

Ukraine – WDBC is working with DCC under the auspices of Team Devon to ensure that those escaping the horrific events in Ukraine can access safe, suitable accommodation. At the time of writing, within the borough, 17 properties have been offered that can house 54 individuals including children. DBS checks are being processed and accommodation and safeguarding checks carried out. Voice translation services are in place through Language Line for any phone contact the Council receives. A guide for Ukrainian guests which includes advice on a whole range of topics including how to access benefits, finding work etc., has been published in English and Ukrainian by the Government. If you know of any local residents who wish to offer support (such as translators, community groups wishing to offer support to guests etc), please ask them to let the team at WDBC know by e.mailing supportforukraine@swdevon.gov.uk. Wider support for those impacted by the conflict should be addressed to the Disasters Emergency Committee.

Please see the WDBC website for more details: <https://westdevon.gov.uk/stand-with-ukraine>. DCC has also launched a new, Devon wide, website which contains a lot of information and the link can be found here: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/supporting-ukraine/>

Rail - Monday 24 April to Monday 9 May

- Track renewals and structures work will be taking place along the Dartmoor Line to Okehampton to support the start of hourly services in the summer
- Buses will replace trains between Crediton and Okehampton
- Trains will continue to run between Exeter and Crediton

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