

EASTCOMBE BEAVER SCOUTS



PRESS RELEASE

Beaver Friendship Challenge Badge

Eastcombe Beaver Scouts in Gloucestershire have been working hard to gain their Friendship Challenge Badge and in the run up to Christmas 2008 and into 2009 they have taken part in a number of activities needed to gain the badge, with one being the raising of monies for a good cause.

The Times Newspaper has been running an appeal for charities that include PUMP AID who help people in rural Zimbabwe and Malawi to install an ELEPHANT PUMP in their village.

These pumps are vital in giving people access to clean water and avoiding the need to walk many miles a day to collect it. This task is often undertaken by children thus depriving them of valuable time they could spend at school.

At a pre Christmas Beaver's meeting the details of the how the pump works and the benefits to the villagers were discussed. An outline diagram of the Elephant Pump was then taken home to colour in and at the End of Year Beaver's Party, the Beavers performed a show for parents and friends and raised over £33.

At the first meeting of 2009 the Beavers were given a small tube of sweets and asked to first ***eat the sweets (that was the easy part!!!!)***, then take the tube home and try to fill it with coins by doing jobs for the family and friends.

What a pleasant surprise! All of the tubes were returned and all containing money, collected by deeds ranging from good behaviour to jobs done for family and friends. One Beaver made cakes and sold them to his family and another, in his uniform, did a door to door collection under the watchful eye of his mother and carrying details of the Elephant Pump.

Adding this extra amount and together and with donations from the Beaver Leaders the Eastcombe Beavers Scouts have been able to make a donation of **£150** towards The Times Charity Appeal for **PUMP AID**.

So these young Beavers now understand what an Elephant Pump is, what a difference a clean water supply can make to other peoples lives and for the need of charity.

