

Homes for Ukraine Scheme – Guidance for Tenants of Worthing Homes

Worthing Homes welcomes the new scheme that will help British residents to be able to provide much-needed accommodation for people fleeing the war in Ukraine. We expect that some Worthing Homes residents may want to apply to be sponsors under the scheme so we have produced some guidance to help with this. We want to make sure that all these placements are successful so this guidance is to help you understand what you may need to do.

The government have indicated that there will be a further phase of the scheme for organisations to be able to assist with the resettlement of refugees from Ukraine. Worthing Homes is very much committed to helping with this and we will work with the local authorities in our area to contribute to the efforts to provide housing.

Tenants who want to apply should be aware that –

- Any arrangement you enter into under the scheme is between you and the government agency that administers the scheme. Worthing Homes will not be able to assist in the event of any problem that arises from it.
- Your tenancy agreement requires you to ask written permission from WH before anyone moves into your home to live, detailing names and ages. We will give permission, as long as your home will not be overcrowded as a result
- You will only be able to help if you will not be overcrowding your property as a result. If your home is “statutorily overcrowded” we may take action against you for breach of your tenancy agreement – more information is available at [Shelter overcrowding advice](#)
- Tenants are responsible for the conduct of anyone living in their home, while they are at home or in the immediate area. You would have to ensure that anyone staying with you understands and complies with your tenancy agreement conditions.
- The information from government indicates that the “thank you” payment will be tax free and will not affect benefits entitlement.
- You will not be able to charge rent /charges to any refugees staying in your property and need to consider the possible cost impact, for example increased gas and electricity usage
- However, if you have any concerns about how this might affect your ability to pay the rent and any extra charges for your home, you can check the government guidance at <https://homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk/>

Leaseholders and Shared Owners who are considering applying to the scheme should –

- Check the terms of your lease to ensure that you will still be complying with its requirements
- Check what information you need to provide to Worthing Homes in the event of having people come to live in your property

We will update this guidance as and when there is more information available. You can also find more information and register your interest here - <https://homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk/> .

Other ways that you can help

The Disasters Emergency Committee have estimated that 4 million people have fled their homes as a result of the war. They are working with many charities including the British Red Cross to provide food, water, shelter and healthcare to refugees and displaced families. You can donate money at [DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal | Disasters Emergency Committee](#) .

If you do wish to donate items then check with your local charity shops, Salvation Army etc. as they will be able to tell you the drop off points near you. In Worthing the Quaker meeting house on Mill Road is taking items for donation and Northdale vets have been asking for any pet supplies such as leads, cat harnesses etc.