

## Johnston Charity Shop 'HELP' Tearfund

UK Relief and Development Agency Tearfund were very pleased to receive a cheque for £2,000 donated by HELP Charity Shop, Johnston. Opening in 2007, HELP Charity Shop is part of a community initiative managed by Broad Haven Baptist Church. The funds raised by shop sales are shared between local community and overseas projects.

1. Tearfund are major beneficiaries and it's hoped the shop will raise the profile of Tearfund's work. Other aid agencies like BMS and Latin Link, as well as Broad Haven's work with Romania projects will also receive support.

HELP is staffed by enthusiastic volunteers such as Tearfund Volunteer Co-Ordinators Francis and Ann Maull, who are extremely pleased with HELP'S success:

'It's great to think that our community initiative has generated so much support. HELP stocks a variety of good quality new and nearly new items at reasonable prices; combating the credit crunch for our customers, benefiting the poor at the same time. Tearfund's work is vital in the present economic crisis and needs our continued support.' Said Francis Maull.

Tearfund have a ten-year vision to see 50 million people released from material and spiritual poverty through a worldwide network of 100,000 local churches. They are focusing on five main areas: HIV, tackling disasters, improving water and sanitation, challenging injustice and restoring the environment.

'Sunday the 23rd February was the launch of both **Global Poverty Prayer Week** and **Fair Trade Forgnight**. These two events help us to focus on those who suffer due to poverty and unfair trade. Our actions have consequences. If we consider the bigger picture we can generate huge changes by making the right lifestyle choices. I encourage the people of Pembrokeshire to pray, buy fair trade products and visit shops like the HELP Charity Shop. Together we can make a difference.' said Tearfund's Media Officer for Pembrokeshire, Sharron Hardwick.

HELP is situated at 2, Glebelands, in the center of Johnston, just off the main Haverfordwest-Milford Haven Road, opposite The Railway Pub. Opening hours are 10am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 12 noon on Saturdays. New stock donations and willing volunteers are always welcome - contact 01437 781216.



