



## The Rotary Club of Ludlow, Shropshire

### **WORKING TOGETHER TO SEND AID TO HAITI**

As soon as reports were received of the earthquake which struck Haiti, the Rotary Club of Ludlow responded by commissioning 2 Shelter Boxes, to be despatched immediately.

“Our first action was to authorise a cheque for £990.00, to purchase two Shelter Boxes to send instant aid to the people of Haiti”, said Rotarian Roy Thompson, Chairman of Ludlow Rotary’s International Committee. “Our second was to contact Ludlow Town Council to see if by working together, we could reach a wider group of people, to ask for donations to enable us to buy a third Shelter Box”.

Roy continued, “ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity that delivers emergency shelter to people affected by disaster worldwide. It is already responding to the scenes of destruction in Haiti, and a ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) is currently being mobilised with two SRT members from the USA and one from the UK leading the response. Each box costs an average of £490.00 and contains a ten-person tent with privacy partitions that allow recipients to divide the space as they see fit.”

“The box also includes thermal blankets and insulated ground sheets, water purification equipment, basic tools, a stove, cooking utensils and other essential equipment. Every item is durable, practical and brand new. The box itself is lightweight and waterproof and has been used for a variety of purposes in the past - from water and food storage containers to a cot for a newly born baby.

**The Rotary Club of Ludlow is organising a Collection outside Tesco in Ludlow on Saturday 16 January, and an Emergency Street Collection in the town centre on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January.**

All proceeds from these collections will be used to purchase a third and possibly fourth Shelter Box.

Anyone wishing to support this initiative is invited to send a **cheque, made payable to Ludlow Rotary Club** to Rotarian Terry Curthoys, Treasurer, Rotary Club of Ludlow, 7 Raven Lane, Ludlow SY8 1BW.

[Alternatively people may prefer to leave a cheque at the Ludlow Town Council offices, c/o Veronica Calderbank, Town Clerk, Ludlow Town Council, The Stable Block, Stone House, Corve Street, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 1DG.](#)

Your support is both needed and appreciated.

Please make sure all cheques are made payable to: **LUDLOW ROTARY CLUB**

For further information on the Rotary Club of Ludlow, contact Membership Secretary, Rotarian Tom Carter, 01584 878292 or [tommy.carter@virgin.net](mailto:tommy.carter@virgin.net)

**Each ShelterBox contains:** 10-person tent, blankets, water purification and cooking equipment, basic tools, a stove and other essential equipment. All boxes are numbered so they can be tracked by donors. Each box costs £490 – this includes all materials, packing, storage, transport worldwide and distribution to the final recipients. Assuming six month’s use, this equates to shelter and warmth for less than 27 pence per person per day. ShelterBox works closely with key suppliers to ensure all items are of a high quality and competitively priced.