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## **Wychavon encourages donations to Ukraine humanitarian appeal**

Wychavon residents are being urged to back a national appeal to help the hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians fleeing war in their country.

The UK's Disasters Emergency Committee is co-ordinating the efforts of 15 agencies to help people who have fled Ukraine or been displaced to other parts of the country, following the invasion by Russia.

All public donations will be doubled by the UK government, up to a total of £20m.

**Cllr Bradley Thomas, Leader of Wychavon District Council, said:** "All of us have been horrified at the scenes we have been witnessing in Ukraine caused by an unjustified and unprovoked invasion of their country.

"It's heartening to see how our communities have swung into action to begin raising money and donations of items to support those affected by the conflict. I have asked our officers to work with our voluntary and community sector organisations to support those efforts.

"We also stand ready to do whatever we can to help resettle Ukrainian refugees, should we be asked to do so by the Government.

"I have also asked for the Ukrainian flag to be flown outside the Civic Centre as soon as possible as a token of our support and solidarity for the people of Ukraine."

Several community groups and businesses are holding fund-raising events and appeals for donations of items to send to refugees. Some of these have been listed at [www.wychavon.gov.uk/support-for-Ukraine](http://www.wychavon.gov.uk/support-for-Ukraine).

Any other community groups organising events or appeals can add them to the page by emailing [communications@wychavon.gov.uk](mailto:communications@wychavon.gov.uk)

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