

Turning to **local support for Jewish children during the Second World War**, the Archives Service have found a document containing the minutes of the Mayor of Shrewsbury's Committee for Jewish Refugee Children, detailing support and fundraising activities over the war years. It is in a small exercise book, and at 28 pages of densely packed writing offers a fascinating glimpse into the generosity of local people and local institutions such as the High School.

The minutes from the Mayor of Shrewsbury's committee are written in the copperplate writing style of the time, with pages reproduced below as an example.

The Archives Service would be happy to assist anyone wishing to know more about these efforts, which may be seen very much as a forerunner to the support given by communities across the county to help Syrian refugee families to settle here in the present day.

General Refugee Committee.
The meeting of the Committee was
held at the Castle on October 10th
1941.

Present. Rev. P. W. M. Hall Chairman
M^r Hordnott, Mrs Gale
M^r White, Canon Byrne, M^r Mitchell
M^r Chamber, Mrs Marshall Sec.
Apologies from M^r Webb, M^r Gundy.
It was suggested that a letter be sent
to the County Council for the help they
had given.

Reports were given on children whose
names were started on the Agenda
these were considered satisfactory.
Re-arrangement of group subscriptions
and the beginning of next year was
mentioned also Limone etc.

Mrs Marshall gave full particulars
of an offer from Warston Hall School

to be held if accepted in the
Albany Hall on or about Nov. 8th
or 10th. The Committee accepted the
offer and thanked Mrs Marshall
for all the trouble she had gone too
in getting this fixed. M^r White
suggested that the Rotary Club be
asked to undertake in helping.
This was agreed.

The arrangements were left to Mrs
Marshall.

Wm Salt

Signed

Chairman

January 13th 1942.