

Ukraine Sponsorship scheme recap

- Public invited to 'sign up' if they are willing to host an individual or family for a minimum of six months (Homes for Ukraine scheme)
- Visa Scheme launched - allows Ukrainians to come to the UK for up to three years if they have a named sponsor under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme
- The visa scheme places requirements on the Council to provide coordinated support including education, housing checks and safeguarding. The Council will receive £10,500 per person
- The council do not do the matching for sponsors, our checks are to help us understand key needs. The council checks do not hold up the visa process.

Council response

- 21 team members working full time within the central project team
- 115 staff members undertaking the sponsor liaison role on top of their day job
- 650 home safety checks undertaken by Environmental Health
- 1,383 DBS checks requested by the business support team on adults within sponsor households
- Work being undertaken by a variety of teams across the council including education, Children's safeguarding, Adults, Housing, customer services, finance.
- ukrainesupport@buckinghamshire.gov.uk mailbox set up to answer queries on a daily basis

Current picture in Buckinghamshire

 Total Sponsors (excluding EO)

619

 Total Beneficiaries from Portal regardless of arrival date


1,565

SLO confirmed Total Households Arrival date before today

448

 Total Beneficiaries - Arrived UK

807

 £200 payment made

1,147

 £350 Payment Made

282

Community Board	Sponsors	Beneficiaries	Beneficiaries Arrived
Amersham	31	80	48
Aylesbury	25	53	27
Beaconsfield and Chepping Wye	58	142	99
Beeches	20	55	35
Buckingham and Villages	25	66	38
Chesham and Villages	36	89	65
Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts	60	158	108
Haddenham and Waddesdon	55	122	78
High Wycombe	38	108	49
Missendens	33	81	50
North West Chilterns	63	179	129
South West Chilterns	72	178	130
Wendover	30	85	45
Wexham and Ivers	8	22	5
Wing and Ivinghoe	20	60	34
Winslow and Villages	33	93	59
Grand Total	607	1571	999

Current challenges

- We are fast approaching the initial six months for our first guests and there are lots of questions about housing.
 - The council is looking at the various options available and talking to sponsors and community groups about the numbers expected to want to end their arrangement at six months.
- Difficulties with availability of school places in some parts of the county. Working closely with the school admissions and school transport teams to find solutions
- Travel around Buckinghamshire continues to be a challenge, particularly in the more rural areas

Rematching

- Where hosts or guests want to end their agreement early, the council has a team working on rematching
- We are developing a bank of sponsors who have been through the relevant checks to enable us to rematch guests quickly where there have been breakdowns in their original relationship
- We know that rematching will increase as we near the end of the initial six months

Helping Hand: Support for Ukraine

- The emergency appeal is administered by Heart of Bucks
- We advocate funding applications for guests, for up to £500 per family
- The types of things that have been funded are
 - Interpreter training courses
 - Exams for people to convert qualifications (e.g. nursing)
 - Clothes for children's school uniform
 - School trips
 - Conversion of qualifications





Community board information

Free Holiday Camp at Wycombe Abbey [Ukrainian places \(barracudas.co.uk\)](https://www.barracudas.co.uk)

Free Holiday Activities and Food [HAF Family Information Service](#)