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**THE FRIENDSHIP FOUNDATION (UK – ROMANIA)**

with FUNDAȚIA PRO PRIETENIA ARAD

**AUGUST 2018**



The Archdeacon of Blackburn, the Venerable Mark Ireland, presents a cheque for £1036 to the Founder Chairman of the Charity, Rev. Brian Gregory of Hesketh Bank, on behalf of All Saints' congregation during the visit of the Archdeacon on 6 May.

## **THANKS TO MRS GILL DICKINSON AND ALL WHO SUPPORTED HER KNITTED ANIMAL PROJECT AT EASTER**

As a result £1036 was raised to support our fight against modern slavery and human trafficking and to provide help to its victims. Thanks, also,

to the many who support the charity throughout the year, especially those whose regular payments by standing order can be relied upon.

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## **NEWS FROM OUR PARTNER CHARITY IN ROMANIA**

### **HYGENE PRODUCTS FOR THE NEEDY IN ROMANIA**

Our long-standing friend and President of Pro Prietenia in Arad, Puiu Tarcea, has recently re-negotiated a new contract with Procter & Gamble to continue the supply of hygiene products to needy people throughout western Romania. The company delivers several tons of its products annually to the charity warehouse in Arad for this purpose, an activity Pro Prietenia has been involved in for many years.

### **ADINA ON THE MOVE**

Adina Schwartz is a young criminologist with the Pro Prietenia Charity in Romania. Brian has worked closely with Adina since first meeting her in 2011. She visited All Saints' in October 2016 and several of you would have met her then. She was last here only three months ago when, on behalf of the charity, Brian supervised the UK component of her PhD research into human trafficking.



*Adina on BBC television in 2017*

Adina is leaving Romania to take up governmental work in Munich, Germany, as Director of Assistance and Repatriation of Eastern European Victims of Human Trafficking. Her husband Claudiu, also a member of the Pro Prietenia team, has been awarded an EU funded research project on Education based on his own PhD research topic. He will be able to work on this from Germany and will join Adina and three-year old Sarah in Munich.

Adina has developed strong organisational links with Lancashire and elsewhere in Europe and her new employers believe she could "revitalise" collaboration in this area across European States. Her plan is to create a partnership in Germany along the lines of the one which she has participated in in her native Romania and the one she has got to know here in Lancashire. Adina addressed the Pan Lancashire Anti-Slavery Partnership meeting in Hutton in May.

PAN LANCASHIRE

# ANTI SLAVERY PARTNERSHIP



'PLASP' is a local partnership of enforcement agencies, local government officers, statutory bodies, health and safeguarding representatives, victim support agencies, University of Central Lancashire, British Red Cross, various charities, churches and businesses set up in December 2017.



*Mary and Brian from All Saints' represent the Charity on PLASP pictured with Adina from Pro Prietenia who addressed the May meeting in Police HQ Hutton*

Headed up by Sion Hall, recently retired Detective Chief Inspector Lancashire Constabulary, the main meeting, of between 25 and 30 participants, takes place monthly at the Police HQ in Hutton or the Diocesan offices in Blackburn.

There are several sub-groups meeting occasionally which members of the Partnership can be involved in according to their discipline, expertise or passion.

Modern slavery and human trafficking crime statistics are presented by the police in the main meetings together with an update on activities by law-enforcement and other agencies.

Updates are received at the main meetings from each of the Sub Groups listed on the back page:

## **PLASP PARTNERSHIP SUBGROUPS:**

The PLASP Subgroups cover the following areas:

**■ TRAINING ■ VICTIM CARE ■ ROADSHOWS ■ BUSINESSES  
■ PARTNERSHIP WITH ROMANIA ■ FAITH GROUPS**

PLASP has no budget, so many of the activities, such as the Road Shows which are aimed at increasing public awareness in selected towns and cities in Lancashire, rely on any grants that are forthcoming, together with public gifts and donations from charities such as ours.

The series of the Road Shows, which are planned to take place in the autumn, will use bold, imaginative ideas to bring the knowledge of modern slavery and human trafficking to the attention of the public throughout Lancashire. These events will feature in the press, radio and television, so watch this space and be ready to talk with others about what you see or hear.



### **“CLEWER” IN THE DIOCESE OF BLACKBURN**



The Clewer Initiative is a three year project to enable the Church of England dioceses and wider Church networks to develop strategies to detect modern slavery in their communities and help provide victim support and care. The Diocese of Blackburn is registered as a ‘Clewer Diocese.’

Rev. Canon Ed Saville, Diocesan Lead Officer for Social Responsibility, is a member of PLASP. Ed chairs the Faith Sub Group and is also a member of the Training Sub Group.

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