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***“Women inspiring action, transforming lives.”***

## **BACK PACK 2016**

**Soroptimists achieve great things - by the support of strangers, and the kindness of friends.**

Our back pack project goes along a pace thanks to the support of people like you and your friends and families, we continue to collect your donations from the Mustard Seed, Wesley's Cafe. Thank you.

We are currently looking for shorts and tee/shirts or dresses for ages 3-5 years, to complete our next batch of packs. Please think about us during your Spring clear-out.

One of our most difficult items to source, especially out of season, are Flip Flops. Imagine our delight when friends of one of our members managed to find 20 pairs! Not only that, but they refused to take payment and donated them to us as a Christmas charity gift.

We also found a generous gentleman in a caravan site shop who donated end of season tennis balls for our packs (these are the only toys that we are allowed to include).

As another new term gets underway and Christmas presents take over, you may have a homeless back pack? Please let us take care of it!

***Our next target is the 200 mark!***

## **2016 - A Good Start.**

Garstang members had a busy first meeting.

Presenting a cheque to the Girl Guide Association to help with their summer project.

After a busy meeting we all handed in our contributions for the Salvation Army Food Bank ready for delivery to their Preston centre. See photos and comments on

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We just had time to organise our trip to the Theatre (social meeting) for next month before heading home.

## **Nepal**

Soroptimists here in the UK, in Kathmandu, Bangladesh, India, and Europe continue to help this devastated country trying to rebuild its homes and schools, we have pictures of children in areas, cleared of rubble, where large tented classrooms have been erected to enable children to carry on with their education.

Why not come and join us and be part of the repair and rebuild now?