

Help feed the world

MINE FREE AGRO UKRAINE

Appeal from D2232's own Ukraine Crisis Team

2 magnetometers and software

for reconnaissance of fertile agricultural land to identify areas that have to be made safe

€41,000 URGENTLY NEEDED

**2 MAGDRONE R3
 MAGNETOMETERS
 with special software**

Cost €20,500 each

World Food Programme
["War in Ukraine drives global food crisis"](#)

Next year's harvest – **at risk**
 Grain supply for many countries of the world – **at risk**
 Country's GDP – **at risk**

Email Jannine Birtwistle
rotaryjannine@icloud.com
 for more info

- ◆ Ukraine - the breadbasket of Europe plays an important role at world level
- ◆ Cherkasy & Poltava are largest agricultural regions in Ukraine
- ◆ Their crops help feed many countries in the world
- ◆ Farmers **MUST** sow winter wheat end October/early November latest
- ◆ They need help to be able to sow their crops safely NOW
- ◆ Vast areas of prime agricultural land need to be made safe NOW from
 - ⇒ 6 months of constant shelling
 - ⇒ Landmines
 - ⇒ Fragments & unexploded ordnance from downed missiles
- ◆ Demining without the magnetometers is too slow
- ◆ District 2232 working with
 - ⇒ Ukrainian State Emergency Service
 - ⇒ Ukrainian section of International Flying Fellowship of Flying Rotarians
- ◆ Using drones with specialist magnetometers and software for reconnaissance of large areas of agricultural land much faster
- ◆ Identifies areas requiring clearance so farmers can then plant crops
- ◆ Equipment not available in Ukraine so funds needed urgently to purchase these two magnetometers with software in Europe



**TOURNIQUETS CONTINUE TO
 SAVE LIVES IN UKRAINE**

Update from Dr John Philip,
 Chair of the International
 Rotary Fellowship of
 Healthcare Professionals
 (IRFHP)

see more page 3

- ◆ Tourniquets are a simple first-aid device
- ◆ They have saved many lives by stopping traumatic blood loss in those injured in this war
- ◆ Previously, with thanks to the financial support from donors, IRFHP have been supplying these in batches of 2,000 almost weekly over many months
- ◆ Now IRFHP supply these when and where their Ukrainian colleagues advise they are needed
- ◆ 2,000 tourniquets cost £14,000
- ◆ Any donations for tourniquets should be sent to IRFHP marked accordingly
- ◆ [Donation info](#) for IRFHP



Senior Leaders say THANK YOU

A message from

Nicki Scott - Rotary International Vice President 2022-23

Garth Arnold – Inaugural Chair of the Regional Board 2022-23
Rotary Great Britain and Ireland


The 6 month anniversary of the war in Ukraine coincided with Ukraine Independence Day on 24th August which many clubs across Rotary GB&I marked including various events which our Ukrainian guests wanted. We want to take this opportunity, in the Taskforce Bulletin, to thank each and every one of you for whatever you have done over the last 6 months in response to support our Rotarian colleagues in Ukraine, in bordering countries and across our islands.

The Rotary GB&I Ukraine Crisis Taskforce, led so ably by PDG Allan Smith, was established at the outset of the war to raise awareness of the priority needs identified from their contacts across Ukraine and in the bordering countries and it has done an incredible job. They have operated in accordance with the guidelines set for them by the senior leadership in GB&I. The Taskforce has established a strong collaborative relationship with Ukraine's own District 2232's Crisis Team including both DG Vitalii Lesko and IPDG Volodymyr Bondarenko. They meet regularly as a combined team and more frequently in smaller groupings to ensure the information and requests they provide to us all in these islands is what has been identified by our Ukrainian colleagues as the key priorities. Their work is ongoing and at present the GB&I Taskforce is awaiting an updated project list from D2232 of their highest priority needs following the Moshchun Recovery Project which has been the focus in July and August. This new 'menu' of projects will be made available to you all as soon as it is available and 2-4 projects from it will be focused on every 2 months or so.

Sadly there seems little end in sight to this devastating war and the harsh winter conditions are just weeks or even days away. We want to thank you in advance for your ongoing support for everyone impacted by this war, including our guests here in Great Britain and Ireland. We know all you are doing is alongside the many other humanitarian service projects you are involved in every day in your communities both locally and elsewhere in the world.

You are all extraordinary people making a difference.

Thank you.

Medical matters	
<p>INADEQUATE MEDICAL CARE FOR NEWBORN BABIES from Dr John Philip, IRFHP</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 16 hospitals have asked to work with IRFHP ◆ These hospitals currently have inadequate medical care available for newborn babies ◆ Sub-optimal care can result in long term neurological and physical disability which can have a devastating impact ◆ John Philip is pulling together a team of specialists to consider what help might be possible in these extremely difficult circumstances ◆ WATCH THIS SPACE for more details...
<p>BEWARE EXPIRY DATE on medicines and consumables</p>	<p>The D2232 Ukraine Crisis Team have asked we remind everyone that, by special order of the Ministry of Health in Ukraine, medicines and consumables will</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NOT BE ACCEPTED if they have an expiration date of less than 6 months</u></p>
<p>WHEELCHAIRS need transport</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 27 wheelchairs currently in Harlow (some new, some second hand) ◆ Need to get them to Ukraine / bordering countries ◆ Any clubs or districts with transportation available that they could be added to please contact Jannine Birtwistle rotaryjannine@icloud.com and Taskforce Logistics lead Derwent Jaconelli dj@urgentservices.uk



Information from the Taskforce	
<p>Moshchun Village Modular homes</p>	<p>Thank you to all the individuals, clubs and districts who have responded so positively to the appeal for monies to buy modular homes for Moshchun village, which the D2232 Ukraine Crisis Team had identified as their priority request for July and August.</p> <p>The appeal is still open and any further donations should be made in GBP, Euros or USD to the D2232 bank accounts identified in the Info Pack</p>
<p>Donations to D2232 in Ukraine</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Donations directly to District 2232 in Ukraine should go to their GBP bank account in Kyiv with a clear indication of which project it is for
<p>Logistics Rotarian Derwent Jaconelli dj@urgentservices.uk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Derwent is keen to know if you <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have space in consignments going to Ukraine or bordering countries • have any useful logistics contacts • want any help with anything related to logistics
<p>Disaster Response Grants (DRG) from The Rotary Foundation Money available</p> <p>Click this link https://youtu.be/VXD0adCxjtY to see video message from Mike Parry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Remember districts can apply for a new DRG as soon as one is completed, reported and closed ◆ Districts still not able to spend an open DRG they have can ask for the balance to be re-purposed – so it can be fully spent, reported and a new one applied for ◆ Ukraine Disaster Response Fund only ring-fenced till 31st Dec so lets spend it now ◆ Districts please consider applying for a DRG to help meet the most urgent need for the two magnetometers (see Page 1)
<p>A message from Olena Samarska, a mother from Ukraine and Director of NGO Perspektivi” More info from Jannine Birtwistle rotaryjannine@icloud.com</p>	<p>“Good afternoon dear Rotary. The Ukrainian people express their gratitude to you and all the people of Great Britain for understanding and helping Ukraine with the Russian terrorist state.</p> <p>My daughter Sofia Matvienko is a flautist from Ukraine who is studying in London. She asks you to give her the opportunity to join your activities in support of Ukraine. Sofia can hold a number of charity performances with other musicians. Sofia is the winner of many international competitions. Please include Sofia in your musical events, this is important for Sofia. Sophia’s family in Ukraine helps defeat Russian terrorism.”</p>

UKRAINE Independence Day Activities – just a small selection

Rotarians across our nations organised and helped with events for Ukrainians and their hosts to mark this special day being mindful of providing fun and enjoyment for families at a difficult time for them.

Please tell the Resilience team about these and any other activities supporting our Ukrainian guests

<p>Newton & District Jubilee Rotary Helped the Ukrainian Family Hub in Warrington to surprise their Ukrainian guests at their weekly meeting</p> <p>Kids games, bouncy castles, football, DJ, traditional dress and flowers, an ice cream van and much more</p>	<p>Guildford Channies, Godalming RC, Godalming Woolsack</p> <p>Almost 400 Ukrainian guests at the Phillips Memorial Park</p> <p>Beautiful people, beautiful costumes and lots of smiles</p> <p>Attended by three mayors and the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey</p>	<p>Midhurst & Petworth Rotary</p> <p>Welcomed 60 Ukrainians & their hosts who enjoyed a fantastic picnic, arts and crafts and ball games at Cowdray Park Ruins sports ground</p> <p>Had lovely feedback and thanks for Rotary hosting such an occasion</p>	<p>District 1145</p> <p>saw many amazing fun events, including one where 8 Ukrainian mums spent a day preparing food (borsch, blinys, etc.) and the hall was filled with Ukrainian music, singing and dancing</p>
 	<p>Newton Abbot Rotary</p> <p>Ceremony at the St Leonard's Tower in Newton Abbot</p> <p>Followed by a barbecue for some of our Ukrainian guests</p> <p>The club continues to provide support for our guests and is currently helping provide school uniforms</p>	<p>Purley Rotary</p> <p>Around 100 guests came together at Purley Baptist Church. With food and drink, a bouncy castle and outdoor games it was a wonderful event</p> <p>Several emotional speeches, some guests wearing traditional Ukrainian dress and the Ukrainian national anthem accompanied by a very talented Ukrainian pianist</p>	 
	<p>Farnham Weyside Rotary</p> <p>Face painting in the Bandstand</p> <p>Particularly nice that several Ukrainian girls came to help</p>	<p>Tarring Park Rotary club supported by Brighton Beachside and Angmering South Downs clubs</p> <p>came together at Picnic in the Park Tarring, a real community organised event with Ukrainian guest families welcomed</p>	

	<p>Rotary South East received some Ukrainian books brought back on a lorry returning to the UK</p> <p>Here a young Ukrainian is enjoying reading in her own language while mum was in the Rotary Conversation Club</p>	<p>Throughout the summer at Bromley Library Rotary organised an English Conversation Club for basic and intermediate level English speakers from Ukraine</p> <p>Great fun whilst learning and all the resources were sponsored</p>	
---	--	--	---