

## Stuck for a really special Christmas present?

**Choose from stocking fillers to a unique painting until 12/12/21**

Does someone you love have fond memories of the old Troopers Hill slide that was on Troopers Hill Field from 1980 until 2019? This beautiful oil painting by local landscape artist, [Oliver Sidaway](#), could be the ideal gift.



Oliver wrote to us saying, " A few years ago I did a painting of the slide.... It is an oil painting on canvas about 70x50cms. You are welcome to have it ....for fundraising purposes if you so wish."

Any money raised from this painting would be added towards [funds being raised](#) to pay for extra nature conservation work on Troopers Hill.

A frame has been added to the painting at a cost of £87 contributed by a generous donor. The first reasonable offer received by end of day Sunday 12th December will

be accepted. The painting can be delivered to anywhere within a 2 mile radius of Troopers Hill, otherwise "buyer collects". Arrangements can be made to view the painting by calling 0117 947 5037.

We would be happy to supply a printed copy of [this document](#) to go with the painting. It includes many happy photos of children enjoying the slide as well as a description, written for a grant funder, of what we wanted to do to replace it and why.

This is a photo of the framed painting.



## Stocking Fillers – Zambian pennies dating from 1943-1966

If you would like a penny, or halfpenny from Zambia just donate £5 or more to the Friends of Troopers Hill nature conservation fundraiser via [www.tinyurl.com/th4nc](http://www.tinyurl.com/th4nc) and email [friends@troopers-hill.org.uk](mailto:friends@troopers-hill.org.uk) to specify which coin you would like and the address, within 2 miles of Troopers Hill, to which you would like the coin delivered.

It will be delivered in a hand-addressed envelope and will contain a note saying

“This coin has been sent to you in recognition of a generous donation by xxx (*your name*) to the Friends of Troopers Hill slide fundraiser [www.tinyurl.com/THredslide](http://www.tinyurl.com/THredslide)”

All the penny coins are approximately 2.7cm in diameter. All the halfpenny coins are approximately 2.1cm in diameter. They all have a hole in the centre as part of the design and all have a copper appearance.

The coins currently available are:

64 x 1966 Zambian pennies



## WE ALSO HAVE One Pennies and halfpennies that date before

Zambian independence 24/10/64

For donations over £5 tell us whether you want a penny or halfpenny and which year (see the list below and overleaf).



Subject to availability, we will deliver it to your chosen address within a two mile radius of Troopers Hill.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Country or Countries</u>	<u>Monarch</u>	<u>Animals in the design</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
1963	Rhodesia and Nyasaland	Queen Elizabeth II	2 elephants	48
1962	Rhodesia and Nyasaland	Queen Elizabeth II	2 elephants	69
1961	Rhodesia and Nyasaland	Queen Elizabeth II	2 elephants	12

1958	Rhodesia and Nyasaland	Queen Elizabeth II	2 elephants	19
1957	Rhodesia and Nyasaland	Queen Elizabeth II	2 elephants	17
1956	Rhodesia and Nyasaland	Queen Elizabeth II	2 elephants	12
1955	Rhodesia and Nyasaland	Queen Elizabeth II	2 elephants	3
1954	Rhodesia and Nyasaland	Queen Elizabeth II	2 elephants	2

**One halfpenny**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Country or Countries</u>	<u>Monarch</u>	<u>Animals in the design</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
1958	Rhodesia and Nyasaland	Queen Elizabeth II	2 giraffes	1
1957	Rhodesia and Nyasaland	Queen Elizabeth II	2 giraffes	1



**For donations over £10** tell us which year King George VI Southern Rhodesia penny you want (see the list below and overleaf).



Subject to availability, we will deliver it to your chosen address within a two mile radius of Troopers Hill.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Monarch</u>	<u>Animals in the design</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
1952	Southern Rhodesia	King George VI	None	4
1951	Southern Rhodesia	King George VI	None	7
1949	Southern Rhodesia	King George VI	None	1
1947	Southern Rhodesia	King Emperor George VI	None	10
1944	Southern Rhodesia	King Emperor George VI	None	2
1943	Southern Rhodesia	King Emperor George VI	None	2

## **History**

The pennies and halfpennies were collected by the family of a Friend of Troopers Hill while they were on a Foreign and Commonwealth Office posting to Lusaka, Zambia from 1966-1969. Soon after they arrived Zambia decimalised their currency which changed from Zambian pounds, shillings and pence to kwacha and ngwee. 10 shillings (which later became 50 pence in the UK) became 1 Kwacha and there were 100 ngwee to a Kwacha.

Zambia was Northern Rhodesia. Southern Rhodesia became Zimbabwe. Nyasaland became Malawi.

## **The Copper Link between Zambia and Troopers Hill**

Zambia is a major producer of copper. The chimney at the top of Troopers Hill was used for copper smelting from around 1790 although the ore bearing rocks came from Devon rather than Zambia.

## **Value**

The coins are not worth very much. They are put on sale on ebay at various values but rarely seem to sell. The family who owned these coins were advised that they could sell all 242 coins to a scrap metal merchant for the copper and would probably raise around £3 this way. They donated the coins to Friends of Troopers Hill to help raise for Troopers Hill.

