



Walden Community  
Action For Refugees

# Newsletter

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

## Welcome to our first newsletter

We are a core team of 16 volunteers who all feel passionately about the current refugee crisis. Our aim is to welcome a family, chosen and screened by the UNHCR, to Saffron Walden by January 2023. It is highly likely they will be from the Middle East.

On 20th January 2022 we welcomed Father Dominic Howarth to Our Lady of Compassion church. He will be acting as Lead Sponsor for our application, with the backing of Caritas Brentwood. He already has lots of experience in helping one Chelmsford parish welcome a refugee family and his words of encouragement and advice were really inspiring. His key message was that everyone has something useful to bring to the group but a solid commitment to the project long term is essential.



**The Littlebury Ceilidh  
raised £1,000**

## Would you like to donate or fundraise for WCAR?

We have set up a website where you can donate (and add gift aid)  
to Walden Community Action for Refugees

[www.wcar.org.uk](http://www.wcar.org.uk)

Got any questions or suggestions? [info@wcar.org.uk](mailto:info@wcar.org.uk)

Thanks to



for acting as Lead  
Sponsor for our  
application



**The mince pie  
and Christmas  
cake sale got the  
fundraising ball  
rolling** (with  
special thanks to Fr  
David for the  
addition of a tot of  
Irish whiskey to  
several chilly  
customers!)

**Date for your  
diary - Saturday  
12th March**

Quiz at Newport  
Village Hall kindly  
laid on by Fr David,  
Patrick and Trish.



## Positions vacant

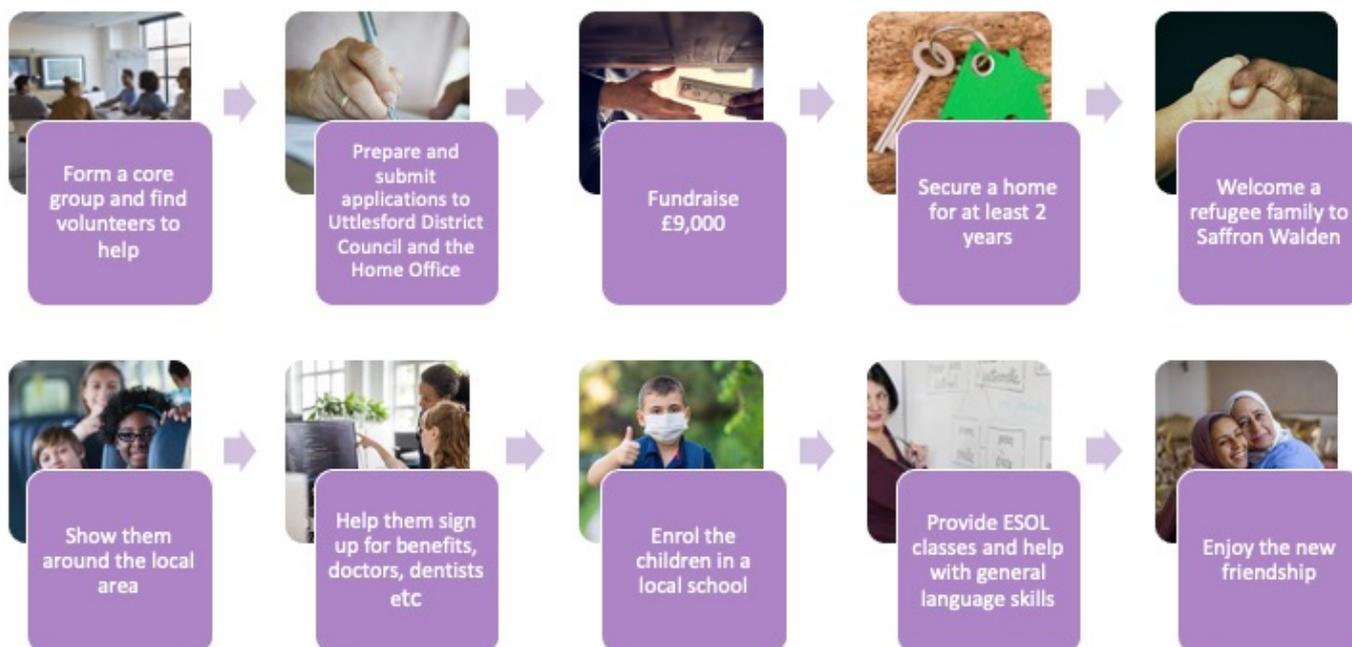
We are looking for

- Arabic speakers
- TEFL/ESOL teachers
- A volunteer to help us find and/or manage the accommodation

Please spread the word and/or get in touch if you think you know someone who can help. We are keen to hear from people of all faiths and none.

### A snapshot of the process we have to go through for the refugee family to make it here

#### The Sponsorship Journey



### DO YOU KNOW A GENEROUS LANDLORD IN SAFFRON WALDEN?

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

If you have any contacts that might be open to discussing the project further do please contact Isabelle Page (Project Lead) on 07941 713440 or [info@wcar.org.uk](mailto:info@wcar.org.uk)

