

Travelling Lion with a difference

Flint Lion Terry Withington came face to face with the real thing when he set out on an adventure which took him to the plains of Africa. Travelling with his son Lion Ian, the first port of call was Livingston, Zambia where they stayed at Bushbuck River House overlooking the Zambezi River. The riverside provides a home to numerous wild animals – and Terry was delighted to be photographed with two lion cubs.

Also, from the back of an elephant, Terry was able to observe local wildlife on the reserve, including other elephants, hippos, waterbuck, bushbuck and a wide variety of bird species.

It was through Terry's contact with Nomad Travel (who operate the reserve) that Flint Lions became aware of the needs of a local school, Twabuka, in Sinda Village Livingston. The school is in a very poor area of Zambia, with much needing to be done to help the school community. When the school was established a few years ago, it was a small mud hut, with just 27 pupils. With help of a number of charities the school has now been developed into a modern unit with 280 pupils. While in the area, Terry was surprised to find how dangerous the river environment is; a young boy at the school had lost an arm as the result of a crocodile attack while catching frogs at the river's edge. The school is a work in progress but Flint Lions have contributed to the school's development by providing teaching materials and new distinctive shirts for the school's sports teams.

Terry was able to present these materials while on his travels. Children at Twabuka School Next destination was Botswana where Ian & Terry visited the Chobe River game reserve, where Terry was able to pursue two of his hobbies – walking and photographing wildlife. He was excited to photograph several animals including lions, hyenas, leopards and giraffes.

The pre-school supervisor of Twabuka School thanked Terry, Ian and the Flint lions Club for their donation and contribution to the school. Terry is a past president of Flint lions and he has previously raised money for charity by trekking the Great Wall of China, the Inca Trail in Peru and the Himalayas.



Children at Twabuka School

