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## PRESS RELEASE:

### RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE LIONS HELP GET UKRAINE AID READY FROM THE NEW FOREST



10<sup>th</sup> May 2025 saw the Ringwood and Fordingbridge Lions Club bring aid for Ukraine to New Forest for Ukraine's Aid Hub at Ampress Lane, Lymington. Bringing donations also from Ringwood residents who wanted to contribute to supporting Ukraine but who could not attend, the Lions then packed and prepared aid for transport. They had collected and brought vital items which are in short supply in Ukraine including pasta and other long life foods, toiletries, hygiene and sanitary products. The team then worked alongside NFFU volunteers to pack all this ready for transport,



received donations and saw in other donors as they arrived and helped to pack and prepare everything ready for despatch.

### Lions Club President Alastair Ward said:

“It is wonderful to do something for Ukraine. This is our third visit as a group to New Forest for Ukraine and it is wonderful to see and be involved in so much good that is being done from so close to us in the New Forest. We love doing something where we can get involved and do whatever we can to make someone else’s life better.”

### Lions Club Membership Officer and former Club President Steve Sherring said:

“We do a lot of fundraising and we support local and wider communities through a variety of humanitarian and community projects. But it’s always great to be able to get involved hands on and see the results as we have today where we can see the donations brought by us and others packed and ready to go to Ukraine to people who need it. A lot of people will see what has happened and what is happening in Ukraine and share the view that it is terrible. But it is terrific to be part of doing something about it.”

### John Allison, Head of New Forest for Ukraine said:

“Huge thanks to the Ringwood and Fordingbridge Lions Club and everyone who has contributed to the donations they brought. It is terrific to see them roaring back here at our Aid Hub in Lymington. On behalf of the Ukrainian people we support, many of whom are displaced and vulnerable, this means a lot.

The donations they brought represented much of the priority items we are getting asked for at the moment by the groups we directly support in Ukraine. Much of these goods they need would be basics for us in the UK which we may take for granted. That includes items such as long-life, ambient, tinned and dried foods, baby food and products, first aid and hygiene and sanitary items.

If any other groups of people or organisations would like to do something similar, we will welcome them with open arms and contact us via our website at <https://www.newforestforukraine.org>.”





## Notes to Editors:

1. New Forest for Ukraine is a registered charity in England and Wales No 1208709
2. Started in February 2022, became a charity in June 2024
3. Has sent over 500 tonnes of aid to Ukraine to identified partner NGOs
4. Over 45 articulated lorries and 170 vans sent
5. Staffed entirely by volunteers, it gathers donations from the South and across the UK and sends to Ukraine via selected transport and distribution partners
6. Website: <https://www.newforestforukraine.org>
7. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/470934037919815/>
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