

GOAT Roadtrip assistance with the UK 'Homes for Ukraine Scheme'

GOAT Roadtrip is a private company which is helping match Ukrainian refugees with UK host families and arrange their travel to the UK. GOAT Roadtrip is not a registered charity or official government body. Our services are being offered entirely voluntarily. For any official advice please contact the British government. In the Leeds area, you can contact a dedicated team by emailing homesforukraine@leeds.gov.uk.

The way in which GOAT Roadtrip operates is that we visit all of our potential hosts first before we match you with a refugee. This is separate to any official home check or DBS that your local authority may choose to conduct.

One of our volunteers (who is not a government official) will contact you to arrange a mutually convenient time for them to visit you at your home.

The role of our volunteer is to:

- Verify you are who you say you are by seeing a form of photo ID, for example, a passport, driving license.
- Confirm the room (s) you have available is as described in your previous contact with us.
- Ask 5 basic questions to assist us in confirming you have a basic knowledge and understanding about being a Sponsor and a Host.

For official information regarding the Govt Sponsor Scheme, i.e. requirements of a sponsor, of their accommodation, household and those who reside within the Sponsors home please refer to:

<https://www.gov.uk/.../homes-for-ukraine-scheme-frequently-asked-questions>

For enquires or questions about the official home visit, DBS, your Local Authority response and support available from your Local Authority please refer to your local council email address. For example in Leeds it is: homesforukraine@leeds.gov.uk

Most areas in Yorkshire have a linked Ukrainian Centre, who are now working alongside Local Authorities and may be a good point of contact for you.

We appreciate you may wish to share information with our volunteer, about your family composition, supports, skills, interests and network, alongside information about your community and locality, this is up to you, what you choose to share is your responsibility.

Our experience, on the ground in Poland, is some information helps provide some reassurance to refugees who are in a very uncertain situation and are having to make huge decisions about their lives and that of their families. If you choose to share information, our volunteer will ask your permission to share this with us in order to expediate a match.