



# The Project Newsletter

## Spring 2020

### 'Connecting People and Wildlife'

The Queen Elizabeth Parks Project is a Community Wildlife Conservation Project which seeks to connect the people and wildlife of Queen Elizabeth National Park in Uganda with the people and wildlife of Queen Elizabeth Country Park in the UK



#### Reciprocal Visits

Shakila's teacher exchange visit was organised through the British Council's 'Connecting Schools' programme.

If you are a school teacher and would like more information please contact our Education Lead Adam Stanley

#### Supporting those on Nature's Frontline

The Queen Elizabeth Parks Project needs you help to support the work of Rangers working to protect wildlife in Uganda's Queen Elizabeth National Park.

We need donations of equipment such as binoculars, camera's, GPS and other IT such as laptops. We also support the purchase of basic uniform such as boots, outdoor clothing, tents and mosquito nets.

**You can either donate equipment or money via our website**

#### 'Teacher Exchange Visit'

***Huda Shakila Head teacher at Rihamu Primary School shares her thoughts about her recent visit to the UK***

Bravo! To QEPP, Bravo! To the British Council for initiating this awesome global education program for both Uganda and UK schools. You should feel proud, special for starting up and fully funding this educational program that has put a huge smile to many people and children around the world.

My first time to board a plane. I was nervous, scared but glad because this has always been on the list of things, I ask God to do for me. The difference is traveling in air but almost the same as traveling in a bus. I've been to some airports but not as big Heathrow in London.

Thank God we landed safely! Picked up by Adam Stanley, everything was different, the environment, roads, houses, cars, people and weather. What a different world London is and in one and half hours, we were at Waterloo. A warm welcome from the Peach family, these people are amazing!!! Coffee, food, a bath and later to my beautiful room.

Morning Monday 2nd March ready to visit the Queen Elizabeth Country Park! My colleague Mr Thembo and I were received by the Rangers Ashley and Jan. My first HOT CHOCOLATE and bread was served, very tasty!

Later proceeded to the park, I was scared, I thought we were going to see deadly animals like the lions, leopards and snakes as those in QE National park in Uganda, but all in vain. At some point we couldn't move outside the car not because we feared the animals in the park like Uganda, but due to too much coldness and mud.

Another glamorous day! Hambleton Primary School and yes it was more admirable, colourful, charming, and beautiful place than I imagined. I was extremely happy when I was welcomed in the school. Hambleton is heaven!! Imagine going through a day with amazing people, lots of smiles, food, hugs, fascinating compliments, appreciations and even people holding the door to open for you, wow! The headteacher Paul has a unique friendly personality.

Thank you, Mr. Davies, for being a friend, mentor and more, I've learned a lot from you and this whole amazing experience will create a positive impact to me as a head teacher and the entire family of Rihamu Junior School.

For sure, this whole experience is worth sharing. The different places I've visited while in the UK are amazing.

**The full article can be read on <http://qeppschoools.primaryblogger.co.uk/>**

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## Mount Elgon National Park

During 2019 a small team from the Queen Elizabeth Parks Project visited Mount Elgon National Park. This Park sits at the border with Kenya and is actually an extinct volcano.

The Team spent time with Warden John Tugume who explained the particular community issues addressing the staff in this area.

John introduced the Team to young Rangers at a training centre as well as looking at a tree nursery.

John and Conservation Area Manager Fed Kizza also outlined their plans to create model sustainable homesteads, which will be used explore how much land is needed for the local community members to be truly sustainable and give up poaching and the illegal removal of fire wood. The Project is keen to support this initiative as we feel the lessons learnt here could be applied at other Parks such as Queen Elizabeth National Park, so we will be supporting efforts to try and secure funding to get the Homestead plan started.

You can help by donating on our web site  
[www.queenelizabethparks.org](http://www.queenelizabethparks.org)



## Wildlife Factoid Bushbuck (*Tragelaphus scriptus*)

This antelope can live in a variety of habitats and conditions from scrub to woodland.

They are often poached so numbers can be impacted by human activity.

## Volunteering

The Project has a limited number of Volunteering Opportunities.

**We are currently looking for:**

### Education Volunteer (UK)

This role would suit a retired teacher who would be willing to help us develop our own primary school resource material and activities.

### Volunteer Fundraiser (UK)

This would suit someone with experience in researching grants and fundraising opportunities.

## Talks and Events

If you would like a talk about the work of the Project or about wider wildlife conservation issues in Africa or the UK, or would like the Project to bring our information stand to your event please contact the Project.

We do not currently charge a fee but would be pleased to receive a donation.

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