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Agenda item 13a Town of Sanctuary

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**To:** Town Clerk <info@wem.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** City of Sanctuary: Possible involvement

Good morning Penny,

It was lovely to see you on Sunday and many thanks for taking care of our St Peter's pupils!

I'm actually emailing about something entirely different. I was wondering if the town council were aware of the 'City of Sanctuary' scheme that is run nationally to support refugees and asylum seekers <https://cityofsanctuary.org/>

I believe that Shrewsbury Town Council have either just approved working towards the 'Town of Sanctuary' status or have already been awarded it.

St Peter's is just beginning the process of working towards 'School of Sanctuary' status.

I was wondering whether the town council would consider working towards Wem becoming a town of sanctuary, in line with Shrewsbury?? Residents already do so much to welcome families into the area and provide support and care that I don't think it would involve too much extra work?

I have a local contact working with us who would be able to discuss this more with you if you were interested? His name is Robert Douglas and he is the SoS project support manager. His email is [robert.douglas@shropshiresupportsrefugees.co.uk](mailto:robert.douglas@shropshiresupportsrefugees.co.uk)

We have one refugee family at our school currently but I understand that there is a growing need to support refugees and asylum seekers within the county. I'll leave this with you- I just thought it would be good to highlight it. If the Town Council do wish to pursue this it would be lovely if St Peter's could work with them.

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