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UKRAINE BULLETIN

Dear all,

Welcome to the Suffolk Ukraine Bulletin. This bulletin provides an update on the situation in Suffolk along with information about the work of the county council and partners within Suffolk's Ukraine Task Group and answers to frequently asked questions.

We are grateful for your support and our regular updates will include further information on how you and your communities can get involved, as we continue to work together to do all we can to help those fleeing the conflict in Ukraine.

This will be the last bulletin of 2022, the next edition will be on Wednesday 11 January 2023. [You can read previous editions of the Suffolk Ukraine Bulletin on our website.](#)

From our Christmas day on 25th December to the Ukrainian holy evening on 6th January, I would like to wish all hosts and our Ukrainian guests the best possible Christmas. We will continue to help and support you through 2023 and beyond.

I know that many Ukrainians in Suffolk face the anxiety of being separated from their families and loved ones this Christmas. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

With best wishes, on behalf of Suffolk's Ukraine Task Group.

Cllr Bobby Bennett,
Cabinet Member for Equality and Communities

Stuart Keeble,
Director of Public Health in Suffolk



Winter Thank You payment for those hosting Ukrainian guests over Christmas

Households hosting Ukrainian guests over the Christmas period are being offered an additional one-off thank you payment from Suffolk County Council, of £300.

The payment will be made in January to those hosting Ukrainian guests via the Homes for Ukraine scheme, over the Christmas period.

This payment is in addition to the monthly payment of £350 from the UK Government to hosts on this scheme.

If hosts wish to opt out of receiving the additional payment, they can do so by contacting refugeesupport@suffolk.gov.uk by 16 December 2022.

[Read more.](#)

Meeting for hosts and guests - Framlingham

Ukraine Community Meeting

Thurs 8 Dec 6.30 - 8pm
Bring a festive snack!

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An opportunity for hosts and guests to meet, share & socialise!

Framlingham Sports Club
Badingham Road, IP13 9HS

There will be another social / information meeting for Ukraine hosts and guests in Framlingham and surrounding areas on **Thursday 8th December, 6.30pm – 8pm** at Framlingham Sports Club.

We will have a Christmas theme, so please feel free to bring a 'festive snack' to share and for people to try.

Housing advice sessions with West Suffolk Council



West Suffolk Council are holding two Housing advice sessions this week for Ukrainians:

Thursday 8 December at 17:00 Friday 9 December at 14:00

Bridge Community Church, Corner of West Road and Queens Road, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 3EW.

Ukrainian Christmas Eve event at St Edmundsbury Cathedral



Fri, 6 January 2023, 17:00 – 19:00 GMT

St Edmundsbury Cathedral Angel Hill, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1LS

You are warmly welcome to join us for a Christmas Event in support of the people of Ukraine. It is a perfect opportunity to spend time with family and friends as well as experience the Ukrainian way of celebrating Christmas.

We are happy to invite Ukrainian families, host families and guests from across the Suffolk Community.

The event will begin with the Ukrainian Liturgy and Blessing of the Bishops and continue with the Nativity Performance "VERTEP" and Ukrainian Christmas Carols.

If you are interested in attending [please register through EventBrite.](#)

Are your guests moving on to their own accommodation?

Community Action Suffolk has a small number of housewarming gift sets available, which have been made possible through local fundraising.

These can be requested from CAS by hosts to gift to their guests as they move on.

Full details are in the poster below. Please note that bags will need to be collected from our offices in either Ipswich or Lowestoft.

Please email ukrainesupport@communityactionsuffolk.org.uk for more details or to request a bag.



House Warming Gifts

Are your guests moving into their own accommodation?

Community Action Suffolk has put together a number of thoughtful gift sets to give to Ukrainian guests as they move on.

If you would like to request a gift set (one per household) please do contact:

UkraineSupport@communityactionsuffolk.org.uk

Please note:

Gifts sets are for those moving into their own accommodation.

They will need to be collected from our offices in Ipswich or Lowestoft.



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HOW YOU CAN HELP

Frequently Asked Questions

We know you will have questions about what we are doing in Suffolk to support Ukrainian Refugees and how you can help. You can find answers to common questions on our website.

The application process for Homes for Ukraine is outlined [in this Infographic](#).

Moving to rented housing - a short guide

A new guide to services available to Ukrainian guests looking for assistance with private rented housing is now available on Suffolk County Council's website under the 'Housing' section of [Ukraine: information for guests | Suffolk County Council](#). Services to help secure rented housing by District Council (for example assistance with deposits and landlord incentives to remove the need for a guarantor) are shown in a table. This information will also shortly be available in Ukrainian and Russian.

Could you help a family in need?



We need new hosts to offer Ukrainian guests a safe haven while the war in Ukraine continues.

We are in need of a wide range of homes for single people, mothers with children and complete families. We are in particular need for new hosts in **Felixstowe, Lowestoft, Haverhill and Bury St Edmunds** and for homes able to accommodate two bedrooms for guest families.

New hosts coming forward to help accommodate guests that are already in Suffolk will not have to register on the government website. Instead they can simply sign up via the Suffolk County Council website, by [completing our online form](#) or emailing refugeesupport@suffolk.gov.uk.

Accommodation must be available to guests for a minimum of 6 months. Hosts will be eligible to receive the £350 thank you payment for up to 6 months or more, depending on the date your guests arrived in the UK (12 months starting from the date your guests first arrived in the UK).

If you know anyone that might be interested, please encourage them to visit [Ukraine: Could you help a family in need? | Suffolk County Council](#)



Visa and arrival data as at 29 November

The data below is issued by The Home Office and available at [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)

The below table shows the number of Visas issued by the Home Office via the Homes for Ukraine Sponsorship scheme and the number of arrivals, by District/Borough (Lower Tier Local Authority) as at 29 November 2022:

Source: Operational data, Home Office (HO), and Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).

Lower Tier Local Authority	Number of Visa applications	Number of Visas issued	Number of arrivals in the UK by sponsor location
Babergh	248	209	177
East Suffolk	481	433	368
Ipswich	176	141	99
Mid Suffolk	302	269	229
West Suffolk	467	382	314

The below table shows the number of Visas issued by the Home Office via the Homes for Ukraine Sponsorship scheme and the number of arrivals, by County (Upper Tier Local Authority) as at 29 November 2022:

Source: Operational data, Home Office (HO), and Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).

Upper Tier Local Authority	Number of Visas applications	Number of Visas issued	Number of arrivals in the UK by sponsor location
Suffolk	1,674	1,434	1,187
Cambridgeshire	2,460	2,155	1,782
Essex	2,601	2,250	1,831
Norfolk	1,813	1,551	1,268

Further information, and Frequently Asked Questions about what we are doing in Suffolk to support Ukrainian Refugees and how you can help, can be found on our website via the following links:

1. [Support for Ukraine](#)
2. [Information for Sponsors](#)
3. [Information for Guests](#)
4. [Further information](#)

An information pack for Sponsors in Suffolk, is available on the [Suffolk County Council website](#). This pack is updated regularly and contains information about the Homes for Ukraine programme, access to support and health care services, applying for a school place and more.

Please check these webpages first. If you cannot find answers to your questions here, please email refugeesupport@suffolk.gov.uk and we will endeavour to respond as soon as possible.



Guidance from GOV.UK:

Guidance from GOV.UK can be seen below:

[Guidance for Councils](#)

[Week one guidance for Ukrainians arriving in the UK](#)

[Guidance for moving to the UK if you're from Ukraine](#)

[Homes for Ukraine Sponsor Guidance](#)

[Bringing your pet to the UK from Ukraine](#)

[Factsheet \(translations available via buttons in top right of page\)](#)

[Homes for Ukraine campaign page](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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