**MEMORIAL FRUIT ORCHARD**

**FOR JOHANNA RAFFAN**

To pay tribute to the memory and achievements of our founding member, and President of our Federation Johanna Raffan we are proposing to create an orchard on an acre of land donated by a grateful Sierra Leonian. This will be adjacent to the secondary school we have built in Bai Largo, Kori district. The planting of trees was very dear to Johanna’s heart - and so was our Kori project of which she was Chair.

It is hoped that the school children will help to plant the trees and eventually take part in harvesting the crops. We will need to fence the land, buy tree guards to protect the young trees from smaller animals. and also want to build sturdy benches. All of this is anticipated to cost £5,000 and we are hoping that Johanna’s soroptimist friends will consider helping to finance this project in her memory.

If your club would consider making a donation to our project it can be done directly to our club bank account, marking it “Memorial Orchard”.

HSBC Bank plc

Soroptimist International of Thames Valley

Sort code: 40 27 34

Account no. 11130870

Or send a cheque made out to Soroptimist International of Thames Valley to:

Ros Kirk, 1 Kingswood Cottages, Tag Lane, Hare Hatch, Berks RG10 9SX.

Please also email us to let us know so that we can acknowledge your kind contribution, to: sithamesvalleysecretary@gmail.com.

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To see photos of our KORI PROJECTS go to:

[**www.koridp.org**](http://www.koridp.org)

we plan to post pictures of progress there.