

## **NEXT EVENT 3rd April : Refugees on the Syrian Border**

**Maggie Tookey of Edinburgh Direct Aid will talk on her work on the Lebanon border.**



**Maggie making a delivery of childrens shoes. Most were wearing torn bits of plastic on their feet.**

**EDA had many pairs of strong boots and shoes ([from her facebook](#))**

**+ link to a [great article](#)**

**3rd April @ 2.30pm Friends Meeting House,**

**Free, Donations to EDA**

**This will be followed by an organisational meeting for all wishing to take part.**

## Recent Meetings and Events...

### Skipton Refugee Support Group 12/3/16

We had an excellent meeting of Skipton RSG today with lots achieved. We have a constitution, a committee including an experienced Treasurer, a plan for regular collections of stuff, and agreement to apply for Town of Sanctuary status. **Minutes** included at the end of this mailing. If you were not present and want to be added specifically to the Skipton list please contact [cravenrefugeenetwork@gmail.com](mailto:cravenrefugeenetwork@gmail.com) John Launder

NB There was some confusion about this group as it was where we started but instead we attracted a large number of people from a variety of groups and ended up without a specific Skipton group, hence the need to establish one.

### Rob Lawrie

An entertaining and moving talk which raised over £320 pounds on the night

[His video](#) .. Calais 'The Truth'

To submit information or unsubscribe please contact me [Viv Dawson](#)

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## Our Sites

### [Noticeboard for Craven Refugee Support Network](#)

A facebook page that anyone can look at and add comments to. This is used to advertise meetings and local events and news on activities. Please let me know if you want to share something on here.

### [Craven Refugee Support Network - facebook group](#)

Does the same job as above but can only be seen by people who have joined facebook. If you join the group you are then able to post and to comment on others posts.

Here is an example of [a link from this week ...](#)

**Syria's descent: five years of hell. Posted by Channel 4**

### [Craven Refugee Support Network](#) - wordpress blog and information

(This is currently very much a work in process please bear with me.)

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## Local events that may be of interest

<http://settlestories.org.uk/38Degrees>

And

<http://settlestories.org.uk/fairtaxtown>

Also

<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/events/come-and-meet-david-babbs>

This is in Skipton after the Settle event

**Below are the Skipton Refugee Support Group Meeting Minutes...**



# Skipton Refugee Support Group Meeting Minutes

12<sup>th</sup> March 2016 Quaker Meeting House Skipton

## Present

Jette Howard; John Launde; Floe Shakespeare; Charles Dobson; Sheila Coe; James Patten; Eileen Rawson; Alan Hickman; Paul Swift; Rebecca Mason; Jane Lawler; Phi Lawler; Mark Bentley; Sue; Fiona Protheroe; Angela Henderson; Anne Keene; Cath MacKenzie; Chris MacKenzie; Judith Joy; Viv Dawson; Julie James; Judy Rogers (23 people)

## Apologies

Anna Chapman (en route to Calais) *others were received by viv dawson but not listef*

1. **Draft Constitution** (see below) to be sent to Skipton Building Society re setting up bank account)

THE FOLLOWING MOTION WAS PROPOSED and PASSED AT A MEEETING OF SRSG ON 12 MARCH 2016 (23 MEMBERS ATTENDING AND VOTING)

Proposed John Launder, Seconded James Patten, Unanimously agreed.

*"We hereby establish SKIPTON REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP AS A CHARITABLE VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION*

### 1. *OBJECTS of SRSG:*

*1.1 To promote and provide personal, financial, material and other support to refugees residing in Skipton and surrounding areas*

*1.2 To promote and provide personal, financial, material and other support to refugees in the UK and the World*

*1.3 To promote awareness of refugee issues through events, education and campaigns*

### 2. *POWERS OF SRSG*

*2.1 To carry out the business of SRSG to achieve the above Objects*

*2.2 To receive and distribute monies and material property*

*2.3 To operate a bank account and appoint bank signatories*

*2.4 To establish a Committee to manage CRSG*

### 3. *TERMS*

*The term "refugee" shall include:*

*3.1 persons having "Refugee Status"*

3.2 persons claiming asylum

3.3 persons who may be deemed 'migrants' and are seeking a place of sanctuary for the purposes of claiming asylum

#### 4. MEETINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 SRSG shall held Annual General Meetings at appropriate times

4.2 The Committee may, and on the request of five or more Members shall, call a General Meeting

4.3 The Committee shall meet at least once every two months

4.4 Decisions of the Committee may be taken through electronic communication

4.5 Electronic communication may be used for business notices to members

4.6 A simple majority shall apply to decisions of the committee and members.

Except that a two thirds majority of members shall apply for changes to this Constitution and to Dissolution of CRSG

4.7 If the members decide to dissolve SRSG the assets shall be transferred to a charity or voluntary organisation having similar Objects to SRSG

#### 5. ALL OTHERS MATTERS

Reference shall be made to the "Model Constitutions" issued by the Charity Commission

##### 1. Election of Officers

Chair	John Launder	Proposed Judy Rogers, Seconded James Patten
Deputy Chair	Judy Rogers	Proposed John Launder Seconded James Patten
Treasurer	Phil Lawler	Proposed Judy Rogers      Seconded James Patten
Secretary Patten	Charles Dobson	Proposed John Launder      Seconded James
Communications Secretary Patten	Viv Dawson	Proposed John Launder      Seconded James
Media and website	POSITION NOT FILLED	Suggested ask Ruth Skinner
Ordinary Members	James Patten Floie Shakespeare Fiona Protheroe	

All nominations requested, proposed, seconded and unanimously voted.

##### 1. Signatures for bank account

Decided signatures should be Skipton residents so John Launder, Charles Dobson, Phil Lawler, and Fiona Protheroe agreed.

### 1. **Town of Sanctuary**

Decided that Skipton could apply for Town of Sanctuary status. John Launder to complete forms.

### 1. **Town of Sanctuary Leaflet**

Fiona suggested Skipton produces a small leaflet of the Leeds City of Sanctuary tear of card (information on one half and fill in joining form on tear off portion)

### 1. **Stuff collection Rota**

Jette read out a letter it is proposed to send to all churches and places that would organise a collection of 'stuff for refugees' once a month on a rota basis. Quakers already agreed to organise one month. Venue will be asked to collect stuff, load van in afternoon which will be sent to Red Cross Bradford or Yorkshire Aid AND to pay transport costs. Charles Dobson agreed that Holy Trinity will probably organise one month. Jette to act as point of contact and an up to date list of goods needed will be provided.

## **9. What to do next?**

Craven District Council will at some point be requesting a skills list of what local people can offer when Syrian refugees arrive.

Before new initiatives are set up it would be good to find out what is already available to which Syrian refugees could join in:-

- Trinity Methodist luncheon group contact Alan Hickman (every Thursday??)
- Global Café at St Andrews contact Gill Beckett (One Tuesday every Month)

Other suggestions:-

- Quaker Monthly meal (cf Huddersfield)
- Weekly social event
- Welcome event
- A Welcome to Skipton leaflet for Syrian refugees about what is on, where to go etc. (translated)
- English classes
- SRSB members asked to give direct debit (£2 per month etc) as a discretionary fund to support refugees.

### 1. **Events**

18<sup>th</sup> March Rob Lawrie talk at Skipton Town Hall 7pm

3 APRIL : REFUGEES ON THE SYRIAN BORDER - Maggie Tookey of Edinburgh Direct Aid will talk on her work on the Lebanon border. 2.30pm Friends Meeting House, The Ginnell (off Newmarket St) Skipton BD23 2JA. Free, Donations to EDA3<sup>rd</sup> April Maggie Tookey talk at Quakers followed by CRSN meeting

