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1. Homes for Ukraine sponsorship scheme
2. Ukraine Family Visa Scheme

Individuals and families arriving under these schemes are free to live, work and access public services and benefits.

Homes for Ukraine – B&NES figures to date

- 134 sponsors and over 300 guests now matched
- 83 sponsor homes have received guests
- 179 guests have arrived so far (including 71 children and young people)

No's by Forum area	
Bath	**61**
Bathavon	11
Chew	18
Keynsham area	22
Somer	22

Homes for Ukraine – B&NES Council's duty

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Pre and Post arrival checks

- Visit the accommodation to check it is suitable for the proposed guests
- Undertake DBS checks on sponsor and all those 16+ in their household
- After arrival, complete safeguarding checks, including visiting the guests in their accommodation to make sure there are no serious concerns (the Welfare Check).

Ongoing support

- Help guests and sponsors access services
- Help with accommodation issues
- Safeguarding issues

Finance

- Pay guests £200 grant on arrival and sponsors £350 'thank you' payment (this is paid one month in arrears once accommodation checks have been completed).

About the Welfare Checks

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- Delivered by a staff team at the Community Wellbeing Hub – Council, HCRG Care group and partners

- Welfare visits are scheduled as soon as reasonably possible after the guests have arrived.

- During the visit, guests are signposted to health services, schools, emotional health and wellbeing support, money and benefits advice, organisations such as Bath Welcomes Refugees and the council's website.

- Keen to link up to local support – let us know what is available locally.

Ongoing support

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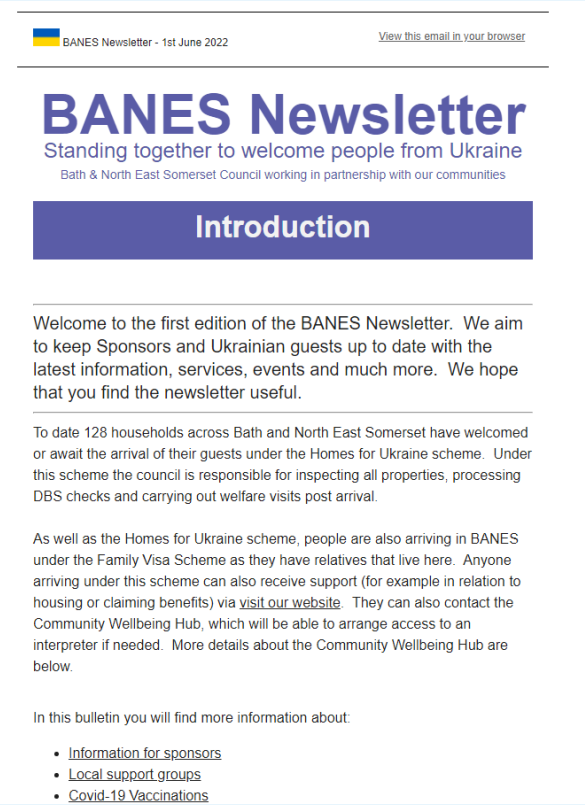
- The Community Wellbeing Hub can offer support to any Ukrainian guest, tel: 0300 247 0050
- Council is commissioning Bath Welcomes Refugees, Bath Mind, CAB and others to provide additional support
- Hosting events for sponsors and guests
- Dedicated newsletter for sponsors and guests
- A grant scheme will be available shortly for local groups and organisations to apply to support Ukrainian guests
- Council website https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/support-ukraine



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Standing together to welcome people from Ukraine

Bath & North East Somerset Council working in partnership with our communities

Introduction

Welcome to the first edition of the BANES Newsletter. We aim to keep Sponsors and Ukrainian guests up to date with the latest information, services, events and much more. We hope that you find the newsletter useful.

To date 128 households across Bath and North East Somerset have welcomed or await the arrival of their guests under the Homes for Ukraine scheme. Under this scheme the council is responsible for inspecting all properties, processing DBS checks and carrying out welfare visits post arrival.

As well as the Homes for Ukraine scheme, people are also arriving in BANES under the Family Visa Scheme as they have relatives that live here. Anyone arriving under this scheme can also receive support (for example in relation to housing or claiming benefits) via visit our website. They can also contact the Community Wellbeing Hub, which will be able to arrange access to an interpreter if needed. More details about the Community Wellbeing Hub are below.

In this bulletin you will find more information about:

- Information for sponsors
- Local support groups
- Covid-19 Vaccinations