



Mr. Masumbuko Kapten Mwenda,

Chairman of Bereko village Council

Dear Mr Mwenda,

I would like to start by saying it has been so long between visits, over 5 years since the last! And to also thank you for enabling another visit by members of our town. I know that they are all looking forward to what will be another productive and enjoyable visit with you, and I await to hear the group's many experiences on their return.

I recently spoke to a college who visited you in 2016 about their experiences while visiting, and about how different it must now be in the village after all these years and your new road that runs through the middle.

I myself took over as chairman this year having been now been on the council for 2 years prior. Meryl Flashman who you may have known stood down as a councillor and chairman last year after 20 years of service.

Our summer is finally over here and the autumn chill has started to settle in along with the days gradually getting shorter as we approach winter. I understand that you are now entering into your rain season and hope that you had a pleasant dry season this year.

In these in-between years with the awful threat of the Coronavirus I hope that your community and families are in good health and that your local health centre and doctors have been an asset that has helped you combat the virus.

From our last correspondence there have been many developments in our town. To name a few our new community centre has now been built and is in operation, this has provided a hub for groups young and old to come together and share interests both educational and social. Our neighbourhood plan has been approved to help the development of the new houses of which there have been many in recent years with more still to come. With so many more houses on the way there are plans for a new nursery and primary school in the town to enable children to be educated more locally.

I send my warmest regards to you, your family, everyone on the sub Town Council and in Bereko itself.

Councillor Henry Atkins
Chairman of Paddock Wood Town Council