

Astound 'Shine' for Africa in National Competition

It is difficult to equate winning the 'Open Speed Window Cleaning Competition' with supporting rural villages in Africa, but that is exactly what Matthew Poole, Director of Astound Facilities based in West Sussex has done by entering the competition held by the The Federation of Window Cleaners annual trade show at the De Vere Hotel in Blackpool in October.

Matt entered the competition and to his surprise he came out top and won, Matt said 'I thought it would be fun and never expected to win'. Matt won the open speed title by cleaning all three competition windows and leaving them shining in 15.51 seconds. On winning the title, Matt immediately donated his £150.00 prize money to the charity 'Water For Africa'. Matt continued, 'We work with water every day in our business and we are all guilty of taking the availability of water for granted. We believe that we should support communities which have little or no access to water. Astound specialise in bringing their commercial customers the very latest and safest in window cleaning technology using pure heated deionized water.

Sheryl Greentree, Trustee of Water For Africa was delighted to be presented with the cheque, 'We are delighted to be associated with Astound , not only are the team inspirational with their business aims, but their sense of corporate social responsibility is overwhelming'. 'Astound Cleaning are committed to providing boreholes to rural communities in Africa who suffer from endemic poverty and they truly appreciate the significant difference access to water can make to everyone's lives'. Water For Africa, is a UK registered charity which works in West Africa, providing water, sanitation and healthcare, to date over 80 communities have benefited from water and they are close to opening their first antenatal clinic.



All of the details of the work of Water For Africa, can be found at: www.waterforafrica.org.uk