

# Homes for 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 co-ordinated support including education, housing checks and safeguarding. The Council will receive £10,500 per person

# Council response

- 25 team members working full time within the central project team
- 100+ staff members undertaking the sponsor liaison role on top of their day job
- 750+ home safety checks undertaken by Environmental Health
- 1,500 + 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

## In Buckinghamshire:

692 sponsor households

1820 Ukrainian guests matched to sponsors

1354 Ukrainian guests arrived

## In Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye Community Board area:

51 active host families with 104 guests

10-12 guests in system, still to arrive

19 host families/35 guests where guests have moved on

rematch, returned to Ukraine, private rent, left area

# Beaconsfield Community Board area

- Community welcome and support
- Good engagement with schools
  - The Beaconsfield School
- Community groups
  - Hazlemere welcomes
  - Marlow Ukraine Collective
  - Better Connected Beaconsfield
    - Employment workshops
    - Social gatherings
    - English lessons & conversation classes

## CAFÉ UKRAINE

Зустріч української громади  
у Беконфілді

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

# Beaconsfield Community Board area

- All children in school (and 2 young people at university!)
- Many hosts extending for a year/academic year
- Jobs: locally and in London
- English classes – Adult Learning in Beaconsfield

- Celebrating gifts and talents

Photography exhibition (right)

8 year old Ivan in Flackwell Heath won a poetry competition for a poem about peace



# 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



# Current challenges: post sponsor housing

- Continuing with existing sponsors:
  - where this works for both parties
- Re-matching:
  - the Council team may be able to match guests with a new host family.
  - Thank you payments can last for 12 months from the guest arrival date
- Private rental:
  - support from Council team on affordability, benefits.
  - Challenging in the south of the county
- Social Housing (Bucks Home Choice):
  - Longer term solution
  - High demand and potentially a long wait