

Cold weather clothing for Ukraine, NOW

The windows have been blown out! There's no electricity! It's snowing outside! And there goes another explosion!

Rotary in UK are organising an emergency appeal for good condition winter clothing for people in Ukraine. We are trying to do this locally, probably only up to the end of the month.

Some details are given below.

At present the local drop off centres are in Dorking, South Holmwood, and, I hope, at Beare Green.

All donations will then be sorted and bagged according to type and taken to one of several centralised drop off centres, the nearest of which will be in Horsham.

We only have a short time window to complete our collections of clothing in and around Dorking.

We intend that the plan will come into operation on Friday 25th November and will finish on Friday 2nd December ... a total of only eight collecting days! It is essential that this clothing is shipped to Ukraine as soon as possible.

The collection process will operate at three levels ...

1. Local Drop-Off Points.

- We have three locations arranged so far: The Christian Centre; The Volunteer Centre; and South Holmwood Village Hall, and, possibly, Beare Green Village Hall.
- Each location will be equipped with a large cardboard collection box (donated by Ede Bros of Capel)
- Additionally, we hope that you will each act as a collection point for your friends and neighbours if they cannot get to one of the drop off points.

2. District Collection Point

- Several central locations are being established to which the collected and sorted black bags of clothing will be taken. One is in Horsham, others are in Chichester and Staines.

HOW WILL YOU CONTRIBUTE?

1. Sort through your wardrobe and find all the cold-weather clothing that you no longer need: overcoats; jackets; trousers; fleeces; sweaters; winter hats; gloves; scarves; ski-wear; sleeping bags; blankets & duvets; fur coats ... NEW and unused thermal underwear; NEW warm socks.

2. Promote the Campaign

- Encourage your friends and neighbours to contribute. Offer to collect their contributions and bring them to one of the drop off points. We will sort and bag the clothes and transport them either to a local storage and sorting location in central Dorking, or take directly to Horsham.
- Which community groups do **you** belong to? Can **you** contact them by email or WhatsApp?
- Do you belong to a local church? Could you arrange for an announcement to be made on Sunday?
- Do you have a Facebook page? Then share our promotional posting.

3. Opening Times for the Local Drop-Off Points

- Christian Centre, St Martins ... Monday to Friday, 09:00am to 2:15pm
- Volunteer Centre, Lyons Court (on the road from Lloyds Bank to Sainsbury's car park) ... Monday to Friday, 10:00am to 4:00pm

- South Holmwood Village Hall ... Monday to Friday, 5:00pm onwards; Saturday (26th), 4:00pm onwards; Sunday (27th), 2:00pm onwards.
- Beare Green Village Hall;- we hope. Tbc.