

# Newsletter no.6

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## Hive Action is Launched!



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Sugar Puffs, with the help of the Honey Monster, has joined forces with Hives Save Lives to launch **Hive Action**, a campaign which aims to raise funds for 5,000 hives to be made and distributed in Africa.



*The Honey Monster supervises Ben Fogle stencilling tracking numbers on HSLA hives*

The campaign is being supported by the broadcaster and adventurer, Ben Fogle, and Atomic Kitten Liz McClarnon. Ben and Liz travelled to Uganda recently to visit some of the HSLA projects. In just three days they managed to cover over 1500 miles and visited 6 projects, and gained first hand experience of the challenges to be overcome in providing resources to marginalised communities, and the power of honey to overcome these challenges and bring sustainable incomes to household levels. Their experiences have made them vocal ambassadors for the Hive Action campaign.

Central to the campaign is the dedicated website [www.hiveaction.co.uk](http://www.hiveaction.co.uk). This encourages participation by schools by providing education packs for teachers which link into the primary school curriculum, and 'FUNraising' packs with fun ideas that enable children to learn and fundraise at the same time. Children can register as a 'honey hero' and receive a Hive Action welcome pack, and every registration on the site generates 5p for Hives Save Lives. It is hoped that as the campaign progresses, it will be possible to link schools in the UK with schools in Uganda to provide a sustainable learning experience.



The website has video coverage of Ben and Liz in Uganda, and interviews with HSLA beekeepers, telling their own stories. So please help us by clicking on to [www.hiveaction.co.uk](http://www.hiveaction.co.uk) or buying a pack of Sugar Puffs today!

## A Very Special Donation



A special thank you to the family of **Eric Johnson**, who contacted us after hearing about Hive Action. They have donated a handbook, 'Beekeeping with the Modern African Hive' written by their father. An avid beekeeper, he wrote the booklet from his personal experience of beekeeping in Uganda, where he lived and worked for many years, and raised his family. The booklet is clear, concise and full of practical advice specifically for Uganda. It will be of immense value to our training and research programme, and we are very grateful.

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## From Somerset to Uganda

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Somerset Beekeepers' Association who have been raising funds for us as part of their centenary celebrations.



Thanks to their efforts, we are now embarking on an expansion into Northern Uganda, an area that has been severely affected by the activities of the Lord's Resistance Army. Development in this area since the civil war has been minimal and most of the aid activities have focused on disaster relief rather than development and income generation. In spite of formidable challenges, however, the Kitgum Lady Beekeepers, led by Margaret Ogaba, have persevered with their beekeeping and have been producing some of the best known honey in Uganda. Working with Margaret we will be providing modern hives over the coming months to her group and to other groups in Kitgum, Gulu and Adjumani. We will also be providing training in the management of frame hives to ensure that the transition from traditional to modern hives is fully exploited to maximise the quality and quantity of honey produced.

To the members of SBA who have donated to us, and to the committee members who have made it possible by dint of hard work – thank you!



African bees are not generally known for their docile nature, but Grace Mande obviously has a special relationship with his bees! Grace has been a beekeeper for 30 years, and with the help of Hives Save Lives and Malaika Honey he is about to establish a number of apiary sites totalling 100 hives, involving the local district government and communities in Mubende district. In spite of Grace's ability, we will also be providing protective clothing for the other members involved in the project – just in case.



## Good Gifts

Thank you to every one who has bought hives or bees as presents over the past few months. This has helped us to help beekeepers like Edith, who needs the income to care for her 100 year-old grandmother and to pay school fees for her son, Caleb.

If you would like to buy a gift with a difference, from as little as £8.00 (which buys a smoker) please contact us. We will send a card to the recipient with your personalised message.

## Online Shopping?

**Don't forget**, if you are shopping online, please start by logging on to [www.buy.at/hivessavelives](http://www.buy.at/hivessavelives). You will find top retailers who will pay us a commission while you shop from the comfort of your home!

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