



UKRAINIAN REFUGEE HOST FAMILIES FACT SHEET

Before Refugees Arrive

- *Forest Row Area Helps Refugees* is a useful resource for hosts looking for a suitable Ukrainian family. Sheila Nash (sheilanash@hotmail.com) also has contacts who may help match families.
- Sanctuary Foundation Course is a free 6 session course on line with advice which helps potential hosts prepare.
- Register children for school entry – contact West Sussex Council (Moving Schools). School enrolment takes at least 10 working school days. School place offer once child is in UK.
- Hosts need a DBS check if taking children under 16
- Home check – West Sussex helpline - can't register for the check until visas have been issued
- No benefits will be paid before guests arrive. They may need financial assistance with flights and journey extras such as baggage in hold, inflight meals etc.
- Free parking is available at airport when meeting guests
- Check House Insurance. Premiums may not be affected since guests are not paying rent.

Once Refugees Have Arrived

- Village Groups in Sharpthorne, Horsted Keynes and Highbrook and hosts in Ardingly will provide help and support
- Government websites have comprehensive advice in English and Ukrainian.
- Set up a bank account as soon as possible. NatWest in East Grinstead are helpful or Monzo or Revolut
- A bank account number is required to apply for Universal Credit
- When applying for benefits applicants should not say they own property or have a job in Ukraine. Even if their home has been destroyed and their job is now unpaid they will be denied UK benefits www.gov.uk/apply-universal-credit
- A National Insurance number -identification code www.gov.uk/apply-national-insurance-number
- Child Benefit www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-benefit-claim-form-ch2
- Pension Credit www.gov.uk/pension-credit
- £200 per person is paid to all refugees on arrival
- £350 per month is paid to a host family however many refugees they are receiving. This is paid once the house has been inspected and DBS check complete.
- Register with a GP. Forest Row are helpful. Crawley Down are not. Need to attend in person
- Guests apply for visa extension (Biometric Residence Permit) on arrival which enables them to leave and return to UK for 3 years. Appointment at Home Office facility Croydon/Maidstone. There is a waiting list. <https://apply.visas-immigration.service.gov.uk/product/ukraine-scheme-brp?>
- There are jobs available at Ravenswood in housekeeping, w/e shifts. Bar staff. Minimum wage
- School Uniform should be provided by the school but some extras such as shoes may need to be purchased. WSCC will top up the pre-paid card to allow uniform to be purchased.
- Children will be entitled to free school meals and outings. They are Premium pupils.

- Free children's clothes from Mini Boden Clothing Donation Ukraine
- West Sussex provides free travel on public transport for 4 weeks- bus pass from Metrobus ticket office in Crawley
- East Grinstead Food Bank (Trussell Trust) will donate food and Forest Row Community Fridge will provide Sharpthorne and area guests with weekly food boxes for 3 weeks.
- The West Sussex Library Service has bought fiction books in Ukrainian, Children's dual language picture books and audio books accessed on the Libby App. The library service is free.
- National Trust offers a free admission pass for 6 months. Email enquiries@nationaltrust.org.uk
- The Dolphin and The Triangle leisure centres offer 3 months free membership. Take guest's passport and covering letter from host to sign up. www.everyoneactive.com/promotion/ukrainian-refugee-free-membership?
- Free Vodafone SIM card -package for 6 months £50 pp from Red Cross Phone 08081963651

The Information in Ukrainian is from the Government Website

1. BRP (Biometric Residence Permit) – записаться надо как можно раньше, записаться можно не далее, чем на месяц вперёд, в случае отсутствия мест поблизости новое время записи открывается после полуночи https://apply.visas-immigration.service.gov.uk/product/ukraine-scheme-brp?_ga=2.191399210.1821781794.1649696937-961005440.1649696937
2. Банковский счёт. Лучше делать в Монзо или Револют, в других банках люди по несколько часов сидят и карты всё равно ждать по почте потом. Монзо за два дня пришёл, Револют сразу открывает виртуальную, но открытие счёта только через техподдержку, т.к. у нас на штампах нет визы. По ссылкам 5 фунтов за инвайт: <https://join.monzo.com/c/v2svlf7> <https://revolut.com/referral/borysx9r9>
3. Universal credit – пособие по безработице (грубо говоря) – можно делать сразу после получения номера счёта <https://www.gov.uk/apply-universal-credit>
4. GP (семейный врач) и дантист - физически обращаться и заполнять формы. Будьте готовы указывать количество выпитого в неделю алкоголя, есть ли у кого-то доверенность отключить Вас во время комы, что с месячными и какой вы этнической группы
5. Бесплатная сим-карта Водафон с пакетами на 6 месяцев и по 50 фунтов на человека (включая детей) от Red Cross - бесплатно по телефону 08081963651 с 10:00 до 18:00, ожидать в среднем 80-100 минут, нужно диктовать свои данные на английском. Если не хотите звонить – альтернатива оператор Лебара даёт скидку на полгода (оплачивать по 6,90 в месяц) https://mobile.lebara.com/gb/en/msm/exclusive-monthly-plan-690/p/441209?utm_source=impactradius&utm_medium=affiliate&utm_campaign=2096376&utm_content=&utm_clickid=Wgo2ujQjXxyIWwLVadSZQyw8UkGXYwWVH0%3Ah1g0&utm_iradid=917923&utm_clickref=&default=page&irgwc=1
6. National insurance number – идентификационный код <https://www.gov.uk/apply-national-insurance-number>
7. Child benefit – пособие на детей <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-benefit-claim-form-ch2>
8. Пенсионное пособие <https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit>
9. Бесплатный транспорт для пенсионеров в Лондоне <https://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/services/freedom-pass>
10. Бесплатные курсы вождения <https://www.theaa.com/about-us/newsroom/support-for-ukraine?fbclid=IwAR20-mXLiafSIFFT0EctkqAsNjN2U1KkGt06vxvyAANR8tQkZBs-ICrg1kA>

11. Поиск работы <https://www.linkedin.com>

12. Бесплатная одежда для деток https://www.boden.co.uk/en-gb/mini-boden-clothing-donation?cm_mmc=OS--Facebook--AprilWW--MiniBodenClothingDonationUkraine&fbclid=IwAR3ViGhmjI6TFpE3YS86r7dEcH6LUFcIPw2IZNXtMVpOES4WuDUMciOdddK

13. Бесплатная еда из Фуд Банков <https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/>

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