



From The Artist – Lynda Harris

When I was first asked to be involved with this project to send a container to a tiger sanctuary in Ranthambhore, India, I was both delighted and very excited. It brought together so many elements I consider important that I immediately agreed.

I first became involved with the Bumblebee Factory some two years ago, and very quickly became aware of what enthusiasm, care, compassion and faith can achieve, and how a common goal can bring people together to make things happen. I believe this latest project will achieve just that on many levels.

It is a wonderful opportunity:

- To help raise awareness of the plight of endangered animals and their habitats.
- To show people that they can make a difference as members of a worldwide community.
- To teach respect for animals and the environment.
- To assist in enabling much-needed equipment and facilities to be sent to India.
- To encourage children to realise their artistic capabilities.

On a personal level, I have enjoyed the challenge. Having never really painted before last year, and certainly not on such a large scale, this has been a fantastic chance for me to express myself artistically. And having had a life-long love and fascination for wildlife, it has been a great opportunity to teach others about the world's animals and what is happening to their habitats. By highlighting just how special although vulnerable they are, it will hopefully inspire people's enthusiasm to continue to learn about them and spark a passion to protect them.

We need hope for the future and this project will enable many to get involved and see that together we can achieve great things.