

[PURBECK CONNECT UKRAINE \(PCU\) – A PLEA FOR HELP and MORE FUNDS](#)

In March 2022, following the Russian invasion of Ukraine, PCU was formed as a voluntary organisation to help Ukrainian refugees settle in the local area, as part of the charity Swanage Action for Refugees. There are now about 30 Ukrainian families in the wider Purbeck area, from Lulworth to Studland, who have been welcomed by local Host families.

In the past year, PCU's work has included:

- Linking up Ukrainian refugees with hosts in Purbeck
- Assisting with applications for visas, benefits, school applications
- Referring guests to services, e.g. the Foodbank, Job Centre and CAB
- Establishing links with other Ukrainian refugee groups in Dorset
- Providing essential information to our Ukrainian guests
- Supplying clothing, bicycles, phones, laptops, bedding and household goods
- Providing transport to essential appointments and medical visits
- Arranging social activities & events
- Enabling our Ukrainian friends to prepare a Ukrainian dinner for their hosts and volunteers
- Assisting with relocation to new accommodation at the end of the hosting period
- Providing regular English lessons for adults, and a Saturday school for Ukrainian children



This autumn, as the war continues, we are still in need of more host families to help more Ukrainians moving to Purbeck. Many manage to work once settled, but they have lost so much and are still in great need. We have seen some lovely friendships develop and there is such gratitude from those who have received help from PCU.

Also we urgently require more funds to meet the ongoing needs and to be able to offer essential support as necessary.

Please consider whether you could help in some way; perhaps you could hold a Coffee Morning or organise a raffle, hold a concert, sports or social event, or may be simply make a personal donation. If you belong to a group, perhaps you could ask if they also could give a donation to PCU to ensure this vital work can continue, for as long as it takes.

For further information on hosting, fundraising, or becoming a volunteer please contact the charity by **email** – purbeckconnectukraine@gmail.com

Donations can be made to: Swanage Action for Refugees

Account no. 68669260, Sort Code 30-90-91, ref Purbeck Connect Ukraine

A huge thank-you to all who have contributed during the last 18 months. It has made a big difference; we could not have achieved any of this without you.