

Homes for Ukraine Update 9 – Friday 29 July

Welcome to our latest update for hosts taking part in the Homes for Ukraine scheme in Norfolk.

This week's update includes information about holiday activities for children, some key support contacts you might need, and invitations to some upcoming social events for you and your guests. It also includes information about services that can help your guests with free clothing and a call out for furniture donations to support refugee resettlement in Norfolk.

Summer Holiday Fun

Places for “Big Norfolk Holiday Fun” still available

There are still spaces available across Norfolk for some brilliant activities for children and young people to enjoy over the summer.

Children who are eligible for free school meals can book on to activities for free. Parents just need to enter the name of their child's school during the booking process.

Activities run from now until 2 September for children aged 5-16 (and 4-year-olds in reception classes) [Search and book activities on the Active Norfolk website.](#)

If your guests have school-age children who would like to attend but who are either home, on-line educated or not eligible for free school meals please contact BNHF@norfolk.gov.uk as we may be able to provide a place in some circumstances. Please provide details of the children you would like to attend and we will try and accommodate them.

Free Holiday Camp places for Ukrainian children

Camp Beaumont provides free places at their summer camps to Ukrainian children aged 5-16. There are 40 locations across London and the South East to choose from.

Parents can find out more and register their interested by [going to the Camp Beaumont website.](#) Once registered, the Camp Beaumont team will then contact families back to take them through the booking process.

A reminder of your emergency and support contacts

Safeguarding If you are concerned about your guest's safety, or their behaviour, contact us immediately on 0344 800 8020. If it is an emergency, call 999.

- [Reporting concerns about an adult's safety](#)
- [Reporting concerns about a child's safety](#)

Out of hours support If you or your guest need urgent support from the People from Abroad team, call 0344 800 8020 and ask to speak to the member of staff on call.

You should only do this if the matter cannot wait until the next working day.

If you are struggling in your hosting role, need help or advice or if you have any concerns you can contact us via email

ncchomesforukraine@norfolk.gov.uk

Upcoming social events for you and your guests

Free tea and coffee mornings in Thetford

There is a free tea and coffee morning in Thetford for both Ukrainian guests and their hosts every Monday morning from 10am to 12 noon. Held at the [Abbey Neighbourhood Centre](#), Exeter Way, Thetford, IP24 1EE, these events are organised by [Diss, Thetford and District Citizens Advice](#) and the [Chances project](#).

Ukrainians Together in Norfolk Coffee Morning in Norwich

This is a coffee morning for Ukrainians and hosts, held on the first Tuesday of every month from 10am – 12 noon. Held in St Luke's Church Centre in Aylsham Road, Norwich, it provides an opportunity to get together, catch up and support one another. [Find out more on their Facebook page.](#)

Sources of free clothing for your guests

Several organisations offer free clothing for families in need, including those who have recently arrived from Ukraine.

[New-U in Castle Quarter Norwich](#) offer [free clothing to families in need](#), including childrenswear and baby clothes. They also offer [free smart clothing](#) for people attending job interviews.

[Baby Bank Norfolk](#) distributes donated baby items for families in need. This service is free and there are no assessment criteria.

There is also the [New Routes Free Shop](#) in Norwich. However, unlike the two organisations above, your guests will need to have a referral from an organisation to use this service. Contact your local council or ask at one of the Community Help events.

Furniture and household items needed to support refugee resettlement

We are seeking donations of good quality furniture and other household items. These donations are used to furnish houses for when Ukrainian families are ready to move on to more permanent homes, and also for other refugees being resettled in Norfolk under the other refugee schemes.

Here is a list of the things that we currently need:

- Bed frames and bedside cabinets
- New mattresses
- Bookshelves
- Small appliances (such as toasters, microwaves, vacuum cleaners)
- Freestanding kitchen appliances (such as cookers, fridges, washing machines); these need to be in good working order
- Sofas and armchairs (these must have a fire safety label)
- Televisions, DVD players and set top boxes
- Wardrobes, chests of drawers and dressing tables
- Garden tools

Donations can be dropped off at the Benjamin Foundation re-use drop-off site at [Swanton Road in Norwich](#) from Wednesdays to Fridays.

For more information

More [information about the Homes for Ukraine scheme is available on our website](#) where you will find lots of additional information including a [toolkit for hosts](#) that you can download, sources of local support and all [previous updates](#). However, if you can't find an answer to your question, please email us at ncchomesforukraine@norfolk.gov.uk

Thanks again for your generous support of the Homes for Ukraine scheme.