**Community and voluntary groups in East Sussex
March 2024**

**East Sussex County Council Home for Ukraine Call Centre**

Provides services across East Sussex.

* Speak both English and Ukrainian
* Primary point of contact for any queries
* Can advise you by phone or in writing
* Provide partial and accurate information or refer you to partner organisations
* Confidentiality guaranteed.



01273 337 010

ukraine@eastsussex.gov.uk

[Ukraine | East Sussex County Council](https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/community/supporting-refugees/ukraine)





**Voluntary Action organisations**

Each Voluntary Action organisation assists guests and hosts by linking to the local support that exists through Homes for Ukraine Community Hubs and the local networks.

**East Sussex is divided into 5 districts and borough councils:**

* [Eastbourne Borough Council](https://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/)
* [Hastings Borough Council](https://www.hastings.gov.uk/)
* [Lewes District Council](https://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/)
* [Rother District Council](https://www.rother.gov.uk/)
* [Wealden District Council](https://www.wealden.gov.uk/)

If you have any questions or queries concerning to process of settling into East Sussex, please contact the Voluntary Action organisation that works in the district where you live.

**For an overview of voluntary and community organisations in East Sussex**, see:

1. [**Hastings Voluntary Action**](https://www.hastingsvoluntaryaction.org.uk/member-directory)*(Covering Hastings borough)*

Email: ukraine@hastingsvoluntaryaction.org.uk

1. [**Rother Voluntary Action**](https://www.rva.uk.com/about-us/)*(Covering Rother district)*

Email: ukrainesupport@rva.uk.com

1. [**3VA**](https://3va.org.uk/members-directory/)*(Covering Wealden district, Lewes district and Eastbourne borough)*

Email: ukraine@3va.org.uk

Phone: 07784240481

Each of these organisations helps Ukrainian guests and their host families by providing local connections to community centres, services and organisations working under the government's "Home for Ukraine" programme.

**List of Voluntary Action organisations, volunteer organisations and help centres according to the place of residence**

 **Eastbourne Borough**

**Eastbourne**

**Café Ukraine**

Social meeting, free refreshments, host and Ukrainian guest support, advice from agencies, free groceries and toiletries.





Saturdays, 10:30am-12:30pm (meetings are irregular, confirm before coming)

Lansdowne Hotel, Eastbourne, BN21 4EE

Helenkotz285@gmail.com

**Eastbourne Hub for Ukraine** (regular basis)

Social meeting, cake and refreshments, hot meals, free items, activities for adults and children, host and Ukrainian guest support and advice from agencies.





Tuesdays 4-6pm

St John the Evangelist Church, St Johns Road, Eastbourne, BN20 7ND

ukrainianhubeastbourne@gmail.com

**Eastbourne AUGB Hub** (regular basis)

Social meeting, cake and refreshments, hot meals, free items, workshops, activities for adults and children, advice from agencies and volunteers.





Saturdays, 11am-4pm

Meeting Point, 23 Hawthorn Road, Eastbourne, BN23 5Q

[facebook.com/people/Association-of-Ukrainians-in-Great-Britain-Eastbourne-branch/100089847112922/](https://www.facebook.com/people/Association-of-Ukrainians-in-Great-Britain-Eastbourne-branch/100089847112922/)

**Our Neighbourhood Ukrainian Support** (one-to-one drop-in sessions, booking necessary)

One to one support sessions with Ukrainian speakers and the 3VA team. Please prebook a timeslot in advance. Meetings can be organised online via Zoom or in person at the Leaf Hall. Pre-book via the email below.





Mondays, 4:30-6:30pm (not on bank holidays)

Leaf Hall, 51 Seaside, Eastbourne, BN22 7N

katerina@ourneighbourhood.org.uk

 **Hastings Borough**

**Hastings**

**Ukrainian Sanctuary Cafe (regular)**

Social meeting, lunch, host and Ukrainian guest support, advice from agencies and volunteers, crafts.





Mondays, 11am-1:30pm

Holy Trinity Hastings Church, Robertson Street, Hastings, TN34 1HT

jac.williams@hthchurch.org

 **Lewes District**

 **Lewes**

 **Café Ukraine** (regular basis)

Social meeting, support and advice from agencies.





Wednesdays, 10am-12pm

Christ Church, Lewes, BN7 1BL

secretary@christ-church-lewes.org

**Newick Hub** (regular basis)

Social meeting





Fridays, 10am-12pm

Newick Community Centre, BN 8 4LR

shimmyandshake@yahoo.co.uk

 **Rother District**

**Bexhill**

**The Bexhill Hub to Support Ukraine (regular)**

Social meeting, lunch, host and Ukrainian guest support, advice from agencies and volunteers.





Wednesdays, 11am-2:00pm

Beulah Baptist Church, Buckhurst Road, Bexhill, East Sussex, TN40 1QA

Bexhillukrhub@gmail.com or call: 07709 116 163

**Bexhill Meeting Point (regular)**

Social meeting, Ukrainian guest support, advice from agencies and volunteers (RVA, Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council).




Fridays, 12-2pm

De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN40 1DP

**Battle**

**There are no permanent hubs.**

[Meeting announcements can be found on the RVA website.](https://www.rva.uk.com/ukraine-crisis/)

You can find help from local authorities.

**Contact information:**



Cllr Glenna Favell cllrgfavell@battletowncouncil.gov.uk

Facebook Group [Battle Stands for Ukraine | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/groups/651820312694132/)

**Burwash**

**There are no permanent hubs.**

[Meeting announcements can be found on the RVA website.](https://www.rva.uk.com/ukraine-crisis/)

You can find help from local authorities.

**Contact information:**



Joanna Birdsey info@burwashsupport.com

[Burwash Sussex Ukrainian Assistance](https://www.facebook.com/groups/675769230300263/)

**Robertsbridge**

**There are no permanent hubs.**

[Meeting announcements can be found on the RVA website.](https://www.rva.uk.com/ukraine-crisis/)

You can find help from local authorities.

**Contact information:**



Cllr Susan Prochak

cllr.susan.prochak@rother.gov.uk

**Rye**

**There are no permanent hubs.**

[Meeting announcements can be found on the RVA website.](https://www.rva.uk.com/ukraine-crisis/)

You can find help from local authorities.

**Contact information:**



Dr Anthony Kimber: anthonytbkimber@gmail.com

[Homes for Ukraine in Rye District Facebook group](https://www.facebook.com/ryehomeukraine/?paipv=0&eav=AfaTdIcQbE2FbRKKqPwVyfIeyq-PSx-0CkZZ3SU2wK9x2wTd_kdJCOLwgf8RqMHRI38&_rdr)

 **Wealden District**

**Crowborough Hub** (regular basis)

Social meeting, support and advice from agencies.




Tuesdays, 10am-12pm

All Saints Church, Crowborough, TN6 1EF

**Hailsham hub**

Social meeting, support and advice

 Saturday,4:30 – 6.30 (irregular meetings)

 Dippy Doodah’s Café, Hailsham, BN27 1AX

alison@alisonmatwijiszyn.co.uk

**Hellingly ESUS**

Social meeting, support and advice from agencies.





Mondays, 12:30-3pm (Meetings are irregular, please confirm before attending)

Hellingly Community Hub, Hailsham, BN27 4EP

contact@eastsussexukrainesupport.com

**Heathfield** (one-to-one drop-in sessions, no booking necessary)

Advice and support with:

* Housing options and issues
* Finding a host
* Renting
* Benefits and bills
* Employment
* Taxes & HMRC
* NHS & finding a dentist
* Schools, education & English classes
* Assistance with administrative tasks
* Finding a Ukraine hub & family activities





Wednesdays, 10am-12pm

Coffee Lounge, Union Church, TN21 8LB

ukraine@3va.org.uk

**Mayfield**

**Mayfield Hub**

Social meeting, support and advice from agencies.




Fridays, 10:30am-12pm (please confirm before attending)

Colkins Mill Church, TN20 6BT

**Mayfield & Five Ashes**

Support and signposting.

Providing everyday support with:

* Isolation and connecting
* Housing
* Work
* Items needed
* English classes
* Accessing wider support and advice
* Community integration
* Transport support






Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10am-1pm (drop-in sessions)

MAYFACS Office, London House, High Street, Mayfield, TN20 6AQ

ukrainesupport@mayfacs.org.uk

01435 873888

**Rotherfield**

Social meeting, refreshments, host and Ukrainian guest support and advice from agencies.





Thursdays, 10am-12pm (Meetings are irregular, please confirm before attending)

Rotherfield St Martin, The Memorial Institute Building, Rotherfield, TN6 3LX

rotherfieldukrainianpals@gmail.com

**Uckfield**

**Uckfield Hub**

Social meeting, free refreshments, host and Ukrainian guest support, advice from agencies, free groceries and toiletries.





Fridays, 4-6pm (meetings are irregular, please confirm before coming)

Foresters Hall, Uckfield, TN22 5DT

[Eastsussexukrainesupport.com](https://www.eastsussexukrainesupport.com/)

**Uckfield 3VA**

One to one drop in sessions from 3VA.

Advice and support with:

* Housing options and issues
* Finding a host
* Renting
* Benefits and bills
* Employment
* Taxes & HMRC
* NHS & finding a dentist
* Schools, education & English classes
* Assistance with administrative tasks
* Finding a Ukraine hub & family activities





Fridays, 1-3pm

Main room on the ground floor, Civic Center, Uckfield, TN22 1AE

ukraine@3va.org.uk

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