

THANKS TO DAN PORDAGE THE CREATOR OF OUR NEW WEBSITE

Dan is a young, newly married man who has a full time job and has just moved house but he still found time to create this wonderful website. I am sure you would like to join me in sending him our grateful thanks for all his hard work on behalf of our club.

***** SIERRA LEONE WHEELS OF HOPE *****

Motorcycle Ambulance to transport the sick to hospital



I thought you may be interested in Dan's latest project. Although it is not a Studebaker I know that many of you are interested in motorcycles and other interesting vehicles. He is part of a design team who are working on a Motorcycle Ambulance for use in Sierra Leone. You may have heard of this country on the west coast of Africa because it is where the Ebola virus was most prevalent.

Apart from its capital, Freetown, there are few paved roads in Sierra Leone and people in the remote villages such as Kamakumba in the north have difficulty getting medical help if they

are ill. A "4 x 4" vehicle is expensive to run and it still takes many hours and several breakdowns to get a sick person to hospital. This vehicle is designed to get pregnant women to hospital quickly in an emergency. Many women die in childbirth needlessly in this country simply because of lack of treatment.

The Motorcycle can be maintained locally in Sierra Leone. The Project is able to be reproduced on the ground, giving employment and using local materials. A prototype will be on display outside Cornerstone Church in Hythe, Southampton on the weekend of 6th-7th June. It will then be road-tested on the tracks in the New Forest. A very brave lady called Debbie has volunteered to be the "patient". Photos and further details will then be available on the church website [www,cornerstonehytheurc.org.uk](http://www.cornerstonehytheurc.org.uk).

