

The logo for Milton Keynes, featuring the letters 'MK' in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The letters are set against a dark, circular background with a red and orange gradient. The background is surrounded by several concentric, overlapping circles in shades of red, orange, and yellow, creating a dynamic, swirling effect.

# The Milton Keynes Mix

## A unique region's blend

# Links with Sierra Leone



*Nadette and family*

In 2007 Nadette and her family worked with GEMK on an exhibition to mark 200 years since Sierra Leone was established. She had left Sierra Leone in 1985 to work in East Africa and came to the UK in 1991 as it was not safe to return home because of the outbreak of a rebel war. From her new home in Milton Keynes, Nadette followed news of the war, the damage to her country, and finally the re-establishment of a democratic government.



In Sierra Leone there is a town called Newton, named after John Newton the slaver turned preacher who composed *Amazing Grace* while curate in Olney. Much later in his life he was associated with the abolitionists and was an adviser to William Wilberforce. Olney has developed a link with Newton, assisting with the rebuilding of many houses destroyed during the rebel war. Powerful Information is another Milton Keynes organisation working in Sierra Leone.



*The Olney-Newton link has assisted in rebuilding many houses in Newton, and is exploring new avenues of assistance*



*Powerful Information works in northern villages providing functional literacy for women who missed out on schooling due to poverty and war*

