

# Rosie's life-changing trip



Rosie with children at Ramnagar, the paralympians at Agra and Rosie in print in India.

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A TEENAGER from Fordingbridge has told of a "life-changing" trip to India where she taught at a school for children with special needs.

Former Ringwood School pupil Rosie Frost spent eight weeks teaching and caring for the youngsters attending the English Medium School and the Janet Sheed Roberts Special Needs Residential School, which were both built by the Lotus Flower Trust charity based in Hyde.

The children had been outcasts, especially those with physical disabilities, but thanks to the work of John Hunt's charity they are receiving a good education and are integrated into the community, valued and cared "for the first time in their lives".

Rosie said: "I wanted to see the world and find my place in it.

"Coming from such a small, privileged part of the world, I wanted to try and help give what I could to people who are in need.

"Teaching English was easier – the children were so receptive.

"But teaching the disabled children was far more rewarding. They want and give love so easily. They were just so sweet and so keen to play."

Mr Hunt, 72, from Hyde, has been changing the lives of some of the poorest children in rural India over the last four years.

In that time he has helped create more than 15 schools and homes.

Most notably, Mr Hunt brought a ten-year-old called Bharti to the UK to be fitted with two prosthetic hands after she lost hers in a farming accident.

During her trip, Rosie met Bharti, travelled to Agra to meet the young paralympians, travelled to the Kumar Mountains of Uttarakhand, The Ganges, Delhi and Jaipur.

The Lotus Flower Trust, which builds schools and homes for children in India, helps many individuals, schools and businesses to experience similar life-altering trips.

To find out more about the charity's work, get involved or to offer financial support, visit [lotusflowertrust.org](http://lotusflowertrust.org).

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