been teaching him & the Special Education department in Hlotse who ensured that the necessary facilities were in place for him to sit the exams. Teboho is fantastic role model for the younger children at the centre & demonstrated what can be achieved if children are given the opportunity to fulfill their potential.

*Special thanks are due to all who have funded this project, especially **Dermot & Ciara Walsh** (see p8). On hearing of Teboho's success, Dermot said 'it is just truly marvellous that he achieved such a great success against such odds. He has proved to be a remarkable young man . . . we are delighted to have been associated in some way with his achievement'.*

Changes on the Board of Directors



*We are very pleased to welcome long-time Action Lesotho supporter, **Eileen Coates** (left) to Action Lesotho's Board of Directors in Ireland.*

My first contact with **Action Lesotho** was in November 2009 when my husband Brian & I went to the exhibition 'Breaking the Barriers - Living with Disability in Lesotho'. Talking with **Paul Hanrahan** & **Eileen O'Leary**, studying the personal stories told by the people in Eileen's photos, showed us that Twinning the Kingdoms was working with disadvantaged people in a very thoughtful, effective way.

Brian and I had been working at the Adivasi Academy in Tejgadh, Gujarat & we were looking for a new project to get involved with. We made our first visit to Lesotho in 2010. Since then we have been fundraisers and supporters for Action Lesotho, & now I am very pleased to have joined the Board. I have a background in ceramics & education, and I believe in the value of developing the whole person - physical, emotional & mental nourishment are needed for individuals to grow, so that they are enabled & empowered to build a healthy community.

A view from the ground

'I wish to share some information I get from some people around us as **Action Lesotho**', wrote Action Lesotho's **Nt Linne Mankoe** (right) to the Board in Ireland.



'Lately, I went to town whereby I met one of our Malimpho Clients [who was out shopping]. Action Lesotho met this lady in 2012, she could not even walk out of her house due to starvation and illness, she even struggled to get something to eat but **Action Lesotho** has been giving her some food to eat, medication support and a lot of counselling from our nurse. She was very impressed with us and very thankful with tears dropping from her eyes'.

'Another time an old Civil Servant came to our site at Phukalla and was . . . astonished at all the property and equipment that [we have developed at our] site within . . . a very short time period. He was also impressed [about] all the services we offer to the community. He also compared what **Action Lesotho** does with what the government here does and explained [that] the difference [is so] big and he could not stop thanking **Irish Aid** and Our Board of Directors . . . for supporting **Action Lesotho**'.

'We also as **Action Lesotho** staff are very impressed especially because people out there see and are very happy [about] what we do in the community here and most importantly we would like to thank our Board of Directors on everything they do for us'.

A top up for the Chairman?

With all the recent furore in Ireland over the high salaries paid to some Charity bosses and questions over seemingly excessive top up payments to CEOs in the health sector, it's worth reiterating the situation at **Action Lesotho**. It is this: we have NO paid staff in Ireland (except for our book shop's part-time assistant manager). **Action Lesotho** is run by a board of nine voluntary Directors and they are responsible for directing the organisation, accounting for financial expenditure, liaising with the team in Lesotho and generating funds.



The Action Lesotho Chairman, **Paul Hanrahan** (pictured above with His Majesty King Letsie III at Farmleigh) quipped at a recent Board meeting 'I'd like a top up! Is there any tea left in that pot?'

Finance & fundraising news

❖ **Irish Aid:** Action Lesotho has just reached the end of Year 2 of a 3-year programme which is being grant-aided by Irish Aid through their Civil Society Fund. Action Lesotho is thrilled that the end-of-year report was recently approved by Irish Aid, which means that the Year 3 funds have now been deposited in our account. 40% of our funding comes from Irish Aid so their support is vital to our success in Lesotho. However, the Irish Aid money requires matching funding so this news doesn't mean sitting back & relaxing on the fundraising front! Our work depends on all of our supporters' donations, large and small.



❖ **Citywire:** Action Lesotho & the members of Lesotho Mountain Crafts would like to extend an enormous and heartfelt thank you to Citywire, London, for their generous sponsorship which enabled the necessary works to be carried out at Hatooa Mose Mosali to develop the group's first gallery, shop & café at TY (right). See front cover for details.



❖ **Hick Family Trust:** The recent 6 week visit of Design Consultants, Morag Tweedie and Anne Ferguson (above), who worked intensively with Lesotho Mountain Crafts, was very kindly funded by the Hick Family. Now, the Trust generously agreed to fund the consultants' second visit in February 2014. Great news for LMC's development!

❖ **Bantry Friends of Lesotho:** In October, Bantry Friends of Lesotho (BFoL) joined forces with Friends of Londiani to organise a giant bric-à-brac sale in Bantry. In total €4000 was raised at the event, with half going to Lesotho and the other half to Kenya. BFoL would like to thank all the volunteers and Stephen O'Donovan who provided the premises free of charge.

❖ **Reflex Shoes:** A shoe company in Maputoe has donated school shoes for all the children attending the weekend programmes at Ha Maqele and Lepoqong. Many thanks to Colin Pedlar of Reflex Shoes for his support and generosity.



❖ **Coates family:** Brian and Eileen Coates are long-standing supporters of Action Lesotho and, once again, made an incredibly generous donation to Action Lesotho to help ensure the continuation of projects in Lesotho, in particular the educational elements. Thank you!



❖ **Quadrille Publishing Ltd:** Thank you to Quadrille for donating 12 copies of Kevin McCloud's 'Choosing Colour' to Lesotho Mountain Crafts (above). The groups were delighted with their new resource books and are already using them for design inspiration.

❖ **Horse riding:** For the second year running Georgia & Andy Shiels of Bantry Bay Pony Trekking are running an eight week show-jumping league at their centre near Bantry with all proceeds very kindly being donated to Bantry Friends of Lesotho. At the half way stage they had already raised an impressive €670 euro.

❖ **Tralee Book Shop:** Action Lesotho's permanent book shop continues to do good business and provide a steady stream of income. After wages, rent & electricity have been paid, the profit for 2013 will be in the region of €15,000. Donations of good quality second hand books always welcome!

❖ **Dermot & Ciara Walsh:** With the success of Teboho (p7) it's an opportune time to thank again those who have helped fund the Ferrando Resource Centre project, in particular Dermot & Ciara of Caherciveen, Ireland. A cheque for R21,860, which was the remainder of the set-up funds they provided, was recently presented to the centre's manager, Sister George, by Nt Mankoe of Action Lesotho.



Increase the benefit of your donation:

Don't forget that if you are a PAYE worker who donates €250 or more a year, then Action Lesotho can claim the tax back by completing the relevant form (CHY2 or 'tax relief form'. It's a painless way to increase the benefit of your donation. To get a form contact Action Lesotho's Treasurer, David Buttimer djbuttimer@eircom.net

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