

# Ukraine Sponsorship scheme

- 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 does not match sponsors and guests, 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](mailto:ukrainesupport@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) mailbox set up to answer queries on a daily basis

Community Board	Sponsors	Beneficiaries	Beneficiaries Arrived
Amersham	37	88	50
Aylesbury	27	60	31
Beaconsfield and Chepping Wye	61	148	107
<b>Beeches</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>42</b>
Buckingham and Villages	26	69	43
Chesham and Villages	36	88	64
Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts	65	164	118
Haddenham and Waddesdon	56	118	83
High Wycombe	41	116	52
Missendens	33	81	59
North West Chilterns	64	180	139
South West Chilterns	75	182	131
Wendover	32	92	56
Wexham and Ivers	8	23	7
Wing and Ivinghoe	22	65	36
Winslow and Villages	33	97	60
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>1634</b>	<b>1075</b>

# In the Beeches Community Board area

- Community welcome and support
- Good engagement with schools
- Better Connected Beaconsfield
  - Employment workshops
  - English conversation
  - Lifts schemes
- Support from Taplow 4 Ukraine

## CAFÉ UKRAINE

Зустріч української громади  
у Беконсфілді  
з метою соціалізації і надання підтримки,  
особливо тим, хто приїхав нещодавно  
з України



Gathering of Ukrainian community  
in Beaconsfield

for socializing and providing support  
especially for newly arrived Ukrainians

Every Monday  
9:30-11:30 am  
at the Dove Café, St Thomas Church,  
Mayflower Way, Holtspur, HP9 1UF



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parents permission*



# Welcome Cathy and Romanna



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# 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

