

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE ACTION FOR
REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS**



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Dear All at Tresham Church,

Thank you so much for your donation of £135.00 towards the work of GARAS, following the collection made at the recent Christmas service.

One off donations such as this are often used for ad hoc needs, such as clients' transport costs. Depending on where they live (in a house or a hotel), clients receive either £40 per week or £8 per week to live on. If they need to catch a bus to come to GARAS, this costs between £4-£5.50. You can see that this is more than half of some client's income, and so we always pay client's transport costs for coming here. In addition, if clients are invited for their asylum interview, need to travel to give biometrics or to see their solicitor and they are ineligible for Home Office transport (usually due to a glitch in the system), we cover these costs too.

Whilst this may not seem the most interesting use of money, it makes such a huge difference to people. Because we pay their bus ticket, they are able to come to GARAS for advice on immigration issues, for help when there are issues with their children's schooling, for help with registering with a doctor, getting a covid vaccination, or so many other issues. In each of these situations, GARAS is able to help every individual with compassion and care, and your donation will enable us to continue in this.

At this season of goodwill and giving, thank you so much for your generosity.

Yours gratefully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adele Owen".

Adele Owen
Director



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