

Update on refugees from Stella:

The current situation for refugees in the UK and more widely is pretty grim at the moment, especially as we approach winter. Up and down the dales people are doing a lot to help refugees or raise awareness. This month:

30 November Zoom presentation by Tina Brocklebank who has been volunteering with refugees on Chios (Greece) and Phil McCartney who has been volunteering the other side of the Pennines (Phil has been taking and renovating our bikes). Poster attached. Please publicise. To register please email Angie Pedley angie.pedley@gmail.com



WORKING AT THE SHARP END

Tuesday 30th November 7.30pm
A Zoom event with presentations from

Tina Brocklebank (in centre of left hand picture) who works for **LASSN** (Leeds Asylum Seekers Support Network) and has recently been volunteering in **Chios**, an island in Greece

Phil McCarthy (on left in right hand picture) who volunteers with **Pendle New Neighbours** a group which works with Asylum Seekers in Nelson & Colne.



Plus, discussion of what we can do locally to help
To access the Zoom link please register with angie.pedley@gmail.com

ALL WELCOME

Free, donations requested

Christmas collection. A collective effort this year through the schools, churches and UWRSG to collect toiletries, underwear and stationery items. [Poster attached](#). Donations can be left with the schools, churches or other collectors, or left at Buckden Barn. Please disseminate/ put up the poster widely.

ONS vouchers and heat allowance some of you may be participating in the ONS Covid survey and may be in receipt of vouchers for various shops. If you would like to pass these on, BIASAN will use them to help refugees. Also, for those of you who like to pass their fuel allowance on, there are going to be a lot of refugees who will struggle to keep warm this winter. Richard Hargreaves strand@hawkswick.net can accept the vouchers and any heating allowance donations.

Nationality and Borders bill returns to the Commons today for the 'Report stage'. There were a number of new amendments introduced at the committee stage and more have been put forward for debate this week. I may communicate about this further later in the week.

Please continue to do what you can. As Tesco says, 'every little helps'.