



Walden Community  
Action For Refugees

# Newsletter

**An update on our project to  
welcome a refugee family to SW**

## A Moving National Response to the Plight of Refugees

It has been really heartening to watch the UK's response to the plight of refugees recently. Events in Ukraine seem to have really hit home and over 130,000 people have offered their home to help those displaced by war.

However, there are still so many people in the Middle East, who have been displaced for similar reasons, who need our help. Our aim is to provide a safe home for Afghans or Syrians who have fled similar horrors. The Syrian war started over 11 years ago and it is estimated that more than 13 million people have either fled the country or are displaced within its borders.

The Community Sponsorship scheme we are applying through does not cover the Ukraine. However, the framework we are asked to put in place is much more comprehensive and sustainable, as we have to make commitments to help the family find education, housing, work, engage with the community etc for at least two years. Please support us if you can!

## Auction of Promises

Our next fundraiser is on Saturday 21st May when we will be holding a supper and auction of promises at Langley Community Centre, Langley Upper Green. No obligation to bid, just come along for a fun evening. Home-cooked food and licensed bar.

Lots include: a fabulous villa in Spain, a flight in a two-seater plane, a day on a cruiser on the Norfolk Broads, babysitting, catered supper for four, ticket to the Open at St Andrews.



To view the lots please visit [www.wcar.org.uk](http://www.wcar.org.uk). We will be accepting bids ahead of time if you can't make the event.

## Thanks to



for acting as Lead  
Sponsor for our  
application

## Dates for your diary:

### Saturday 21st May

Auction of Promises  
Supper at Langley  
Community Centre

### Saturday 2nd July

Vintage Clothes  
Sale at the  
Community Hub in  
central Saffron  
Walden



September tbc  
Art Sale in Little  
Walden



## FINDING A HOME IN SAFFRON WALDEN IS THE HARDEST PART

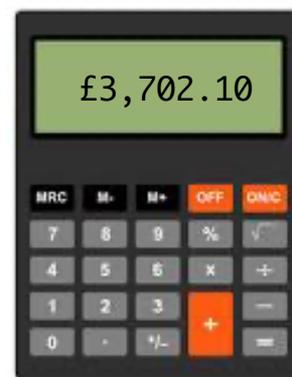
Our biggest challenge is finding a privately-owned three bedroom property in Saffron Walden to house the family. We do not ask for it rent-free as they will receive housing benefit but they won't be able to afford the full commercial rent.

If you know of anyone with a suitable property in Saffron Walden please contact :

Isabelle Page (Project Lead) on 07941 713440 or info@wcar.org.uk

## Fundraising Update

Donations and recent events including the Our Lady of Compassion parish quiz, a private Grand National event and coffee morning in Littlebury have added to our fundraising total to bring us up to £3,702.10.



Pop-up coffee at Holy Trinity Church, Littlebury raised £122.80



The Parish Quiz Night was a great success. Thanks to Fr David, Trish and Patrick we raised £1,055 and it was the youth team that stole 1st prize!



According to the UNHCR, approximately 2.5 million Syrian refugee children are out of school and an additional 1.6 million are at risk of dropping out.