

HOSTING GUESTS FROM UKRAINE

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| Register with Shropshire Council | Homes for Ukraine Notification of Arrivals Form (office.com) completing this form will trigger DBS checks for hosts and property checks as well as the payment for guests (£200) and for hosts (£350 per month). Email address for any enquiries resettlement@shropshire.gov.uk |
| Obtain SIM card | Vodafone (6 months free) available from Shropshire supports refugees Shrewsbury hub. Mobil network 3 (3 months free) available from their shops |
| Set up bank account | For HSBC or NatWest you can go into a branch (take passport as ID) or you can set up an online account through Monzo. Monzo Current Accounts Money Feels Better on Monzo |
| Apply for universal credit if needed | Complete once bank account open (or use hosts bank account initially). Triggers visit to job centre (best to book appointment – take ID). Usually takes 5-6 weeks, backdated to when form is completed). https://www.universal-credit.service.gov.uk/start https://www.gov.uk/universal-credit/how-to-claim |
| Apply for schools / colleges | Takes time so start early. https://shropshire.gov.uk/school-admissions Worth talking to your local schools to see if they have space before completing forms |
| Register with Doctor (& Dentist) | As per requirements of the surgery. GP registration triggers NHS number (useful ID) |
| Apply for national insurance number | Essential for work. Apply online, takes about a week to arrive. https://www.gov.uk/applynational-insurance-number |
| Apply for child benefit | Takes up to 13 weeks (backdated). Put “Fast Track Ukraine scheme” at top of form. https://www.gov.uk/child-benefit/how-to-claim |
| Apply for British Residency Permit | Extends visa from 6 months to 3 years. Book an appointment. Biometrics – Ukraine Scheme BRP (visas-immigration.service.gov.uk) Where the centres are – https://visahelpuk.com/immigration-centre |

Visit Shropshire supports refugee’s hubs for advice and support, Vodafone cards, signposting, ESOL, help with mental health and well-being, clothes, toiletries, food, boat trip tickets.

Option to be added to the hosts WhatsApp group – message 07487 883777