

Homes for Ukraine Update 7 – Thursday 30 June

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

This week's update **includes important information about the re-match process and DBS checks**. It also includes information about free family activities available for your guests, including museum visits, school holiday activities and summer camps.

Re-matching under the Homes for Ukraine scheme

Under the Government Homes for Ukraine scheme there are times when we might need to match guests with a new host family, for example if the host/guest relationship breaks down or there is safeguarding issue. We urge all hosts to highlight issues to us as soon as possible using ncchomeforukraine@norfolk.gov.uk so that we can help. Where Norfolk County Council facilitates a re-match, guests remain in the scheme and we can offer the new host families the £350 monthly thank you payments.

However, if guests independently decide to move elsewhere, whether that is to self-contained accommodation, to family/friends or to another host they have found for themselves, this effectively takes them out of the Homes for Ukraine scheme. If this happens the new host or landlord will not be entitled to a host payment.

We are making new arrivals aware of this during our welfare visits. It would be very helpful if you could explain this part of the scheme to your guests too. And remember, if something does go wrong once your guests have arrived, or the placement is not working out, then please speak to your local council immediately. You can call 0344 800 8020 or email ncchomesforukraine@norfolk.gov.uk

Warm welcome guaranteed from Norfolk Museums service

Norfolk Museums would like to extend a warm welcome to newcomers to our county. A visit to a museum might help your guests find out more about their new home.

Norfolk's 10 museums are located around the county and each one is unique. Collections comprise art, archaeology, natural history, costume & textiles, social history and tell a range of local, national and international stories. [Find out about the different museums on our website.](#)

Guests are very welcome to just turn up at any of the Museums linked above and get free entry by showing their passport or ID at the visitor desk.

Summer Holidays fun!

There are a huge range of activities on offer for children this summer and details of two schemes running in Norfolk are detailed below:

This summer's "Big Norfolk Holiday Fun" now open for booking

Bookings for Norfolk's summer holiday activity (HAF) scheme are now open. There are thousands of spaces available across Norfolk and some brilliant activities for children and young people to choose from.

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 25 July 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.

Funded holiday camps for Ukrainian children

Premier Education are working with Mail Force to provide 20,000 Ukrainian children with places at their fun-filled summer Holiday Camps.

A summer of fun, with action-packed days of sport and activities, awaits children that get involved – providing a great environment to make friends, develop new skills and build confidence, and every step is being taken to ensure that any language barriers are not an issue.

The application process is straightforward; parents will need to complete a form, detailing their personal info, as well as that of the child they wish to book a place for. Keep in mind that proof of nationality (such as a photo of a passport) will be needed for submission.

Once the application has been sent, parents will receive a voucher code and be directed to the Premier Education website to book a Holiday Camp near them. Eligibility will then be verified between the time of booking and the start of camp.

[Find out more and register](#)

A reminder about DBS Checks

Under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme Norfolk County Council must carry out DBS checks on all sponsors and anyone over the age of 16 who will be living with or supporting guests.. We ask you to complete these checks before your guests arrive, or as soon as possible afterwards. If you have put in an Expression of Interest to sponsor a guest who is already part of the scheme but is looking for a rematch, you must complete these checks **before** your guests move into your home.

We will send you an email explaining how to complete your DBS check. Please can you help us by making the DBS appointment a priority. We cannot pay hosts the £350 thank you payments until the DBS is complete.

If the DBS checks for your household are not completed, or we cannot contact you to carry out these checks we will assume that you no longer wish to be part of the scheme. In this case we will get in contact with your current or prospective guests to let them know that you do not meet the scheme requirements and we will find a new host for them. [Find out more about the DBS process on our website](#). If you have any questions or concerns about these checks please contact ncchomesforukraine@norfolk.gov.uk.

English Exchange

Some new English conversation classes have now started at the [Millennium Library](#) in Norwich and are open to all, including Ukrainian families.

This is a free, friendly conversation group for those learning English as a second language. Your guests can come along and practise their spoken English there is no need to book, just drop in.

Mondays 2-3pm and Thursdays 10.30–11.30am on the Ground Floor.

Keeping safe in Norfolk

The Norfolk County Community Safety Partnership is producing some leaflets in English, Ukrainian and Russian about how new arrivals to Norfolk can keep safe. This includes information about how to avoid exploitation and scams. The leaflets will be widely available, including from the Community Help sessions. In the meantime you can find [information about keeping safe](#) online.

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.