



Busbridge Juniors have linked up with 'St. Charles Primary School' in Sanyati, Zimbabwe, through a charity called 'Ratidzo Trust' run by Richard Jarman (Mrs Lucas' brother) and his wife Edline (who is from Zimbabwe). This is an exciting opportunity for the children and the schools to learn about and from each other.

As a school we would like to support Ratidzo Trust's Campaign – "Bee Against Poverty". Anyone donating £2 or more will get a knitted bee keyring as a thank you, knitted by Mrs Lucas' mother. Donations can be made at break times next week (see Mrs Lucas in the hall).

BEE Against Poverty (BAP) is a sustainable income generating project that not only helps vulnerable rural communities (our first being in Zimbabwe) but also the environment by sustaining the bee population.

The Honey Bee population has declined dramatically worldwide in the past ten years due to a number of factors including human intervention. The bee bank in Zimbabwe has also been greatly affected, hopefully with good management, training and other similar projects this can be reversed.

The trust requires 20 hives to start their project in Sanyati, along with other beekeeping & honey production equipment. This will produce 300 – 400 litres of honey twice a year. They will use this project to train other disadvantaged people in beekeeping and the profits will help set up similar projects in their communities around Zimbabwe. This could be done through schools, churches, community groups & individuals and will raise much needed income for their community.

Information on Ratidzo Trust and the project go to <http://www.ratidzotrust.wordpress.com>

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Lucas