

Bruton Supports Ukraine

Terms of Reference

Bruton Supports Ukraine (BSU) is a group of volunteers working together to try to provide a coordinated response to the needs of Ukrainian refugees and their hosts in and around Bruton.

Governance, insurance and financial administration are provided to BSU by good company (Bruton for Bruton CIC), and where necessary good company's safeguarding policy and procedures will apply to the work of BSU.

BSU works to support hosts, guests and its supporters/volunteers in all activities including, but not limited to, social activities, support with administration, language tuition, provision of emergency financial support, support with a move to independent living, support in finding employment. In supporting guests and hosts Bruton Supports Ukraine will also, as required, raise policy or operational issues with local and national government and may approach the media for support in raising the profile of important issues. In these activities Bruton Supports Ukraine will coordinate with large local/regional groups including, but not limited to Somerset Supports Ukraine.

BSU is not a matching service for Ukrainian refugees and potential UK sponsors.

BSU will offer support to guests and hosts in Bruton and the surrounding towns and villages (including Upton Noble, North Brewham, South Brewham, Hardway, Stoney Stoke, Redlynch, Shepton Montague, Wincanton, Pen Selwood, Castle Cary, Hadspen, Pitcombe, Cole, Wyke Champflower, Lamyatt, Milton Clevedon, Evercreech, Stony Stratton, Wanstrow, Westcombe, Batcombe) and outlying properties. Other areas may be included (i.e. a property owner lives in Bruton but the property offered falls outside the area) at the discretion of the steering group.

All supporters involved with BSU are volunteers, with the exception of a number of ESOL tutors who are paid for additional language support. Appropriate policies will inform and support volunteers' practice (e.g. reporting lines for safeguarding). Volunteers are not are paid for their time or efforts. In some cases volunteers will be able to claim back out of pocket expenses incurred in their voluntary work. These cases will be agreed by at least 2 members of the BSU steering group and a record kept.

BSU will contract (on a self employed basis) the support of a Resettlement Officer who is a Ukrainian national. The Resettlement Officer will support guests and their well being and move towards independent living. The Resettlement Officer will be invited to be a member of the steering group.

BSU will, from time to time, fundraise to cover the costs of its work. All funds will be held by good company on behalf of Bruton Supports Ukraine.