

The Homes for Ukraine process



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Are you interested in offering a home to a Ukrainian guest in the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead?

If you already know a family you wish to sponsor. If this is the case go to step 3. If not, you can be matched by a charity such as [resetuk.org](https://www.resetuk.org) or apply to “rematch” with a household already in the UK – **see step 3.5.**

Is this a rematch? If you are applying to help a household who is already here but needs alternative accommodation, this is called a rematch and you just need to enter your details as above making it clear you are looking to help an existing family who has already arrived. If not a rematch, **see step 4.**

A property home visit is then booked, this enables the council to confirm to the Home Office that the property is suitable. The council's housing residential services team will contact you to arrange the property home visit to undertake the property inspection.

A criminal record check (DBS) is also required of all sponsors under the Home for Ukraine Scheme, you will be contacted separately concerning these checks. Finally, children's services (Achieving for Children) or adult social care (Optalis) will contact you once your guests have arrived to undertake a safeguarding/welfare check.

The council has dedicated welfare officers who will then keep in contact with you and your guests on a monthly basis, to provide any support or signposting and to ensure the monthly 'thank you' payment can be processed, the welfare team can be contacted at welfareteam@rbwm.gov.uk.

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Register as a sponsor via [gov.uk/register-interest-homes-ukraine](https://www.gov.uk/register-interest-homes-ukraine)

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Apply for a visa. All Ukrainian guests must apply for a visa via [gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-visa-under-the-ukraine-sponsorship-scheme](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-visa-under-the-ukraine-sponsorship-scheme). Where your guest is having difficulty applying, you may do this on their behalf – **see step 5.**

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All information for the host is then sent to Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead. Once you are matched with a Ukrainian individual or family (if not applying for the rematch scheme), and the guest's visa application is successfully completed, the Home Office passes the full information to the council.

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Once the family arrives they will be able to attend the council offices during open hours to pick up their £200 payment. Information will also be given about how to set up a bank account within the borough and other top tips.

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If you as the host have opted in for the 'thank you' payment of £350 this will be processed and paid monthly, with the first payment only being made once the above steps have been completed.

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Thank you for your support

