

## Parish Council Interim Update

Good Afternoon All!

Ukrainian refugees are now arriving in our villages. Many are finding ways to help, creating local support networks. I have distributed some collection boxes to local outlets. Let me know if you want one. Below is this week's bulletin that goes to Independent Group Councillors nationally with the links in it.

**To register to offer a home:** Homes for Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/homes-for-ukraine-scheme-frequently-asked-questions>

**To safely find a refugee(s):** The Government are working with "Reset" to help find Homes for Ukraine, matching and training service, launched April 1<sup>st</sup>. <https://resetuk.org/>

In Lincolnshire we are asking people to sign up on this website: Mothers for Ukraine.

<https://uklinks.co.uk/M4U/>. [Johnny Hoare](#) from Rauceby Hall has been over to help and spoke at the recent meeting in Welbourn. <http://www.facebook.com/groups/1427651071010215/?ref=share>

Personally, I am also supporting the British Red Cross internationally and the Lincolnshire Community Foundation locally.

The [British Red Cross](#) are here for the long term. They take monthly donations on direct debit and run collection boxes. They have a licence to do a box collection in the Lincoln High Street pedestrian area on **May 7<sup>th</sup>**, starting at the Red Cross shop in the High Street from 10am. They have asked me to find around 20 local people to assist, planning on 2 hour shifts each. The co-ordinator is Jane Owen in Newark. 07793 883 128 or 07764 967 059

The [Lincolnshire Community Foundation](#) is pretty good and has a useful website, where donations can be made directly to help refugees already here.

### **Barnardo's free helpline to support Ukrainian families**

The conflict and ongoing violence in Ukraine have caused families to forcibly leave their homes, in search of safety, with many arriving in the UK.

In response to this, following discussion with the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain, Barnardo's has set up the Ukrainian Support Helpline to provide a holistic support service. The helpline is available to anyone fleeing the conflict in Ukraine.

Barnardo's free helpline (0800 148 8586) is staffed by English, Ukrainian and Russian speakers, to offer support to children and families arriving in the UK from Ukraine.

The helpline is open Monday – Friday (10:00am – 8:00pm) and Saturday (10:00am – 3:00pm). Callers will be able to get help and advice on a range of topics.

A dedicated email address [ukrainiansupport@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:ukrainiansupport@barnardos.org.uk) and webpage have also been set up for those assisting with the Ukraine response.

More information: <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/what-we-do/helping-families/ukrainian-helpline>

Kind Regards,

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