Support for Ukraine

Our thoughts go out to everyone affected by the utterly heartbreaking scenes we are seeing in Ukraine, following the country's invasion by Russia.

We'd like to thank everyone locally who is doing what they can to provide support and rallying behind the people of Ukraine, letting them know they are not alone.

There are a number of options locally and nationally for you to provide support and ensure it can benefit those directly affected by the ongoing conflict.

This page lists some of the ways that you can provide support. Although not an exhaustive list, we will look to keep it updated as much as possible with further support routes as and when we are made aware of them.

As well as donating funding, we are hearing in particular that people that are stuck at the borders need the likes of medication, plasters, and other medical materials to cover wounds, medication for children, power banks and thermal blankets. More information can be found below.

As a council we are in regular contact with central Government and are ready to provide any support that we can, and although it's too early to say what that might be at this stage, we'll update when we can.

The Ukraine Disaster Emergency Committee Crisis Appeal

The Ukraine Disaster Emergency Committee Appeal is providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water, shelter, healthcare and protection.

Donating to the Disaster Emergency Committee Appeal ensures the people of Ukraine get the support they need and that donations go to those directly affected by the conflict.

Disaster emergency committee charities are in Ukraine and neighbouring countries working hard to meet the needs of all refugees and displaced people. All donations will be gratefully received and below are some examples of how charities say the money could be spent:

- £30 could provide essential hygiene supplies for three people for one month
- £50 could provide blankets for four families
- £100 could provide emergency food for two families for one month

Ukraine Disaster Emergency Committee Appeal

National charities collecting for Ukraine **Global Giving**

GlobalGiving is a nonprofit organisation that supports other <u>nonprofits</u> by connecting them to <u>donors</u> and <u>companies</u>. There are 39 organisations listed on their website that are supporting Ukraine.

Search GlobalGiving

IFAW International Fund for Animal Welfare

IFAW rush emergency aid to provide pet food, veterinary supplies, and wages for daily care staff to both shelters in Ukraine, and help protect other animals around the world.

IFAW (International Fund for Animal Welfare) - Ukraine donations

The British Red Cross

The British Red Cross has launched an <u>emergency fundraising</u> <u>appeal</u> in response to the intensification of fighting in Ukraine.

As the security situation allows, the Ukrainian Red Cross Society (URCS) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) will continue to respond to existing and emerging humanitarian

needs. The Red Cross has supported people affected by this conflict for years and this will not stop now.

Your donation could help someone affected get:

- food
- water
- first aid
- medicines
- warm clothes
- shelter

Ukraine Crisis Appeal British Red Cross

UN Refugee Agency

The UN Refugee Agency is working with local authorities and other partners in Ukraine to provide humanitarian assistance.

donate.unrefugees.org.uk

UNICEF

UNICEF is especially concerned for the safety and wellbeing of children who have become separated from their families.

Ukraine crisis: donate now - Unicef UK

Wiltshire support for Ukraine

Dawid Fedyk is leading a project to collect donated items and transport them to Poland to help Ukrainian refugees who have fled across the boarder. These are priority items: first aid equipment, hygiene products, batteries, power banks, torches, medicines, nappies, dog and cat food, pet supplies beds, coats etc, warm boots and new underwear.

Donations will be sent to Poland every week to a hostel in Kgierz and a volunteer centre in Lodz to help Ukrainian refugees. Every

item donated will go directly into hands of the Ukrainian people in need.

Items needed are:

- First aid equipment
- Batteries
- Torches
- Power banks
- Dog and cat food
- Pet accessories (bowls, toys, pet beds)
- Childrens and baby clothes (nappies)
- Clothes (coats, warm boots, new underwear etc)
- Blankets
- Sleeping bags
- Hygienic products (toothbrush, handwash, tampons etc)
- Medicine (painkillers, bandage, plasters etc)
- Food with long expiry dates (rice, pasta, canned food)
- Childrens toys, teddies

Donated items can be taken to the following drop of points:

Chippenham

Due to the overwhelming generosity of the community, the Constituency Office is no longer accepting donations. Thank you to those that have donated.

Constituency Office - No longer accepting donations 61, New Road, Chippenham, Wiltshire 3pm -5pm Monday - Thursday (please contact the <u>Conservative Constituency Office</u> if you need to discuss out of hours options) **Melksham**

Due to the overwhelming generosity of the community, Melksham Town Hall is no longer accepting donations. Thank you to those that have donated.

Melksham Town Hall - No longer accepting donations Market Place, Melksham

01225 704187

Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm. Extended hours on Thursday 3 March only 8am - 8pm

Trowbridge

Due to the overwhelming generosity from the community, Castle Place Leisure Centre and Skin Aesthetic Beauty Salon are no longer accepting donations. Thank you to those that have donated.

<u>Castle Place Leisure Centre</u> - No longer accepting donations Level 5a, Multi Storey Car Park, Trowbridge

Skin Aesthetic Beauty Salon - No longer accepting donations 30 Roundstone Street, Trowbridge, BA14 8DE

Westbury

Due to the overwhelming generosity of the community, Daykins Estate Agents is no longer accepting donations. Thank you to those that have donated.

Daykins Estate Agents - No longer accepting donations Unit 4 Rockhaven Business Park, Commerce Close, Westbury BA13 4FZ 01373 476 447

Government advice

Visit the gov.uk webpages for <u>support for family members of British</u> <u>nationals in Ukraine</u>, and <u>Ukrainian nationals in Ukraine and the UK</u> <u>GOV.UK Guidance for family members of British nationals</u>, <u>UK</u> <u>settled persons and certain others to come to or stay in the UK under the Ukraine Family Scheme.</u>