



HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Press Release – Ukraine

In light of the crisis in Ukraine Northumberland County Councillor Wojciech Ploszaj has organised to have items donated from residents and businesses to be sent to collection points for delivery to distribution points in Poland for those having to flee from Ukraine. He also urged fellow County Councillors to help.

To that end, Hexham County Councillors Cessford, Fairless-Aitken and Kennedy have come together to coordinate their town's efforts. They are asking residents and businesses to send anything they can, from the list below, to the collection point at the Grapes, 1 St Mary's Chare 10.00am-10.00pm Monday-Saturday and noon-10.00pm on Sundays (or in the pub's porch from 8.30am).

All items must be sent on or before Sunday 13th March so they can be added to the already arranged transport.

The items required, based on information from aid providers, are:

Personal hygiene products

- soaps, shower gels, shampoos and hair conditioners, hairbrushes
- toothbrushes and toothpaste, for children and adults
- antiperspirants and deodorants (mainly for women but also for men)
- face creams and tonics, hand creams for women.
- sanitary towels, tampons, panty liners
- larger sanitary pads for women in puerperium and nursing pads (breastfeeding pads)
- wet wipes, nappies of various sizes, tissues, cotton pads

Medical supplies

- first aid kits
- bandages, gauze and swabs, tourniquets, plasters, disposable gloves
- anti-pain, anti-fever and anti-inflammatory drugs for children and adults
- vitamins for children
- something for the cough, sore throat, stomach problems, nasal drops.

For children, to keep them occupied and distracted, to make them smile:

- colouring books and crayons/markers

- small puzzles
- small soft toys/ cuddly toys
- sweets: chocolates, bars, snacks, etc.

And also:

- baby porridge, baby rice, fruit/vegetable snacks in tubes (not jars)
- instant foods such as soups, etc.,
- long-term foods such as canned food, etc.
- paper towels, cutlery and disposable plates
- sleeping bags, mats, blankets
- power banks, batteries, flashlights

Clothing in different sizes (please bring NEW items):

- women's and children's underwear
- cotton T-shirts, sweatshirts and tracksuits
- thermoactive clothing
- cotton leggings for women
- women's slippers, children's and women's pyjamas
- bath towels

At the moment, we do not collect used clothing. We might ask for it later on, as needed and requested by charity organisations in Poland.

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Further information is available from Hexham Town Council (01434 609575 www.hexhamtowncouncil.gov.uk).