

HERTS WELCOMES SYRIAN FAMILIES

Treasurer's Report 2017

I'm delighted to be able to report that we have had another successful year on the financial front. A really big **Thank-you** goes to all our donors, individuals, churches & Faith Groups and Organisations who responded exceedingly generously to our appeals for help. During the year we raised a total of £15,313 enabling us to meet all the requests for help and still leave a surplus of £2,313. Although we didn't organise specific fund raising events we are very grateful to those who organised coffee mornings and other events.

We received £1,205 in Gift aided donations and the tax rebate on these will be reflected in the 2018 accounts. I have spare forms available if needed. Standing Orders amounted to £230 in the year. I'm pleased to say that both of these methods of donating are increasing all the time and are preferred to our PayPal account which incurs charges.

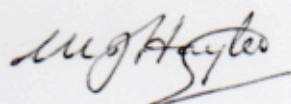
A late boost to our income came from the sale of Christmas Cards and which exceeded all expectations resulting in a surplus of £1,195. Our thanks go to the Syrian lady for designing these, and to the company who printed them at cost price.

Looking at the expenditure in more detail:

- . once again our major expense, £5,809, has been the provision of tv's, radio's and tv licences
- . we have given all families a summer & Christmas gift of £50 each time at a cost of £2,850.
- . parties and outings are always popular with our families and these provided an opportunity for everyone, families and volunteers, to mix in a friendly and convivial way.
- . we were able to help one young man start a college course.

In closing this report, I wish to express my thanks to Geoff Harper, our Independent Financial Examiner, for checking our accounts in such a prompt and helpful manner, and also to my fellow Committee members for their help and support throughout the year.

Looking forward, our financial position is sound although the 32 families already here will need on-going support and, depending on the number of families who come in 2018, we will probably need an increased level of income next year. However, in view of the generosity of our supporters this year I'm sure that we will meet the challenge.



Mick Hayter
Hon Treasurer
February 2018