

**WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES TO**

**SPECIAL LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**11<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2005**

**STREET COLLECTION -  
CONCERN WORLDWIDE**

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to bring to the Committee's attention a request by Concern Worldwide for a street collection permit in Walsall Town Centre on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 and Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2005.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider the organisation's request for a street collection permit on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 and Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2005 in Walsall Town Centre.

3.0 Financial Implications

- 3.1 None. There is no charge for a street collection permit.

4.0 Policy Implications

- 4.1 None.

5.0 Equal Opportunities Implications

- 5.1 None.

6.0 Environmental Impact

- 6.1 None.

## 7.0 Legal Implications

- 7.1 There are no grounds for refusal specified in the Act.
- 7.2 At present, there is no statutory right of appeal against refusal of a street collection permit and the only way a Licensing Authority's act could be challenged would be by application to the High Court for a review of the decision.

## 8.0 Wards Affected

- 8.1 Walsall Town Centre is within the St. Matthews Ward.

## 9.0 Consultees

- 9.1 There is no legal requirement to consult on street collection applications.

## 10.0 Background

- 10.1 Authority to issue street collections has been delegated to the Head of Democratic Services in instances where the collection would be considered to be non-controversial. Any other applications are submitted to Committee for determination.
- 10.2 Concern Worldwide (UK) is a registered Charity (No. 1092236), whose aim is to help alleviate world poverty through emergency relief, development and advocacy. The Charity Commission have confirmed the above information and that, at the present time, they have no enquiries on this organisation.

## 11.0 The Application

- 11.1 Concern Worldwide has submitted details of a brief history of the organisation in support of their application. A copy of the details are attached at Appendix A, together with a copy of the application at Appendix B.
- 11.2 The dates and area requested for the collections are:-

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 and Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2005 in  
Walsall Town Centre

## 12.0 Observations

- 12.1 There are no other authorised collections in Walsall Town Centre on either Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 or Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2005.
- 12.2 The Local Authority has the power to issue permits for organisations to undertake collections for the benefit of charitable purposes. "Charitable purpose" is defined in the Act to mean "any charitable, benevolent or philanthropic purposes, whether or not the purpose is charitable, within the meaning of any rule of law."

- 12.3 This application has been brought to Committee for determination because a decision needs to be taken as to whether the collections would be a benefit to the Borough of Walsall.
- 12.4 In respect of this application, the Committee is requested to consider whether it wishes to grant a permit for the dates and area requested at Paragraph 11.2.

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Background papers All published

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## FIGHTING POVERTY – THE WORLD OVER

The facts of poverty make  
grim reading:

- Each year four million children in the developing world die of easily preventable diseases.
- 1.75 billion people do not have access to safe water.
- Over 34 million people are infected with HIV/AIDS.

Concern works in the frontline of the fight against the hunger and poverty that still plagues the world.

## WHO IS CONCERN?

Concern began in Dublin, Ireland, from a small group of people joining together in response to the Biafra Famine in 1968. From these small roots we have grown – today we are engaged in a huge range of aid, relief and development work. We run hundreds of projects in nearly 30 of the world's poorest countries, benefiting thousands of communities. We are a non-denominational organisation working for a world where nobody lives in poverty, fear or oppression.

## HOW CONCERN WORKS

Concern works in around thirty of the poorest countries in the world including Ethiopia, Laos, Rwanda, Bangladesh, Haiti and Sudan. We work directly with poor communities, asking them what would bring the greatest improvements to their lives – from clean water to basic education or healthcare. Our work is split between providing urgent aid and support during emergency situations and working to find long-lasting solutions to poverty through our development programmes.

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## A CHILD DIES OF MALARIA IN AFRICA EVERY 30 SECONDS.

### IN EMERGENCIES

Flood, famine, drought or war – emergencies always deepen the plight of those who spend each day in poverty. Concern must act quickly – and we do. We have strategically placed warehouses from which supplies of food, shelter materials and medicines can be dispatched within days of an emergency occurring. Our highly experienced emergency teams will be there to ensure the vital aid gets to the people who need it most. And we commit to work with these people in rebuilding their futures long after the media coverage of a disaster has stopped.

In Darfur, Sudan, Concern distributed 6,000 shelter kits in the camps as well as providing survival packs, treatment for malnourished children, clean water and sanitation. Miriam now lives with her family in Mornay camp, she told us:

*"We took nothing with us when we ran from the village, except for the remaining horse, which we sold to buy food once we arrived in town. Everything else was burnt. We received housing materials from Concern last week, and now we are protected from the rains".*

### AND LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT WORK

We are committed to working on long-term projects with communities all around the world to find solutions to endemic poverty. We work in four different areas which are all vital in breaking the cycle of poverty: HIV/AIDs; health and nutrition; livelihoods and education.

#### HIV/AIDS

Every minute seven people in Africa are newly infected with HIV. In very poor areas with high illiteracy rates, Concern looks for innovative ways to give people the information and support they need. In Uganda, our community based homecare project trains local volunteers in patient care, herbal medicine and counselling.

#### Health & Nutrition

A child dies of malaria in Africa every 30 seconds. Concern provides vital prevention and treatment for children in remote communities, for example in Malawi and Sudan.

#### Livelihoods

800 million people still go to bed every night hungry. As part of our livelihoods security work, Concern distributes millions of seeds and tools so people can grow enough food to feed their families and to sell at market.

#### Education

We are committed to improving access to basic education. Over 113 million young children, mostly girls, are still not enrolled in schools. In Sierra Leone many schools were destroyed during the 10 year period of unrest. Concern helped to reconstruct Bethel Feeder School, the deputy head teacher Fiedicia Cole told us: *"We have 280 children here every day. Now they come to learn in a good, clean and safe environment".*





### HOW YOU CAN HELP

By supporting Concern you can make a real difference to the lives of people living in poverty. Eighty four pence in every pound you send us goes quickly and effectively to help a poor family or community.

### CAN YOU MAKE A REGULAR GIFT EVERY MONTH?

The very best way to support our programme is with a monthly direct debit – tens of thousands of our supporters help us in this way. Regular donations provide us with a guaranteed source of income, enabling us to plan our work to help people affected by poverty, conflict and disaster.

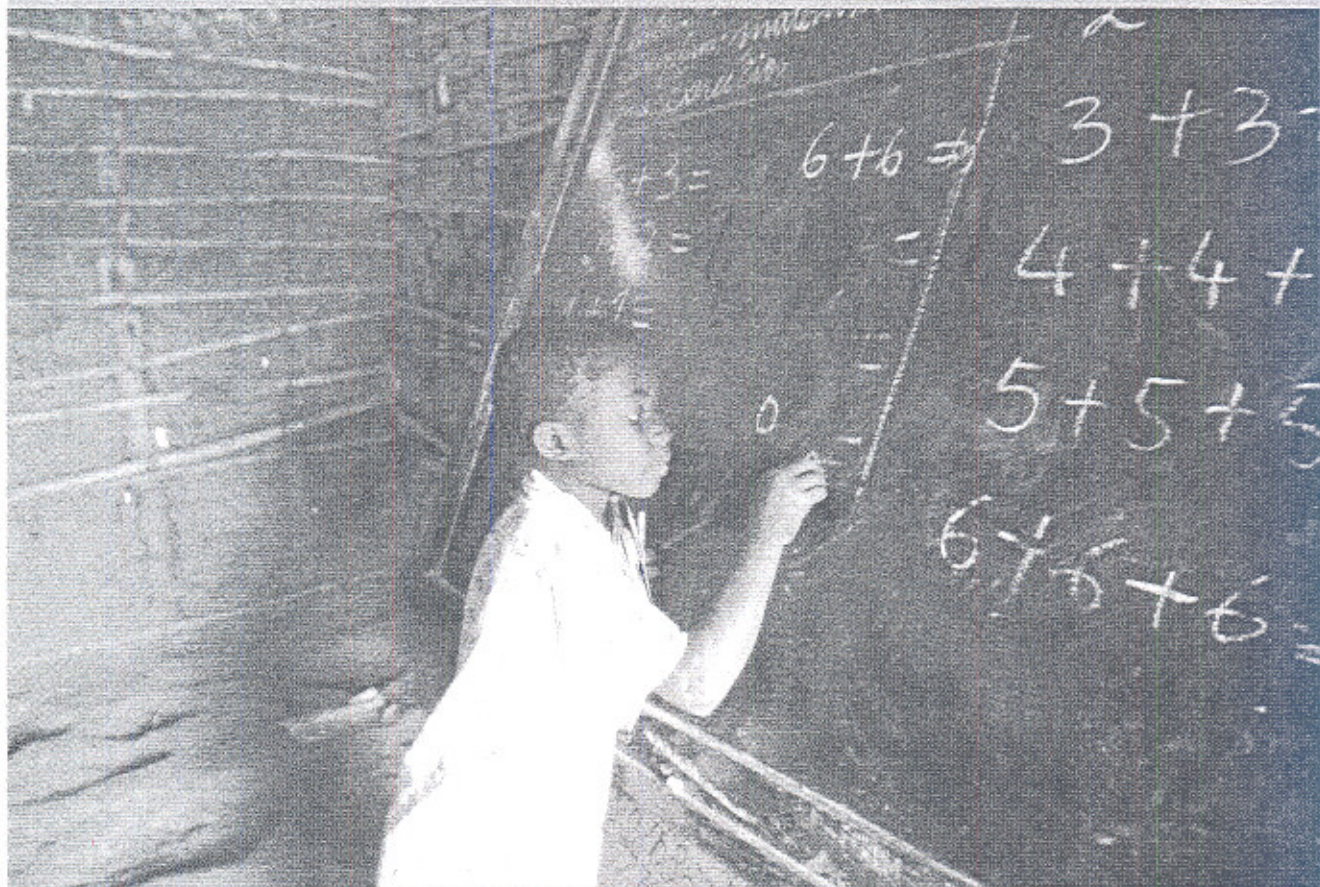
If you can consider a regular monthly gift, picture what you could be achieving. Just £5 can provide sachets of rehydration fluid for a malnourished child and £10 could buy three mosquito nets protecting families from malaria.

These small monthly sums could help us to achieve so much.



**£5 CAN BUY A 17KG BAG OF MAIZE SEEDS FOR PLANTING. £10 WILL HELP TO TRAIN A HIV/AIDS COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER. £15 COULD PROVIDE 30 DOSES OF MEDICINE TO TREAT MALARIA. £17 COULD BUY A SCHOOL BENCH**





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