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Homes for Ukraine

In Oxfordshire, many arrangements between hosts and Ukrainian nationals are coming to an end. Alongside Oxfordshire County Council and the other districts, we are launching a campaign aimed at encouraging landlords to come forward for more information about housing Ukrainians. They may be current landlords or people considering becoming landlords.

Many Ukrainians in Oxfordshire will have settled in local communities and found work, so identifying a range of affordable properties across the county is very important to allow them to start rebuilding their future with more independence.

Please help to spread the word by sharing with your local networks. Landlords can contact the central housing team by emailing oxfordshirehousingcapacity@southandvale.gov.uk or calling 07858687569 or 07849574859. For more information, visit our [South Oxfordshire Homes for Ukraine webpage](#) and [Vale of White Horse Homes for Ukraine webpage](#)

SODC Approve Plans To Provide Social Housing

At the last full council meeting held on 13th July plans were approved for SODC to make use of a government scheme to purchase 23 properties in the area which can be used to provide affordable housing for refugee families who are soon to face eviction from their current hotel accommodation or who are needing to move out of host houses under the Ukraine scheme. Government are providing 40% towards the cost of these houses, and after 2yrs they will remain the property of SODC to use as they wish.

This is being viewed as a very positive start to a plan for SODC to own and operate more social housing to help and support those in most need of affordable accommodation.

Council Leader Seeking Assurances For Rail Ticket Office Closures

Following an announcement that there are plans to close numerous rail ticket offices across South Oxfordshire, Council Leader David Rouane is contacting GWR to raise concerns and seek assurances.

Many people, including vulnerable adults use train transport, and it is something from an infrastructure and environmental aspect we need to be encouraging. We're very concerned that these closures could create barriers

for many to access the help and support they need to embark on rail travel so we will be looking to ensure that this announcement will not mean a reduction in staff present at stations to support passengers.

Members of the public can express their views on the matter by going to the GWR website <https://www.gwr.com/haveyoursay>

Children's Waste & Recycling Activity Pack

SODC have put together a fun activity pack for children which hopes to give them plenty of activities to do over the summer. In addition to having fun the packs will also help to teach children about waste and recycling whilst giving them ideas about reducing waste at home. It includes a recycling word search and Food Waste Bingo game amongst many other fun activities.

The packs are free to download from
<https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/activitypack>

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