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NEWSLETTER

2024 A Year in Review

As we transition into 2025 and look back on what we have achieved, it is worth reflecting on the deep struggles faced by Ukraine amid ongoing Russian aggression that has persisted for almost three years, leaving 20% of the nation under occupation. Millions live in unimaginable conditions, overshadowed by fear and uncertainty, with 10.4 million displaced from their homes.

Families that once thrived in safety now confront the devastation of war, with many fleeing with only the bare necessities. The story of the 3.7 million internally displaced individuals highlights their resilience despite limited state support and overwhelmed medical facilities.

This Christmas, while many celebrated, countless others found solace in shelters, mourning lost homes and loved ones. Yet, amidst this adversity, a spirit of resistance unites the Ukrainian people, reminding us of their unyielding strength and hope for a brighter future.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

HERE'S THE 2024 ROUND-UP

We have gained the support of a further 33 local volunteers. We have affected a smooth relocation to new hub premises. We have streamlined sorting, packing and palleting procedures so that in one instance, we managed to turn around 9 tonnes of aid incoming into a full Articulated truck in 96 hours! We have achieved full Charity registration. We have collected or bought, then packed and delivered, a total of 1,300 pallet boxes, whilst funding the 25 Artics required for secure deliveries. We have partnered with an additional three Ukrainian Charity Foundations to deliver more aid direct to facilities in Kharkiv, Kherson and Chernobyl.

All this has resulted in 218 metric tonnes of humanitarian aid delivered in 2024, the greatest annual volume of aid we have shipped since the conflict began.

As the Russian attacks increase in intensity, so the numbers injured and killed along with those displaced continue to rise. As New Forest for Ukraine moves forward through 2025, we must all continue to react by supporting those Ukrainians forced to flee in desperate circumstances. We will be ensuring that the plight of Ukraine stays in everyone's hearts, not only delivering vital aid into locations other charities cannot reach but reaffirming to the Ukrainian people that they are not alone in their struggle to exist.
Together with our supporters and volunteers, we hope we provide that glimmer of light in a very dark world, continuing to deliver a future of light and hope. Our thanks to you all for your trust and support in the year that has passed. Please let that continue through the year ahead.

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ELEON CHARITY FOUNDATION

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Delivering a Future of Hope - Together...

In the heart of Korosten, a small city close by Chernobyl, a compassionate group of volunteers came together in 2016 to establish the Eleon Charity Foundation. They focus on helping children facing illness, families in crisis, displaced families needing help because of the war.

Today they still focus on all those most vulnerable in their immediate community. This non-profit all-volunteer organization thrives solely on the generosity of individual and corporate contributions, and any aid that can be supplied by overseas Charities like New Forest for Ukraine.

From the very beginning, the fund's mission has been fueled by the urgent need to support seriously ill children and the Ushomyr orphanage, where love and special care are essential for children from troubled backgrounds. The first pallets of humanitarian aid from the New Forest arrived with them in December 2024 and our goal is to ensure they continue to receive what they require in the months to come.

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NEW FOREST CHRISTMAS GIFTS DISTRIBUTED SAFELY

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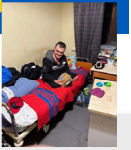

The hundreds of Christmas gifts put together by New Forest for Ukraine volunteers through November and December were all delivered safely to the six Non-Government Organisations that we partner with, in time for distribution to families, hospitals and care facilities for both Saint Nicholas celebrations (6th December) and Christmas Day.

The New Forest 2024 gifts included not only parcels and backpacks for children, but personally packed gifts for older care home residents without families to buy presents for them; army quality socks for serving adults, male and female, stuffed full of essentials and a few treats to be shared on the front line; and gifts for new mums celebrating with new babies in hospitals.

The Christmas gifts were accompanied by a large volume of basic humanitarian aid in the form of warm clothing, bedding, ambient food, medicines and bandages, sanitary supplies, hygiene kits, household items, trench candles, emergency stoves, power packs and generators. Temperatures this Christmas across Eastern Ukraine have been slightly above average, but it is still freezing with snow and temperatures ranging from minus 3 to 2 degrees Celsius.

UKRAINE ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE TARGETED OVER CHRISTMAS

President Zelensky sadly reported on December 26th:

> Every massive Russian strike requires time for preparation. It is never a spontaneous decision. It is a deliberate choice, not only of targets but also of timing and date.
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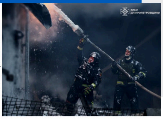
> Today, Putin deliberately chose Christmas for an attack. Over 70 missiles, including ballistic ones, and more than a hundred attack drones. The targets are our energy infrastructure. They continue to fight for a blackout in Ukraine.



New Forest for Ukraine and its supporters have thrown themselves into our Winter Campaign so that December we were able to add a further 29

As of now, there are power outages in several regions. Power engineers are working to restore power supply as soon as possible.

I thank everyone who is working for the country, who is on combat duty, who is protecting our skies. We will restore the maximum. Russian evil will not break Ukraine and will not spoil Christmas."

petrol generators (bringing the total shipped to 432), 60 telephone power packs and 60 emergency camping stoves into the aid shipped out. Arrangements are underway to follow those with hopefully 50 new generators, 300 power packs, and more stoves in January 2025.

The need to generate power for recharging phones and torches and to provide vital heating and light is ongoing.

If you can afford to donate to our Winter Campaign then please do so using our QR code. If you have a preloved generator sitting unused under a garage bench, please consider donating it to Ukraine.

If you can commit to a small regular monthly subscription and become a 'Friend of New Forest for Ukraine' then please do what you can. Working together, we can continue to deliver some light and hope to those in most need.

VOLUNTEERING: A CHALLENGING YET FULFILLING EXPERIENCE

At NFFU, we strive to transform volunteering into a rewarding experience that goes beyond mere hard work. We foster an inclusive atmosphere where individuals of all ages can unite, build friendships, acquire new skills, and collaborate as a cohesive team on a mission they are passionate about: delivering aid to Ukraine.

December brought an extraordinary surge in our workload, with a significant influx of donations that required meticulous sorting, checking, preparation, packing, and loading for transport to Ukraine. Decked out in festive hats, our team took brief breaks that turned into spontaneous Christmas celebrations, ultimately achieving a remarkable feat by dispatching two trucks loaded with over 100 pallets within the three weeks available.

Meanwhile, our NGO partners on the border and in Ukraine were equally proactive, efficiently managing the incoming aid, redirecting and repacking as necessary, and ensuring it reached those in urgent need. A report from one key partner, AKCF in Chervonograd, dated December 28th, highlighted their swift response in distributing the aid received:
3 pallets were sent to Kramatorsk; 3 to Kharkiv city; 2 to the Kharkiv region; 2 to Nikolaev Hospital; 2 to Sloviansk; 1 to Sumy Hospital (which has many injured); 1 to Zaporizhia; and 2 to Caritas Sokal.

As we begin this New Year, we have 42 additional pallets of important aid ready at our hub, and now we've resumed accepting donations at the hub, it won't take long to gather the final 10 pallets needed to fill another truck.

If you can donate either aid – or help with a financial donation, please make it a New Years Resolution to do so.

Please go to our website to find out more www.newforestforukraine.org You will

find a full list of donation points and how

to make a financial donation or

The tasks may seem endless, and at times the pressure can feel overwhelming, but no one considers stopping. The mission is too vital, and the needs in Ukraine are too pressing.

If you have some time to spare and wish to make new friends while engaging in something truly impactful, we invite you to join our enthusiastic team. You will be greeted with open arms.

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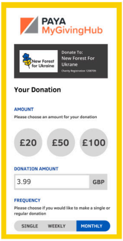
Become a Friend of New Forest for Ukraine

Join our community of monthly givers. A small regular donation is a most effective way to support our work.

A regular payment of £3.99 will help us deliver essentials to people living in desperate circumstances. Your generosity will go a long way.



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Alternatively, you can complete the standing order or use your on line banking.

When you become a friend, you will receive a unique badge marking your regular contribution.

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New Forest for Ukraine Standing Order Form

You can complete and hand this form into your bank, or complete your own standing order on your banks online system.

To the Manager

Bank / Building Society: .... Address:

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Post Code: ....

Please pay for the Credit of **New Forest for Ukraine** at Unity Trust Bank, Four Brindlayplace, Birmingham, B1 2JB, **Account number 20513742; Sort code 60-83-01**

Each month until you receive further notice from me in writing the sum of £3.99 (three pounds and ninety nine pence).

Start Date: ....

Name: ....

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Gift Aid declaration

If you are a UK taxpayer this means that we can reclaim tax that you have already paid on your donation. That is worth 25p for every £1 you give.

All you need to do is to tick the box below and add your name

☐ Yes, I pay tax in the UK, and want my donations treated as Gift Aid

Please return this slip to

New Forest for Ukraine (Friends Fundraiser)
76 Swallow Drive, Milford on Sea, Lymington SO410XG
Charity Registration No. 1208709

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DECEMBER MEET MANDY EVENTS

This year, the Events Team organized several Christmas Craft Fairs, kicking off the season with the Lions Christmas Fair on November 2nd. Although Storm Darragh hit at just the wrong time and tried to disrupt a few events, they all ended up being remarkably successful.

We owe a huge thank you to the volunteers and supporters who created a variety of Christmas items for us to offer, not least some beautiful unique tree decorations. We truly appreciate those organizations who invited us to join their Christmas Craft Fairs, along with the public who didn't just show interest in our craft work but wanted to take so much home. And of course, it was wonderful to see and chat with so many regular supporters.

This year we had the space and opportunity to present Christmas craft items at the Lymington Hub, raising much needed donations towards our Winter Campaign.

And finally, we were excited to join multiple other charities invited to contribute a decorated Christmas tree at St Saviour's Church in Brockenhurst. With some artful work by our Event volunteers, we are pleased to report our New Forest for Ukraine tree secured enough votes to reach second-place ranking in their Festival.

For more information please visit:
www.newforestforukraine.org
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Please Scan the QR Code to Donate

DONATE NOW

We wish you a very

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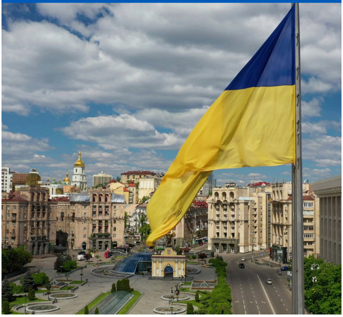

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