

**SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL**  
SERVICE FOR  
**RESETTLING**  
**COMMUNITIES**

**Imagine losing your home.**  
**Could you offer accommodation**  
**to help a Ukrainian individual or**  
**family who have lost theirs?**

We are looking for additional hosts  
for the Homes for Ukraine Scheme.

The war in Ukraine continues, with many people still displaced from their homes and communities. This is why we are looking for new hosts as part of our Home for Ukraine scheme. You could join many caring South Gloucestershire residents who have already opened their homes to help those fleeing the war in Ukraine. New hosts receive £500 a month 'Thank you' payment, as well as ongoing support.

This leaflet helps answer some initial questions if you are considering becoming a host or know someone who might want to help. Please also contact our Resettling Communities team if you would like to have an informal discussion. We're a friendly bunch and happy to help.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO BECOME A HOST UNDER THE HOMES FOR UKRAINE SCHEME?

- You must be a British or Irish citizen, or be 'settled in the UK', which means you have the right to live in the UK permanently
- You can provide a spare room/accommodation in your home for six months

### WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS IF I AM INTERESTED IN BECOMING A HOST?

Have a look at the government website and register your interest at: Homes for Ukraine: record your interest - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)) or scan the QR code shown here:

Contact our Resettling Communities team, either by email or by phone at [HomesforUkraine@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:HomesforUkraine@southglos.gov.uk) or call **01454 863605**

- Register your interest with a designated charity – our team can help you with this.
- Complete DBS and housing checks – our team can help you with this.



### WHAT IS THE SUPPORT FOR MY UKRAINIAN GUEST?

As well as you both receiving wraparound support, your guest(s) receives support and advice that covers benefits, language, employment, and re-housing.

## WHAT SUPPORT IS OFFERED TO HOSTS IN SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE?

Our Resettling Communities team will arrange monthly 'Thank you' payments of **£500** per month for you.

You and your guest will receive wrap-around support for six months from your dedicated support provider. This includes access to drop-in sessions, activities and events available through our community hub network. You will also receive South Gloucestershire Council media information, as well as access to local WhatsApp groups.

You receive regular invitations to meet with our Resettlement Communities team, support services and other hosts on Zoom, or in person.

You will be invited to regular host events to keep connected with other hosts and the support team.

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU BECOME A HOST?

Be assured that throughout the process you will be helped every step of the way by our team and support partners.

### Key steps include:

- Once the next steps mentioned above are completed and DBS and Housing approvals are in place, you can arrange to meet your guest(s) on arrival and help them settle in.
- You should then inform the Resettling Communities team that your guest(s) have arrived so we can set up a first meeting for you and your guest(s) with our support team.
- The support team will then support you throughout the process. They will offer you dedicated, expert advice and assistance, including regular home visits and 'phone contact.

## WILL BEING A HOST AFFECT BENEFITS AND COUNCIL TAX?

For hosts who receive welfare payments the government is ensuring that 'Thank you' payments do not affect your benefit entitlement. 'Thank you' payments will not affect any council tax discounts for single occupancy and payments are tax free.

## DO I HAVE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND DO THE PAPERWORK FOR MY GUEST?

Your dedicated support service will help with all necessary paperwork to support your Ukrainian guest(s). This includes help with universal or pension credit, bank account, GP/medical surgery, English courses, employment support and housing support etc.

## IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU CAN CONTACT OUR RESETTLING COMMUNITIES TEAM, OR MEET WITH THEM VIA ZOOM.

Contact our Resettling Communities team:

- ✉ [HomesforUkraine@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:HomesforUkraine@southglos.gov.uk)
- ☎ 01454 863605