

The **Hope School** is in South Amman and caters mainly for Iraqi refugee children. BSR has provided schoolbooks and helped cover the costs of teacher salaries and the rent of the school premises. At the **Azraq School**, a link has been established with Brightwell primary school involving an exchange of letters and plans for online Skype contacts. We are also providing a large number of schoolbags filled with books, stationery, pencils and rulers, to go to refugee children at all three schools.



*Azraq schoolteacher reading and translating a letter from Brightwell primary school.*

You can help BSR by supporting our fundraising events. Our efforts so far have included a well-attended pub quiz, a successful Middle Eastern lunch, a carol evening, book launch and a fascinating evening talk. Proceeds from other events, and many generous donations, have helped boost our funds. These have all been channelled through HRJ to support the refugee schools. We have full receipts to show how these funds have been used.



For further information, please contact either of the joint chairs:

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Learn about events on our Facebook group "Brightwell Supporting Refugees"

Donations are most welcome:

Direct bank transfers can be made to :

**Brightwell Supporting Refugees**

**Lloyds account sort code 30-99-03**

**Account number 26236060.**

**(Please include your name as reference)**

We are registered as a charity by HMRC for Gift Aid under reference number EW 61414

# BRIGHTWELL SUPPORTING REFUGEES



**Brightwell Supporting Refugees** was started in 2015 by a group of villagers in Brightwell cum Sotwell who wanted to help people displaced by conflict.

Several thousand pounds have since been raised through fund-raising events and generous donations, and sent to Jordan to support the education of refugee children.



Conflicts in the Middle East have displaced millions of people. Syria's civil war has been described as the worst humanitarian conflict of our time and has resulted in the largest migration of people since the Second World War. Over 4 million Syrians, and many others from Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere have fled their homes.

The small country of **Jordan** hosts 1.2 million Syrians amongst its own population of 6.6 million. Over 80,000 live in the vast Zaatari camp in northern Jordan. But only 20% of refugees live in such NGO-supported camps, where they are not allowed employment. Most live away from the camps, in urban areas or in makeshift agricultural settlements where there is work but where even the most basic schools are desperately needed.



*Tented refugee settlement*

**Brightwell Supporting Refugees** has a direct personal contact with Catherine Ashcroft who founded **Helping Refugees in Jordan (HRJ)**. This volunteer organisation works under the umbrella of Mercy Corps, and supports community charities running schools for refugee children. Most of the teachers are refugees themselves.

BSR has helped three HRJ-supported schools in Jordan.

The **White Hands School** is just 10 km from the Syrian border, and some 40 km east of the Zaatari camp. It serves a wide area of informal tented settlements having minimal existing educational or recreational facilities. Here BSR has contributed to the salaries of Syrian refugee teachers, who hold classes in basic tents, caravans and a converted villa. We have also supported a teacher of English.

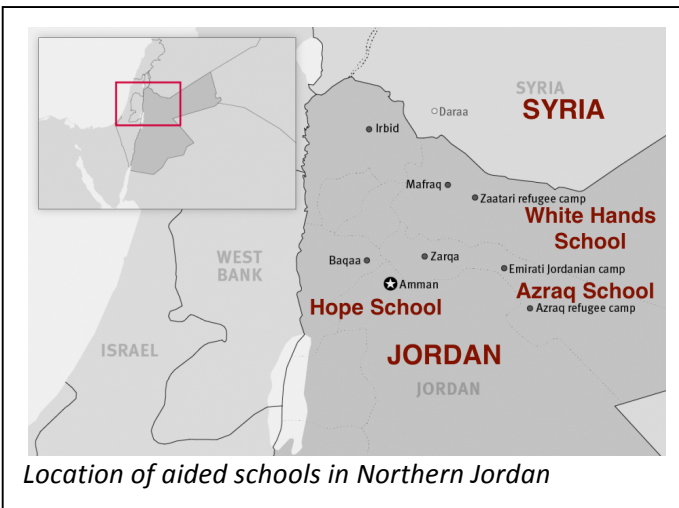
Children miss out on schooling, risking a "lost generation" without an education or a future. Boys come under pressure to earn money, whilst girls are pushed into early marriage.



*Tented schoolroom*



*Tented school and teacher funded by HRJ*



*Location of aided schools in Northern Jordan*