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THE managing director of a hotel resort was sacked after ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** housed there complained about the "harrowing" conditions they faced.

Iain Miller was fired following protests from the group that the Macdonald Aviemore Resort in the Cairngorms National Park was infested with vermin, had a broken lift, Wi-Fi issues and served only "nuggets and chips".

He was sacked after management concluded his "egregious" failings in the role had caused damage to the company's reputation.

An employment tribunal heard that last November Mr Miller was sent an email by a local councillor that detailed a community meeting which 12 Ukrainians staying at one of the resort's hotels - the Strathspey Hotel - had attended.

"The forwarded email set out that the refugees had told harrowing stories of living conditions in the Strathspey Hotel and provided photographs and video to back up concerns," the tribunal heard. Complaints included lifts being out of service in the seven-storey building, "infestation with vermin", "appalling food especially for children, with a daily diet of chips, and whatever nugget was provided", the hearing was told.

Eleven days after the email was sent, Mr Miller faced a disciplinary hearing.

Among the accusations he faced was a claim that he had failed to "properly oversee arrangements at Strathspey Hotel for a group of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** placed with us" and that he had responded without talking to Macdonald Hotel managers.

His boss, Natalya Macholla, upheld four allegations and dismissed him without notice last December, the hearing was told.

He appealed unsuccessfully against the management's findings and then sued the company for unfair dismissal, but his case was thrown out after the tribunal concluded that he was guilty of "non-observance" of his duties.

However, his case was thrown out after the tribunal concluded that as the most senior person on site he was accountable for what had gone wrong.

Mr Miller was guilty of "non-observance" of his duties, "serious negligence" and "acting in a manner which in the company's opinion is likely to prejudice the company's reputation", the tribunal concluded.

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THE SNP Government has been accused of "betraying" ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** after figures suggested more than a third who fled to Scotland remain in temporary accommodation.

New research by the Scottish Con servatives has found that more than 7,000 of the 23,000 Ukrainians who have arrived in Scotland since the Russian invasion in February last year are waiting for a permanent home.

Responses to Freedom of Information requests submitted by the Tories from 31 out of Scotland's 32 councils have indicated that there are 7,596 refugees in temporary accommodation, 1,862, or about a quarter, of whom are children.

The local authority with the highest number of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** in temporary accommodation was Edinburgh citycouncil with 2,945, of which 823 are children, followed by Glasgow with 2,058, of which 288 are aged under 18.

The figures come after reports of one Ukrainian family which had settled in Fife being moved to temporary accommodation 130 miles away in Dumfries.

Miles Briggs, the Scottish Conservative housing and social justice spokesman , said it was "shocking betrayal" of refugees and an example of the SNP government making "entirely unrealistic promises".

He said: "The fact that so many thousands of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** are still holed up in temporary accommodation more than a year after the first of them arrived in Scotland is unacceptable.

"It represents a shocking betrayal by an SNP government that overpromises and underdelivers. These are vulnerable people who fled Putin's brutal invasion of their homeland, and they have been woefully let down by ministers."

He added that the Scottish Government's Super Sponsor Scheme which removed the need for applicants to be matched to an individual sponsor prior to being given permission to travel to the UK had been paused since July 2022. He claimed the government had "overestimated their ability to cope with the number of refugees" and families were being "shunted around or kept in accommodation that isn't suitable for the long term".

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***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** have come up against onerous red tape when they try to open bank accounts in Britain.

Lloyds and Nationwide have come under fire for forcing refugees to jump through hoops such as obtaining a letter from a GP or the Home Office before they can open an account.

This is despite the Government's advice to banks that proof of a permanent address is not a legal requirement. It has asked lenders to relax normal procedures for the 72,000 ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** who have been granted British visas, pointing out that many are likely to have been forced to leave the country quickly without their personal and financial information to hand.

David Withers, 64, from West Sussex, said he was faced with bureaucracy when he tried to open an account at his local Lloyds branch for a refugee he is sponsoring.

"The person I am sponsoring plans to arrive today. The Government suggests that one of the priority actions on arrival is to open a bank account," he said. "But when I went to my branch of Lloyds to enquire about the procedure

I was told that she required a Ukrainian passport and a letter from a GP confirming her address.

"When I asked how she would get a letter from a GP, they said she had to register and then ask the GP to write to the bank. When I expressed incredulity, the cashier checked with her manager and confirmed the policy."

Nationwide was criticised this week for asking refugees to provide letters from the Home Office before allowing them to open accounts. It has since updated its processes. Both the Government and the banking trade body UK Finance have said they are working to support access to banking for those who arrive without the standard paperwork.

A spokesman for Lloyds said the bank also accepted letters from charity workers, social workers and other officials in place of typical identity documents.

A Nationwide spokesman said the building society would now accept a letter from those hosting ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** as proof of address "if other options aren't available".

Harry Brennan

72,000 The number of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** granted visas under the Homes for Ukraine scheme

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THE SNP's controversial plan to send ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** to live on cruise ships is set to cost taxpayers up to £100million, it has emerged.

Details of the astronomical cost, which were revealed yesterday, came shortly after it was confirmed that a second ship has been secured, which will be docked on the Clyde, in a bid to ease a severe accommodation crisis.

Nicola Sturgeon pushed the UK Government to allow Scotland to take in an "uncapped" number of victims of Russia's invasion and suggested UK ministers lacked humanity by failing to do enough to help refugees.

However, her "super sponsor" scheme has descended into chaos, as there is not enough safe housing for refugees to be sent to. So far, around 10,000 Ukrainians have arrived in Scotland through the super sponsor route. Visas were approved for a further 20,000 before the scheme was axed last month, meaning they still have the right to come to the country.

Neil Gray, the SNP minister with responsibility for refugees, admitted yesterday that the Government is "getting very close" to running out of temporary accommodation, particularly in the Central Belt.

Despite repeatedly pledging to offer a "warm Scottish welcome" to Ukrainians, it also emerged yesterday that those with permission to come to Scotland are being urged to find their own housing or told they risk being placed in "emergency accommodation".

Ukrainians are already living in a cruise ship docked in Leith, the

MS Victoria, which has windowless rooms which at capacity would be more cramped than prison cells. The Scottish Government has insisted the ship is popular with those living on it.

A second vessel, the MS Ambition, will be docked on the Clyde, and will provide accommodation for up to 1,750 people from next month in 714 cabins.

They are being provided through a contract with the firm Corporate Travel

Management. Under the terms of the deal, which also includes sourcing hotel accommodation, the maximum value is set at £100million.

"While we must do all we can to support the ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** bravely fleeing their war-torn homeland, these costs are eye-watering," Miles Briggs, the Scottish Tory MSP, said. "They are typical of the SNP's record of allowing Continued on Page 2

Continued from Page 1 costs to grow after initially boasting about projects they are in charge of.

"At the heart of their failures are ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** who have been left in limbo or have been housed in these cramped cruise ships," he said.

"The SNP look to have spent a lot on a contract, without delivering what they promised to those seeking to settle in Scotland."

The Scottish Government had previously refused to say how much it was spending on its cruise ship plan, only saying that the sum was comparable to renting out hotel rooms.

Mr Gray said yesterday, in an update to MSPs, that the ship in Edinburgh is already providing accommodation to 1,000 Ukrainians, with several hundred believed to be arriving in Scotland every week.

He added: "We are getting very close to capacity for the temporary accom modation currently available, particularly across the Central Belt.

"We do not want people having to stay in temporary accommodation for any longer than is necessary. We are therefore putting every effort into helping people find longer-term accommodation in communities across Scotland."

Scottish Government officials have also discussed issuing a formal plea to the British Army for help bailing them out of the crisis.

Refugees rights activists have warned that sending vulnerable people to live on cruise ships should be seen as only an emergency short-term solution, saying that using them as long-term accommodation could harm their chances of integrating into society. However, the MS Ambition and the MS Victoria have been hired for six months, suggesting they will still be needed next year.

It has emerged that a major celebration of Ukraine could be staged in Glasgow, after the city made the shortlist to host the next Eurovision song contest.

The event, which is taking place in the UK because Ukraine, which won this year's contest, cannot host it, would be staged at the SECC or OVO Hydro venues on the banks of the Clyde, where the MS Ambition will also be docked.

Ian Murray, the shadow Scottish secretary, said that while a "Eurovision party" was taking place, victims of the conflict could be living nearby on "cramped conditions on a cruise ship" due to the SNP's mishandling of its scheme.

"These families have endured unimaginable hardship and are being let down by the Scottish Government," he said.

"The Scottish Government's resettlement scheme is in utter chaos - refugees from Ukraine deserve so much more than this shambles. Nicola Sturgeon must urgently fix this mess."

A spokeswoman for the Scottish Government said: "The Scottish Government has chartered the MS Ambition for six months through CTM, its travel-related services provider, under the same contract used to procure MS Victoria I.

"Nearly 12,000 displaced people from Ukraine with a Scottish sponsor have now arrived - 15.5 per cent of all UK arrivals."

12,000 The number of displaced people from Ukraine with a Scottish sponsor who have now arrived here

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MORE than 1,500 ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** are languishing in temporary accommodation across Scotland after applying for homes under Nicola Sturgeon's "super sponsor" scheme.

Figures obtained by the Scottish Tories under the Freedom of Information Act disclosed that one in five of those who fled the war in their homeland and arrived in Scotland were still awaiting a match under the scheme.

The local authority statistics showed that 1,518 people and one family were still waiting in temporary accommodation as of June 2022. However, the Tories said this total is likely to be a huge underestimate as Edinburgh City Council failed to provide any figures. Between 1,600 and 1,700 refugees in Edinburgh are being housed on a cruise ship.

Ms Sturgeon's plan allowed refugees to name the Scottish Government as a sponsor under the UK's Homes for Ukraine scheme, rather than having to be matched with individuals.

At the time Ms Sturgeon attacked UK Government "bureaucracy and red tape" and suggested Tory ministers lacked humanity in their approach.

But the Scottish Government announced last month there would be a three-month "pause" to the scheme because of a lack of available homes.

Those whose applications were already in the system were to be dis patched to two tower blocks in Lanarkshire that had been earmarked for demolition and an Estonian cruise ship, docked in Leith.

A second ship has been hired, which will be docked on the Clyde at a total cost to the taxpayer of £100million.

Miles Briggs, the Scottish Tories' shadow housing secretary, said: "This scheme was supposed to offer refugees a sense of stability but today thousands are still facing an uncertain future without a sponsor. Yet this can only happen if sponsorship is being prop erly promoted, something which the SNP Government is failing to do.

"We cannot be allowed to simply forget about these refugees and more must be done to settle them properly."

The figures disclosed that only 30 ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** had been matched with sponsors in Aberdeen, with 200 living in temporary accommodation.

In Glasgow the figures were 78 and 384 respectively and the Highlands 70 and 245.

Among the other local authorities to report high numbers of refugees being forced into temporary housing were Renfrewshire (232) and South Lanarkshire (193).

Ms Sturgeon has come under increased pressure to "lead by example" and take a refugee into her large Glasgow home she shares with her husband, Peter Murrell, the SNP's chief executive.

In March this year the First Minister said she would be willing to take in a refugee "if needed", suggesting her decision would depend on whether there were enough alternative homes for them.

However, last month she said a refugee may not want the publicity that living with her would attract and argued her role was to ensure Scotland gave refuge to thousands of Ukrainians rather than "one person".

Neil Gray, the SNP's minister with special responsibilities for refugees, said: "We are pleased that thanks in large part to our Super Sponsor Scheme, we are now providing safe accommodation to more displaced people from Ukraine per head of population than any other part of the UK.

"Since the conflict began, almost 15,000 people with a Scottish sponsor have arrived, representing 17.6 per cent of all UK arrivals, the most per head of any of the four nations."

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[*Dozens of firms provide jobs for Ukrainian refugees as 120,000 families offer shelter*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:650X-KCJ1-DYTY-C103-00000-00&context=1519360)

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MORE than 100 businesses have joined together to provide ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** with jobs, as the number of Britons offering them homes surged past 122,000 in under 24 hours.

Boris Johnson hailed the generosity of Britons as a "fantastic milestone", as he thanked "everyone across the country who has stepped up to offer their help so far".

The "Homes for Ukraine" scheme was launched late on Monday, before recording 44,000 registrations by families and organisations within five hours, 89,000 by early yesterday morning and passing 100,000 by lunchtime.

They have been joined by firms offering jobs and services, including big names such as Tesco, Marks and Spencer, AstraZeneca and Nestlé but also others as diverse as Poundland, the AA, Oxford Education Group, which teaches English and resettlement skills, and Transperfect for language skills.

The informal consortium has been brought together by Emma Sinclair, the chief executive of Enterprise Alumni, who is proposing an online platform to guide businesses to the geographical locations where they could recruit and support refugees.

"Businesses are desperate to do something just as individuals are desperate to do something," she said. "Entrepreneurs and businesses are designed to solve problems, push through barriers and make things happen faster.

"It's a compilation of businesses that are doing innovative things: teaching languages at scale, reskilling and training. There are millions of jobs available in the UK and it will benefit the econ omy by helping them."

It came as the United Nations yesterday said the number of Ukrainians fleeing abroad had come close to three million. Nearly half - 1.4 million - are children, meaning one child a minute has become a refugee since the start of the conflict on Feb 24.

Theresa May warned of the threat from human traffickers targeting Ukrainian people, particularly child refugees, and urged the Government to act with "urgency". She said: "This is happening in Poland. It's happening in other countries where ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** are fleeing to."

Amid growing concerns over the number of unaccompanied children, she urged the Government to work with the UN and European Commission to put in place a system that meant "there can be no unidentified children left to the mercy of the traffickers".

Meanwhile, the Home Office said it had approved 4,700 visas for Ukrainians to join family in the UK. From yesterday, refugees with passports no longer had to submit to biometric checks before arriving in the UK in an effort to speed up the process.

uA website that could link UK families with ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** has launched in Britain after finding sponsor homes across mainland Europe for nearly 6,000 who fled the Russian invasion.

[*www.EU4UA.org*](http://www.EU4UA.org) has registered 30,000 ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** who are seeking families to take them into their homes. The site has so far only enlisted 400 British families against 3,000 French and 2,500 Spanish because of uncer tainty over the form the UK sponsor ship scheme would take for those without ties to Britain.

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[*Ukrainian refugees could be caught in Rwanda exile policy*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:65F2-S7Y1-DYTY-C1WY-00000-00&context=1519360)

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***UKRAINIAN*** ***refugees*** who come to the UK via Ireland without authority could be removed to Rwanda, a senior Home Office official has indicated to MPs.

Any migrants who arrive illegally across the Channel, including Ukrainians or Afghan interpreters, could be sent to Rwanda to claim asylum, MPs on the Commons home affairs committee were told.

This came as Tom Pursglove, a Home Office minister, could not point to any calculations to show the Rwanda relocation policy would reduce the number of Channel migrants reaching the UK in small boats. A record 7,848 have so far crossed this year, treble last year's rate.

Ireland has decided to lift all restrictions for refugees fleeing war, prompting claims it could create a backdoor to the UK, leaving the country vulnerable to potential criminal elements.

The common travel area means

Ukrainians who do not pass British security checks or are waiting for visas to arrive could reach the UK by entering Northern Ireland from the Irish Republic and taking a ferry to the UK.

Stuart McDonald, the SNP home affairs spokesman and a committee member, asked Dan Hobbs, the Home Office director of asylum, protection and enforcement, about Ukrainians entering Northern Ireland from Ire land. Mr McDonald asked: "Are they within the scope of this policy or are they not?"

Mr Hobbs replied that "depending on the individual circumstances they may not fall in the 'inadmissibility' criteria".

Mr McDonald said: "You are leaving open the possibility that you can cross from Dublin to Belfast and conceivably end up in Rwanda."

Earlier, Mr Hobbs had said the only nationality excluded from the Rwanda policy were Rwandans. Asked if the policy would include Afghan interpreters or Ukrainians crossing the Channel illegally, Mr Pursglove did not rule it out.

"Those who have arrived through dangerous and unnecessary journeys are in scope to be relocated to Rwanda, but... We will work on a case by case basis," he said.

Mr Pursglove admitted the Rwanda policy would take time before it started to reduce crossings as many would already have paid the people smugglers.

Asked what modelling was used to give the "evidence base" for it deterring migrants, he said that "we will see this policy, as part of a wider package that we are introducing, really shift the dynamic".

7,848 Number of Channel migrants who have reached the UK in small boats this year so far - treble last year's rate

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sir - We are professional historians, many of whom have spent their careers studying the wars and refugee crises of the 20th century.

We call on the Government immediately to relax the rules of entry for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** fleeing from an unlawful war of aggression. The current delays are unacceptable, and put the Government far behind the generous schemes already operating across Europe.

We are reminded of the poor response of the British government in the 1930s to the plight of the Jews of central Europe, thousands of whom later perished in the Holocaust. Then British officials restricted entry to those who could be funded from private British sources or who would be useful for the British economy.

If today's Government indeed has "huge compassion", as the Defence Secretary suggests, it is time to demonstrate it on a large scale. These are not illegal immigrants, spies or terrorists, but frightened and disorientated women, children and the elderly who hope for better from a country whose values and material advantages ought to make it an obvious refuge. We earnestly hope that the Government will learn the lessons from history, and open Britain's doors to those desperately seeking a place of safety.

Professor Richard Overy University of Exeter Professor Patricia Clavin University of Oxford Professor Nick Stargardt University of Oxford Professor Peter Gatrell University of Manchester Sir Antony Beevor Professor Sir Richard Evans University of Cambridge Jessie Childs Professor Saul David and 120 others; see [*www.telegraph.co.uk*](http://www.telegraph.co.uk) sir - I'm sure others have been watching with despair as our Home Offices botches - in view of the world - the handling of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** attempting to find sanctuary in Britain.

Hard on the heels of the Foreign Office debacle in Afghanistan, and serial failures by Public Health England, it follows a grimly predictable pattern. The lesson: our sprawling bureaucracies badly need an upgrade.

Of course no malice is intended, but incompetence carries its own burden. Alisdair Low Richmond, Surrey sir - My father, like Malcolm Bailey's (Letters, March 9), was killed during the Second World War - in January 1942, while serving in the RAF.

However, unlike Mr Bailey, I do not feel shame at the current situation. I am angry that our great country, which rescued a third of a million troops from Dunkirk and, with our allies, carried out the Normandy landings four years later, cannot now give speedy shelter to the ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** at our door. William Martindale Carnforth, Lancashire sir - It was impressive to see MPs all standing up to clap for President Zelensky. Sadly, this will have done about as much good for Ukrainians as our clapping did for the NHS.

Paul Vlcek Cheltenham, Gloucestershire

**Graphic**

Dark times: civilians huddle in a bomb shelter in Mariupol, south-eastern UkraineMALOLETKA EVGENIY PHOTO/ AP

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[*SNP sends Ukrainian refugees to live on ship; No new applications for migrants as scheme 'paused' over lack of safe shelter*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:65X3-0J51-DYTY-C0X1-00000-00&context=1519360)

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NICOLA STURGEON'S government will refuse to accept new applications to house ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** and is to send those fleeing the Russian invasion who already have visas to live in disused high-rises and on a cruise ship.

The SNP administration announced in March that it would become a "super sponsor" for the UK's resettlement programme, and the First Minister insisted there would be no cap on the number of refugees Scotland would welcome.

However, it was announced yesterday that there would be a three-month pause to the scheme from 9am tomorrow, owing to a lack of safe accommodation for Ukrainians to be housed in.

Opponents claimed SNP ministers had repeatedly talked up their scheme as proof of their "welcoming" approach but that it was now unravelling as a result of incompetence.

As part of emergency measures, the Scottish Government has chartered an Estonian cruise ship, the MS Victoria, which will be docked in Leith and have 739 rooms where people can be temporarily accommodated.

Two high-rise tower blocks in Lanarkshire, which had been ear marked for demolition, are also being brought back into use. The 200 flats are to be refurbished within the next six weeks, at a cost of £5million.

When she launched her scheme, Ms Sturgeon pledged that she would be willing to take in a Ukrainian refugee to her large Glasgow home, which she shares with her husband, "if needed".

However, her officials last night refused to say whether she had volunteered to join the scheme amid an accommodation crisis.

The move to suspend the programme follows the SNP Government saying no more of its money should be spent on sending weapons to Ukraine, after it reluctantly agreed to provide £65million for military support.

"Their scheme has been beset with problems from the start, including reports of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** being shunted around the country [and] applications being processed more slowly," Miles Briggs, the Scottish Tory MSP, said.

"That is typical of the SNP's shoddy planning and lack of foresight. The SNP should have backed up their warm words - including Nicola Sturgeon saying there would be no cap on this scheme - with real action rather than chasing headlines."

The Labour-run Welsh Government has also suspended its "super sponsor" scheme for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***.

Under the plan, those fleeing the conflict could be directly sponsored by the Scottish Government, rather than having to be sponsored by an individual willing to take them into their homes.

Ms Sturgeon repeatedly criticised the UK Government for its approach, suggesting that it lacked humanity.

It was initially planned that the Scottish scheme would get refugees to the UK quicker, and that they could be placed in temporary housing until a suitable household was found for them to stay in.

However, a shortage of homes has left the scheme to rely on temporary accommodation.

Neil Gray, the SNP minister with responsibility for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***, said the pressures meant the Scottish government had taken the "incredibly difficult" decision to shelve the scheme.

Holyrood said applications had rapidly increased since Wales closed its scheme last month and that Scotland had already taken proportionally more refugees than the other UK nations.

The move comes a month after Ms Sturgeon insisted there were no plans to close the "really important" scheme and suggested that it would continue.

As of last week, there were 7,286 ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** in Scotland, 4,666 of whom arrived through the "super sponsor" route. This compares with 51,820 who have arrived in England.

While the number of Ukrainians in Scotland is proportionally higher than in the rest of the UK, the number of Scots to have personally sponsored a Ukrainians visa is far lower.

About one in every 700 people in England has sponsored a visa, com pared to around one in every 1,250 in Scotland.

Mr Gray insisted Scotland had "risen in solidarity with Ukrainians in their hour of need" and said he was "proud" that the country was "providing safe accommodation to the most Ukrainians per head of population in the UK".

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[*Fundraiser for Ukrainian refugees debanked - twice; Barclays and NatWest closed the accounts of a Moscow-born British citizen whose charity work included raising money for supplies for front-line medics, writes Noah Eastwood*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BFT-R6H1-DYTY-C05R-00000-00&context=1519360)

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A Russian-born lawyer fundraising for humanitarian aid in Ukraine has been debanked by Barclays and NatWest.

Sergei Grachev, who is a British citizen, used a Barclays account to pay for supplies to be sent to civilian medics working on the front lines of the war in Ukraine in 2022, shortly after the conflict began.

But just four months later, in June, he received a letter from Barclays stat- ing that his accounts would all be shut down.

He then switched to NatWest, only to be debanked again in August last year. Both banks have refused to provide a reason for the account closures.

Mr Grachev, 53, who lived in the Soviet Union, said the treatment he has received by two of Britain's largest banks is "worse" than anything he experienced in communist Russia.

He said: "There is such a thing as proportionality.

What they have done to me and how much business I have lost because of that is absolutely disproportionate. It is aggressive.

"This has been two years of hell. It is like a vendetta from a machine. It very much reminds me of my time back in the USSR, but it is worse. They shut everything: my entire business life in one day."

Barlcays closed his accounts in September 2022, despite Mr Grachev severing ties with Russia following Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine, when he terminated business relations with his law firm's Moscow office.

The firm, which advises international companies on Russian law, had previously worked with Alfa Bank, a private bank in Russia, that was later targeted by UK sanctions.

Mr Grachev had used his charitable foundation's Barclays account to raise £5,000 to buy body warmers, clothing, medicine and motorcycles for use by paramedics on the front line.

He also ran a campaign on fundraising site GOFUNDME that raised about £15,000 to evacuate horses from wartorn Kharkiv and used first his Barclays and then his NatWest account to make payments relocating them away from Russian shelling to a safe city.

Barclays closed 30 different accounts linked to 11 organisations he operates, including electric aviation company NeboAir, his law firm, his charitable foundation and an animal sanctuary at his 40-acre home in Suffolk.

In November 2022 Mr Grachev switched his accounts to NatWest, but was debanked again as a customer in August last year.

His personal accounts with RBS, which is owned by NatWest and with whom he had banked for almost 25 years, were also shut down, throwing his savings and two mortgages into jeopardy.

Mr Grachev gave evidence to a group of MPs after his accounts were closed by Barclays and before he moved to Nat- West.

The all-party parliamentary group on Fair Business Banking said Barclays did not explain why his accounts were closed, but found that "reputation has taken on a position of outsized importance both from the perspective of the banking industry and its regulator".

It added: "The position is now so exaggerated that reputation has, in some cases, leapfrogged the real risk of financial crime as the issue of paramount importance to banks."

Despite repeated queries to both Barclays and NatWest, Mr Grachev has never been given a reason why his accounts were closed.

He has lived in Britain for almost two decades and has been a citizen since 2018. He started banking with Barclays in 2013.

Neither Barclays nor NatWest have any restrictions on sending money to Ukraine. If they suspect a customer of financial crime, they must report it to the National Crime Agency.

Mr Grachev, who was born in Moscow, was among the first households in Britain to take in refugees from Ukraine in March 2022. At his home in Suffolk, he ran events for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** throughout that summer aimed at helping them learn about British culture and improve their English language skills.

Mr Grachev claims he lost out on important business because of the closures and has since been forced to rely on digital banks.

His business associate, Deepak, who did not wish for his surname to be published, was also debanked by NatWest last year.

The flight instructor who had been a NatWest customer for 30 years had both his business and personal accounts wound up last month. The bank gave him no reason as to why.

Deepak described it as "like 1984" and suspects that it was because his name appeared on a Barclays business account, closed in 2022, alongside Mr Grachev's.

A Barclays spokesman said: "We must comply with our legal and regulatory obligations and we would only withdraw banking services from an individual or business in exceptional circumstances and in this case we do not agree with the customer's interpretation of our actions."

A NatWest spokesman said: "Like all UK regulated banking institutions, we are subject to legal and regulatory requirements, and we treat compliance with them as a matter of priority.

"This may mean we are required to delay, or refuse to act on a customer's instructions, and/or restrict, or close a customer's account. We do not make any comments on the specifics of this case."

Debanking complaints on the rise

New cases related to account closures 3K 2K

Year to date 1K 0 2020-21 2021-22 2022-23 2023-24

SOURCE: FINANCIAL OMBUDSMAN

'It very much reminds me of my time back in the USSR, but it is worse. They shut everything: my entire business life in one day'

**Graphic**

Sergei Grachev at his home in Beccles, Suffolk, where he has taken in ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** and held events to help them learn about British cultureBUCKINGHAM TONY

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[*Homes for Ukrainian refugees rollout hampered by slow progress*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:652V-B9B1-JCBW-N4B0-00000-00&context=1519360)

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ABOUT 40,000 people have applied so far to take at least one Ukrainian refugee into their home under the Government's sponsorship scheme, it has emerged.

Boris Johnson revealed that 40,000 of the 150,000 people who registered an interest had applied, suggesting that just over a quarter may have been able to match with a Ukrainian refugee.

People seeking to give refuge to Ukrainians with no family links to theUK have had to find a match themselves, via social media sites such as Facebook, websites that have sprung up to connect people with refugees, charitable organisations and similar bodies.

The Prime Minister told MPs: "The Homes for Ukraine scheme is now open. I think that about 40,000 have already applied and 150,000 families across the country have said that they want to welcome Ukrainians."

Michael Gove, the Communities Secretary, said last week that he expected the first refugees to arrive as early as Sunday or Monday of this week and forecast that thousands could potentially arrive on the scheme.

But families desperate to bring in Ukrainians said the process had been too slow and bureaucratic.

Hosts and refugees must provide proof of identity, residence and relationship with supporting documents uploaded to the Government's portal.

Those with passports receive a PDF document confirming they can travel to the UK, but those without must go to UK Visa Application Centres abroad.

One problem that has emerged is the number of parents whose children who do not have passports. One described "hours and hours and hours" of form filling, while a British businessman who went to Poland to bring a family to England said it was taking too long.

Steve McLean, from Hampshire, went to Wroclaw to donate clothes to refugees, but found it was homes they really needed. He then applied to bring a traumatised family living at a refugee centre back to the UK.

"I'm really frustrated. We have applied for one family to come to the UK. But the visa application process has been taking a long time. So I hope they will come to the UK. We're talking to other families at the centre here, I'm putting them in touch with potential hosts," he said.

Some families have been contacted by local authorities who are responsible for checking potential accommodation is safe and up to standard. Mr Gove's department is expected to issue an update on progress next week.

Meanwhile, the Home Office said 18,600 visas had been issued for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** coming to the UK, via the family scheme, out of 34,500 applications so far submitted.

'One problem is the number of parents whose children do not have passports' 'We have applied for one family to come to the UK but the visa process is taking a long time'

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[*Ukrainian refugees face absurd British red tape; Letters to the Editor*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:652V-B9B1-JCBW-N46P-00000-00&context=1519360)

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sir - The Homes for Ukraine scheme is an utter embarrassment to Britain. We set up a local support network to welcome refugees here and to surrounding villages, but we can't find any under this scheme. The matching information we gave is not being used. Why?

For those who have matched up, the main problem is that refugee families need help to fill in the lengthy visa form, supply biometrics, passports, and so on. Often they fled with just some nappies and a bag of food and have no way of doing all this. They have no money. How will they travel 1,000 miles to our shores? Even when all those hurdles are overcome, we need to be vetted and our homes inspected.

We are failing Ukrainians with our absurd red tape and lack of ambition, when other European nations like Poland are stepping up. This is an emergency. People need help now, yet the Home Office is treating it like a non-urgent situation, and 150,000 places for the needy are going begging in a time of crisis. Tom McKenzie Stonegate, East Sussex sir - The Government has not provided a service to match up ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** and British sponsors. I suspect it hoped this would slow down or limit the number of applications. Fortunately there are many people living in Britain with connections to Ukraine who have been able to help match sponsors with refugees.

Our Government has underestimated the generosity of the public to offer space in their homes and their willingness to fill in complicated application forms. It must now put enough staff on the visa process to enable refugees to start coming here. Many have been living in temporary shelters in Poland and other neighbouring countries for weeks. They are running out of money.

It is not good enough for the Government to come out with generous sound bites. It must now deliver.

John Lane Coulsdon, Surrey sir - President Biden does not represent Nato as a whole and his refusal to facilitate Polish jets going to Ukraine should not prevent other countries from coming to Ukraine's aid in its hour of desperate need.

Britain already provides anti-tank weapons, which have proved successful in the ground war but do not prevent Russian artillery and air power from laying waste towns and cities, targeting civilian populations, and committing war crimes. Ukraine desperately needs fighter jets to defend its population, and Britain, as the mother of parliaments, should set an example by being the first country to step up and encourage others to follow suit.

Vladimir Putin must be stopped from slaughtering Ukraine's men, women and children. The free world must act now to prevent another Aleppo.

Michael Fabb Chobham, Surrey

**Graphic**

Refugee children wait for their flight to Britain at Chopin Airport in Warsaw, PolandSOKOLOWSKI CZAREK PHOTO/ AP

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[*Ukrainian refugees at risk if families stop hosting*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:666T-SYT1-DYTY-C3P8-00000-00&context=1519360)

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A UKRAINIAN refugee in Britain has said she fears having to relocate as it emerged almost a quarter of hosts do not plan to carry on offering their accommodation beyond six months.

Tania Orlova came to the UK in April with her son, Danylo, eight, and 74-yearold mother, Liubov, under the Homes for Ukraine scheme. They are being hosted by a family in High Wycombe, Bucks, who have agreed they can stay for between nine and 10 months.

Ms Orlova,44, said their hosts are "so helpful and supporting", but it is "absolutely natural" that they will want their space back. She has started looking for rental accommodation online but said her lack of credit history in the UK was causing problems, while properties in the area she is settled in are "expensive".

Wednesday marks six months since war began. About 81,700 refugees have since come to the UK under the Homes For Ukraine scheme. Hosts are expected to offer lodgings for at least six months.

Refugees whose placements are set to end will need to find accommodation independently or with another sponsor.

Research from the Office for National Statistics found the rising cost of living was cited by 23 per cent of hosts who do not want to continue after six months. Local government figures show at least 1,300 Ukrainian refugee households had become homeless or been threatened with homelessness as of July 29.

Ms Orlova and the Sanctuary Foundation helped to write an open letter to the Government from refugees, with ideas to help them find settled housing.

A Buckinghamshire county council spokesman said it will be hard to find lodgings in some areas "due to a lack of availability and high housing costs".

A Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities spokesman said: "We are contacting sponsors and Ukrainians directly to outline next steps and the support available to them."

'We are contacting sponsors and Ukrainians directly to outline next steps and the support available to them'

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It is already close to one million. Very soon it could be two million. Within a few months the total could get up to four or five million or even more. As Russia's brutal invasion of Ukraine unfolds, and as its army ruthlessly targets civilians, a flood of refugees is already streaming across the borders into Central and Eastern Europe. People are moving on a scale the Continent has not witnessed since the end of the Second World War.

In the short term, that will of course cost money. Food and shelter will have to be provided at a time when prices of energy and grain are already spiralling out of control. Very quickly, however, those people will strengthen every economy that is sensible enough to welcome them with open arms. ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** are educated, well above European averages. They are mostly young. And like most immigrants, they are hard-working and entrepreneurial. Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic, all with demographic challenges to cope with, will benefit hugely from all the refugees fleeing the war - and if the UK was smart we would be opening our borders to those who want to make a new life in this country as well.

The number of refugees crossing the Ukrainian borders is unprecedented in modern times. A million people are estimated to have left the country in the last week alone, but amid the chaos of war no one is really counting. The Poles, Hungarians, Czechs and Germans have already done a magnificent job of providing them with places to sleep and food to eat. How high will the numbers go? It is impossible to say right now, and it depends on how the war unfolds. But if it carries on for months, or even worse for years, and if Vladimir Putin keeps shelling cities indiscriminately, the numbers will surely rise, especially once wounded Ukrainian soldiers start to be evacuated across the borders for treatment. One point is surely clear, however. Those people should not be viewed as a drain on the counties where they arrive. In fact, they will strengthen every economy that opens its doors.

True, there are some short-term costs. With all the men under 60 required to stay and fight, women and children are arriving with little more than the clothes they are wearing, and the few possessions they have managed to pack in a hurry. And yet, within a few years they will turn into a huge asset. Here's why.

First, they are mostly highly skilled. Ukraine was spending some of the highest amounts on education in the

OECD (7pc of GDP compared to a 5pc average, and more than the UK). There isn't an automatic correlation between the amount spent on education and results - but it certainly helps. Likewise, Ukraine had six universities in the top 1,000 globally, an impressive number for a small, relatively poor country. Its graduates are the equal of any in the world.

Next, they are mostly young. Ukraine has a similar age profile to the rest of Europe but right now it is the younger people that are fleeing. Many of the countries they are arriving in already face a looming demographic crisis. Poland, for example, even though it has created one of the most successful economies in Europe, has an even lower birth rate than Germany (1.4 babies per woman, way below the replacement rate). Slovakia and the

Czech Republic are only very slightly better (1.5 and 1.7 respectively in case you were wondering). All of those countries have been growing fast but were about to face all the challenges of aging, declining populations, with spiralling care costs, and shortages of labour. At a stroke, that has been fixed. They won't be short of people any more.

Finally, like most immigrants they will be driven and hardworking. We have seen that countless times, from the Kindertransport that rescued Jewish children from the Holocaust, to the Asians expelled from Idi Amin's Uganda in the 1970s, to the Poles, Czechs and Hungarians who moved to the UK from the early 2000s onwards. The reasons for the mass movement of people differ from decade to decade.

But one point is always true. When they arrive in a new country they have a resourcefulness, a work ethic, and a determination that invariably makes them a success. That will be as true of the ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** of the 2020s as it has always been in the past.

Dominated by Russia, concentrating on basic resources, stuck with heavy industries and struggling to defend its borders, Ukraine's economy has not been a success over the last couple of decades. It has fallen way behind Poland: from similar starting points when the Soviet Union broke up, Ukraine's GDP per capita has only risen to $3,600, while in Poland it is above $15,000. But its people have huge talents and, as they have demonstrated, magnificent resilience.

We will see what happens over the next few weeks, and we all hope the war ends quickly, and they can go home again. If that doesn't happen, and in reality there is little sign of it so far, millions of Ukranians will make new lives for themselves across the rest of Europe and indeed the world.

Every country that welcomes the people escaping the conflict will be hugely strengthened by an influx of talented, hard-working people.

That will be true of Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic. And if the UK is smart, over the next few weeks, we will open our borders to 300,000, 400,000 or even half a million refugees. Within only a few years their energy, intelligence and fortitude will have revitalised our economy.

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[*Squatters 'liberate' oligarch's £50m home; Four protesters occupy Oleg Deripaska's London property in the name of Ukrainian refugees*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:650P-M531-JCBW-N0BV-00000-00&context=1519360)

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SQUATTERS broke into the central London home of Oleg Deripaska, a Russian oligarch, and declared it "belongs to ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***".

Police sent dozens of riot officers to break into the property, armed with a JCB, but it took hours to remove four protesters from the balcony of the Belgrave Square property and arrest them.

Mr Deripaska, an industrialist who has had close links with the UK political establishment, was targeted with sanctions by the Government last week.

The protesters appeared on the balcony, going in and out through the windows, early yesterday morning.

Two other people were later arrested near the property, which remained cordoned off and surrounded by police last night.

Last night Mr Deripaska accused the British Government of colluding with people who had raided his home and said that the UK was failing to uphold basic laws of private property.

When he was sanctioned, Mr Deripaska was described as "a prominent Russian businessman and pro-Kremlin oligarch", who is "closely associated" with both the Russian government and Vladimir Putin.

His wealth is estimated to be £2.3billion and he has a multimillion-pound property portfolio in the UK which, according to a 2007 High Court judgment, includes the house at 5 Belgrave Square.

Records indicate it has not changed hands since and is owned by an offshore company in the British Virgin Islands.

The squatters called themselves the London Mahknovists - after Nestor Makhno, who led an anarchist force that attempted to form a stateless society in Ukraine during the Russian Revolution of 1917-1923.

They said yesterday afternoon that they had "made their peace with getting arrested".

After breaking in overnight, three men stood on the balcony above the street in the day, playing music, waving and dancing next to signs which read: "This property has been liberated" and "Putin go f--- yourself ".

They all wore dark clothes and face coverings. "We stay here until Putin stops the war," one man said.

He continued: "We have opened the building to house ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** and refugees from all nations."

He also said that the owner of the building "wants to destroy Ukraine homes".

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**Body**

SQUATTERS broke into the central London home of Oleg Deripaska, a Russian oligarch, and declared it "belongs to ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***".

Police sent dozens of riot officers to break into the property, armed with a JCB, but it took hours to remove four protesters from the balcony of the Belgrave Square property and arrest them. Mr Deripaska, an industrialist who has had close links with the UK political establishment, was targeted with sanctions by the Government last week.

The protesters appeared on the balcony, going in and out through the windows, early yesterday morning. Two other people were later arrested near the property, which remained cordoned off and surrounded by police last night.

Last night, Mr Deripaska accused the British Government of colluding with people who had raided his home and said that the UK was failing to uphold basic laws of private property.

When he was sanctioned, Mr Deripaska was described as "a prominent Russian businessman and pro-Kremlin oligarch", who is "closely associated" with both the Russian government and Vladimir Putin. His wealth is estimated to be £2.3billion and he has a multimillion-pound property portfolio in the UK which, according to a 2007 High Court judgment, includes the house at 5 Belgrave Square.

Records indicate it has not changed hands since and is owned by an offshore company in the British Virgin Islands.

The squatters called themselves the London Mahknovists - after Nestor Makhno, who led an anarchist force that attempted to form a stateless society in Ukraine during the Russian Revolution of 1917-1923. They said yesterday afternoon that they had "made their peace with getting arrested".

After breaking in overnight, three men stood on the balcony above the street in the day, playing music, waving and dancing next to signs which read: "This property has been liberated" and "Putin go f--- yourself ".

They all wore dark clothes and face coverings. "We stay here until Putin stops the war," one man said. "We have opened the building to house ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** and refugees from all nations."

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Last night, Sadiq Khan, the London mayor, said he was "surprised" that officers intervened, saying it was "unclear what the police were responding to".

Speaking to LBC's Tonight with Andrew Marr programme, Mr Khan said he did not "condone" the actions taken by the squatters but questioned whether the police move against them had been "proportionate". Editorial Comment: Page 17

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BRITAIN should accept a quota of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** if Russia invades and sparks an exodus, a peer who escaped Nazi Czechoslovakia on the kindertransport has said.

Lord Dubs, the son of a Jewish cotton trader who fled to the UK as a child refugee in 1939, called on ministers to be "sympathetic" to those who evacuate Ukraine in the event of an assault.

The Government has placed 1,000 troops on standby to deploy to eastern Europe if a refugee crisis is prompted by a Moscow-led invasion, amid US assessments that between one and five million people could be displaced.

The majority of displaced people exiting the country are expected to escape to Poland.

The Labour peer, 89, backed the UK's approach, saying: "The first thing we should do [in the event of a refugee crisis caused by a Russian invasion] is give support to Poland and the Baltic states to provide accommodation and general medical help and food and so on. That's the main thing we can do at this stage."

However, if fleeing Ukrainians have an "obvious connection" with Britain such as extended family members living in the country, "we should be sympathetic and say 'come here'", he said.

Lord Dubs argued that if there is a limited refugee crisis, it may be that European nations on the border with Ukraine are able to take in those fleeing.

If a major humanitarian catastrophe erupts, then Britain should accept a "quota" of refugees under a multilateral deal agreed with the United Nations and other European countries, he said.

The Government is focusing on helping British nationals leave Ukraine, and aiding Ukrainians who have immediate family members who are UK citizens.

"They can come [to Britain] under family migration routes," a Whitehall source said, but added that applicants would be subject to checks.

"We are keen to use the systems that are already in place," the source said.

Gen Lord Dannatt, former head of the

British Army, said that "in principle we could/should help" any fleeing Ukrainians if an invasion takes place, but said he hoped any potential displacement would be temporary.

"Therefore, those affected would be better placed to be offered safe sanctuary in neighbouring countries, friendly to Ukraine," he added.

Damian Green, the Tory MP, agreed that in the "appalling circumstances" of an invasion, Britain should offer financial assistance to Poland to help the country cope with an influx of Ukrainians. Bob Seely, another Tory MP, recalled that in Syria, Russia had been known to "weaponise refugees to cause chaos", warning: "They may deliberately drive refugees to make it difficult for the Ukrainians to get around."

The Polish prime minister has said his country is preparing to cope with a wave of refugees if Russia presses ahead with an invasion.

Poland enjoys strong political, social and cultural ties with eastern neigh bour, and has viewed with increasing alarm the build of Russian forces on the Ukrainian border.

"If there is aggression, we are preparing to accept refugees," Mateusz Morawiecki, Poland's prime minister, said in a magazine interview published yesterday. "We are making logistical preparations so that any migratory movements can be absorbed by Poland as much as possible."

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[*Invasion 'may cause influx of Ukrainian refugees to Britain'*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:64MP-0T91-JCBW-N513-00000-00&context=1519360)

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BRITAIN will face an influx of refugees from Ukraine in the event of a Russian invasion, Kyiv's ambassador to London has said.

Vadym Pristaiko told The Daily Telegraph that Britain and Europe could face a fresh wave of migration similar to that of the Syrian refuge crisis.

He also suggested Nato members may send troops directly to his country if war does break out, despite allies currently stressing they will only send extra troops to nearby nations.

"I believe if [Western countries] get into their heads that actually today this nation is under threat of annihilation, to ask for forces on the ground is not the last thing that a nation under such stress could call for," he said.

"Imagine you start seeing pictures of Ukrainians killed, bodies lying in the road, cities bombed by the Russians looking like Grozny in Chechnya, and millions of immigrants fleeing.

"I'm not threatening people with this. We will have to face this," he said. "I don't want to threaten people and say millions of Ukrainians will come here like Syrians did. But they will."

Mr Prystaiko said there was no significant difference between Ukrainian and British assessments of the danger of attack, but warned that premature signs of panic, including the withdrawal of embassy families announced this week, only played into Moscow's hands.

"It is a very bad signal for the Ukrainians," he said.

"One of the problems we might face is that Putin will achieve his goal without even stepping across our border.

"He will be able to achieve his goal by sowing panic in Ukraine. Investors will pull out their money, the economy will stop working.

"But at the same time, the [US and UK] are actually preparing to help us.

They are sending ammunition, and we are talking about more.

"What bothers me is when nations like Germany, say 'we all know he is not going to do it, [Mr Putin] is a reasonable guy but at the same time I'm pulling out embassy staff '."

Berlin has blocked requests from Kyiv for weapons from Nato, and has refused permission for Estonia to provide Ukraine with German-made weapons. Mr Prystaiko suggested the impact of war could be so serious that some Nato members will send direct military help even if others blocked an alliance-wide response.

"The Germans do not have a monopoly on the future here," he added.

Leading Ukrainian officials have said Russia may be more likely to opt for a focused attack in the east, as it does not have enough forces massed on the border to launch an imminent full-scale invasion.

Dmytro Kuleba, the Ukrainian foreign minister, said the troops were "a threat" but insufficient to launch an offensive on the whole country.

Several leading Ukrainian analysts made a similar observation in a joint article published earlier this week.

They said that a "large-scale inva sion" of Ukraine could not take place for "at least the next two or three weeks" based on the current level of military activity on the Russian side of the border. "If Russia was conducting preparations for a large-scale invasion, it would have been much more noticeable," they added.

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[*Muslim migrants killing our culture, says ex-Polish leader*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:69XW-RM81-DYTY-C0KS-00000-00&context=1519360)

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POLAND'S former prime minister has warned European culture is being "destroyed" by Muslim migrants from Africa and the Middle East.

Mateusz Morawiecki, who served as Poland's prime minister from 2017 until the beginning of this month, said: "We were very open to war refugees from Ukraine when the need was there… We have opened our hearts and our gates for all refugees.

"But this is very much different from the huge [amounts of ] Muslim migrants from the Middle East who are coming to Germany and France and other countries and who want to change the culture of those countries, those nations.

"I am clearly opposed to such attempts. I'm admiring [of ] French culture, Spanish culture and British culture, but I also admire my Polish culture and I want to preserve it, I want to nurture it. I don't want it to be destroyed by the Muslim migrants coming from the Middle East or from Africa."

Mr Morawiecki, 55, said ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** were "culturally very similar to Poles" and had behaved "very well" since arriving; an estimated one million ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** reside in Poland.

According to data from the European Commission, there were more than 230,000 first-time asylum applicants to Europe from the Middle East and Africa in 2022.

The commission also estimates more than one million non-EU citizens were illegally present in the bloc last year.

Mr Morawiecki condemned the EU's latest migration pact, agreed by Brussels on Dec 20, which would relocate migrants across the continent and impose fines on countries who refuse to accept their share of migrant quotas.

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[*Scottish cruise ship for migrants would be 'floating prison'*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:68J2-WKS1-DYTY-C1PX-00000-00&context=1519360)

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HOME Office plans to commission a cruise ship in Scotland to house hun dreds of asylum seekers could turn it into a "floating prison", a city council leader has warned.

Cammy Day, the Labour leader of Edinburgh city council, said the local authority was "extremely surprised" at being contacted by the Home Office and told about the plan to use the MS Victoria.

Complaining the council had not been consulted, he said the potential extra pressure on services would be "severe" and pledged to oppose the plan "in the strongest terms".

Although he admitted the ship was used for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** until recently, he argued that "we cannot allow it to become a floating prison for asylum seekers".

Mr Day's stance was backed by Humza Yousaf despite the Scottish Government having chartered the ship to house Ukrainians under its "super sponsor" scheme.

The First Minister insisted there was a "big difference" between using it to house asylum seekers and "refugees who have been there for a temporary period of time". The Home Office told the BBC: "Individuals are not detained and are free to come and go therefore to describe such accommodation as a prison is wrong."

A spokesman said it "has a statutory obligation to provide accommodation for asylum seekers who would otherwise be destitute while we consider their claim."

However, the plan became mired in further confusion when Forth Ports, which operates the Port of Leith, said it had received no contact from the Home Office and could no longer accommodate the vessel.

The ship has previously housed more than 1,000 ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***, with the last due to leave the ship on July 11. Mr Day told BBC Scotland the plan was to send 700 single men to the capital.

The council leader said: "As ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** continue to disembark MS Victoria following the Scottish Government's decision to end its use next month, we were extremely surprised to be contacted by the Home Office about their intentions to commission the ship to house asylum seekers. All the more surprising given their previous advice that it would be impossible for it to remain.

"We were not consulted on this and urgently require further details from the UK Government on their plans." He said Robert Jenrick, the Immigration Minister, had not provided a "satisfactory response to our questions and concerns". At the Royal Highland Show near Edinburgh, Mr Yousaf said he told Michael Gove at a British-Irish Council meeting that he agreed with the city council the ship should not be used. He said: "I don't think the ship would be suitable for housing asylum seekers."

However a Home Office spokesman said: "We are committed to making every effort to reduce hotel use and continue to engage with local authorities as early as possible whenever sites are used for asylum accommodation."

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[*Poland plans emergency bond sale to pay for influx of refugees*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:65JX-7GB1-JCBW-N3PJ-00000-00&context=1519360)

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THE Polish government is drawing up plans for an emergency fundraising as more than 3.5m ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** put its public finances under huge strain.

Special debt to prevent chaos in public services is to be issued next year under proposals being considered in Warsaw to ease the pressure.

The government hopes to tap the boom in demand for "ethical" investments by issuing so-called social bonds that have a lower interest rate, the head of the Warsaw Stock Exchange told The Daily Telegraph.

Discussions have been held between the Polish government and the stock exchange over a bond sale and the debt will be a similar offering to green bonds issued by governments. The money raised would be earmarked for helping to offset the extra costs from the refugee crisis. More than 3.5m people from Ukraine have moved to Poland after many settlements were devastated by Russian attacks.

Poland has accepted more ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** than any other country but the cost of hosting them has increased pressure on aid and public services.

Marek Dietl, boss of the Warsaw Stock Exchange, said the government is looking at "social bonds for aiding the refugees" at lower borrowing costs. He said: "Green bonds pay you less but you feel like you did something good for the planet and now hopefully there will be the issuance of Polish social bonds."

Mr Dietl said the Polish government has already secured between 70pc and 80pc of its financing for this year but would likely need social bonds in 2023.

Mateusz Urban, of Oxford Economics, said the inflow will push up government costs by 1.5pc of GDP, equivalent to more than £10bn.

3.5m ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** to have so far fled to Poland to escape Vladimir Putin's war, potentially adding £10bn to its costs

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[*Yousaf accused of inflating Ukrainian refugee figures*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:69KY-0741-JCBW-N19F-00000-00&context=1519360)

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HUMZA YOUSAF has been urged to "set the record straight" on how many ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** are living in Scotland after he was accused of inflating the real total.

Alex Cole-Hamilton, the Scottish Liberal Democrat leader, highlighted official figures that suggest thousands of those who came to Scotland from the war-torn country have since moved elsewhere in the UK.

It has also emerged that a complaint was made to the Scottish Government by a member of the public who raised concern over claims about the number of Ukrainians being accommodated.

Scottish Government officials ruled that the ministerial code of conduct had not been breached but told the complainant that "the relevant policy officials have been informed about the details of your correspondence and will revise future statements to more clearly reflect the nuanced position and avoid any ambiguity".

The First Minister stated in March that more than 23,000 displaced people from Ukraine had arrived in Scotland since the UK Government opened a fast-track visa corridor in March 2022.

Nicola Sturgeon, his predecessor, made a similar claim in February, stating that Scotland had so far welcomed "more than 23,000 Ukrainians into our communities".

This is supported by UK Government figures showing 26,039 refugees with a Scottish sponsor have so far arrived from Ukraine. Of these, 20,594 have been sponsored by the Scottish Government and 5,445 have been sponsored by private individuals.

But the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities publishes separate data on support funding for Scottish councils under the Homes for Ukraine scheme. Between March 2022 and June 2023, these totalled 16,353 refugees. The Scottish Government has since admitted that the movements of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** within the UK are not monitored.

Mr Cole-Hamilton said there was "no doubt" that many people and organisations had worked hard to help displaced Ukrainians find accommodation in Scotland but warned that accurate figures are needed to aid planning for future crises and waves of refugees.

He said: "We need a proper accounting of where all of those issued with visas have ended up. That starts with the Scottish Government providing justification for the claims made by Humza Yousaf and how that tallies with these fresh figures on support payments.

"The record should be set straight on exactly how many of the UK arrivals with a Scottish sponsor were actually 'welcomed into Scotland' and how many decided to settle into living in communities in other parts of the UK."

A Scottish Government spokesman said: "More than 26,000 Ukrainians on a visa with a Scottish sponsor have arrived in the UK, many of whom will have made their own accommodation arrangements and may never have been in contact with a local [*www.authority.UK*](http://www.authority.UK) visa holders are free to live and work where they choose and their movements are not routinely tracked within the UK."

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[*Would-be refugee hosts flaunt size of gardens in social media 'free for all'; Ukrainians seeking a home inundated with offers on Facebook as DIY matching descends into chaos*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:651J-H6W1-DYTY-C1KF-00000-00&context=1519360)

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***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** seeking host families on social media received up to 300 posts each offering rooms as British people vied to outbid each other over the size of their houses and gardens, number of bedrooms, local leisure facilities and quality of countryside.

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The surge came as the 147,000 Britons who have registered for the "Homes for Ukraine" scheme were allowed to lodge their applications provided they had found and linked up with named Ukrainians. Sources said it amounted to more than 400,000 UK rooms on offer.

As well as searching social media for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***, people also bombarded charities. Room for Refugees, the UK's longest running refugee hosting programme, said it was getting 40 calls and up to 150 emails an hour from people wanting to offer accommodation to ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***.

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[*Payments to families hosting Ukrainians are 'insufficient'*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:65M0-3WJ1-JCBW-N4C2-00000-00&context=1519360)

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Payments made to British families who welcome ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** are "nowhere near enough" amid soaring energy bills and inflation, charities and hosts have said.

Volunteers who host Ukrainians who have fled the Russian invasion receive £350 a month per family as a "thank you", as long as they don't charge rent. But hosts have argued that this money from the Government does not go far enough as energy and food bills continue to rise. Some are also spending thousands of pounds preparing their homes to accommo date large families.

Jonathan Clive Blake, 65, is the archbishop of the Open Episcopal Church. In March he and his wife, Annette, 63, volunteered to host ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***. This week, after a month-long "bureaucratic nightmare" of forms and visa processing, a family of five arrived at their south London home.

Mr Blake estimated that he had spent at least £2,450 settling the family. He bought new beds and turned the top floor of the house into a bedroom for the mother, father and fouryear-old daughter.

Hosts must apply for the £350 payment at the end of every month. Mr Blake said: "It's disingenuous to suggest this is a 'thank you' payment when it's obviously long-term support to cover costs," he said.

He added that the Government should invest in a "set-up grant" for households who want to host ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***. His family's energy bills have more than doubled since the refugees moved in, having already rocketed following the increase in the energy price cap in April.

Mr Blake said: "Our energy bill went from £20 a week to £45 a week. With the family living here it's gone up to £90 a week. It's a bit frightening."

While the refugee family grapples with the process of securing jobs, school places and doctors' appointments, Mr and Mrs Blake continue to provide financial support. Neither of the Ukrainian parents was able to continue working remotely for Kyiv-based companies although Mr Blake said the father had secured freelance work as a video editor in London.

"At the moment they are disorientated," he said. "So we've provided everything and guided them towards the things they need to do to get set up. We've got two fridges, so we've given them one. They've started taking responsibility for the child's meals but we still share an evening meal."

Mr Blake said the Ukrainians he hosted were aware of the rising energy costs and were likely to contribute "in time, based on how much they use". ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** are permit ted to work in Britain and also receive £200 on arrival.

Between their full-time work and their portfolio of buy-to-lets, Mr and

Mrs Blake have a "secure" income, although they set rents below the market average and refuse to raise them as they do not want to "cripple" tenants.

But Mr Blake said families who were less stable would be shocked by the immediate cost of welcoming displaced refugees.

"We're more secure than many families but it's not as simple as it seems," he said. "On paper we've got quite a lot of assets in our name but there's a mortgage to be paid. The cash you have is constrained. A less secure family is going to realise too late that there are all these things you have to buy that they weren't ready for."

Stan Benes of Opora, a platform that offers emergency assistance to Ukrainians in Britain, said the "thank you" payment had been misnamed and the Government had issued "no clear guidance" to hosts about the intended purpose of the money.

"Many people were not prepared for what would be involved both practically and personally," he said. "The £350 is a nice amount out of context, but if you consider the fact it should be used to offset extra costs it's nowhere near enough.

"There are many ways this could have been approached - and none of it is bad in itself - but it's just not been thought through."

Helena Tubridy, 62, a fertility expert, is currently hosting a Ukrainian couple and their five-year-old at her home in County Meath, Ireland. She has also had to economise even though the Ukrainian couple, aged 31 and 32, are continuing to work remotely as hydroelectric engineers for Kyiv-based employers.

The Irish government offers (EURO)400 (£340) a month per property to hosts, while ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** receive a monthly payment. Ms Tubridy said: "We are treating it as a house share - we keep our food separate. We've always had to be careful. It's all very manageable, but we're definitely feeling the pinch."

After two-and-a-half months the Ukrainian couple began to contribute a third of the household's energy bills.

A spokesman for the British Government said: "We know there may be some small additional costs associated with helping out, which is why we offer an optional 'thank you' payment of £350 a month for all those open ing their homes."

Tom Haynes 'THANK YOU'

£350

Amount that hosts of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** such as Jonathan Clive Blake, below, can claim each month from the Government

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[*Banks under scrutiny after family helping Ukrainians denied loan*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6868-6XB1-DYTY-C0RG-00000-00&context=1519360)

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THE City watchdog is monitoring banks to ensure they are not unfairly refusing mortgages to families hosting ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** after an incident at Halifax.

The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) is understood to be monitoring how banks are treating customers who have taken in Ukrainians, after it emerged that Halifax had mistakenly refused to remortgage a customer.

Dominik Zaum and his family took in a mother and her young daughter last summer. When Mr Zaum tried to remortgage with Halifax, the bank rejected the applications on the grounds that the annexe where the Ukrainian family were staying could be rented out in the future for commercial gain. This would require a different type of mortgage. Mr Zaum told the BBC: "We were very surprised by this because we've never rented it out, we're not renting it out now and we have no intention of renting it out in the future."

Halifax blamed a miscommunication with a valuer who looked at the home and said it gave Mr Zaum a loan offer after it was made aware of the issue. However, the incident will provoke concern among the thousands of Britons who have taken in Ukrainian families since the outbreak of war last year.

The City watchdog is understood to be monitoring this situation for similar cases emerging and stands ready to take action. A Halifax spokesman said: "We are very supportive of the Homes for

Ukraine scheme and would never decline a mortgage application on that basis. We reviewed the case, apologised to the customer and issued a mortgage offer on April 25."

The Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme started just over a year ago to help rehome refugees who fled the country following Russia's invasion in February 2022. Around 153,000

***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** have arrived in the UK since then.

Government guidance states that "lenders have committed to enable as many borrowers as possible to participate in the scheme".

It adds: "It's important you think through any possible implications for your tenancy, mortgage, lease and insurance before your guest arrives."

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[*Minister backs 'safe' refugee hosting service designed to end online matchmaking chaos*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:654H-XX71-DYTY-C4FC-00000-00&context=1519360)

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THE first government-backed matchmaking service for people seeking to host ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** has been launched to help end the chaos of families linking up on social media.

Reset, a charity specialising in community sponsorship, has been backed by the Government to run a matching, training and assessment service to link thousands of British residents with refugees under the Homes for Ukraine scheme.

Until now, many people seeking to host ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** in their homes have had to rely on social media or personal contacts, leading to concerns over the trafficking and safeguarding of vulnerable women and children.

On the first day for applications, Facebook groups had to restrict the number of people trying to host ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** after the sponsorship scheme became a matchmaking frenzy.

***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** seeking host families on social media received up to 300 posts each offering rooms as Britons vied to outbid each other over the size of their houses, number of bedrooms, local leisure facilities and countryside.

Reset has been piloting its matchmaking service over the past few weeks, ready for today's national launch. It has already registered 7,000 refugees and 8,000 households who have space for more than 20,000 Ukrainians fleeing the Russian invasion.

Backed by £300,000 from Michael Gove's Communities Department, Reset plans to expand its service nationwide to bring together sponsors and refugees and assess their eligibility and suitability for the scheme. The charity will provide training and advice to sponsors and community groups on issues such as claiming benefits, job seeking and finding schools for refugee children.

Reset is promising a "rigorous" matching and assessment system for sponsors and refugees by using its trained caseworkers, volunteers and safeguarding experts.

"They will assess the sponsors' intent, suitability, and availability while checking that the accommodation they are offering is appropriate.

"Sponsors will also need to complete an online mandatory training programme before the matching process begins," said the charity.

Once the match has been made, the sponsors and refugees will submit a visa application to the Home Office, which will remain responsible with local councils for the formal vetting process.

Granting of visas under the Homes for Ukraine scheme has picked up pace and the number stands at 4,700, out of 32,200 applications submitted.

Lord Harrington, the refugees minister, said: "I am delighted and grateful that Reset are working with us to bring more people safely to the UK."

Kate Brown, of Reset Communities and Refugees, said: "This is an extraordinary moment for the refugee welcome movement in the UK."

" "With 200,000 people signed up to ofer their homes under the Homes for Ukraine scheme, and hundreds of thousands more offering support, we are in a position to help more refugees than ever before."

It comes after Interpol this week warned that criminals and people traffickers could exploit the social media groups being used for matching as an "ideal source of information".

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[*SNP refugee ferry leaves residents fuming*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6677-RDW1-JCBW-N4R0-00000-00&context=1519360)

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A "HALF-BAKED" scheme by Nicola Sturgeon's Government to house ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** aboard a ferry has sparked pollution complaints after SNP ministers mistakenly believed the vessel could be plugged into the mains.

The Scottish Government has admitted that the MS Victoria will be forced to run on diesel-powered generators while it is docked in Edinburgh for six months.

Noxious fumes from the ship's engines have forced locals to keep their windows shut during the summer and hold their breath while walking outside.

Ministers had contracted the 636ftlong Estonian vessel from shipping company Tallink under the belief its electricity could be supplied by onshore mains power.

Edinburgh Council said it has received several noise complaints from residents about the "unbearable" smell of diesel and roar of the ship's engines.

Crew on board the MS Victoria have agreed to only use engines with noise suppressors on, but the ship is running at all hours, The Daily Mail reported.

Hundreds of Ukrainians are living on board the vessel with about 1,700 expected to arrive in total.

Earlier this month, the First Minister announced plans to rent a second ship that will be docked on the Clyde in Glasgow and will house another 1,750 refugees. The two schemes are expected to cost taxpayers up to £100million.

Miles Briggs, the Scottish Tory spokesman for housing, said: "The SNP's plans to shove ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** into a rented cruise ship always looked like a half-baked, last-minute stopgap ..

But a solution needs to be found urgently for people who, having fled brutal conflict, just aren't getting the help they were promised."

The MS Victoria was hired as an emergency measure to house up to 2,200 refugees after the First Minister axed her flagship super sponsor scheme when the government ran out of safe housing for refugees.

Residents near Leith Docks, where the boat is berthed, have complained to the council, the port owner and Ben Macpherson, the area's MSP and SNP local government minister.

An Edinburgh Council environmental health officer said the vessel "had been rotating their engine usage, but following the complaints they now only use the two engines that have silencers".

A spokesman for the Scottish Gov ernment said that it had "contracted the ship under the understanding it would be mains-powered", but only discov ered it was not possible when the boat arrived in Scotland.

'The SNP's plans to shove ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** into a rented cruise ship always looked half-baked'

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[*Germans appeal for refugee air bridge to US; Biden under pressure to take more Ukrainians as Europe struggles to cope with massive influx*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6526-DFX1-JCBW-N48W-00000-00&context=1519360)

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**Body**

GERMANY last night called for an "air bridge" to fly refugees escaping Ukraine to the United States as Europe reels under the numbers fleeing the country.

Joe Biden is expected to come under pressure from European allies to take more refugees when he visits Brussels and Poland later this week.

Annalena Baerbock, the German foreign minister, said: "Not only do we need safe corridors, we need an air bridge of solidarity.

"I am here today to appeal to all my European friends, to the world community, and to our transatlantic partners.

"We need common solidarity for the Ukrainians."

Europe is already facing its biggest refugee crisis since the Second World War, after more than 3.4 million people fled Ukraine, according to the United Nations refugee agency (UNHCR).

In the lead-up to a meeting of EU foreign ministers in Brussels, Ms Baerbock warned the figure could reach eight million.

That meant Europe would have to take in hundreds of thousands in "every country" and "distribute some across the Atlantic".

She included in her appeal the German word "Luftbrücke", which is generally used to refer to the Berlin Airlift of 1948-49.

Then, the US and Britain defeated a

Soviet blockade by keeping West Berlin supplied with food and other necessities by air.

Mr Biden is to attend a European Council summit on Thursday, after a meeting of Nato leaders.

The US President is facing criticism at home for resettling only a handful of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** since the invasion.

On March 11, the US president said he would welcome ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** with "open arms". But the US admitted only 514 in January and February, during Russia's military build-up.

From March 1 to 16, seven ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** were resettled in the US, according to state department data.

Ukrainian refugee cases stalled as a result of flight cancellations, and admissions were all but shut down.

Meanwhile, Ukrainians showing up at the Mexico border have been refused entry to the US.

They have been rejected under "Title 42", a pandemic-era policy introduced under Donald Trump, and continued by Mr Biden, which allows for quick expulsions to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

A trickle of Ukrainians have made it into the US on tourist visas, but many with relatives in the US have struggled to get visas. Edgars Rinkevics, the foreign minister of Latvia, said an air bridge was "a good idea".

Tomorrow, the European Commission will outline its plans for a "coordination platform" to help non-EU countries take in ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***.

A senior official said: "We'd be very happy for the US to take some people."

Another EU diplomat said: "It will certainly be raised during the European Council."

Poland has borne the brunt of arrivals so far, with more than two million.

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[*Million Ukrainian refugees head back home; Up to 30,000 - including women and children - are returning each day as they see it as safe, say officials*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6579-J3D1-DYTY-C4JS-00000-00&context=1519360)

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**Body**

ALMOST one million Ukrainians who fled abroad since the start of the war have returned to the country including a growing number of women, children and elderly people.

Andriy Demchenko, a spokesman for the State Border Guard Service, said more than 870,000 Ukrainians had returned, with 25,000 to 30,000 now returning each day.

The disclosure came as the UK Government revealed it was processing more than 3,500 family or Homes for Ukraine visas a day - and was on target to turn round applications within 48 hours.

It follows weeks of delays and criticism of the bureaucratic response to the refugee crisis by the Home Office. More than 25,000 visas under the Homes for Ukraine scheme have now been approved, nearly doubling the number in a week.

There have also been 31,400 family visas approved for Ukrainians, giving a total of 56,500 so far granted. Only about 16,400 Ukrainians have arrived - a figure ministers attributed to some deciding to stay in the region, return to their homeland or who are using it as a fallback.

It came as former Cabinet minister

Robert Jenrick revealed he had become the first MP to take in a Ukrainian family under a special scheme set up by the Home Office.

However, Tory MP Mr Jenrick told today's Chopper's Politics podcast that Home Office red tape in the Ukrainian Family Scheme had "tested the patience of sponsors and, more importantly, of the families and individuals them selves". There has been a steady return of Ukrainian men to the country as they went back to fight the Russian invasion.

Mr Demchenko said: "They say they see that the situation is safer, especially in the western regions, and they can no longer stay abroad. They are ready to return to the country and stay here."

It followed the retreat by Russian forces from near Kyiv, as Vladimir Putin prepared to ramp up their offensive in the east of the country.

According to the UN refugee agency UNHCR, more than 4.7million Ukrainians have fled abroad since Mr Putin launched the invasion on Feb 24, triggering Europe's fastest growing refugee crisis since the Second World War.

Two weeks ago, The Daily Telegraph disclosed how environment minister Victoria Prentis had taken in Vika, a 25-year-old Ukrainian refugee, under an existing visitor visa scheme.

Mr Jenrick, who was housing secretary until last September, called on officials to stop forcing children to fill out separate forms to come to the UK and allow them to be completed in Ukrainian to speed up the process.

The Jenrick family welcomed Maria, 40, and her two children Christina, 11, and Boden, 15, at Stansted airport earlier this week. The two families are now living together in his Newark constituency. Mr Jenrick insisted that he had not pulled any strings to speed the process up.

He said it was right that British families had to match their own families in Ukraine as "there are limits to the role of the state and as a country we have so much to offer when individuals and civil society come together".

But he added: "I do think the process has been overly bureaucratic and I think the Home Office often falls into this trap.

"There were simple things that we could and should have done from the outset, like having the form in Ukrainian, for example."

'They say they see that the situation is safer, especially in the western regions' 'They can no longer stay abroad. They are ready to return and stay here'

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[*France urges Britain to tear up red tape on refugee visas; No 10 denies being 'overly restrictive' with Ukrainians as Johnson comes under pressure on oligarchs*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:64X5-02N1-JCBW-N2W0-00000-00&context=1519360)

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**Body**

FRANCE has accused Britain of taking an "overly restrictive" approach to helping ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***.

A French government adviser urged Britain to relax its conditions for granting visas after ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** travelling through the country were left "stranded" after being denied entry by the UK. But Downing Street rejected the criticism, with the Prime Minister's official spokesman saying the "vast majority" of Ukrainians fleeing the region "want to remain" in the broad area.

There have been reports that the Ukrainian government has pushed the Home Office not to lift all restrictions on arrivals as they urge people to remain in the country.

Britain has offered sanctuary to up to 200,000 ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** after expanding its "humanitarian" visa scheme to extended family members and sponsored workers.

But Boris Johnson is resisting calls to follow the European Union by opening up to all Ukrainians amid fears they could be infiltrated by Russian agents and extremists.

In a separate row, Mr Johnson announced a "full list" of oligarchs and cronies linked to Vladimir Putin would be published amid criticism from Labour and Tory MPs.

The Prime Minister made the promise in the Commons yesterday after a grilling by Sir Keir Starmer, the Labour leader.

Yet Government officials appeared blindsided by the announcement and gave little detail about who would be targeted and why.

Foreign Office officials had already been working down a "hit list" of potential oligarchs and continues to do so, with more than 80 people attracting new sanctions.

The Foreign Office and the Treasury have faced a flood of correspondence from lawyers representing Russian companies and individuals who could be hit by sanctions.

Yesterday, it emerged Russian banks will be given a 10-day grace period before they are ejected from the Swift international payment scheme, under the EU's latest round of economic sanctions against Moscow.

After an agreement was struck by European capitals last night, seven Russian financial institutions will be blocked from using the key tool for cross-border transactions.

Despite calls to hit Moscow harder, EU ambassadors held off delisting a bank part-owned by Russian gas giant Gazprom and Sberbank, the country's largest lender.

In a private meeting, they agreed to hit VTB Bank, Bank Rossiya, Bank Otkritie, Novikombank, Promsvyazbank, Sovcombank and VEB.

Poland had lobbied its EU colleagues to hit Gazprombank and Sberbank, but failed to convince them the move would not have repercussions on the bloc's oil and gas supplies.

All potentially eligible ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** are being required to apply for visas through centres in UK embassies or consulates where they are completing biometric and security checks.

Yesterday a French government aide urged the United Kingdom to cut the red tape hampering ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** fleeing the Russian invasion. "We have drawn the attention of the British authorities to the difficulties linked to the lack of information and the overly restrictive nature of this regime," the adviser said.

"At this stage, they do not issue visas on the spot, but in their consulates and embassies", pointing to "an administrative burden".

The French cited the case of a family of nine Ukrainians with relatives in the UK who were turned back after arriving at Calais at about 6pm before being temporarily housed in hotel rooms in Coquelles.

It followed a case at the weekend when the elderly mother of a woman living in the UK was blocked from entry to Britain at the Gare du Nord in Paris.

The decision was reversed on Tuesday after changes in the rules allowing older parents with family in the UK access to the humanitarian visas.

Asked yesterday if he agreed with the French claims that the UK was operating an "overly restrictive" scheme, the Prime Minister's official spokesman gave an emphatic "no".

'We have drawn the attention of the UK to the difficulties linked to the nature of this visa regime'

**Graphic**

A Ukrainian woman carries a child in a blanket after crossing the border in Siret, Romania. About 660,000 people have fled Ukraine to neighbouring countries in the past six days, putting the exodus on track to become Europe's largest refugee crisis this centuryBLOOMBERG PUNGOVSCHI/ ANDREI

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[*Another week and a sponsored Ukrainian refugee family is still stuck; Letters to the Editor*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:654Y-W3N1-JCBW-N50N-00000-00&context=1519360)

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sir - You kindly published my letter last Monday on visas for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***. I suppose it will be too soon to publish another. But in my last letter I was angry; today I am ballistic.

The Ukrainian mother and two children I'm sponsoring followed the procedure laid out by the Government and TLScontact, which administers visa application centres. Documents were uploaded and emails from TLScontact confirmed appointments. When the mother and children arrived at the Moldova application centre, TLScontact refused to acknowledge that appointments were booked.

The process is not fit for purpose.

When will Lord Harrington of Watford, the minister for refugees, get his act together and sort this out?

Victoria Hawkins Ludlow, Shropshire sir - Tens of thousands of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***, mainly women and children, have applied for visas to come to Britain to start rebuilding their lives. Some have come without visas in the hope that they will be welcome even though they don't have the requisite paperwork. But the brutal reality is that our Government doesn't see them as deserving of our protection.

Under the Nationality and Borders Bill, which returns to the Lords today, those fleeing will be criminalised for taking the wrong path to safety. The Bill sinisterly classifies refugees who reach our shores without prior authorisation as "Group 2 refugees", with reduced rights. The consequences could be devastating for them.

Ever since Britain was a founding signatory of the UN Refugee Convention in 1951, we have given a fair hearing on UK soil to all seeking sanctuary. Criminalising and penalising men, women and children who have fled persecution and war contradicts the Convention. It is cruel, unjust and decidedly un-British. Lord Dubs Patron Enver Solomon

CEO, Refugee Council, London E15 sir - The so-called "simplified" visa application procedure for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** combines irredeemable bureaucracy with a lingering "hostile environment" attitude. The Prime Minister should ask a few of his team to have a go at the form-filling.

As an applicant, you have to include voluminous detail not only about your sponsor but about anyone else in the sponsor's house. You have to answer a series of daft, space-filling, timeconsuming questions about yourself - have you had any speeding offences, is there anything else about your character or behaviour you want to disclose, have you ever done anything, paid or unpaid, on behalf of a non-UK government that you know to be "dangerous to the interests or national security of the UK or its allies"?

I appeal to the Prime Minister to show his global-Britain instincts, admirably evident in the past weeks, by demanding that we adopt the same system as the EU: show your passport. Richard Oldfield Sittingbourne, Kent

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[*Poland may look to deport Ukrainians for conscription*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BWH-XWK1-DYTY-C0NM-00000-00&context=1519360)

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POLAND has suggested it will help transfer Ukrainian men of fighting age back to their homeland, as Kyiv seeks to shore up its depleted armed forces.

Wladyslaw Kosiniak-Kamysz, the Polish defence minister, said he was ready to take whatever steps necessary to move tens of thousands of men of military fighting age back to Ukraine.

"We have suggested for a long time that we can help the Ukrainian side ensure that people subject to compulsory military service go to Ukraine," he told Polsat, a Polish TV network.

Asked if this would involve a request from Ukraine to transport men of fighting age, he added: "Everything is possible."

It was not immediately clear what steps Poland might take to transfer the Ukrainians, such as deportation or a bilateral agreement with Kyiv.

Ukraine is urgently working to recruit more troops in the face of a renewed push by Russia on the eastern front of the war.

It recently passed a mobilisation law which lowers the fighting age and imposes tougher penalties on those who refuse to serve.

On Wednesday night, Ukraine said that it would stop issuing new passports to men of serving age based overseas and has suspended consular services to those aged 18 to 60 living abroad, which has angered some Ukrainian expats.

Hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians fled the country, with many passing through Poland, after Russia launched its full-scale invasion of the country two years ago.

There are nearly a million ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** currently registered in Poland, of which around 16 per cent are males of fighting age.

"Staying abroad does not relieve a citizen of his or her duties to the homeland," Dmytro Kuleba, the Ukrainian foreign minister, said in a recent post on social media.

On Wednesday, hundreds of Ukrainians were seen queuing up outside a closed passport office in Warsaw waiting to receive new passports.

"This is a fight against people who are fleeing the army," Maksym, a 38-yearold truck driver, said.

"We are not asked on what grounds we went abroad ... Why am I a draft dodger if I went abroad legally?"

'Staying abroad does not relieve a [Ukrainian] citizen of his or her duties to the homeland'

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[*One in 14 Ukrainian refugees in UK homeless; NEWS BULLETIN*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BD3-XWD1-DYTY-C0YF-00000-00&context=1519360)

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At least one in 14 ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** has become homeless since June 2022 after relationships with sponsor families broke down or ended, official figures show.

About 6,040 Ukrainian households with at least one dependent child - equivalent to at least 12,000 people - and 3,000 single Ukrainians had sought homeless support from councils by the end of last month, according to data from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities).

The Home Office has allowed all Ukrainians who have already been granted sanctuary in the UK to extend their visas for an extra 18 months.

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**Byline:** Louis Ashworth

**Body**

BRITAIN's pubs, hotels anv restaurants are gearing up to help ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** as businesses scramble to support those fleeing the Russian invasion.

Kate Nicholls, chief executive of UK Hospitality, saiv she has been "inunvatev with offers of help anv support" from hotels with spare rooms anv restaurants looking to provive foov parcels.

Some of Britain's biggest businesses are in talks with Downing Street about arranging jobs anv accommovation for refugees.

A consortium of vozens of businesses, incluving Marks & Spencer, say they have 10,000 jobs available for people fleeing the conflict. They have been holving talks over recent vays anv will meet ministers on Monvay, The Sunday Times first reportev.

Meanwhile, there is growing support from business groups for employers to be offerev tax breaks or rev tape exemptions if they hire refugees.

Michael Gove, the Housing anv Communities Secretary, saiv yestervay that "tens of thousanvs" of refugees woulv begin arriving in the UK unver a sponsorship scheme. Householvs will be paiv £350 a month to host refugees unver the scheme, which has been launchev following criticism of the Home Office's response to the crisis.

The refugees minister, Richarv Harrington, who works across Mr Gove's vepartment anv the Home Office, will tovay meet entrepreneur Emma Sinclair, who is leaving the coalition of companies wanting to help.

More businesses are also unverstoov to be interestev. Tesco anv Vovafone have alreavy announcev they will make jobs available in their European operations. The CBI saiv many companies are "keen to assist further" in finving jobs for people fleeing the conflict.

Ms Nicholls saiv hospitality operators coulv "kill two birvs with one stone" as many roles come with accommovation. People seeking temporary work coulv also help relieve staffing shortages, she avvev. "If we can provive meaningful jobs to support them while they're here, we woulv be very happy to vo so."

" Morrisons saiv it has been talking to the Home ffice. A spokesman avvev: "Morrisons will welcome ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** with open arms … we believe we coulv finv goov roles for many hunvrevs of men anv women."

M&S also confirmev it is in contact with officials. "We are absolutely committev to supporting ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***, through both the humanitarian response unver way with our charity partners anv with jobs," a spokesman saiv.

Sainsburys saiv it was looking at how to provive support in a "meaningful way", avving it "woulv be open to proviving jobs as part of this".

The Government saiv the local sponsorship scheme will match charities, businesses anv invivivuals with refugees who vo not have family in the UK.

A Home Office spokesman saiv: "We will keep our support unver constant review."

**Graphic**

Companies are talking to ministers about how they can make jobs available for refugeesREUTERS SZMIGIEL/ ALEKSANDRA

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[*Radio choice Charlotte Runcie*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6972-8YX1-DYTY-C0HW-00000-00&context=1519360)

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Book of the Week: Material World Radio 4FM, 9.45am How the discovery and utilisation of crude oil changed the world is the subject of this morning's instalment of Book of the Week: Material World by Ed Conway. It explores some of the substances that have underpinned the development of human civilisation: sand, salt, iron, copper, oil and lithium. The discovery of huge amounts of crude oil in Saudi Arabia shifted the dimensions of global politics, and as we remain dependent on fossil fuels for the way we live our lives now, understanding how we use fossil fuels is essential to understanding how we'll survive in future.

Crossing Continents Radio 4, 11am A fascinating insight into the impact that the war in Ukraine has had on life in the town of Kirkenes, in the Norway's north-east. The town was once dependent on close links with neighbouring Russia, with economic and cultural ties coming with a stable system of cross-border trade and plenty of resident Russians. But now that co-operation is over as border restrictions have been imposed, and ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** have made their homes in the area alongside some Russian journalists escaping a hostile atmosphere in their home country. John Murphy is in Kirkenes to discover what's changed.

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[*Vetting all family homes for refugees 'may be impossible'*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6514-JJ81-DYTY-C01X-00000-00&context=1519360)

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MANY ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** could arrive in the UK next week without family home assessments being completed by councils first.

Lord Harrington of Watford told MPs it "may not be possible" for all accommodation offered under the Homes for Ukraine scheme to be checked.

The minister for refugees said: "I'm expecting thousands of people to come but it will be their responsibility and, particularly where there's a possibility of vulnerability with children, this sort of thing, that would take priority.

"But if we started saying we're going to pre-view it, it's just not possible."

Asked if he could give assurances that ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** will not be housed in hotels, he replied: "I honestly can't give you that undertaking. I'd like to - it's not our intention. But if all else fails, it's our duty to make sure that they've got a roof over their head and they're fed properly."

Councils also raised concerns that they might not be able to check properties. James Jamieson, chairman of the Local Government Association, said: "With new arrivals possibly as early as Sunday, councils are facing a very tight time frame to make checks.

"There is a limit to what can be achieved by councils in such a short space of time but up-to-the-minute data from the Government at the point of sponsor match will be crucial."

More than 120,000 families have registered interest in opening their doors to Ukrainians fleeing the war. Those who have found someone to sponsor can apply from tomorrow.

Councils will get £10,500 per refugee for the first year to help with education, English language support, safeguarding and social care services.

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[*Wilders: Too many Ukrainian refugees are taking our jobs*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BCG-18X1-DYTY-C0RW-00000-00&context=1519360)

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[*Patel trebles time Ukrainians can stay in UK*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:64XJ-XD41-DYTY-C0TH-00000-00&context=1519360)

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***UKRAINIAN*** ***refugees*** with family in the UK will be able to live, work and claim benefits in Britain for three years as Priti Patel trebled the time they can stay in the UK.

The Home Secretary had previously limited it to an "initial" one year but extended it to three for those with immediate or extended family links, bringing it in line with the EU's pro posed unconditional three-year offer.

***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** could be allowed to stay beyond three years under future rules depending on what happens in their homeland following the invasion.

There will also be a "humanitarian visa route" for firms, community groups or councils to sponsor Ukrainians with no family ties to the UK, for an initial 12 months. But it has not yet launched.

During a visit to Poland to mark the opening of the family scheme, Ms Patel said officials were working "night and day" to ensure those fleeing Russian troops could seek refuge.

She said people crossing the border were coming from the "most atrocious set of circumstances where they are being persecuted by Putin". She added: "We stand shoulder to shoulder with the people of Ukraine but also with our dear friends here in Poland."

The Home Office said it aimed to process 6,000 applications a week by the end of March, after the UN warned this week that the number who have fled Ukraine has passed one million.

It is unclear how many will come to the UK although the Government has said it could be as many as 200,000 based on the numbers with potential family links to the UK. Ukrainians will not be able to "jump the queue" to get local authority accommodation ahead of the 12,000 Afghan refugees currently being put up in hotels.

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[*LIVING NEXT DOOR TO PUTIN BBC One, 8pm; What to watch*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6954-J7S1-DYTY-C0GB-00000-00&context=1519360)

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For many people in Eastern Europe, the Russian invasion of Ukraine is a harbinger of things to come. In this engrossing two-part documentary, BBC journalist Katya Adler journeys through Russia's neighbouring nations to discover how they have each been affected by the war. She begins tonight in Poland: a haven for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***, yet a hostile environment for migrants from the Middle

East, the latter of whom appear to be deliberately directed into the country by Russian ally Belarus. Adler embeds herself with political activists who are defying the police to provide the refugees with humanitarian aid. She then travels north to Lithuania, where she learns about the geopolitical quirk that is Kaliningrad: a Russian semi-exclave on the Baltic Coast. Adler watches as a Kaliningrad train, bound for

Russia, stops in Lithuania to have a GPS tracker fitted. "This is a bubble," Adler says, "travelling from Russia to Russia." In Latvia, meanwhile, the government is nervous about the sympathies of its ethnically Russian populace and what it could mean for the nation's soverignity. In order to curb Putin's influence, it has banned Russian news and schools, but there is a risk that it could alienate them further. Stephen Kelly

**Graphic**

Katya Adler travels around Poland, Lithuania and Latvia to learn about Russian interference

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[*Hospitality 'in Irish DNA' as struggling nation says it will host 200,000 refugees*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:657Y-FS61-DYTY-C2NX-00000-00&context=1519360)

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FROM offering holiday homes on the Galway coast to donating Father Ted DVDs, Irish people are giving a warm welcome to ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***.

The Irish government has suggested as many as 200,000 Ukrainians could come to the country, an EU member with a population of just over five million people, which has already waived visa requirements for Ukrainians.

This means they do not have to claim asylum and are granted "temporary protection" for a year.

On arrival in Ireland, Ukrainians are given welfare payments, access to healthcare, education, accommodation and the right to work in a country struggling with a cost of living and housing crisis. "All Ukrainians should be like Irish people," said Ruslana Bogdanova, adding: "Everybody here is very good and smiling."

The 29-year-old hairdresser from Kherson, a port city in the south of Ukraine, is one of an estimated 500 arriving daily, swelling a community that numbered about 7,000 before the war. As of the end of last week, the UK had taken in 16,400.

"I will go back just the same day the war stops," added Ms Bogdanova, who arrived in Dublin on March 29.

The Irish government has said it will cost (EURO)2.5billion (£2billion) to care for 100,000 ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** next year.

But there is a housing crisis and the pressure of the new arrivals is beginning to tell.

Timmy Dooley, an Irish senator, said he had visited Bucha, where he saw mass graves and evidence of atrocities.

"There's a memory for all of us Irish from the time of famine, and how many of our people starved to death and how many got on the boat and went to the US and elsewhere," he said.

"So we understand the psyche of an individual who has to flee when they are under pressure of hunger, or aggression. That's in the Irish DNA."

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[*Prue Leith: Red tape stops me hosting a refugee*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:656N-MK11-DYTY-C4DK-00000-00&context=1519360)

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[*Lack of housing for Ukraine refugees may force SNP to turn to British Army for help*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:664G-40P1-JCBW-N45R-00000-00&context=1519360)

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SNP ministers are considering issuing a formal plea to the British Army and hiring a second cruise ship to house ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***, after Nicola Sturgeon's flagship "super sponsor" scheme descended into chaos.

The Daily Telegraph understands that Scottish Government officials have discussed the unusual step of making a military aid to civil authorities (MACA) request to the Ministry of Defence, due to fears thousands of refugees will arrive in Scotland with nowhere to go.

Meanwhile, the Scottish Government is also believed to be exploring hiring a second cruise ship, based on the Clyde, despite controversy over housing Ukrainians in windowless rooms on a vessel in Edinburgh.

Discussions about the MACA are believed to have taken place between Scottish and UK Government staff.

Almost 30,000 visas have been issued under the "super sponsor" initiative, but despite fewer than 9,000 arriving in Scotland as of last week, there is a lack of housing for them. The scheme was axed last month and the Scottish Government is "exploring all options" to solve the crisis.

Monica Lennon, the Scottish Labour MSP, said: "These developments show just how badly the Scottish Govern ment has handled the 'super sponsor' scheme. Ukrainian families deserve the best possible accommodation and support, rather than the half-baked measures the SNP is currently offering.

"SNP ministers must get a grip of this crisis and ensure people seeking sanctuary are treated with dignity."

MoD officials are believed to be braced for a formal request from the Scottish Government, but there is confusion within the UK Government about what meaningful help the Army could give as it does not have a large amount of spare accommodation in Scottish barracks.

The Scottish Government has previously warned that councils could be forced to place refugees in "camp beds in community settings" due to a lack of suitable accommodation.

Ms Sturgeon suggested UK Government ministers lacked humanity by failing to do enough to provide visas to

***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** and successfully pushed for her administration to be allowed to directly "sponsor" applications to come to the UK. It meant individuals would be granted a visa more quickly as they would not have to wait to be matched with an individual willing to share their homes, with responsibility falling on the Scottish

Government to find them temporary accommodation until a more permanent solution was found. SNP ministers have provided £5million to refurbish disused high-rises in Lanarkshire, which had been due to be demolished, in a bid to bring 200 flats back into use.

Ian Murray, the shadow Scottish secretary, said: "The collapse of the 'super sponsor' scheme is a gross betrayal by the SNP and we need to get it up and running again - but not by cutting more corners on accommodation. The SNP's decision to house refugees on a cruise ship was a disgrace, and it beggars belief that they are doubling down on this shameful plan. It would be grossly inappropriate to force people fleeing war to live in Army barracks, and the SNP must rule this out."

Miles Briggs, the Scottish Tory MSP, said: "The SNP Government's so-called super sponsor scheme is a classic example of them overpromising and underdelivering. [The MACA would be] further proof that the SNP's pursuit of positive headlines comes before the welfare of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***."

A spokesman for the Scottish Gov ernment said that it was "exploring all options to provide safe and secure accommodation as part of its warm Scottish welcome to displaced Ukrainians. However, no formal request has been made to the MoD to help".

The cruise ship in Edinburgh had "received a very positive reception from the people on board", he added. The MoD said it had not received a formal request but "under the MACA process, Defence always stands ready to respond to requests from civil authorities in line with established principles".

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[*Cabins for Ukrainians 'pokier than prison cells'; Tories say SNP are 'letting down' refugees with plan to send them to live on 'cramped' ferry in Leith*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:65X8-YRJ1-DYTY-C00J-00000-00&context=1519360)

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***UKRAINIAN*** ***refugees*** will be given windowless rooms more cramped than prison cells under the SNP's plan to send those fleeing Russia's invasion to live on an Estonian cruise ship.

Some of the cabins on board the MS Victoria, which is docked in Leith and has 739 rooms in which victims of the war will be accommodated, measure 86 sq ft and have little space for anything other than small beds.

The rooms are designed to accommodate up to four people, meaning at full capacity there would be 21 sq ft per person. A couple, or parent and child, would have just 43 sq ft per person. In contrast, single prison cells in Scotland are at least 75 sq ft, and in shared cells, rules state there should be at least 48 sq ft for each inmate.

The 19-year-old vessel, which has 2,172 beds and was designed to carry passengers on a 16-hour journey between Tallinn and Stockholm, is being rented by the Scottish Govern ment to house ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** after its resettlement plan ran into problems.

Nicola Sturgeon had previously insisted that Scotland would welcome an "uncapped" number of refugees, but her flagship "super sponsor" initiative is being shelved from today.

The Scottish Government has said the scheme will be suspended for three months. However, the MS Victoria has been hired for six months.

Miles Briggs, the Scottish Tory MSP, accused the SNP of "letting down Ukrainians" after "repeatedly boasting about how welcoming they are".

"Refugees fleeing Ukraine were promised safe and secure [accommodation], yet thanks to the SNP's shoddy planning, thousands may now end up being housed in cabins that are more cramped than a prison cell," he said.

"The SNP must now guarantee that the cabins on this ship - many of which are extremely small and have no windows - are only used on the most temporary basis as a very last resort, and urgently work to secure more suitable accommodation as quickly as possible."

Meanwhile, The Daily Telegraph understands that the First Minister has not formally offered to take in a refugee to her large detached Glasgow home, amid the accommodation crisis.

She has previously encouraged others to open up their homes and claimed in March that she would provide a home to a Ukrainian "if needed".

However, her officials yesterday refused to say under what circum stances she would sign up to the plan.

The MS Victoria arrived in Leith from Tallinn on Monday, and is docked near to the Royal Yacht Britannia.

As part of other emergency measures to find homes for Ukrainians, two highrise tower blocks in Lanarkshire, which had been due to be demolished, are also being brought back into use.

Ms Sturgeon had previously pledged that Ukrainians would be "wrapped in a warm Scottish welcome" and placed in hotels or university accommodation on a short-term basis until long-term accommodation was found. However, the Scottish Refugee Council is con cerned at the cruise ship plan, warning that integration was far easier when people had permanent homes.

"Temporary accommodation like this must only be an emergency response to a humanitarian crisis, not part of a functioning asylum system," Gary Christie, head of policy at the charity, said.

"We understand these are last-resort options that nobody wants to see. We're seeking assurances from the Scottish Government that these stays will be as short as [possible]."

A Scottish Government spokesman said: "The overall costs for M/S Victoria are similar to the costs for equivalent hotel rooms. The ship will offer dis placed people safe accommodation, with restaurants, childplay facilities, shops, cleaning and communal spaces. Families will be accommodated according to their needs, as has been the case in other temporary accommodation."

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The 'extremely small' rooms for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** on MS Victoria docked in Leith

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MORE than 200,000 ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** will be allowed to come to the UK, Boris Johnson has announced, as he extended the Government's humanitarian route.

Speaking on a trip to Poland, the Prime Minister doubled the number of the refugees that the UK will take from the 100,000 announced earlier by Priti Patel, the Home Secretary.

The Home Office will extend the range of Ukrainian family members who will be able to join relatives in the UK as they flee the Russian invasion of their homeland.

It is currently limited to immediate family comprising spouse, civil partner, long-term partners, parents of children under 18 and children under 18. The new programme is expected to widen to include extended family including parents, siblings and grandparents.

A Ukraine sponsorship visa scheme will also allow businesses, community groups and local authorities to sponsor a Ukrainian to come to the UK to work for 12 months.

The sponsor would have to pay for and organise accommodation and integration for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** who do not have family in the UK.

Ms Patel told MPs that there would be no cap on any of the routes and all fees would be waived. "There will be no numerical limit on this scheme and we'll welcome as many Ukrainians that wish to come and have match spon sors," she said.

All refugees will require visas and biometric and security checks because of fears that the schemes could be infiltrated by Russian agents and extremists leading to another Salisbury-style poisoning in the UK.

Mr Johnson said: "Many people in Britain will want to help refugees so we will make it easier for Ukrainians already living in the UK to bring their relatives to our country.

"Although the numbers are hard to calculate, they could be more than 200,000."

Eight former Cabinet ministers including Sir Robert Buckland, Jeremy Hunt, Damian Green and Matt Hancock were among the MPs to put their names to the letter calling for a "flexible and pragmatic approach" to allow Ukrainians to seek temporary refuge in the UK.

The 38 Tory MPs said: "The United Kingdom cannot flag or fail, our mes sage must be clear: Ukrainian victims of war seeking refuge are welcome."

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MORE than 200,000 ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** will be allowed to come to the UK, Boris Johnson has announced, as he extended the Government's humanitarian route.

Speaking on a trip to Poland, the Prime Minister doubled the number of the refugees that the UK will take from the 100,000 announced earlier by Priti Patel, the Home Secretary.

The Home Office will extend the range of Ukrainian family members who will be able to join relatives in the UK as they flee the Russian invasion of their homeland.

It is currently limited to immediate family comprising spouse, civil partner, long-term partners, parents of children under 18 and children under 18. The new programme is expected to widen to include extended family including parents, siblings and grandparents.

A Ukraine sponsorship visa scheme will also allow businesses, community groups and local authorities to sponsor a Ukrainian to come to the UK to work for 12 months.

The sponsor would have to pay for and organise accommodation and integration for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** who do not have family in the UK.

Ms Patel told MPs that there would be no cap on any of the routes and all fees would be waived. "There will be no numerical limit on this scheme and we'll welcome as many Ukrainians that wish to come and have match sponsors," she said.

All refugees will require visas and biometric and security checks because of fears that the schemes could be infiltrated by Russian agents and extremists leading to another Salisbury-style poisoning in the UK.

Mr Johnson said: "Many people in Britain will want to help refugees so we will make it easier for Ukrainians already living in the UK to bring their relatives to our country.

"Although the numbers are hard to calculate, they could be more than 200,000."

" Eight former Cabinet ministers including Sir Robert Buckland, Jeremy Hunt, Damian Green and Matt Hancock were among the MPs to put their names to the letter calling for a "lexible and pragmatic approach" to allow Ukrainians to seek temporary refuge in the UK.

The 38 Tory MPs said: "The United Kingdom cannot flag or fail, our message must be clear: Ukrainian victims of war seeking refuge are welcome."

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Vlad, from the destroyed Ukrainian city of Mariupol, looked sullen as he walked into the refugee shelter in this drab Soviet-built town in north-east Estonia.

It had taken him two months to get to the safety of the European Union through Russia but, even so, the magnitude of this moment was difficult to process.

Then Oxana, the Russian volunteer who had helped him make it into Estonia, pulled Vlad into a hug. And he softened. "Thank you," he told her as they embraced in the middle of the reception room, strewn with toys and luggage. "Thank you."

" Millions of Ukrainians havefled west directly into Europe, but hundreds of thousands of people from northern and eastern Ukraine have had to flee fighting through Russia, which they were forced to enter.

For Vlad, 21, the hug and his arrival at the refugee shelter in Narva marked the end of his flight through Russia.

"I'm relieved," he said, speaking from Narva, now the main gateway for Ukrainians into the EU from Russia. "Things will get easier now."

" But it was also a signficant moment for Oxana, the bubbly middle-aged Russian who holds a Finnish residency card that allows her to cross into Estonia. It was another successful act of defiance against Vladimir Putin and his war in Ukraine.

"It's also a medicine for us," she said of her role in a network of thousands of volunteers across Russia. "The refugees help us, too, to feel useful."

Vlad and Oxana had only met a few hours earlier in St Petersburg.

Volunteers had paid for him to travel 420 miles by train north from Belgorod to Moscow and then on to St Petersburg. He had then been told to make his way to a point near Oxana's apartment where she had picked him up for the three-hour drive to the border with Estonia.

"It had been going so well. Then the Russian border guards saw my tattoo," Vlad said. "The FSB interrogated me for four hours." He showed of f the tattoo that covered his left arm and hand. The Russian president has said that he needed to invade Ukraine to purge it of Nazis and Vlad's tattoo included skulls and lightning forks, the sort of images that Russian soldiers have been told to look out for.

Vlad paused. He looked exhausted. His skin had a pallid sheen. His short dark hair lay thin and slick across his head and his black eyes were wide and sunken. Oxana took up his story.

"They had him in a small room to one side. Everything was filmed," she said. "He's lucky that he didn't have any military insignia or Azov emblems. They eventually let him go."

Other Ukrainian men have been held for days at the border or even turned around.

For Vlad, crossing into Estonia meant he could travel to Malmo to be reunited with his girlfriend and to start a new life. They had been separated at a filtration camp in rebel-held Donetsk more than a month ago.

Most of the ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** in Narva have similar stories. They had mainly fled from Mariupol but also from Kharkiv.

They said they sheltered in their basements for weeks, hoping that the Russian artillery bombardment would pass. Eventually, they fled to Russia, either under orders from Kremlinbacked forces or, terrified, in their cars.

Their first stop is the dirty filtration camps in rebel-held Donetsk, where Russian and separatist soldiers try to weed out Ukrainian soldiers and policemen. Families are split up.

The men are interviewed for hours, forced to give fingerprints and then swear allegiance to Russia over Ukraine. Sanitary conditions and the food are foul.

After this, the ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** are often sent to so-called temporary accommodation points in Russia, typically a converted gym. Many end up in Taganrog near Rostov, although they could also be sent to other cities.

It is a more relaxed regime here and the Ukrainians are free to leave.

Volunteers hand out SIM cards and cash to the refugees.

Here, also, ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** have to make a choice.

They can take official refugee status from the Russian government that comes with some housing and financial support. The snag, though, is that it can often mean agreeing to live in Russia's remote far east or in Astrakhan, on the Caspian Sea coast.

The refugees also need to renounce their Ukrainian citizenship.

Refugees who have taken this option also said that they have been housed in barrack-like wooden houses and fed meals that are hard to stomach.

And so, instead, many of the refugees decide to try to live with relatives in Russia or head to Narva and Europe, relying on volunteers to pay for train tickets, buy food and donate clothes.

Many of the ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** said that they had been well-received by ordinary Russians who were sick of Putin's war. But others, including Vlad, reported a less welcoming reception, with Russians staring at him and bad-mouthing him in shops. "It was bad and I needed a new life. That's when I knew I had to leave," he said.

The refugee route out of Russia has now become established.

They head to Moscow and then to St Petersburg before travelling to Ivangorod, the small Russian town across the river from Narva.

The Narva river has formed a border between Europe and Russia for centuries and two medieval fortresses face each other across the water.

The land here is drenched in the history of past battles, most recently in 1944 when the Soviet Army recaptured Narva from Nazi Germany.

It takes about 15 minutes for refugees to walk across the bridge from the Russian border to the Estonian one. They then come through the heavy doors, hauling their luggage.

Emotions can be raw. Some are tearful, many resigned, all exhausted.

**Graphic**

Tatjana, a volunteer, serves food to refugees at Friends of Mariupol, a shelter in Narva, eastern EstoniaSTEPANOV SERGEI

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***UKRAINIAN*** ***refugees*** must be given urgent clarity about what happens when their UK visas run out, Tory MPs have demanded, as around 100,000 face having to leave Britain in 2025.

Concerns have been raised about the lack of guidance as to what will happen to those who fled to Britain once their three-year visas under Britain's pioneering resettlement schemes expire.

Sir Robert Buckland, a former justice secretary, said ministers should consider granting Ukrainians a more permanent status, as the "bespoke" offer devised for a "particularly urgent and unprecedented situation" requires a "further bespoke response".

This could take the form of an arrangement with a "higher degree of certainty", while stopping short of full citizenship, he suggested. Sir Robert also said that he would like to see "preparatory work" being done this year to afford "as much stability and certainty as possible" for the refugees, their employers and communities.

Bob Seely, a fellow Tory MP and co-chairman of the all-party parliamentary group on Ukraine, called for clarity. "With some having kids in school, we need to be able to allow them to plan," he said.

Two programmes were set up: Homes for Ukraine, and the Ukraine Family scheme. Each granted stays of up to three years. More than 182,100 have since entered via these channels but since the majority came in the first six months, roughly 100,000 face being kicked out by September 2025.

The Home Office said: "We will keep this under review should an extension be required, in line with developments of the situation in Ukraine."

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[*Councils have 'no option' but to use hotels for migrants*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:69GH-8421-DYTY-C0N7-00000-00&context=1519360)

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[*'Let refugees have grace-and-favour homes'; PM said he was 'happy' for plan to be considered but government sources said it was 'not straightforward'*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6520-F2C1-DYTY-C4S7-00000-00&context=1519360)

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CHEQUERS, Chevening and other grace-and-favour homes used by senior ministers could house ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** after Boris Johnson ordered officials to consider the proposal.

It follows the launch last week of the Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme, which asked the public to open up their homes to people fleeing the Russian invasion who have no family in the UK.

Some 150,000 individuals and organisations have so far registered to participate in it. The application process was officially launched on Friday and the first refugees are expected to arrive within days. Nearly 10,000 people with family links have been granted visas to come to the UK.

There are at least five ministerial grace-and-favour homes, including Chequers, the Buckinghamshire retreat given to the nation in 1917 for the use of the serving Prime Minister, and Chevening, the 115-room Kent man sion that is the Foreign Secretary's official residence.

Asked about using grace-and-favour homes to house refugees, a government source said: "It is something that the Prime Minister has asked officials to look into. It is a possibility, but it is not straightforward. They are owned by trusts and there are obviously issues with security."

Mr Johnson, when asked about the possibility, said: "I am happy for those that are responsible to look into it."

It follows public declarations of an intention to take in refugees by two cabinet ministers - Grant Shapps, the Transport Secretary, and Michael Gove, the Communities Secretary, who is the minister overseeing the Homes for Ukraine scheme.

Yesterday, Rishi Sunak, the Chancellor, ruled out participating, but said he and his wife would help "in other ways".

There is potentially space at the five grace-and-favour homes, which have a total of 37 double bedrooms, for around 100 refugees. Besides Chequers and Chevening, there is also Dorneywood, the 18th-century Buckinghamshire mansion that has traditionally been used by chancellors, and Carlton Gardens and Admiralty Arch, which each have four apartments.

The move came as John Caudwell, the billionaire founder of Phones4U, a mobile phone company, and his partner, Modesta Vzesniauskaite, a former Olympic cyclist, announced that they would open up their home for two ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***.

He said he would offer a two bed room house in the grounds of his home in Eccleshall, Staffordshire, to two people who have fled the conflict in Ukraine.

The offer comes with free food and utilities for "as long as they need it".

Calling the Government's slow response to the refugee crisis "embarrassing", Mr Caudwell said he considered his offer a "small gesture and my humanitarian duty". "As Eastern Europe struggles to address the worsening crisis, I urge wealthy individuals to offer shelter in their homes," he added.

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[*Ireland is paying the price for its Brexit arrogance; RUTH DUDLEY EDWARDS The Irish elite sought to punish Britain by insisting on an open border. Now it's become a migration route*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BWR-XPG1-JCBW-N19P-00000-00&context=1519360)

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Leo Varadkar left his job as Irish prime minister last month with compliments being lavished on him from all directions - especially the White House - for his triumph over Brexit Britain in forcing the retention of an open land border on Northern Ireland.

For many, the damage that it did to relationships with unionists in the North was a matter for satisfaction - one up on the old enemy. But while the Irish are traditionally uninterested in the law of unintended consequences, the results this time are potentially catastrophic.

The "Ah-sure-it'll-be-grand" cheery optimism of my countrymen can be very attractive, but it's no way to address major crises. Take the Ukraine war, and the subsequent massive displacement of people.

The Irish have a tendency to love visionaries and virtue-signallers. The then German chancellor Angela Merkel became widely admired as a heroine when, in 2015, she opened her arms to 1.2 million refugees, mostly from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan. Europe has been reaping the consequences of such a cultural upheaval ever since.

Ireland was as open-handed when it came to welcoming Ukrainians. A country of five million took in more than 100,000.

There was much selfcongratulation for its generosity, along with sneering at the meanspirited Brits. But so unstinting were the benefits showered on ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** that some already safely in the EU relocated to Ireland.

And as Dublin's reputation for being an even softer touch than

London grew, non-Ukrainian applications for asylum (aka international protection) showed a 186 per cent increase from 2019 to 2022.

Now practically every little town in Ireland is seeing hotels and hostels commandeered and packed out, and there are unfortunate asylum seekers sleeping in tents in front of government buildings in Dublin.

Making everything worse is the unintended consequence of insisting on an absolutely open border between the Republic and Northern Ireland. The minister for justice, Helen McEntee, has had to admit that more than 80 per cent of people applying for asylum in the Republic are coming over the border from the North and she clearly has absolutely no idea what to do about it.

Ireland's deputy prime minister, Micheál Martin, then followed up her comments by suggesting that the threat of being deported to Rwanda had caused an influx of migrants from the UK into the Republic. Asylum seekers wished "to get sanctuary here and within the European Union as opposed to the potential of being deported to Rwanda", he said.

On top of this, the Irish government, apparently deeply unbothered about preserving the country's sovereignty, has decided to opt into the EU Pact on Asylum and Migration without giving any but the most cursory parliamentary scrutiny.

According to Senator Michael McDowell - the distinguished lawyer who almost single-handedly persuaded the Irish electorate to reject two ill-thought out and deeply foolish referendums - it illustrates the "massive black hole" in Ireland's legislative relationship with the EU.

For a country that mocked Britain's desire for sovereignty, and sought to use obstinate insistence about an open border as a means for punishment, it is a brutal comeuppance. Ireland's elites are being hoist by their own petard.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 22nd President Hamid Karzai (former President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan) visited The King this morning.

March 23rd His Excellency Mr Yannis Tsaousis was received in audience by The King today and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from the Hellenic Republic to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency Mr Koray Ertas was received in audience by The King and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from the Republic of Turkey to the Court of St James's.

Mrs Ertas was also received by His Majesty.

Sir Philip Barton (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs) was present.

The King this afternoon officially opened the new London Headquarters of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development at Five Bank Street, London E14, and was received by Colonel Jane Davis (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London), the President of the Bank (Mrs Odile Renaud-Basso) and Mr Peter Curwen (the Board Director representing the United Kingdom).

His Majesty toured the Bank, escorted by the President, and met Ukrainian and Turkish staff before viewing an art exhibition of paintings from Ukraine and joining a Meeting with the Board of Directors on green transition.

Mrs Derek Cross was later received by The King upon relinquishing her appointment as The late Queen's Diary Secretary.

The King was represented by The Duke of Kent at the Service of Thanksgiving for Field Marshal the Lord Inge, KG (formerly Chief of the Defence Staff), which was held at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, today. The Queen Consort was represented by Gen Sir Patrick Sanders.

KENSINGTON PALACE March 22nd The Prince of Wales this morning departed from Royal Air Force Northolt for Poland and was received this afternoon upon arrival at Rzeszow-Jasionka International Airport by His Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Poland (Her Excellency Ms Anna Clunes).

His Royal Highness then met British troops at the Airport.

The Prince of Wales later visited a Polish Military Base in Rzeszow.

His Royal Highness afterwards visited British troops providing support to Poland and Ukraine.

The Prince of Wales this evening met ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** living in temporary accommodation in Warsaw.

Mr Jean-Christophe Gray, Mr Lee Thompson and Commander Robert Dixon, RN, are in attendance.

March 23rd The Prince of Wales today undertook the following engagements in Poland. His Royal Highness this morning laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Plac Marszalka Józefa Pilsudskiego,

Warsaw. The Prince of Wales afterwards called upon The President of the Republic of Poland at the President's Chancellery, Warsaw.

His Royal Highness this afternoon met ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** who are settled in the Polish community at Hala Koszyki, Koszykowa 63, Warsaw.

The Prince of Wales subsequently met Ukrainian staff at Hala Koszyki who have been displaced from the British Embassy in Kyiv.

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ST JAMES'S PALACE March 23rd The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Foundation, this morning chaired a Trustees' Meeting at 7 More London Riverside, London SE1. ST JAMES'S PALACE March 23rd The Princess Royal this morning visited Viridor Waste Management's Dunbar Energy Recovery Facility in Oxwellmains, Dunbar, and was received by His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of East Lothian (Mr Roderick Urquhart).

Her Royal Highness, President, Scotch Chef 's Club, today visited the Monitor Farm Scotland Programme at J.R.B. Wilson and Sons, Cowbog Farm, Morebattle, Kelso, Roxburghshire, and was received by Mr John Jeffery (Deputy Lieutenant of Roxburgh, Ettrick and Lauderdale). KENSINGTON PALACE March 23rd The Duchess of Gloucester, Royal Colonel, 7th Battalion The Rifles, this evening attended the Rededication Service of Queen Victoria's Rifles' Book of Remembrance at the Parish Church of St George, Hanover Square, London W1.

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sir - Colonel Hamish de Bretton- Gordon (Letters, January 23) is right that Germany's hesitant approach to Russia may be partly to do with the horrors of the Second World War, but I suspect it has more to do with the Greens' influence on German politics.

These people have controlled the balance of power in Germany for 30 years. They are pacifists, with little appreciation of the consequences of appeasing Vladimir Putin.

Additionally, because of their distorted view of nuclear power, they have succeeded in shutting down the only clean and reliable power resource currently available to Germany.

The result is that Germany is having to burn filthy coal to compensate for the loss of gas from Russia, when it could have been relying on CO2-free nuclear energy to meet its needs. Professor RG Faulkner Loughborough, Leicestershire sir - The next time the EU proposes a European army or a common defence policy, it should stop and think about the Germans' recent conduct.

An EU defence force simply won't work with so many political vested interests muddying the water. Gp Capt Alan Ferguson RAF (retd) Hadleigh, Suffolk sir - Amid the criticism of Germany, it should be remembered that it has taken over one million ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** - compared with the 150,000 or so taken by Britain, for instance. Ben Dobson Bad Homburg, Hesse, Germany

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[*'Crass' Yousaf asked where are all the men?; Frontrunner to lead SNP accused of making 'deeply offensive' remark to victims of Russian invasion*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:67SY-XNM1-JCBW-N1P6-00000-00&context=1519360)

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THE favourite to become Scotland's next First Minister has been accused of making "deeply offensive" remarks to a group of female ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** by asking them "where are all the men?"

Humza Yousaf made the "toe-curlingly crass" comment during a campaign visit to meet with victims of the Russian invasion who had fled to Scotland. He was told by the women that their husbands had stayed in Ukraine to fight the Russian army.

The SNP Health Secretary's critics said the remark, apparently intended as a joke and met with nervous laughter by the women, showed Mr Yousaf 's ignorance of international affairs.

Ukrainian men between the ages of 18 and 60 have been banned from leaving their country in most cases, as part of the country's fight for survival.

Mr Yousaf was meeting with the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain to discuss support for refugees, many of whom in Scotland have been forced to live on cruise ships because the SNP government has been unable to find them proper housing.

When posing for a photo with a group of around a dozen Ukrainian women, he said: "So one question I have is, where are all the men?" One of the women replied: "They stay in Ukraine."

Questioned by journalists after the incident Mr Yousaf declined to apologise, saying there were Ukrainian men elsewhere in the building and that the women had not been offended or upset.

He denied that the comment had been a gaffe, and said: "None of the [women] have asked me to apologise."

Alex Cole-Hamilton, the leader of the Scottish Lib Dems who has taken a Ukrainian into his home, said: "From the man who would lead Scotland, this is clumsy, insensitive and displays a real ignorance of international affairs.

"Many of these women could have male relatives fighting and dying on the Eastern front, defending not just Ukraine but the free democracies of the world. Humza Yousaf has an awful ability to put his foot in his mouth."

Mr Yousaf is the bookies' favourite to take over from Nicola Sturgeon, despite opponents repeatedly accusing him of incompetence. He is seen as the choice of the SNP establishment, including Ms

Sturgeon, whose former chief of staff is helping with his campaign.

He stayed at the Ukrainian club in Edinburgh for about 30 minutes before making a comment. It followed a similar visit by Kate Forbes, his main rival for the leadership, to visit ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** in Glasgow earlier this month.

Ms Forbes, who visited with her baby daughter, fielded several questions from refugees and was warmly received. After he questioned where the men were, Mr Yousaf appeared to realise his error, becoming serious and asking: "So did all of you come without family, your main family members?

"Did your husbands come as well?"

according to The Herald.

He added: "Look, we, we, we pray for the heroes in Ukraine. Slava Ukraini!

We want to make sure they're victorious. And for the fathers who are here, the men who are here, we hope that they're being taken care of, because I can't imagine what they've seen in Ukraine. Thank you so much for your warm hospitality."

Tess White, a Tory MSP, said the comment was "insensitive, incompetent and deeply offensive". Craig Hoy, the

Scottish Tory chairman, said that Mr Yousaf 's comment had been "toe-curlingly crass".

He added: "Assuming he's aware that there's a war on in Ukraine, we can only assume it was a misguided attempt at humour. This was at best highly insensitive, at worst downright offensive - and it points to a serious lack of judgment."

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**Graphic**

Humza Yousaf, the SNP Health Secretary, meets members of the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain in EdinburghPA MARTIN/ LESLEY

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SIR - We are constantly being told to reuse and recycle, but Sadiq Khan, the Mayor of London, isn't prepared to find a way to send non-Ulez-compliant cars to Ukraine (report, December 16), where they would be used in the effort to win the war against Russia. Rather, he is happy to let them be destroyed.

The Government managed to circumvent visa rules in a hurry to welcome ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** to Britain. Surely it couldn't have been beyond Mr Khan's team, in conjunction with civil servants, to seek ways of bypassing whatever rules he is hiding behind.

Frances Braithwaite London SE6 SIR - I read with disbelief that Sadiq Khan has blocked a plan to send cars set to be scrapped to Ukraine. This perfectly sums up his hypocrisy.

Those vehicles would be invaluable for humanitarian work in Ukraine, where it is desperately needed. I can only assume that Labour shares his view. Yet again, the party shows its true colours.

Ian McNicholas Ebbw Vale, Monmouthshire SIR - I presume that when Sadiq Khan says that sending suitable non-Ulezcompliant vehicles to Ukraine provides no benefit to Londoners, he has one particular Londoner in mind.

Adam Massingham Ashford, Kent SIR - There are times when history beckons leaders to make their mark by taking decisions that will cast either light or darkness on their legacies.

Sadiq Khan still has time to position himself on the right side of history, should he change his mind and make the correct choice - or else be haunted by ignominy.

Ron Freedman Toronto, Ontario, Canada SIR - Sadiq Khan has refused Ukraine's request to use unwanted cars on the grounds that scrappage should "provide environmental benefits to Londoners".

What utter nonsense. Giving these non-Ulez-compliant vehicles to Ukraine not only helps the desperate people there, but also removes the pollution they cause in this country. Win win.

Chris Learmont-Hughes Caldy, Wirral SIR - How is it possible that the leaders of two of Britain's great cities have come up with completely different strategies to meet clean-air targets?

Andy Burnham, the Mayor of Greater Manchester, has dropped emission charges and is investing in electric buses and taxis ("Burnham axes Ulez-style fees after backlash against Khan", report, December 14). Sadiq Khan is charging the poorest in society £12.50 per day to drive in outer London. What is going on?

Simon Paul Coulsdon, Surrey

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[*Boy, 10, thrown into canal 'for speaking Ukrainian'*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:693D-SPR1-DYTY-C11R-00000-00&context=1519360)

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GERMAN police are investigating a Russian man alleged to have thrown a 10-year-old Ukrainian boy off a bridge for speaking his native language.

They said the attack was likely to have been politically motivated as many of the more than a million ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** who have fled to Germany after Russia's invasion have faced a backlash.

The man, thought to be in his early 40s, approached a group of children who were sitting on a bridge speaking Ukrainian in the town of Einbeck in Lower Saxony, told them they should be speaking Russian and that Ukraine had started the war with Russia.

He then pulled a girl's hair and threw a boy over the bridge's high railings and into the canal below, according to investigators.

The boy hit the bridge's iron girders before plunging into the water.

The man then picked up a glass bottle and threw it at the boy, hitting him on the right shoulder and fled as the other children helped the injured boy to get out of the water and told their parents.

The boy suffered light injuries to his left foot and head, but was quickly released from hospital after being examined.

German citizens on the far-Right of the political spectrum, who tend to be sympathetic towards Vladimir Putin, and Russians living in Germany have baulked at this support and become increasingly hostile towards Ukrainians.

Germany is home to an estimated 3.5 million ethnic Russians, the highest such population in the western world, as well as Russians of German heritage and Russian Jews.

Millions of Russian citizens migrated to Germany in the early 1990s in the wake of the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Though mostly well-integrated, some are suspected of harbouring pro-Kremlin sympathies that have come to the fore since Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Sergej Sumlenny, director of the European Resilience Centre, said: "This clearly shows the level of hatred among a certain large group who live in Germany."

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GERMANY should hand over patriot missile launchers it initially offered to Poland to Ukraine instead, the Polish government has said, adding it would help secure both the airspace of both countries.

Germany made the offer to deploy its Patriot air-defence system in Poland after a stray missile, believed to be Ukrainian, killed two people last week when it crashed near a Polish village close to the Ukrainian border.

Mariusz Blaszczak, the Polish defence minister, wrote on Twitter: "After further missile attacks by Russia (on Ukraine), I asked the German side to pass the Patriot batteries that it had offered to Poland to Ukraine instead, and deploy them on their western border." Mr Blaszczak added: "This will help Ukraine prevent fur ther casualties and power cuts as well as increasing the security of our eastern border."

Mateusz Morawiecki, the Polish prime minister, backed the idea yesterday, calling it a "good proposal for the protection of the Polish-Ukrainian border".

"We are doing everything to ensure the maximum security of this part of Poland," he said, explaining that Poland and Ukraine share the same air space above the border.

Mr Morawiecki said it was vital to protect western Ukraine from missile attacks because that area is now home to internally displaced ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** who may flee to Poland because of the dangers posed by Russian bombing.

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A government spokesman said: "These people were stopped on their journey into Ireland. The UK and Ireland are both able to stop people entering their respective countries if they believe the traveller is abusing the Common Travel Area - as happened in this case ... As the Prime Minister said, we have no plans for a returns agreement with Ireland for asylum seekers."

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BORIS JOHNSON met Donald Trump as he toured the United States this week in an apparent attempt to persuade the former president not to abandon Ukraine if he takes power.

As well as Mr Trump, who the former prime minister reportedly had dinner with on Thursday, Mr Johnson also met other Republicans including Mike Pompeo, the former secretary of state.

The two former leaders discussed "the situation in Ukraine and the vital importance of Ukrainian victory", a spokesman for Mr Johnson said.

Mr Johnson has been a staunch ally of Ukraine and its President, Volodymyr

Zelensky, repeatedly urging Western countries to do more to support Kyiv.

At a CNN town hall earlier this month, Mr Trump refused to say whether Vladimir Putin is a war criminal, or who he wanted to win in the conflict, saying only that he wants "everybody to stop dying".

As president, Mr Trump had a close relationship with the man he once called "Britain Trump," reportedly going so far as to give Mr Johnson his personal mobile phone number.

But their friendship appears to have soured recently, after Mr Trump accused Mr Johnson's government of lurching towards the "far Left" over its support for renewable energy projects "They really weren't staying Con servative," he told GB News last month.

Support among the US public for sending weapons to Ukraine has suf fered a sharp year-on-year decline, a new poll has found.

Just 50 per cent of Americans said in April that they strongly favoured or favoured the US sending weapons to

Ukraine, compared to 61 per cent last year.

Public support for economic sanc tions against Russia has also dropped, the poll from the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy and NORC at the University of Chicago found, as well as the acceptance of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***.

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[*Refugees board cruise ship berthed at Leith; Warnings about the lack of space in cabins and fears over a potential Covid outbreak greet Ukrainians*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6618-JMX1-DYTY-C025-00000-00&context=1519360)

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A CRUISE ship rented by Nicola Sturgeon's Government to house ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** in cabins compared to prison cells has welcomed its first arrivals.

The Scottish Government has announced that the first group of refugees fleeing Russia's invasion have arrived aboard the MS Victoria - cur rently berthed outside Edinburgh.

Between 1,600 and 1,700 Ukrainians will be initially housed aboard the vessel after the SNP ran out of temporary accommodation and shelved their super-sponsor scheme.

Ministers, public health experts and refugee campaigners have repeatedly raised warnings about the living space which will be afforded to the estimated 739 Ukrainian arrivals.

The cabin rooms, which can accommodate up to four people, measure 86 sq ft and have little space for anything other than small beds.

At full capacity there would be 21 sq ft per person while a couple, or parent and child, would have just 43 sq ft per person.

By contrast, single prison cells in Scotland are at least 75 sq ft.

The Estonian vessel has been rented until next January and is estimated to cost at least £1million per month.

So far the Scottish Government has refused to clarify how long refugees will be forced to stay on the vessel.

Shona Robison, the Scottish Secretary for Housing, has promised a wealth of services on offer for Ukrainians including restaurants, children's play facilities with toys and books, shops, laundry, cleaning, Wi-Fi access and communal spaces.

A security perimeter around the ship will also be enforced with identification checks for people moving on and off.

Ms Robison stressed the Government does not want people spending time in temporary accommodation "for any longer than is absolutely necessary".

She added: "We've been working with partners such as Edinburgh city council to make this ship a safe place for the displaced people and their families.

"A full risk assessment of the ship has been undertaken and all of the ship's crew as a minimum have child and adult protection training."

But an investigation into an identical scheme run in Estonia aboard a sister ship, MS Isabelle, exposed how refu gees were forced into cramped, win dowless cabins for months at a time.

Ukrainians living on the ship, docked in the capital city Tallinn, have been stacked onto bunk beds with no access for friends, no pets and no permanent address, the Mail on Sunday reported.

Refugee campaigners in Estonia warned their Scottish counterparts these ferries are designed for one-night stays only and also compared the ship's cabins with prisons.

Miles Briggs, the Scottish Tory spokesman for housing, accused Nicola Sturgeon of sneaking the policy through while Holyrood is in recess, preventing proper scrutiny of the conditions awaiting Ukrainians.

He said: "The first ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** seem to be arriving on the SNP's rented cruise ship without its suitability or safety ever being properly assessed or inspected. Nor has any thought gone into the implications for the pressure on local services in Leith.

"This is not a great Scottish welcome, this is an emergency housing solution.

"We can only hope that these people will get the support they deserve, since it was never going to come from the Nationalists' disastrous, and now abandoned, super-sponsor scheme or their other ill-thought-out boasts."

Hugh Pennington, emeritus professor of bacteriology at Aberdeen University, warned that the Scottish government would be "b----- lucky" if there were no major Covid-19 outbreak on the vessel.

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[*Russia may have spread bedbug panic in France with fake stories; Intelligence agents look at doppelgänger articles on social media churned out by troll factories*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:69G3-9KX1-JCBW-N0PC-00000-00&context=1519360)

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FRENCH intelligence is "taking seriously" the idea that Russia has fanned panic over the bedbug outbreak.

Reported outbreaks of the insects infesting homes and migrating to underground trains and cinemas in Paris has caused hysteria.

Algeria has announced that it would introduce "preventative measures" to prevent the insects entering the country on French planes and ships.

Last month, the French government staged an emergency meeting and Clément Beaune, the transport minister, pledged to send sniffer dogs into trains to check for their presence.

While experts say global warming and the revival of international travel and tourism in the wake of Covid lockdowns is to blame, others suggest the bedbug debate is disproportionate and the outbreak is not significant.

Against this backdrop, French intelligence agents, cited by RMC radio, say they strongly suspect Russia of seeking to amplify fears by spreading so-called "doppelgänger" articles on social media that appear to come from respected French news outlets but are faked.

The Associated Foreign Press agency fact-checking body, AFP Factuel, identified two such articles. The first, supposedly published by La Montagne, a regional newspaper, claimed that effective insecticides used to kill the pests have fallen foul of an embargo on Russian chemicals.

The article was translated into various languages.

The newspaper told AFP Factuel that they had never published such an article, denouncing it as "forgery".

The agency, meanwhile, pointed out that bedbugs have been present in France long before "heavy international sanctions were taken against Russia following its invasion of Ukraine in early 2022".

In another instance, a fake article purporting to have been written by Libération, the Left-leaning French national newspaper, relayed that a Telegram account associated with Kremlin-linked news outlet Russia Today claimed that ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** were to blame for the surge in bedbugs.

A similar fake piece was attributed to Le Figaro, the conservative daily.

In spring, Catherine Colonna, the French foreign minister, denounced such "doppelgänger" articles, often anti-Ukrainian, churned out by Russian troll factories as "unworthy of a country with a UN security council seat".

Some 355 outlets had been "cloned" in this way and the foreign ministry's own website was also targeted.

While Russia may have stoked fears, RMC added that French intelligence did not see it as having initiated the panic. Rather they "rode the wave" as part of their "hybrid war" on the West.

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[*The floating Scottish hotel that is home to Ukrainian families; After the trauma of war, displaced people have found solace and community on a cruise ship, says Eleanor Steafel*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:677D-23F1-DYTY-C0BF-00000-00&context=1519360)

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A cruise ship docked in an Edinburgh port might seem a strange place to see out a war. To anyone who spent much of 2-22 in a bomb shelter, who hunkered down with their children while rockets screamed overhead, a water-borne hotel looking out over the Firth of Forth is perhaps as good a temporary home as any. For five months, around 1,3--***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** have been living aboard the MS Victoria in Edinburgh; more have been housed on a second ship, the MS Ambition, docked on the River Clyde in Glasgow since September.

When Lyuba's children first saw their new home on the water, they couldn't believe this was where they were really going to live. At 11, nine, and five, the prospect of living on a boat with a swimming pool and a cinema was the stuf f of storybooks. "I started getting messages saying, 'This is incredible, my boys think this is amazing, they're going to go swimming, look at my room and my balcony!'" says Nick Hills, a British volunteer who helped get them to the UK.

"The children were excited," says Lyuba, who was mostly relieved to be at their final destination after a long, arduous journey. Like many Ukrainians, Lyuba, 39, from near Lviv, applied for a visa to allow her family of f ive and her mother to come to Britain as soon as the war broke out. She spent months trawling the internet attempting to find a sponsor. "I tried, but our family is very big - three children and three adults." They crossed into Poland with no plan other than to get to safety, staying with friends while Lyuba worked in a hotel for a couple of months. It was there that she met Hills who was helping people get across the border and on to planes. "I asked him 'How can I get to Britain if things get worse?'" They had never been to Britain before; in fact, they'd never been on a plane. "I asked people online, 'What is Britain like? How do people make their living there?'" They made it to Stansted, then Victoria Station for a coach to Edinburgh, but were told it was sold out. "National Express suggested they all slept in the coach station overnight," says Hills, who kept in touch with them throughout the journey. "Luckily, the coach driver who had driven them from Stansted to Victoria refused to leave until a solution was found."

They eventually boarded a coach to Newcastle, then a train to Edinburgh and a taxi to the cruise ship that was to be their new home. Living on the ship has worked well. The children are loving the local school. Even the food in the restaurant has surprised them. "We thought it would be spicy but it's similar to Ukrainian food."

Lyuba would like to have her own space at some point (the six of them are living between two cabins) and somewhere to cook. A merchandiser in Ukraine, she is still waiting for documents that will allow her to work. For now though, her family is cocooned in their new home.

The cruise ships were only meant to be a temporary way to balance the influx of displaced Ukrainians with a shortage of hosts and an accommodation crisis. The Scottish government's "supersponsor" scheme was paused in

July; the ships were meant to pick up the slack. Five months on, the government has extended its contract with the cruise company to June 2-23. Scotland has accepted 2- per cent of the Ukrainians who have flocked to Britain since Putin's invasion. The government has faced criticism for a haphazard response. Scottish Liberal Democrat leader Alex Cole-Hamilton said last month: "This isn't a new life, it's a new limbo. ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** deserve a long-term solution."

" But it could be worse. In England, ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** registering as homeless rose by almost 3- per cent in November as thefirst batch of the six-month Homes for Ukraine hosting arrangements came to an end. Last month, statistics showed 2,985 Ukrainian households had presented as homeless to local authorities, thought to be an underestimate.

For Daria Bondarenko, the feeling of "community" on board the Edinburgh cruise ship has helped her young family settle in Britain. She has been living on the boat with her two daughters (Mira, eight, and Oleksandra, two) since August.

Daria, from Kyiv, "ran from Ukraine on the first day of the war", fleeing with her two daughters to friends in Cyprus while her husband, Igor, a renowned ballet dancer in Ukraine, stayed to help the war effort. They came to Scotland in the summer when her husband's ballet company was invited to perform a special series at the Fringe. By that point, they had already been separated for five months - Daria decided to fly to Edinburgh to join him. "It was the only chance to spend some time with him."

They applied for the Scottish government's sponsorship scheme while Igor was performing. After he went back to Ukraine at the end of the festival, they lived in a Holiday Inn for a month before being granted a room on MS Victoria. "It's very complicated to live with people who are not used to your small kids." Now, she and the girls can keep to their own schedule. "I have my room with my kids and I don't need to negotiate with other people."

The facilities are great. "In the evenings there are cinemas, they organise activities on the ship.

"This is what people appreciate, [the fact that] on the ship they have this community. [The] kids have

Ukrainian friends. They're going to school and we organise it so the kids are together in school so they can play."

Being surrounded by fellow Ukrainians helps the adults feel less afraid, she says. Together, they all "help each other to translate, to know all the rules of living in a new society".

One new friend, Natalia, was worried she'd spend the whole time on the boat feeling nauseous. "I thought it would be on the waves," she says. It was "a nice surprise" when she realised the ship was docked. Her children - Stanislav, nine, and Kateryna, six - were wide-eyed when they first arrived. "It was, 'Wow! [...] this beautiful place, this big accommodation area'." Natalia loves Edinburgh - "the most beautiful city". She is slowly adapting to this strange new life. "I have new friends. I am safe here."

Daria is keen to stress, as so many Ukrainians are, that they are not planning to make a home in Scotland permanently. As soon as it's safe, they want to go home.

"We were not looking for a better life. We lived a great life [...] We are not refugees, we are temporarily displaced people. We needed to be here because it's safe and it's not safe in Ukraine. I'm looking for the time when there will be no rockets in the sky by my house." For now, a small cabin in a cruise ship is home, and for that she is grateful. "Right now, I have my own corner. It's not a big one but it's mine."

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**Graphic**

Daria with her two daughters. Mira, eight, and Oleksandra, two. Left, some of the families leaving PolandWATT CHRIS

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[*Yousaf under fire for asking refugees where the men are*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:67SY-XNM1-JCBW-N1FC-00000-00&context=1519360)

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THE favourite to become Scotland's next First Minister has been accused of making "deeply offensive" remarks to a group of female ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** by asking them "where are all the men?"

Humza Yousaf made the "toe-curlingly crass" comment during a cam paign visit to meet with victims of the Russian invasion who had fled to Scotland. He was told by the women that their husbands had stayed in Ukraine to fight the Russian army.

The SNP Health Secretary's critics said the remark, apparently intended as a joke and met with nervous laughter by the women, showed Mr Yousaf 's incompetence and ignorance of international affairs.

Ukrainian men between the ages of 18 and 60 have been banned from leaving their country in most cases, as part of the country's fight for survival.

Mr Yousaf was meeting with the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain to discuss support for refugees, many of whom in Scotland have been forced to live on cruise ships because the SNP Government has been unable to find them proper housing.

When posing for a photo with a group of about a dozen Ukrainian women, he said: "So one question I have is, where are all the men?" One of the women replied: "They stay in Ukraine."

Questioned by journalists immediately after the incident, Mr Yousaf declined to apologise, saying there were Ukrainian men elsewhere in the building and that the women had not been offended or upset.

He denied that the comment had been a gaffe, and said: "None of the Ukrainian women have asked me to apologise."

Alex Cole-Hamilton, the leader of the Scottish LibDems who has taken a Ukrainian into his home, said: "From the man who would lead Scotland, this is clumsy, insensitive and displays a real ignorance of international affairs.

Craig Hoy, the Scottish Tory chairman, said Mr Yousaf 's comment had been "toe-curlingly crass".

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[*Kyiv residents told to evacuate as attacks shut down power*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:66T7-PT21-JCBW-N4VD-00000-00&context=1519360)

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OFFICIALS in Kyiv have told people to evacuate the city for the first time since March because Russian missile attacks have destroyed its power generation systems.

Vitali Klitschko, the mayor of Kyiv, said that 450,000 apartments in the city now did not have any electricity. On Saturday evening, he told Ukrainian media: "If you have relatives or friends in the suburbs of Kyiv who have a separate water supply, a stove and heating, plan to stay there temporarily."

Kyiv city officials later told The New York Times plans had been drawn up to evacuate the entire city, which had a pre-war population of three million.

The plans highlight the Kremlin's latest strategy for its war in Ukraine. Suffering losses on Ukraine's battlefields, the Kremlin has ordered missile strikes on civilian infrastructure.

The Kremlin has framed the strikes as vital to subvert Ukraine's ability to fight the war, but Western intelligence agencies said the plan is to destroy power generation capacity ahead of Ukraine's harsh winter to undermine morale.

Strikes on civilian infrastructure have hit most Ukrainian towns and cities and rationing and blackouts are in place. Ukrainian government officials have said 40 per cent of the country's power generation capacity has been destroyed and neighbouring countries reported a rise in ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***.

Despite the plan to undermine morale, commentators said people in Ukraine have been conditioned to hardships by more than eight months of war. Online, videos on how to make paraffin candles have been viewed hundreds of thousands of times in Ukraine and in Kyiv's restaurants, diners joke about the return of romantic candle-lit dinners.

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[*Poland to call European 'migration pact' referendum*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:68MD-JHS1-DYTY-C45M-00000-00&context=1519360)

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POLAND will hold a referendum on whether to participate in the European Union's planned migrant quotas, the country's prime minister said yesterday.

Warsaw, at the behest of Germany and France, was outvoted on plans pushed by Brussels that would force it to pay (EURO)20,000 for each refugee it refuses to host. Poland's right-wing Law and Justice government has submitted legislation to allow it to call the referendum on the European "migration pact".

"I can confirm we plan the parlia mentary elections and a referendum on migrant relocations to be held at the same time, also to reduce the costs," said Mateusz Morawiecki, the Polish prime minister.

The Brussels plan could pave the way for refugees to be redistributed across the bloc from frontline countries such as Italy and Greece.

Talks over the pact have been tumultuous for the past seven years, with EU nations failing to reach a consensus on numerous occasions. After years of failure, and with pressure from Berlin and Paris, an agreement was forced through with a majority vote last month. The deal included a clause allowing countries, such as migration hardliners

Poland and Hungary, to refuse to host refugees at a price per head.

Issues on migration normally require a unanimous vote before any agree ment can be reached between the EU's 27 member states.

A Polish government official said Warsaw "does not support allowing large masses of migrants into the EU, nor does it agree to mandatory fees".

Some 74 per cent of Poles oppose relocating migrants across the EU, while just 26 per cent believe its gov ernment should accept asylum-seekers under Brussels' deal, according to a poll by the Pollster Institute.

In talks over the deal, Warsaw has argued that the EU's demand for (EURO)20,000 per each asylum seeker refused way outstrips the (EURO)100 per head offered to Poland for the 1.5million ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** it hosted.

A date has not been set for the vote, but it is expected to be held in combination with Poland's upcoming general elections in the winter.

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[*The horror of war will haunt children for life; Colin Freeman reports on the Holocaust survivors looking to the past for lessons to help Ukrainians*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:65B3-5XJ1-JCBW-N2JH-00000-00&context=1519360)

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When ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** first fled into Poland two months ago, Alfred Garwood, a north London GP, was as appalled as many other Britons.

For him, though, the horror was not just the refugees' terrified faces, but the name of the station that was their destination.

Przemysl, a small medieval Polish town, was where Alfred and his own family stood terrified back in 1943, at the same station platform. Their own grim journey, however, was only just beginning. Along with others from the town's Jewish community, they were taken first by train to a Gestapo HQ - and then by cattle truck to Belsen concentration camp.

"When I saw Przemysl on the news, with these Ukrainian mothers carrying their babies, it was a total shock, as it evoked the time when I myself was in my mum's arms at the station back then," said Dr Garwood, 79. "The Ukrainian mothers looked terrified, but at least they had arrived in safety - my mother was terrified of where she was going and what we'd face."

As history was to prove, the ordeal was beyond his mother's worst nightmares. During their time at Belsen, where 50,000 people died, the family nearly starved, with Alfred turning into a traumatised, growthstunted toddler with bow-legs from rickets. Awful though his memories of the Holocaust are, he is determined they should not be forgotten after his death.

Today, he is among a dwindling band of Holocaust survivors who will return to the death camps for the March of the Living, an annual commemoration to pass on the horrific lessons of the genocide from one generation to the next.

The event, timed to coincide with Israel's Holocaust Memorial Day, will see survivors walk the two miles from

Auschwitz to Birkenau, the adjacent camps where 1.1million Jews perished.

It is the first time the march has taken place since 2019 because of Covid - and is likely to be last for many older survivors, some of whom are in their 90s and wish to make this their final journey.

It has added symbolism because of the war in Ukraine, where about a million of the Holocaust's six million victims died - and where President Vladimir Putin now stands accused of genocide, too.

To ram home the message not to repeat the mistakes of the past, a delegation of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** will be among those joining the march. "It is our prayer that the symbolism of the presence of these refugees will resonate throughout the civilised world," said Phyllis Greenberg Heideman, the president of International March of the Living.

Dr Garwood, however, is not optimistic that it will resonate as far as the Kremlin. "Putin suffers from a deafness where he only hears his own thoughts," he says. "Sadly, words are wasted on him."

Dr Garwood was eight months old when his family arrived in Belsen. Forced to wear yellow stars, they lived in overcrowded huts surrounded by watchtowers and barbed wire. Adult prisoners did slave labour, with so many dying of starvation and disease that a crematorium was built. Having been raised in poverty, his father Solle Garfinkle and mother Mania managed to cope with the privations - unlike a group of "better-off " Dutch prisoners, who died in "great numbers", he recalled.

On April 7 1945, eight days before Belsen's liberation by British troops, three trains packed with inmates headed for the gas chambers in Terezín concentration camp. One train reached its destination, another was freed by the Americans. The Garfinkle family and 2,500 other inmates were crammed into what became famous as "The Lost Train", fleeing through Nazi-held eastern Europe. One in five passengers died from hunger, thirst and typhus, before the train was intercepted by the Russian army.

That the army that saved his life then is now running amok in Ukraine is no fault of the Russian people, he insists. "They are as good as any other nation, but civilian populations are always manipulated by politicians," he said.

After the war, the Garfinkles settled in London's East End, where they were "virtually unique" among Polish Holocaust survivors in being an intact family.

But while he was too young to have a vivid memory of the camps, Dr

Garwood was a troubled child. He did not recover his health properly until a teenager, and struggled at school.

When he then returned to the camps in later life - part of a process of self-examination amid the grief of his wife's death in 1989 - he also unearthed traumas buried in his subconscious.

"The public don't understand how memory works - there's a period of infantile amnesia up to about the age of three, where you don't normally have recall, and my parents told me I was too young to remember anything," he said. "When I returned to Belsen in 1990 with my father, I had no emotional reactions on the first day we visited."

However, on a return visit the next day, he felt both hyper-alert and "a sense of dreadfulness". "I felt weak, unwell, with my knees nearly giving way, and I was terrified of people walking past," he says.

As a mental health specialist, he describes this as an "age-appropriate somatic memory" - a bodily sensation triggered by experiences buried in his infant mind.

"Just because you can't directly access memories, it doesn't mean to say the experience doesn't shape you and form part of you," he says.

As well as writing a book - Holocaust Trauma and Psychic Deformation - Dr Garwood later founded the Child Survivors' Association of Great Britain. Still practising as a GP in Chingford, he also works on therapy with others suffering similar psychological wounds. They are wounds that open wide whenever he returns to the death camps, as he will do today. "It feels terrifying - it is barren and deathly and still," he says. "But it is also a time for healing."

He has had years to deal with the trauma, he adds - unlike the ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** at Przemysl station, for whom that process is only beginning.

"They will be dealing with it for the rest of their lives - with having family members murdered, and everything torn away from them," he said, shaking his head.

"Some of their children will also be going through what I went through. They don't realise it yet, but the consequences of that trauma will carry on with them for generations."

**Graphic**

Commemoration: Dr Alfred Garwood, main; March of The Living participants in Poland in 2018, above, and 2019, below leftGETTY NURPHOTO/ CHURCHILL; SAM

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[*Derelict homes in Scotland to be spruced up for refugees*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:66FM-VYX1-DYTY-C0T7-00000-00&context=1519360)

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DERELICT homes are to be brought back into use and made available to ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** in an attempt to solve an accommodation crisis that has left war victims "living out of suitcases".

The Scottish Government said it would make a fund of up to £50million available to councils and social land lords to spruce up properties that are not fit for habitation so that they can be offered to Ukrainians.

The SNP's "super sponsor" scheme, in which more than 30,000 visas were issued to Ukrainians to come to Scotland, has run into difficulties owing to a lack of temporary accommodation.

Two huge cruise ships have been hired, under a contract set to cost taxpayers up to £100million, while condemned high-rises are also being brought back into use. A leaked memo revealed this week that councils and homeless charities had warned that pressure to find solutions meant a plan to end homelessness was at risk.

It was envisaged that those fleeing the war would live with Scots willing to share their homes, but thousands of potential hosts who came forward have dropped out and there have been major delays in vetting properties.

Alex Cole-Hamilton, the leader of the Scottish Lib Dems, yesterday chal lenged

Nicola Sturgeon to issue a new call for hosts to come forward and to offer free bus travel to all refugees.

Ms Sturgeon cited figures showing a higher proportion of refugees were in Scotland than elsewhere in the UK.

But Mr Cole-Hamilton said: "The First Minister boasting about numbers will be cold comfort to those who have been living out of suitcases since February, or are coming to the end of a placement with no idea what happens next."

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sir - I served in the Royal Air Force and was a "V bomber" captain at the height of the Cold War.

We were continuously kept in a high state of readiness and were capable of being airborne with a nuclear weapon within four minutes. There were many tense times when we were actually in the cockpit ready to go. These facts were well known worldwide, as was the political will to act - remember Cuba?

Russia had a similar capability, and thankfully the outcome was peace. Today, the leaders of the Western world need to demonstrate that they too are prepared to take similar action against the tyrant who is threatening us with a Third World War.

May they now show resolve and the commitment to act.

Jeremy Mudford Plaistow, West Sussex sir - In the late 1960s, when Idi Amin was persecuting Ugandan Indians, thousands were welcomed without delay into the United Kingdom. They were housed and accommodated in military training camps, where they were safe, fed, cared for and processed before being rehoused.

***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** are fleeing a far worse and more immediate persecution, yet they are having to wait for weeks in uncertainty, fear, trauma and discomfort.

If necessary, we should use some of the cruise ships held in our ports to get them here and shelter them while they are being processed. The current arrangements are shameful. Jeremy M D Moger Hazelbury Bryan, Dorset

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We're ready and willing to take in ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** - so where are they?

We have a log cabin with two bedrooms, underfloor heating - and all mod cons. We registered our willingness to take refugees the day after the website for the government scheme first went live.

That was in March. Weeks ago. Since then, apart from an automated acknowledgement, we've heard nothing from government or [*www.council.No*](http://www.council.No) one has quizzed us about our (or the cabin's) suitability, or shown any signs of matching us with any Ukrainians. Instead we've been bombarded with screeds of guff about how well the system is working, and appeals for money from refugee charities.

There must be thousands of would-be hosts like us. And some will just give a sigh of relief and give up. To have a stranger living with you is a big risk, and I'd have thought we'd be encouraged - or at least kept in the loop.

Personally, I'm worried that we are six kilometres from the nearest town and there may not be any other Ukrainians for miles around. But I'm sure these things can be overcome. People in the neighbourhood have been thinking about what help they could give: like English lessons, playgroups, parents' coffee mornings, lift clubs. But all our enthusiasm will fade if the powers that be don't tell us what is going on - if anything.

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[*Hungary's record on Russia and energy; Letters to the Editor*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:67NJ-CN61-DYTY-C4M7-00000-00&context=1519360)

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sir - In his article, "The five EU countries whose imports from Russia have increased since the invasion" ([*www.telegraph.co.uk*](http://www.telegraph.co.uk), February 21), Ben Butcher writes that "in November 2022, [Hungary's] imports from [Russia] hit 262 per cent above a three-year average".

That claim, however, overlooks a rather important factor affecting the volume of our imports from Russia: we don't have many alternatives.

For Hungary, dependency on Russian oil, natural gas and nuclear technology has historical rather than political roots. As foreign minister Péter Szijjártó said in August 2022: "As a result of Hungary's geographical location and the placement of the various pipelines, it is physically impossible to assure the country's energy supply without using and counting on Russian sources."

What's more, since 2010, prime minister Viktor Orbán's governments have done more than any previous government to diversify Hungary's energy imports. We re-acquired natural gas storage facilities previously squandered by Left-wing governments, established natural gas supply networks with six of seven neighbouring countries, interconnected our electricity networks with all of our neighbours, extended the lifespan of the Paks I nuclear plant and began construction of Paks II.

Since the Russian aggression began in Ukraine, Hungary has been carrying out its largest humanitarian aid programme to date. Based on the latest data from Hungary Helps, the state's humanitarian aid programme, the government has so far spent (EURO)149.3million helping Ukraine, out of which more than (EURO)34million in aid has already been delivered. Most projects funded by Hungary's pledge of (EURO)37million, made in May 2022, involve programmes that will be carried out over a period of multiple years.

In terms of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** per capita, Hungary has been one of the most welcoming in Europe. As a country on the frontier of a country at war, we continue to call for peace and urge parties to the negotiating table. Zoltán Kovács State Secretary for International Communications and Relations Budapest, Hungary

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[*Vandals target second homes left empty in Cornwall; St Agnes holiday properties hit by graffiti demanding outsiders give 'something back to the community'*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6520-F2C1-DYTY-C4SG-00000-00&context=1519360)

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HOLIDAY homes in a West Country village have been vandalised with graffiti in protest over the owners not "giving something back" to the community.

At least one property in the Cornish seaside village of St Agnes has been defaced with the message: "Second home owners give something back: rent or sell your empty houses to local people at a fair price."

Another wall has also been graffitied with "No more investment properties" - and an older sign claims: "No more second homes... our village is dying."

Tensions have grown among resi dents in recent years throughout Cornwall, with sought-after coastal spots being snapped up as second homes by people who live elsewhere, resulting in increasing property prices.

The issue has become more prominent as the number of affordable homes to rent or buy in coastal villages becomes fewer.

Increasing numbers of people relocating to Cornwall has exacerbated the problem. The latest graffiti has divided public opinion. Some residents sup ported the message and others said they believed it was a criminal act that would not have the desired effect.

Comments online in favour of the vandals said: "It's a reasonable, and polite, request to be fair"; "vandalism is bred from desperation"; and "if that was my home, I'd never leave it".

Another added: "Every time we walk past this house and others all I think about is how sad it is that it sits there empty most of the year.

"Although vandalism won't solve it, it is a talking point."

Others disagreed, with one commenting: "This is vandalism and it is unnecessary - we are all unhappy with second homes taking over the houses in the village but this is vandalism.

"The person responsible could get a criminal record for doing this. There are better ways to show your frustration."

Similar comments read: "I agree with the sentiment but this is vandalism and completely unnecessary."

Other villagers remain critical of residents who sell their properties to second-home owners, with one saying: "These houses wouldn't be affordable to most due to their location for rent or buy. But perhaps we should be concentrating on the local people selling land and homes to second homeowners.

"The locals who own that house have done absolutely nothing wrong."

Another believed there could be another more urgent solution: "Maybe let ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** live there. The space isn't being used, help people in need." The acts of vandalism follow a trend of frustration in Cornish coastal communities over recent years.

One coastal town in the south-east of the county voted to ban the sale of new houses as second homes in 2016.

St Ives banned second-home purchases following concerns that locals were being priced out of the market by wealthy summer dwellers from London and the south-east. At the time of the referendum, the average property price in the seafront town was around £323,000, according to the estate agents Hamptons.

However, the decision backfired as construction companies relocated to nearby towns causing some house prices to rise for locals regardless.

The average sold price for a property in St Agnes in the past year was £492,094, according to Zoopla. The website reports that there have been 37 sales during this period.

Overall, sold prices in Redruth - the nearest large town to St Agnes - over the past year were 20 per cent up on the previous year and 25 per cent up on the 2019 peak of £176,315.

Cornwall has more than 10,290 active Airbnb listings, but only 69 rental properties available for people to rent short term or long term on Rightmove.

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**Graphic**

Some St Agnes residents have said the graffiti is a reasonable request, while others called it 'unnecessary vandalism'/ SWNS MUNDY JORY

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[*Number of visas issued is 'shameful'; Priti Patel is 'surging' staff in application centres, as Labour MPs call total of around 50 disgraceful*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:64Y0-VSC1-DYTY-C2H0-00000-00&context=1519360)

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BRITAIN has so far granted only "around 50" visas to fleeing Ukrainians under a new scheme to help refugees who have family based in the UK, the Home Office has said.

The total number approved by 10am yesterday represented less than 1 per cent of the 5,535 applications submitted online for the Ukraine Family Scheme, according to figures from officials.

A further 2,365 people have booked visa appointments to submit their forms and biometric data in person, while an extra 11,750 people have started online applications that are unfinished.

The total number of visas approved via the new route was branded "shameful" and "disgraceful" by opposition MPs, who demanded ministers show greater urgency to help Ukranians.

Priti Patel, the Home Secretary, said that the scheme had only opened on Friday, but claimed she was "surging" staff in application centres across the European Union to process submissions.

Britain is "doing everything possible" to speed up efforts to grant visas to Ukrainians, she added.

A Home Office source last night said the figures released by the department in the morning had not been "assured" for accuracy. The insider said "assured" figures showed that of 6pm yesterday, visa applications started but not completed by ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** had hit 13,500. There was no update on the number of visas granted or applications submitted.

The number of Ukrainians fleeing to neighbouring countries since the invasion began 10 days ago has reached 1.5 million, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, said yesterday.

The UN agency confirmed it is the fastest-growing refugee crisis since the Second World War and warned: "In the coming days millions more lives will be uprooted, unless there is an immediate end to this senseless conflict."

Yvette Cooper, the shadow home secretary, branded the visa application processing rate in the UK "too slow", adding on Twitter: "Too many hoops for desperate families to have to jump through. Home Office completely failing to understand urgency of crisis."

Ian Blackford, the Westminster leader of the SNP, also seized on the figures released by the Home Office. "Given the scale of the humanitarian crisis this is shameful," he said.

The European Union agreed last week to award Ukrainians fleeing the conflict temporary residency status for three years, without the requirement to fulfil complicated asylum procedures.

It means ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** will be able to settle and work anywhere in the bloc without a visa, while also gaining access to welfare systems that provide housing and medical care.

The UK's recently extended visa scheme, meanwhile, allows Ukrainians with parents, grandparents, children and siblings already in the UK to stay for up to three years. The Home Office requires applicants to submit their biometric data before approval, citing security grounds.

Ms Patel said Britain's more formal process was "the first scheme in the world that's up and running", when asked by a reporter if it was acceptable that around 1 per cent of submitted applications had been given the green light through the route so far.

The Home Secretary said: "Ten thousand applications and yes, grants are [happening]. So I'm surging staff across all application centres across the entire European Union as well as in the border countries such as Poland, where I was the other day, and [where] huge numbers of people are coming through."

Staff are being flown into border countries "so we can fast-track and speed up applications and it's right that we do this", Ms Patel added.

'Too many hoops for families to go through. Home Office is completely failing to [grasp] urgency of crisis'

**Graphic**

Traumatised residents of Irpin are taken out by bus after being stuck for three days under the Russian bombardment of the city, beginning a long, dangerous journey for many to safety outside Ukraine's bordersTELEGRAPH THE FOR ROSE DAVID

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[*Ukrainians to be housed on ferry as SNP halts 'super sponsor' plan*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:65X3-0J51-DYTY-C0JG-00000-00&context=1519360)

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THE Scottish National Party has paused its resettlement programme for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** after being flooded with applications.

Nicola Sturgeon's government has said that Scotland will refuse to accept new requests, and plans to send those fleeing the Russian invasion to live in disused high-rises and on a ferry.

The SNP said earlier this year that it would become a "super sponsor" for the scheme, and the First Minister insisted there would be no cap on the number of refugees it would welcome.

However, it announced yesterday morning that there would be a three month "pause" to the scheme, because of a lack of safe accommodation for Ukrainians to be housed in.

As part of emergency measures, the Scottish Government has chartered a ferry, the M/S Victoria, which will be docked in Leith in the north of Edin burgh and have 739 rooms, where refugees can stay temporarily.

Two high-rise tower blocks in Lanarkshire, which had been ear marked for demolition, are also being brought back into use. The 200 flats are to be refurbished within the next six weeks, at a cost of £5million.

The move to suspend the programme follows the SNP government saying no more of its money should be spent on sending weapons to Ukraine, after it reluctantly agreed to provide £65million for military support.

Neil Gray, the SNP minister with responsibility for the scheme, insisted Scotland had "risen in solidarity with Ukrainians in their hour of need" and said he was "proud" that the country was "providing safe accommodation to the most Ukrainians per head of population in the UK".

Wendy Chamberlain, deputy leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats, said that shelving the scheme would put "lives at risk".

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[*The hope for Ukrainians in this savage war is that brave Russians put up resistance to Putin; Letters to the Editor*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:64WY-0PJ1-DYTY-C2DK-00000-00&context=1519360)

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sir - Vladimir Putin's veiled threat to use nuclear weapons is a deliberate and calculated attempt to discourage Western nations from interfering in his efforts to subjugate Ukraine.

Even in his undoubtedly unstable mental state he must know that the use of nuclear weapons against any Nato country would unleash a response that could only end in the obliteration of Russia, most of the European continent and beyond. Is this really the legacy that he craves?

Brave Russians protesting against the illegal war being waged in Ukraine (report, February 28) provide some hope of an internal backlash. Mr Putin can only be stopped by the Russian people themselves. Russians love their children too.

David French Dému, Gers, France sir - In the 1970s I was living and working in Portugal. The Portuguese army was fighting a losing battle in its remaining African colonies in the hope of hanging on to them. Losses were high and the motivation for continuing was draining away.

Then on April 25 1974 a military coup was staged and the dictatorial leader was overthrown, almost bloodlessly. After a few wobbles, Portugal eventually turned into the democratic country we know today.

Is it hoping against hope that the Russian military might do the same and turn on its deranged head of state? Stephen Kirby Charing, Kent sir - History, even within living memory, yet again teaches us nothing.

In 1945 the Russian army swept ruthlessly into East Prussia and surrounded the ancient and beautiful city of Königsberg, blasting it to rubble, its civilian population and that of the surrounding province driven from their homes of centuries into huge columns of refugees struggling for existence across frozen wastes.

It was called the Vertreibung - "forced displacement". Now we see similar Stalinist tactics meted out to the people of Ukraine.

The result at Königsberg was the Kaliningrad Oblast, a strategic but isolated Russian enclave in Europe, now a Trojan horse in our midst. Martyn Webster Dover, Kent sir - Britain must do the decent thing and be more generous in accepting ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** ("Patel opens asylum route but will not waive visas over safety fears", report, March 1).

As a history teacher, I am aware of the historical reluctance of our country to support those seeking sanctuary in times of dire need. My Year 9 students, currently studying the Holocaust, have read about the Evian conference of 1938, in which officials from 32 countries, including Britain, met to discuss ways to help German and Austrian Jews trying to leave their country. While all were critical of the

Nazi regime and sympathetic to the Jewish plight, no country removed restrictions on how many Jews would be allowed to enter, apart from the Dominican Republic.

The ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** have not faced the same horrors as European Jews in the 1930s and 1940s, but what is the 21st-century threshold for warranting a clear welcome to those whose lives have been upended?

I want to be able to show my students the value of their history lessons: that we avoid repeating our mistakes because we have studied the past and thus grown as a nation. Vanessa Thomas Woking, Surrey sir - Ukraine has asked for emergency entry into the EU only to be told that there is a queue. Rarely have money and mouth been further distanced from each other.

Tom Williams Sheffield, South Yorkshire sir - I have, like others, watched with sadness the rape of Ukraine. Again we hear the United Nations going: "Blah, blah, blah." Again I see it as a toothless lion.

Dr Trevor Masters Southend-on-Sea, Essex sir - The Ukraine crisis must surely be a wake-up call for the Government to drop its quasi-religious obsession with net zero and bring our energy strategy back into the real world.

The continued refusal by Kwasi Kwarteng, the Business and Energy Secretary, to allow fracking (report, March 1) beggars belief. Exploiting our vast natural resources by fracking would contribute massively to our energy security and generate significant tax revenues. Neil Bailey Stockport, Cheshire

**Graphic**

A girl catches snowflakes at Lviv station in western Ukraine, waiting for a train to PolandARMANGUE BERNAT PHOTO/ AP

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[*You're an inspiration, Stiller tells Ukraine president; By Verity Bowman*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:65RT-JXR1-DYTY-C39Y-00000-00&context=1519360)

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BEN STILLER, the Hollywood actor, met Volodymyr Zelensky in Kyiv and told the Ukrainian president that he had been inspired by him.

"It's a great honour for me... you're my hero," said Stiller, a UN goodwill ambassador who met Mr Zelensky on World Refugee Day. "What you've done, the way that you've rallied the country, the world, it's really inspiring."

"You quit a great acting career for this," he added, to which Mr Zelensky replied: "Not so great as you."

Stiller was visiting the Kyiv suburb of Irpin during a trip to eastern Europe that enabled him to meet ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** in Poland and speak to UNHCR staff working in the region.

Irpin, the scene of fierce fighting at the beginning of the war, was the closest Russian soldiers got to the capital after invading Ukraine in February.

"I feel it's hard to understand what's actually going on here if you haven't been here," Stiller told Mr Zelensky. "You see it on TV, you see it on social media, it's something else to actually see it and feel it and to talk to people."

Mr Zelensky said that it was easy for people to forget the conflict but Stiller and others could ensure international attention stayed focused on it.

Ukraine is to exhibit badly damaged Russian military vehicles in a "tank tour" to maintain awareness of the war that will take in Warsaw, Berlin, Paris, Madrid and Lisbon. "We'll help to ensure that Russian tanks are in Europe, but as scrap," Oleksii Reznikov, Ukraine's defence minister, pledged.

**Graphic**

Volodymyr Zelensky told Ben Stiller that he could help to ensure that the world did not forget Ukraine was at war

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[*Migrants need to earn £30k if they want to work in UK; Ministers expected to raise salary threshold for skilled workers to enter country to reduce net migration*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:69NV-PC51-JCBW-N0NN-00000-00&context=1519360)

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FOREIGN workers will need a salary of more than £30,000 to come to Britain under plans to tackle immigration.

With annual net migration set to stick at about 500,000 ministers are expected to set out proposals to raise the salary threshold for skilled workers.

Workers outside "shortage occupations" currently require a salary of at least £26,200 to take up jobs in the UK, significantly below the median wage of £33,000. The proposal, which has yet to be finalised, comes ahead of this Thursday's net migration data for the year ending June 2023, which is expected to have remained at significantly higher levels than they were pre-Brexit.Net migration, the number entering the UK minus those leaving, hit a record peak of 637,000 in the year ending September 2022 before falling to 606,000 in the year ending December 2022.

It is expected to have fallen as a result of increasing emigration including overseas students returning home and a decline in the number of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** and Hongkongers.

Experts anticipate it may hit 500,000, more than double the 226,000 of 2019 and blowing apart the Government's 2019 manifesto pledge to bring down the overall rate of net migration.

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FOREIGN workers will need a salary of more than £30,000 to come to Britain under plans to tackle immigration.

With annual net migration set to stick at about 500,000 ministers are expected to set out proposals to raise the salary threshold for skilled workers.

Workers outside "shortage occupations" currently require a salary of at least £26,200 to take up jobs in the UK, significantly below the median wage of £33,000. The proposal, which has yet to be finalised, comes ahead of this Thursday's net migration data for the year ending June 2023, which is expected to have remained at significantly higher levels than they were pre-Brexit.Net migration, the number entering the UK minus those leaving, hit a record peak of 637,000 in the year ending September 2022 before falling to 606,000 in the year ending December 2022.

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RUSSIAN oligarchs could buy their way out of sanctions if they pledge to donate some of their fortunes to rebuilding Ukraine under plans being considered by Canada.

Dozens of Russia's richest men whose fortunes have been propping up the regime of Vladimir Putin have faced crippling economic sanctions since the invasion.

At a meeting of G7 finance ministers in Germany, Chrystia Freeland, Canada's deputy prime minister, floated the idea of allowing Russian oligarchs who distance themselves from the Kremlin to evade sanctions if they provide funding for relief efforts in Ukraine, an unnamed government official told the AP news agency yesterday.

The proposal would mean some Russian oligarchs getting access to their bank accounts and other assets currently frozen in the West.

Ms Freeland reportedly said that she had been approached by several Russian tycoons who she knows from her time as a journalist in Russia during the 1990s.

The official said the Ukrainian government was aware of the discussions.

"We would not be talking about this if there wasn't some comfort on the part of the Ukrainians," the official said. "We need to know that it works for them, too." Several Russian oligarchs have spoken out against the war but have stopped short of criticising Mr Putin personally fearing reprisals or a backlash against their employees working in Russia.

Mikhail Fridman, a Ukrainian-born tycoon, was handed sanctions by Britain and the EU despite his business ties to Ukraine. Roman Abramovich, the Russian oligarch who has been proactive in mediating between Russia and Ukraine, is also still on the blacklist.

The Government this week allowed Mr Abramovich to sell Chelsea FC, the proceeds from which are supposed to help ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***.

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Readers may have noticed the disconnect between their personal experiences of the NHS and the assurances offered by health service bosses that these anxieties are misplaced. In a letter on Monday, three senior figures declared that "people throughout our NHS and social care system are moving heaven and earth to recover ground and reduce care backlogs while dealing with the continuing impact of Covid-19".

Their efforts are not disputed and nor is the impact on healthcare brought about by the lockdowns, though NHS leaders wanted to extend Covid restrictions, which would have made matters worse.

It is the outcomes that are at issue here. People are having to wait months to see a consultant to diagnose what might turn out to be a lifethreatening condition. Cancelled operations, crowded A&E departments, a paralysed ambulance service and the difficulties of getting to see a GP are compounding the problems, and there is no point in the people who run the NHS claiming otherwise.

The fact is that people can see for themselves how the NHS is failing. Everyone has an anecdote pointing to its shortcomings or worse. The officials challenging the experience of millions are engaged in a form of "gaslighting" - defined as making someone question their own reality. We are seeing it elsewhere in the public sector, such as the Passport Office and the DVLA, where myriad stories of diabolical service are shrugged off as misleading or unusual. We see it, too, with assertions that the visa system for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** has worked well, when everyone can see that it has been a debacle. It needs to stop.

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SIR KEIR STARMER has corrected the parliamentary record after he attacked Boris Johnson over reports he had criticised the BBC's coverage of the war in Ukraine.

The Labour leader withdrew his comments from Wednesday's Prime Minister's Questions, where he said Mr Johnson had "accused the BBC of not being critical enough of Putin".

Mr Johnson had reportedly attacked the BBC in a meeting of Conservative MPs on Tuesday, at which he also said the Most Rev Justin Welby, the Arch bishop of Canterbury, had been "less vociferous" when criticising Mr Putin than when criticising No10.

Downing Street denied Mr Johnson criticised the BBC in that way, pointing instead to more general observations that he had made in the meeting about the conflation of illegal immigrants and ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** in the broadcaster's reporting. "I did not say that the BBC was harder on the asylum policy than it is to Putin," Mr Johnson said.

"I made no complaint whatsoever about the BBC's coverage of Ukraine and I want to make that absolutely clear. All I said was I thought the policy was misconstrued on the BBC and by some parts of the clergy."

Yesterday, Sir Keir said Mr Johnson's comments had been "briefed to journalists by a spokesperson" and "reasonably interpreted by several media outlets, including The Daily Telegraph, as being criticisms of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the BBC for their comments and coverage of Ukraine".

However, in light of Mr Johnson's denial that he had criticised the BBC, the Labour leader said he would "echo that correction and withdraw my comments of yesterday".

It comes after Oliver Dowden, the Conservative Party chairman, wrote to Sir Keir calling for him to correct the record in the Commons.

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It was the French anarchist Pierre-Joseph Proudhon who said "Property is Theft", an extreme interpretation of egalitarianism where all ownership is essentially something to be determined by the state. This is not a philosophy we would expect a Conservative government minister to espouse.

Michael Gove has come close by suggesting that the empty properties of sanctioned Russian oligarchs could be used to house ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***. Many would no doubt agree with him. If these houses have been purchased with ill-gotten gains and are of a size to accommodate a dozen families, why not requisition them?

To be fair, Mr Gove said there would be a "high legal bar" and he was not talking about "permanent confiscation". But he was talking about confiscation none the less and was backed by London's Labour mayor, Sadiq Khan, who said the homes should be seized and sold, with refugees allowed to use them in the meantime. Mr Khan said it would be "poetic justice". Yesterday, squatters occupied the London house of Oleg Deripaska, a Russian oligarch.

There is a very good reason why this is wrong and that is the long-standing British defence of property rights. Why would anyone settle in the UK if they feared their country might suddenly face sanctions leading to the impounding of their wealth? The rule of law is one reason why so many do come here to live and work. State confiscation of private property without cast-iron justification is a bad idea. The next demand will be for unoccupied second homes to be handed over. In taking on an autocrat like Putin, we must not abandon our own principles.

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[*Fears over lost applications as visa delays continue; First families to apply to Homes for Ukraine scheme on March 18 are still waiting for approval*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:654Y-W3N1-JCBW-N51D-00000-00&context=1519360)

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FAMILIES who were the first to apply to open their homes to ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** 16 days ago are still waiting for approval, raising fears their applications have been lost or gone astray.

They applied on March 18 when the Homes for Ukraine scheme was offi cially opened and were told their applications would be processed as "priority" cases within five working days. They say they have heard nothing since but have seen other host families who applied after them secure visas for their refugees within as little as three days. Some arrived more than a week ago.

Even Grant Shapps, the Transport Secretary, disclosed yesterday that he is struggling to get the Ukrainian family he wants to host into the UK.

He made the offer three weeks ago and was "in touch" with the family concerned a week later - but the application has still not been processed.

The family from Kyiv, a mother, son, six, grandmother, 75, and dog Max, are due to live at his home in Hertfordshire, after he "found them on Facebook".

The latest government figures, from Thursday, show just 4,700 of 32,200 applications for visas on the Homes for Ukraine scheme have been approved since its launch on March 18.

This is out of more than 200,000

British families, individuals and groups who registered an interest.

Maryse and Martin Haywood, who will host a Ukrainian family in their five-bedroom house in North York shire, said their visa application for the grandmother on March 18 had still not been approved even though the mother and daughter's - submitted on March 19 - had been granted.

"The mood across Facebook has been developing over the weekend and it's not good," said Ms Haywood. "People who applied on the 18th are still waiting for visas annoyingly. It seemed there was a problem and maybe another system glitch of which there are many.

"People have now been told by UKVI [UK Visas and Immigration] that they have lost data from the 18th.

"I have two visas now and am waiting for the third. Two were done on the 19th, but the one on the 18th has not been received."

Lauren Corbishley, an NHS mental health nurse, who is offering a Ukrainian refugee couple and 17-year-old daughter rooms in her Devon home, said she had received notification the day after she applied on March 18 that officials aimed to process it as a "priority" within five working days.

They are still waiting. "There are people who applied days after us somehow getting visas and posting about it on Facebook. It absolutely crushes my soul. Why are they not being processed in order? I applied the very day it opened. Are my applications lost?" said Ms Corbishley.

Mr Shapps admitted the delays he is facing are "frustrating" but defended the lengthy form-filling and security checks involved.

"It wouldn't be beyond Putin to put Russian saboteurs into groups of people fleeing the country, and I think it is reasonable [that] the UK would want to carry out some checks," he said.

A government spokesman said: "We can confirm that these applicants' cases are being processed at pace. Our Homes for Ukraine scheme was set up in record time but we acknowledge progress has not been good enough."

He said the process had been streamlined "to welcome people faster, while still maintaining vital security checks."

Noble act Russian businessman pays refugee hotel bills

A leading Russian businessman who renounced his citizenship after Vladimir Putin annexed Crimea and moved his family to Ukraine has stepped in to pay the hotel bills of refugees let down by Home Office visa delays.

Peter Chernyshov, who headed Kyivstar, Ukraine's biggest mobile phone company, contacted two British families yesterday after reading how they were having to pay for hotels in Poland for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** whose visa applications to join them in the UK have been delayed for two weeks.

Mr Chernyshov, who is currently in Lviv in Ukraine, wired each of them £500 within hours of reading their story in The Sunday Telegraph, saying he wanted to help the pair - both of whom are NHS workers.

**Graphic**

A Ukrainian soldier stands in front of the wreckage of an Antonov An-225 Mriya cargo plane at an airfield at Hostomel in the Kyiv region, left; volunteers Anastasia and Anton pose for a wedding photograph in front of a shelled apartment building in Kharkiv, aboveAFP KILIC/ BULENT IMAGES/ GETTY VIA AFP AP; GARANICH; GLEB REUTERS/

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Full details of how the new sponsorship scheme, which will allow people in the UK to offer spare rooms to Ukrainians fleeing the conflict, emerged yesterday via Government sources. The scheme, drawn up by Michael Gove, the Levelling Up Secretary, launches today, with aspects of the approach still under development. Here is how it is expected to work:

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How can Ukrainians get to Britain? A

The UK Government has created two "routes". One is for Ukrainians with relatives in the UK to apply for family visas, but this is only open to a small proportion of people in Ukraine.

The second route is called "Homes for Ukraine" and is essentially a sponsorship scheme. Individuals, charities, communities and business groups in the UK can apply to house Ukrainians for a minimum six months.

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Government will scrutinise offers to take in large numbers.

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How does it work? A

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Phase one, as it has been dubbed in Whitehall, will see online forms ready by Friday for individuals prepared to sponsor a refugee. Phase two will see entities such as charities or volunteer groups able to apply for sponsorship.

There is also one major hurdle: anyone hoping to sponsor a refugee will have to specifically name the Ukrainian, or Ukrainians, they are hoping to take in.

Q

Why has that rule been adopted? A

Those designing the new programme in Government argue that asking for names is the quickest way of getting Ukrainians in desperate need to the UK.

Waiting for the Government to match ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** with people willing to put them up would be timeintensive and burdensome.

But some refugee charities have criticised the approach, saying it creates "bureaucratic hurdles" and favours people already with links in the UK.

Whitehall figures predict that eventually charities or humanitarian groups may become middle men, drawing up lists of Ukrainians and then asking individuals to house them.

There is also a suggestion that Britons can spot Ukrainians pleading for help on social media feeds, or who are friends of friends, and that way identify people to bring in.

It is hoped that an added benefit of the approach is that Ukrainians arriving will be able to settle into the UK more smoothly because the sponsors have opted into bringing them here.

But it remains to be seen how well it works in practice.

Q

What happens once you find someone?

A

If you are willing to take part and find a Ukrainian, or multiple Ukrainians, you are willing to help, the first step is to fill out the relevant online form. The form needs to be filled in by the sponsor and the Ukrainian - they must have been resident in Ukraine when the war began. Either party could complete the form for the other to speed up the process.

The Home Office will then carry out checks. These will include background checks on the sponsor, to make sure they do not have a criminal record or other red flags.

There will also be security checks for the Ukrainian. Priti Patel, the Home Secretary, has warned that the routes could be exploited by those who wish the UK harm.

Ukrainians with their passports will be able to apply online, avoiding visa application centres which have drawn large crowds. Those without will have to go to a visa centre.

Once approval has been completed, an electronic "permit to travel" will be issued in PDF form. That means the Ukrainian refugee can go to the airport or any other travel route, get the electronic document scanned and head to the UK. Biometric checks, which usually involve fingerprints and a photograph, will be done in the UK.

Anyone who reaches the UK will be able to stay for three years. What happens after that remains unclear and may be linked to the situation in Ukraine at the time.

Q

Is the Government providing help? A

Yes. A £350-a-month "thank you" will be paid to those who have taken in ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***.

The money is designed to help cover the costs of housing refugees, such as increased food and energy bills, as well as an incentive for people to take part.

The money is linked to each address being used in the sponsorship scheme, rather than the number of individuals taken in. So if one family takes in one or three Ukrainians they will still receive £350 a month. But if a charity offers two properties for two groups of refugees it will get £700 a month.

The £350 payments will only last for one year on current plans, though it policy could change as the end of year approaches.

The scheme has no cap on the number of Ukrainians who can benefit, with the Government estimating tens of thousands of people will use it.

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What about the impact on local services? A

One aspect of the political debate about refugees and migrants in the past decade has been the impact on local services, such as schools, hospitals and welfare benefits.

Under the plans, created by Levelling Up Secretary Michael Gove, an extra £10,000 will be sent to each local authority where a Ukrainian refugee has settled. The funding has been signed off for the first year.

***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** who arrive in the UK will be able to get access to full benefits, such as Universal Credit, though not the additional part for housing benefit.

A Government source said people who get a beneficial council tax bill or Universal Credit payment because they live alone will be unaffected if they take in a refugee, admitting laws may need to change to ensure this happens.

Q

What if it does not work out? A

The commitment is not insubstantial - offering to put up a person, or multiple people, for at least six months.

Government sources accepted that sponsors could pull out before the end of the six months, and that, ultimately, officials would have to step in to find alternative accommodation for refugees if necessary. However, they emphasised that those signing up must be committed to housing a refugee for the minimum of six months.

Government officials are also expected to check in to see that people are happy with the way the scheme is working.

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Those designing the new programme in Government argue that asking for names is the quickest way of getting Ukrainians in desperate need to the UK.

Waiting for the Government to match ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** with people willing to put them up would be timeintensive and burdensome.

But some refugee charities have criticised the approach, saying it creates "bureaucratic hurdles" and favours people already with links in the UK.

Whitehall figures predict that eventually charities or humanitarian groups may become middle men, drawing up lists of Ukrainians and then asking individuals to house them.

There is also a suggestion that Britons can spot Ukrainians pleading for help on social media feeds, or who are friends of friends, and that way identify people to bring in.

It is hoped that an added benefit of the approach is that Ukrainians arriving will be able to settle into the UK more smoothly because the sponsors have opted into bringing them here.

But it remains to be seen how well it works in practice.

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What happens once you find someone?

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If you are willing to take part and find a Ukrainian, or multiple Ukrainians, you are willing to help, the first step is to fill out the relevant online form. The form needs to be filled in by the sponsor and the Ukrainian - they must have been resident in Ukraine when the war began. Either party could complete the form for the other to speed up the process.

The Home Office will then carry out checks. These will include background checks on the sponsor, to make sure they do not have a criminal record or other red flags.

There will also be security checks for the Ukrainian. Priti Patel, the Home Secretary, has warned that the routes could be exploited by those who wish the UK harm.

Ukrainians with their passports will be able to apply online, avoiding visa application centres which have drawn large crowds. Those without will have to go to a visa centre.

Once approval has been completed, an electronic "permit to travel" will be issued in PDF form. That means the Ukrainian refugee can go to the airport or any other travel route, get the electronic document scanned and head to the UK. Biometric checks, which usually involve fingerprints and a photograph, will be done in the UK.

Anyone who reaches the UK will be able to stay for three years. What happens after that remains unclear and may be linked to the situation in Ukraine at the time.

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Is the Government providing help? A

Yes. A £350-a-month "thank you" will be paid to those who have taken in ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***.

The money is designed to help cover the costs of housing refugees, such as increased food and energy bills, as well as an incentive for people to take part.

The money is linked to each address being used in the sponsorship scheme, rather than the number of individuals taken in. So if one family takes in one or three Ukrainians they will still receive £350 a month. But if a charity offers two properties for two groups of refugees it will get £700 a month.

The £350 payments will only last for one year on current plans, though it policy could change as the end of year approaches.

The scheme has no cap on the number of Ukrainians who can benefit, with the Government estimating tens of thousands of people will use it.

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What about the impact on local services? A

One aspect of the political debate about refugees and migrants in the past decade has been the impact on local services, such as schools, hospitals and welfare benefits.

Under the plans, created by Levelling Up Secretary Michael Gove, an extra £10,000 will be sent to each local authority where a Ukrainian refugee has settled. The funding has been signed off for the first year.

***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** who arrive in the UK will be able to get access to full benefits, such as Universal Credit, though not the additional part for housing benefit.

A Government source said people who get a beneficial council tax bill or Universal Credit payment because they live alone will be unaffected if they take in a refugee, admitting laws may need to change to ensure this happens.

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What if it does not work out? A

The commitment is not insubstantial - offering to put up a person, or multiple people, for at least six months.

Government sources accepted that sponsors could pull out before the end of the six months, and that, ultimately, officials would have to step in to find alternative accommodation for refugees if necessary. However, they emphasised that those signing up must be committed to housing a refugee for the minimum of six months.

Government officials are also expected to check in to see that people are happy with the way the scheme is working.

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[*British public to be asked to take in refugees; 'Tens of thousands' of Ukrainians without family links will be allowed to stay for a year Cost of living payments could double to £400*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:64YV-RJD1-DYTY-C1V3-00000-00&context=1519360)

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THE British public will be asked to offer homes to tens of thousands of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** fleeing the Russian invasion under plans to be announced this weekend.

Ministers are to launch a hotline and webpage where individuals, charities, businesses and community groups will be able to offer rooms to refugees who have no family links to the UK.

The move follows criticism of the Home Office's "chaotic" rollout of its scheme for refugees who have family in the UK that has led to delays and complaints of excessive bureaucracy. Western officials yesterday warned that the number of refugees fleeing Ukraine could rise as high as four million in the coming days, almost doubling the current estimates of 2.2 million.

It came as Boris Johnson last night warned that Britons may face a "bumpy period" of economic pain as a result of banning oil and gas imports from Russia. The Prime Minister said the UK would take "dramatic steps" to achieve an "independent energy supply, so that we're no longer capable of being blackmailed by Putin".

The strategy is set to include the major expansion of North Sea oil extraction, renewables and nuclear. He is also expected to speak directly to the big oil producing nations next week about ramping up production.

Household energy support loans could also be doubled to £400 this autumn under plans to help families facing even higher fuel bills because of Russia's invasion.

Mr Johnson has asked Kwasi

Kwarteng, the Business Secretary, to draw up a list of options to support families through next winter, amid expectations the energy price cap will rise again in October.

Michael Gove, the Communities Secretary, will unveil the new "sponsored" humanitarian refugee route on Monday. It will grant Ukrainians without family links leave to stay in the UK for an initial 12 months and entitle them to work, claim benefits and access public services.

Civil servants will match them with the offers of free housing from the sponsoring individuals, charities and businesses, who will be vetted to ensure they are providing safe and secure accommodation.

People offering homes will have to agree to take refugees for a minimum period of potentially six months, demonstrate the accommodation meets appropriate standards and, if necessary, undergo criminal record checks, as many of the Ukrainians are likely to be women and children.

Ministers are expected to set targets for the number of offers and will look to other accommodation providers, including councils and housing associations.

"It's going to be tens of thousands initially," said a source.

The Home Office will recruit the ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***, who will require visas and undergo the same biometric and security checks as those entering through the family scheme.

Priti Patel, the Home Secretary, yesterday announced that all Ukrainians with passports will be able to apply online to come to the UK, after the security services cleared a new streamlined system to cut delays in the visa application process. Ukrainians with passports will no longer need to go to a visa application centre (VAC) for biometric checks before they come to the UK and instead only have to upload their passport and then take checks after arrival.

However, Micheál Martin, the Irish taoiseach, yesterday said the Home Secretary had expressed concern to the Irish government that the country's approach to ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** would lead to them arriving in Britain through the back door. Ireland joined the EU-wide scheme that allows people fleeing Ukraine to settle without a visa for three years.

Speaking on Sky News last night, Mr Johnson said it "will allow people to come in, so people welcome [refugees] into their own homes".

A source said: "It's a humanitarian call for action. The majority will be doing it out of philanthropic motives."

Refugees at Home, a charity that connects people with spare rooms to refugees, said it had already seen a 50-fold increase since the Russian invasion, rising from an average of 20 applications a fortnight to 1,000 since Feb 24 offering to host Ukrainians fleeing the war.

One healthcare provider in Sussex has offered around 150 rooms in three vacant care homes it manages.

Tony Stein, the chief executive of Healthcare Management Solutions, said refugees could be offered jobs in the care sector where one in five posts are vacant. "I would like this to be a catalyst for the rest of the sector to look at what they have got and what they can do. There is a lot of empty property, empty care homes," he said.

Mr Johnson lambasted the Russian president over his "cynical, barbaric government", as he made a "prediction" that the Kremlin was about to resort to using chemical weapons in Ukraine. The move "is straight out of their playbook", the Prime Minister said.

He also raised fears that the Russian president has "driven his tank … down a cul de sac" and will find it "very hard to extricate himself " from the war.

Mr Johnson said recent phone calls in which Volodymyr Zelensky, the Ukrainian president, has repeatedly pleaded for the West to impose a no-fly zone over his country had been "deeply upsetting" and "agonising". Nato has said the idea is off the table.

Asked whether the nation would have to accept economic pain while trying to defeat Vladimir Putin, he said "yes", adding it was "absolutely right".

The Prime Minister insisted that the Government "will do everything we can to help households, help people with the cost of fuel, particularly elderly vulnerable people".

He said: "Now is the time to unleash an extraordinary programme of energy independence through massive investment in renewables … a lot more nuclear, and also in sensible use of our own hydrocarbons, with our own oil and gas and without busting our carbon budget."

The West must "learn the lesson of indulging and appeasing Putin and failing to wean ourselves off Russian oil Continued on Page 5

Continued from Page 1 and gas" Mr Johnson warned. Ofgem, the energy regulator, has already announced that the energy cap will increase next month by 54 per cent, prompting Rishi Sunak, the Chancellor, to launch a £200 loan scheme to help households with their energy bills.

But ministers are concerned that another increase in the cost of oil and gas, caused by the war, will mean the price cap will increase again in October.

Experts have speculated that the average household energy bill could reach £4,000 by the end of this year.

One plan under consideration is an extension of the loan, with households handed £400 or more in rebates.

This week, the RAC said the average cost of a tank of fuel is now almost £88. Diesel is already exceeding £1.80 per litre in some parts of the country, and in London motorists are paying more than £2 per litre for petrol.

Food is also expected to become more expensive since the Russian invasion, with wheat prices reaching record levels. Ukraine is a major European producer of wheat and grain.

**Graphic**

A Ukrainian serviceman bids farewell to his girlfriend at the railway station in the western city of Lviv before travelling east to Kyiv, where Russian troops are also headingIMAGES GETTY VIA AFP FILIPPOV/ ALEKSEY

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[*In defeat, Vladimir Putin is becoming desperate; It is likely that in the mess of war there will be more accidents. That is why the Russians must be beaten*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:66WC-F091-DYTY-C085-00000-00&context=1519360)

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**Body**

Over nine terrible months, Ukraine has certainly learnt who its friends are. Britain has been steadfast, supplying training, weapons and strong political support. The United States, as always, has done the heaviest lifting of all, spending over $18 billion on munitions and other military equipment.

But Ukraine's truest friend is Poland. It's Poland that has taken the bulk of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***; it's the Polish economy that has taken among the biggest hits, cutting its growth rate from 4 per cent to 1.6 per cent next year; and it's Poland that has unstintingly raided its own inventories to give Ukrainian troops the weapons that they desperately need to defend their homeland.

The missile that hit eastern Poland may not have been Russian. But that doesn't change the facts. All the hostile missiles fired since February have been Russian. Contrary to the laws of war, they have been targeted against

Ukraine's civilian population: residential buildings, power stations, water supplies and shopping centres have all been hit. Indiscriminate attacks like these always carry the risk of spilling the conflict into neighbouring states.

But Russia is resorting to indiscriminate missile attacks precisely because it's losing the conventional war. Its initial invasion failed: Russian forces, once in the suburbs of Kyiv, had to pull back over the border to the north. In the south-east, Ukrainian troops are pushing the Russians deeper into the Donbas; the liberation of Kherson has opened the way from the Dnipro to Crimea. The campaign to restore Ukraine's sovereignty looks to be long and bloody but winnable.

An unintended missile strike naturally brings fears of escalation, especially when Nato territory is involved. But it is Russia that now must fear escalation the most. It can hardly prosecute the war it is currently fighting. The last thing it needs is for this conflict to escalate. On the contrary, we have already seen Nato rediscovering its unity of purpose and its forces stiffening their defences in Eastern Europe.

Ukraine is in Poland's debt, for its immediate and extraordinarily generous response. But the rest of us owe Poland, too, not just for its open-hearted humanitarian response but for its persistent prescience in warning us against the Russian threat.

Throughout my time as defence secretary, it was always Poland that understood that threat most clearly, that pushed for a firmer Western response. Nato's troop deployments in the Baltic states, in Poland itself, and its air defence in Romania, owe much to Polish leadership and pressure.

And Poland should shame its Western allies into doing more to help. Nearly eight million Ukrainians have crossed the border into Poland since February; over 20,000 more still arrive every day. They're fed, housed, and given free travel and places in school for their children. Families across Poland have opened their doors to the biggest movement of people on our continent since the Second World War.

Poland will spend a staggering (EURO)8.4 billion (£7.3 billion) on helping those ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** this year, yet has had a contribution of only (EURO)144million from the EU. Contrast this with the huge amounts that the EU pours into extensive refugee programmes for those fleeing North Africa and the Middle East. Indeed, the EU seems more concerned about the independence of parts of Poland's court system than the displacement of eight million Europeans. Substantial payments legally due to Poland under the seven-year EU budget and from the post-Covid recovery fund ((EURO)73billion and (EURO)35 billion respectively) are being withheld at a time when Poland needs all the financial help it can get.

Wealthier neighbours aren't pulling their military weight either. Poland has donated more military equipment to Ukraine than any other EU ally, and four times as much as France. Poland has supplied self-propelled gun howitzers, portable air defence systems, and dozens of its tanks; yet Germany, despite its talk, still drags its feet on supplying rocket launchers and armoured vehicles.

Over 20 years ago, Germany deployed its Leopard tanks to the defence of Kosovo, yet there's still no stomach in Berlin to lend them to the Ukrainian army fighting for its freedom. "The issue is whether we have it in us to keep warmongers like Putin in check," Chancellor Scholz told the Bundestag back in February, but those tanks, key to the recovery of further Ukrainian territory, remain in storage.

Putin has clearly become desperate. It's likely that in the mess and confusion of war there will be more accidents. But our response should surely be all the steadier. The wider risks of this terrible invasion will not be mitigated by well-meaning attempts at peacebrokering. The way to prevent further accidents and escalation is to end this conflict as quickly as possible: that means doing everything we can to make sure that Ukraine wins it.

Stopping Putin once and for all is the surest way of ensuring that the villages of south-eastern Poland - and the rest of us - stay safe.

Sir Michael Fallon was defence secretary from 2014 to 2017 read more at [*www.telegraph.co.uk/opinion*](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/opinion)

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[*Charity Commission's bureaucracy 'is depriving Ukraine of aid'*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:68XH-FHF1-DYTY-C3XB-00000-00&context=1519360)

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THE Charity Commission has been accused of shunning small organisations and "effectively blocking" thousands of pounds in aid for Ukraine.

Michael Carpenter, 80, the commission's former head of the legal division, said the regulator has erected bureaucratic hurdles which favours larger charities over smaller outfits and appears to have a default position of rejecting their applications.

British volunteers attempting to deliver convoys of medical supplies and foodstuffs to Ukraine say they have been unable to do so because they did not meet the regulator's "public benefit" criteria.

Earlier this year, Mr Carpenter, who worked for the commission from 1998-2002, applied without success for charitable status for Alfs, an animal food bank in Hertfordshire which has expanded into supplying humanitarian aid to Ukraine.

The group currently delivers up to 22 pallets of aid including generators, sanitary products, food and stoves, to the war-torn country each month, according to Tina Banks, 65, the founder of Alfs.

However, the commission said in a nine-page letter rejecting its application that land convoys were "not generally an effective means to deliver aid".

It recommends that organisations and individuals should instead "look to donate to or work with established charities" working in Ukraine or "otherwise with experience of operating in conflict zones". But philanthropists say this "blanket approach" has effectively blocked them from accepting donations of considerable sums that would furnish Ukraine with much-needed humanitarian aid.

Mr Carpenter, a volunteer with Alfs, said he suspects its application was handled by "someone working from home" who "needs to follow an internal template of things to look out for".

Ms Banks said that being denied charitable status has had a "huge impact" on Alfs' operations, costing "hundreds and hundreds of thousands of pounds" in potential grants and donations. "I can't get gift aid and have to pay rates on premises. I can't apply for grants from Waitrose or Tesco," she said. "You can apply for grants from foundations for vehicles, premises - big sums of money - but I can't apply because I'm not a registered charity.

"It could change Alfs as an organisation overnight with the amount of support we'd be able to give."

Tim Loughton, a Tory MP who has campaigned on behalf of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***, said it was "patently ridiculous"

that "clearly legitimate" charities with an urgent cause have to "go through so many hoops".

A Charity Commission spokesman said: "It is wrong to suggest that the Charity Commission has a 'preference' for larger charities. The overwhelming majority of charities on our register are small. Most operate on a shoestring, and are run entirely by dedicated volunteers. We make no apology, however, for ensuring that only those organisations that meet the legal test, set by Parliament, are entered on to our register."

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[*Steelworks defenders taken to camp in Russia, says state media*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:65GS-HNM1-DYTY-C09W-00000-00&context=1519360)

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RUSSIA bas taken 89 injured soldiers wbo surrendered from tbe besieged Mariupol steelworks to a camp wbile tbeir "Nazi links" are investigated, state media bas reported.

Tbe troops bave been transported to Taganrog in soutbwest Russia, according to a Russian news website.

It was tbougbt tbat captured soldiers would be beld in rebelcontrolled parts of Ukraine, paving tbe way for tbem to be excbanged as part of a prisoner swap.

Quoting an unnamed source described as in tbe "power structure" of tbe soutbwestern Rostov region, tbe 161.ru website described tbem as "an important object".

Tbe camp at Taganrog, on tbe Sea of Azov near Rostov, is believed to be a pretrial detention centre. Human rigbts groups bave said tbat tbousands of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** bave been dispersed across Russia against tbeir will. Tbe 161.ru website also quoted its Rostov source as saying tbat "some of tbe Ukrainians brougbt to Taganrog were found witb cbevrons of tbe SS divisions".

Tbe Kremlin bas promoted tbe line tbat tbe Azov Battalion wbicb defended tbe Mariupol steelworks since tbe start of tbe war on Feb 24 bas strong links to Nazis, a key justification for launcbing tbe invasion of Ukraine.

Neitber tbe Kremlin nor officials in tbe Rostov region bave commented on allegations tbat Ukrainian soldiers bave been sent to tbe camp in Taganrog.

Some Russian officials bave also called for tbe Mariupol soldiers wbo surrendered tbis week to be banded tbe deatb penalty. Various sources bave said tbat despite tbe injured prisoners surrendering, 1,000 Ukrainian soldiers still in tbe web of tunnels at tbe steelworks bave pledged to figbt to tbe end.

**Graphic**

Ukrainian servicemen in a penal colony in Olyonivka, eastern Ukraine, yesterday, under the control of the Donetsk People's Republic, after leaving the Azovstal steel plant in Mariupol, according to the Russian Defence Ministry

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[*The Week in Westminster*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:67SB-13V1-DYTY-C0K9-00000-00&context=1519360)

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Tuesday, March 14 Commons: Oral questions: Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (including Topical Questions). Ten Minute Rule Motion: Planning (Quarries). Backbench Business: Debate on a Motion on homelessness among ***Ukrainian*** ***Refugees*** in the UK; Debate on a Motion on seizure of Russian assets. Adjournment: Proscribed psychedelics drug and access to medicine.

Westminster Hall: Debates on: That this House has considered the matter of the lease for London Zoo; Knife crime in the West Midlands; Support for single parent families; Middlesbrough Development Corporation; Future of cancer care.

Lords: Introduction: Bishop of Sheffield. Oral questions: Car production in the United Kingdom since 2016; Carbon reduction costing or pricing form used to assess different cleaner energy technologies in reducing UK emissions; Designation of data, digital and financial literacy as compulsory subjects in primary and secondary schools in England. Legislation: Electronic Trade Documents Bill - report stage; Public Order Bill - consideration of Commons amendments; UK Infrastructure Bank Bill - consideration of Commons amendments; Trade (Australian and New Zealand) Bill - report stage.

Wednesday, March 15 Commons: Oral questions: Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (including Topical Questions). At noon, questions to the Prime Minister. Financial statement: Budget Statement.

Adjournment: Installation of telecommunications infrastructure.

Westminster Hall: Debates on: Access to sport for with people with colour blindness; Mental Health and Wellbeing Plan; Human trafficking and modern day slavery; Tipton and Wednesbury and the Levelling Up Fund; Local Housing Allowance.

Lords: Oral questions: Target of eliminating HIV transmission in England by 2030; Potential impact of inflation on the devolved budget for Wales; Celebrating the 200th anniversary of the game of rugby union and plans to support rugby union as a grassroots game. Legislation: Ofcom (Duty Regarding Prevention of Serious Self-harm and Suicide) Bill - committee stage; Levelling-Up and Regeneration Bill - committee stage (day 5). Short debate: Assessment made of the relevance of the Barnett Formula in the distribution of public spending across the UK. Thursday, March 16 Commons: Oral questions: Cabinet Office (including Topical Questions). Business Statement: Business Questions to the Leader of the House. Debate: Continuation of the Budget Debate. Adjournment: HS2 Ltd and local community relations.

Westminster Hall: Debates on: Relations with China during the presidency of Xi Jinping; Car parking for care workers.

Lords: Oral questions: Impact of industrial action in universities on students; Supporting the bus industry in England following the end of the current bus subsidy arrangements; Improving housing conditions for both social housing and privately rented properties. Debate: Spring Budget 2023.

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[*Prince highlights importance of 'credible defence' and alliances*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:65BH-45N1-DYTY-C3CB-00000-00&context=1519360)

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THE war in Ukraine is a "stark reminder" that there is "no substitute for credible defence", the Prince of Wales has said, in a strong statement to Britain's military.

The Prince told troops that fighting Vladimir Putin's forces has "clearly demonstrated" that hi-tech modern warfare was still no match for "highly motivated and well-trained people".

Saying "we are all shocked" by images of a return to war in Europe, the Prince said the conflict had "highlighted the importance of alliances".

"The Royal Air Force has never been more relevant or in more demand in the modern era around the world," he said.

The Prince has regularly praised Britain's Armed Forces, but his comments will be seen as particularly significant after the outbreak of war.

He has been heavily critical of the Russian invasion, and has made numerous visits to ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** as well as the charities supporting them. His intervention, which some will view as political, means he follows in the Royal family tradition of support for the military and those who dedicate their life to Queen and country.

The Prince, as Marshal of the Air Force, spoke at a combined graduation parade of RAF aviators, which was also attended by Admiral Sir Tony Radakin, the Chief of the Defence Staf. f.

A fly-past of a Voyager air-to-air refuelling tanker and two Typhoon fighter jets opened proceedings, which featured more than 500 graduates from RAF colleges at Cranwell and Halton.

The Prince said: "As you join the service in its second century, the Royal Air Force has never been more relevant or in more demand in the modern era around the world. The conflict in Ukraine is a stark reminder that there is no substitute for credible defence.

"The conflict has also highlighted the importance of alliances."

**Graphic**

The Prince of Wales inspects RAF personnel at Cranwell in Lincolnshire yesterdayPA LAWSON/ DANNY

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[*Let asylum seekers into your home to cut £3bn hotel bill*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:68NP-CR01-DYTY-C39K-00000-00&context=1519360)

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BRITISH people should open their homes to asylum seekers to help reduce the £3.5 billion costs of housing them in hotels, says a report backed by Brandon Lewis, the former Cabinet minister.

The Government should adopt a Ukrainian-style sponsorship scheme to asylum seekers from other nations to help tackle the soaring cost of accommodating them in hotels.

The analysis by Policy Exchange, the think tank, found that the annual cost of supporting asylum seekers in the UK totalled £3.5billion including hotels, allowances, healthcare, school places and new bodies such as the small boats operational command.

Hotel accommodation alone cost £2.2 billion, more than the entire sum of £2.1billion that the Government allocated to its second round of levelling up the country and three times the £630million investment to tackle homelessness in the UK.

As part of a six-point plan to tackle the asylum crisis, the report called for a "galvanisation of voluntary spirit" to expand Ukrainian-style sponsorship schemes to other nationalities including asylum seekers of Iranian, Afghan, Syrian and Iraqi origin.

It also proposed mobilising volun teers to help with English language tuition to ease pressures on the Government's budget for such teaching, and pave the way for asylum seekers integration into UK society.

It said the asylum system was not only "incredibly expensive" but also "exceptionally statist".

In a foreword to the report, Mr Lewis said: "We must do more to galvanise community efforts, such as by expanding the sponsorship model for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** to other nationalities - so that the burden of supporting refugees is spread evenly, rather than falling on the poorest."

However, the former justice secre tary stressed that such a move must go hand in hand with robust measures to end illegal Channel crossings through the Government's Illegal Migration Bill.

The legislation allows ministers to detain and swiftly deport any migrant arriving illegally to a third safe country like Rwanda or home country.

"As an urgent priority, the Government must stay the course on its plans to stop the small boats, as the overall volume of those crossing the Channel is the single largest driver of costs," said the Policy Exchange report.

"Once this has been achieved, it will be possible to implement a new safe and legal route - under Parliamentary control - which shifts the focus of the UK's support from those illegally crossing the Channel to those who are genuinely in need, such as women and children in conflict zones."

It backed government plans to impose an annual cap on numbers entering through safe and legal routes, the level of which would be determined by Parliament.

The report findings also suggest prioritising women and children.

'As an urgent priority, the Government must stay the course on its plans to stop the small boats'

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[*Refugee red tape; established 1855*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:653G-3361-JCBW-N1JD-00000-00&context=1519360)

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As our letters page attests, many readers are still struggling with Home Office red tape in their efforts to provide a home for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***. The frustration is palpable. One correspondent revealed how he had applied to host a family in a large house only to be told he did not qualify because he did not live near a city. Another reader questioned the requirement for local authorities to check whether the proffered accommodation was safe given that the refugees were escaping a war zone. Yet another described how efforts to settle refugees were being thwarted, describing the Homes for Ukraine scheme as an "utter embarrassment" for the country.

The Home Office is operating two visa schemes: the Ukraine Family scheme, which permits refugees with relatives in the UK to enter the country, and the Homes for Ukraine scheme, which allows households to offer to host refugees not previously known to them. Families who may have fled with almost nothing are expected to fill in a lengthy visa form, supply biometrics, passports, and the rest. Even when those hurdles are overcome, those trying to welcome them have to be vetted and their homes inspected.

To add insult to injury, insiders say the delays are in part caused by staff shortages, with many civil servants still working away from the office.

We keep being told that matters are being handled efficiently and yet the experience of those trying to help suggests this is simply not true.

Starting such schemes from scratch is obviously not easy, but we are more than a month into this crisis now and the Home Office has still to rise to the challenge. Priti Patel, the Home Secretary, needs to get a grip on this urgently. She can begin by ordering those working from home back to their desks.

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Monday, March 14 Commons: Oral questions: Education (including Topical Questions). Legislation: Dissolution and Calling of Parliament Bill: Consideration of Lords Amendments; Professional Qualifications Bill (HL): Remaining Stages; Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill (HL): Remaining Stages. Consideration of Lords amendments to the Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Bill. Adjournment: Rights of minors in police custody. Westminster Hall: Debate on E-petition 609530, relating to arrangements for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** to enter the UK. Lords: Oral questions: Forthcoming Broadcasting White Paper; Ensuring leaseholders and those with building and fire safety issues for which they are not responsible are not excluded from measures to solve such issues; Scientific advice available when implementing or removing COVID-19 restrictions in England; Increasing the number of charging points for electric vehicles. Legislation: Nationality and Borders Bill, 3rd reading; National Insurance Contributions Bill, consideration of Commons amendments; Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Bill, Committee stage and all remaining stages. Orders and regulations: Draft Genetically Modified Organisms (Deliberate Release) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2022, motion to approve; Draft Genetically Modified Organisms (Deliberate Release) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2022, motion to decline to approve.

Tuesday, March 15 Commons: Oral questions: Treasury (including Topical Questions). Ten Minute Rule Motion: Quad Bikes. Consideration of Lords amendments, if necessary. General debate: Ukraine.

Adjournment: Physical activity and health outcomes.

Westminster Hall: Debates on: Commonwealth Day; Blackpool airport and the role of commercial passenger flights in levelling up; Poor quality conditions and disrepair in private rented sector housing; BBC accountability and transparency to Government and licence fee payers; Role of Welsh local authorities in delivering public services and economic development.

Lords: Introduction: Richard Harrington. Oral questions: Establishing a cross-departmental taskforce on housing for older people; Impact of excessive consumption of processed sugar on the nation's health; Reforming the law governing financial provision on divorce to align with the introduction of no fault divorce. Legislation: Commercial Rent (Coronavirus) Bill, 3rd Reading; Elections Bill, Committee stage (Day 2).

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***UKRAINIAN*** ***refugees*** wanting to come to the UK can nominate the Scottish Government rather than a British family with a spare room, under an extension to the scheme unveiled yesterday.

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities said refugees would still make an application under the UK's Homes for Ukraine scheme but could choose the Scottish Government as their sponsor.

The move came after Nicola Sturgeon said her government could act as a "super sponsor" for 3,000 refugees to speed up the number being admitted.

The First Minister yesterday welcomed the announcement, saying that refugees would be given temporary accommodation while a more permanent place is found for them. She said multi-agency teams are working to ensure accommodation, safeguarding and support "as well as the warmest of welcomes" is provided.

The announcement came after official figures suggested that the public response to the Homes for Ukraine scheme had been stronger proportionally in the other three home nations.

As of 10am on Wednesday, 8,625 applications had been made in Scotland out of a UKwide total of 147,513. The total in England was 122,390, Wales 10,236 and Northern Ireland 6,262.

Welcoming the extension of the scheme, Ms Sturgeon said: "Our distinct offer for a warm Scottish welcome to the displaced people of

Ukraine is now open, as part of the UK's Homes for Ukraine. We intend to fully harness the thousands of individual offers from people in Scotland willing to provide Ukrainians with a home. And I encourage those who want to help to express an interest on the Homes for Ukraine portal.

"We still believe visas should have been waived for those fleeing the appalling and illegal invasion of Ukraine by Russia, but we established this Scottish scheme, embedded within the UK system, to provide help right now to those who need it."

'Our offer for a warm Scottish welcome to the displaced people of Ukraine is open'

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sir - The simplest route to Britain for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** is by Eurostar.

The existing service has three major stops on the Continent: Brussels, Lille and Paris. Passports could be checked at any of these stations. Trains could then be dispatched non-stop to either Folkestone or Ashford. It is then a 20-mile road journey to the former RAF Manston, where more detailed checks could be undertaken.

Manston has been earmarked by the Home Office as a reception centre for illegal migrants, so should be able to receive these desperate people. To paraphrase a former prime minster's words at a different time of crisis: "Action this day, not tomorrow." J H Websper Margate, Kent sir - A friend went to Poland to help bring his wife's family to Britain. His wife is Ukrainian but a British citizen.

At the British Embassy they were asked whether they had committed a motoring offence in the past 10 years. How is that relevant?

Dr Trevor Masters

Southend-on-Sea, Essex sir - As a former inspector of immigration I am appalled at how the Home Secretary and senior managers within the Home Office have responded to the refugee crisis.

The forerunner of Border Force, the UK Immigration Service, was flexible in its response to various crises - in Kosovo, for instance. Staff have always had a "can do" attitude to apparently overwhelming problems, yet the present management lacks this.

Border Force and immigration enforcement staff are stretched beyond capacity by boats crossing the English Channel.

A pool of experienced former staff - many of whom worked as visa officers and managers in embassies and high commissions overseas - would be willing to help to establish visa sections in Calais, other Channel ports or even further afield within the EU, but they have been overlooked. This is a damning indictment of the upper echelons of the Home Office. Andy Cole Walmer, Kent

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[*Surge in criminals being allowed to 'work from home'*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:65T3-D571-DYTY-C24D-00000-00&context=1519360)

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THE number of burglars, thieves and muggers who are allowed to "work from home" to complete their sen tences has more than doubled in the past year to nearly 10,000.

Ministry of Justice figures show that the number of offenders permitted to take part in so-called "independent working projects" as part of their sentences soared through the pandemic.

Typical jobs carried out at home included offenders making greeting cards, personal protective equipment for care homes, and hats and scarves for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***, with profits going to charity.

In 2020-21, 3,680 offenders with community sentences were given an "independent working project" as part of their sentence. The following 12 months to March this year saw this jump to 9,385 offenders, according to figures disclosed to Parliament.

Independent working projects are offered to criminals on probation to complete some of their hours from home.

They were introduced in response to

Covid-19 restrictions and were not in use prior to April 2020.

Unpaid work is often attached to community sentences that are ordered by courts for less serious crimes, such as theft, shoplifting, some assaults and burglaries. Offenders have to do between 40 and 300 hours depending on the severity of the crime.

Steve Reed MP, Labour's shadow justice secretary, said: "It is absurd that ministers are still allowing criminals to do unpaid work from home as part of their sentence - they're simply letting criminals off and letting victims down."

The party will today force a House of Commons vote on establishing Com munity and Victim Payback Boards to restore public trust in community sentences. Mr Reed added: "If the Conservatives are serious about getting tough on antisocial behaviour then they will vote for Labour's Community and Victim Payback Boards today and restore public faith in community sentences."

Last month Kit Malthouse, justice minister, admitted to MPs that the sentences were "not ideal" and said he wanted to phase out working from home for criminals with community sentences by the end of the summer.

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[*Builder will offer 175 'buddy' roles to Ukrainian refugees*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:657Y-FS61-DYTY-C2FX-00000-00&context=1519360)

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ONE of the UK's largest private building firms is to offer jobs to 175 ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** as the construction industry battles a shortage of workers.

Murphy will launch a "buddy" system to pair Ukrainians with existing employees as well as providing housing search assistance and help with lan guage and British customs as part of a deal with the Home Office.

Dawn Moore, group people director at Murphy, said: "We are a growing business with a number of opportunities, and we want to do whatever we can to support those impacted by the current situation in Ukraine.

"There are many different levels of jobs available within our business along with a wider package of support.

"Many of our Ukrainian, Polish and other Eastern European Murphy people have volunteered to help these prospective new joiners, which is fantastic."

The sector is suffering a skills shortage after thousands of workers, largely from Eastern Europe, returned to their home countries during the pandemic. It will need to recruit 217,000 workers to meet the demand for building projects.

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[*Migrants on ferries 'gimmick' won't cut taxpayer costs*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:67WR-CRN1-DYTY-C0VR-00000-00&context=1519360)

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PLANS to house migrants on barges and ferries face a backlash, amid warnings the use of hotels as accommodation for asylum seekers will continue to rise.

Conservative MPs criticised the "gimmick" that would do little to reduce the huge costs to the taxpayer. Experts say hotels will still have to be used, given that arrivals were running at more than 3,000 a month last summer.

The Government also announced the opening of three reception centres at former military bases. Robert Jenrick, the immigration minister, told the Commons that housing new arrivals in hotels was acting as a "pull factor".

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"The Home Office just needs to get its act together and start processing quicker. That's the only way you're going to get people out of hotels."

Richard Drax, the MP for South Dorset where one of the barges could be docked, said the use of boats should be "totally and utterly out of the question".

"Land-based reception camps in the right place has to be the solution," he added.

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Tory-led Dorset council said it had "serious concerns" about the plans.

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[*King's address to Bundestag tickles German funny bones; Monarch refers to Monty Python and Lionesses' victory in warmly received speech in Berlin parliament*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:67WY-C551-DYTY-C4NT-00000-00&context=1519360)

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THE King has delivered a historic speech to the German federal parlia ment in which he joked about football rivalries and even squeezed in refer ences to the Beatles and Monty Python - all delivered while flitting seamlessly between English and German.

The King, 74, was given an emphatic, two-minute standing ovation by politicians in the packed Bundestag, among them Olaf Scholz, the chancellor.

He praised both nations for their joint efforts to provide support for Ukraine. "The world has watched in horror - but we have not stood by," he said, hailing Germany's decision to send "such significant military support".

The monarch said he hoped his visit would "renew the special bond of friendship between our two countries" with both on a "path of peace".

He said that despite historical division, the relationship endured because "perhaps most importantly, for the last 50 years we have laughed together - both at each other and with each other".

He went on: "In Britain, Germany's comedy ambassador, Henning Wehn, has given us an understanding of German quirks, as Monty Python brought our own here.

"Like all old friends at moments, the warmth of our relationship allows a small smile at each other's expense."

The parliamentarians roared with laughter when he added that millions of Britons were known "to admire Berlin's vibrant culture and nightlife".

He also joked about the shared rivalry on the football pitch, bravely mentioning the Lionesses' recent defeat of Germany's women at Euro 2022.

Making references to Shakespeare, Turner's paintings of the Rhine, and the "pioneer of tourism" Thomas Cook, he added: "More recent generations may think as readily of the Beatles or Kraftwerk as they do of Brahms or Byron, but the web of cultural connections is as strong as ever. In just a few weeks, the astonishing music of Handel - who was born a German, and died British - will once again soar through Westminster Abbey at the Coronation."

Earlier in the day, the King swapped some Buckingham Palace honey for a basket of German honey as he and the Queen toured an organic food market.

The King later toured the Tegel Refugee Centre in Berlin where he met some of the ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** who have settled in Germany, and briefly joined in a game of table football.

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**Graphic**

The King briefly joined in a game of table football with displaced Ukrainians he met while visiting Tegel Refugee Centre in BerlinWIREIMAGE HUSSEIN/ SAMIR

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Ireland has a special legal right to opt out of EU migration and immigration rules, like Denmark, which has held talks with Rwanda about sending migrants to the east African state to have their asylum claims processed [*www.there.No*](http://www.there.No) 10 sources confirmed Mr Sunak was working on a "statement of intent" with like-minded countries like

Italy and Denmark to explore "alternative and untested" schemes that would act as a deterrent to migrants. This includes deals where migrants' claims are processed in third countries.

Both Mr Sunak and Mr Harris have claimed the apparent increase in migrants crossing to Ireland from the UK is evidence that even the threat of deportation to Rwanda is acting as a deterrent. Asylum seekers interviewed in Dublin by The Telegraph cited the prospect of removal to Rwanda as their reason for fleeing the UK.

Mr Harris has ordered his justice ministry to bring forward legislation to declare the UK a "safe" third country for asylum seekers, overturning an Irish high court judgement that ruled the UK was "unsafe" because of the risk of migrants being sent to Rwanda.

The new law - which mirrors Mr Sunak's own Safety of Rwanda Act - is designed to remove the legal block that would prevent asylum seekers being sent back to the UK despite Mr Sunak's refusal to accept them.

The Irish government has been contacted for comment, but Hermann Kelly, president of the Irish Freedom Party, said: "If a flight to Rwanda, or even a boat trip to Iceland acts as a deterrent, those proposals should certainly be examined and quickly."

The UK Government is gearing up for multiple legal challenges to its

Rwanda legislation from detained migrants as well as civil service unions.

The Telegraph can reveal that at least 100 migrants earmarked for deportation to Rwanda have been detained since Monday. They are being put in contact with lawyers to seek bail and challenge their removal, according to charities specialising in immigration detention.

The charity Care4Calais said it had been contacted by 90 asylum seekers earmarked for deportation to Rwanda who have been detained this week. Another charity, BID, said it had been contacted by eight prospective deportees. They will be put in contact with lawyers who will seek bail ahead of the flights in nine to 11 weeks and prepare legal challenges on the basis that they could be at risk of "serious and irreversible harm" if removed to Rwanda. Report: Page 8 Editorial Comment: Page 15 Features: Pages 4-5

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LIVING NEXT DOOR TO PUTIN BBC One, 8pm

For many people in Eastern Europe, the Russian invasion of Ukraine is a harbinger of things to come. In this engrossing two-part documentary, BBC journalist Katya Adler journeys through Russia's neighbouring nations to discover how they have each been aected by the war. She begins tonight in Poland: a haven for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** and a hostile environment for migrants from the Middle East, the latter of whom appear to be deliberately directed into the country by Russian ally Belarus.

Adler embeds herself with activists who are defying the police to provide them with

THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE BASED ON A PACK OF LIES BBC One, 9pm There is something thrilling about watching Alistair Petrie's suave con man work his sinister magic. Tonight he begins an elaborate scheme to swindle girlfriend Cheryl (Marianne Jean-Baptiste). Yet that charm transforms into something far nastier when he is confronted by ex-wife Alice (Rebekah Staton).

ULTIMATE WEDDING PLANNER BBC Two, 9pm The big day has arrived: the grand nale of "The Apprentice, but for weddings". The nal two humanitarian aid. She then travels north to Lithuania, where she learns about the geopolitical quirk that is Kaliningrad: a Russian semi-exclave on the Baltic Coast. Adler watches as a Kaliningrad train, bound for Russia, stops in Lithuania to have a GPS tracker tted.

"This is a bubble," Adler says, "travelling from Russia to Russia." In Latvia, meanwhile, the government is nervous about the sympathies of its ethnically Russian populace. In order to curb Putin's inuence, has banned Russian news and schools, but there is a risk that it could alienate them further. Stephen Kelly

Ultimate Wedding Planners: Aaron and Ordain planners, Chantelle and Toby, must organise an entire wedding from scratch in three days. Couple Aaron and Ordain want a Regency themed wedding, inspired by their love of Bridgerton.

STRANGER IN MY FAMILY BBC Three, 9pm Luke always felt di erent from his family. Growing up, he put this down to him being gay. But a DNA test revealed a more shocking answer: his dad is not his biological father. This moving documentary follows Luke to Portugal, to search for the man whom his mother met in a bar 30 years ago.

THE GREAT FLOOD OF ' Channel 5, 9pm In the summer of 2007, Great Britain suered its heaviest rainfall since records began. The results were catastrophic, with flooding destroying thousands of homes and businesses. This illuminating documentary charts those terrible months, which led to the biggest rescue operation in peacetime Britain and new legislation to reinforce the country's infrastructure.

Lucie Shorthouse stars in Henpocalypse!

HENPOCALYPSE! BBC Two, 10pm; not NI The penultimate episode of the post-apocalyptic comedy nds bride-tonot-be Zara (Lucie Shorthouse) coping badly with the eve of what would have been her wedding day. Hence the dress she has made out of curtains. As usual, the funniest scenes are reserved for Danny Dyer, who this week appears to Kate O'Flynn's delirious Jen as some kind of Viking god.

BENJAMIN, JOSHUA AND THE CROWN SHYNESS: STORYVILLE BBC Four, 10pm There is a lively rhythm to this Italian documentary, provided by fast, inventive editing, and its two energetic subjects: Benjamin and Joshua, identical twins who are struggling to navigate post-school life with an intellectual disability. Sassy and spirited, they are enjoyably crude company. SK

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Katya Adler explores Russia's neighbouring countries

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[*Europe blames Biden's 'hesitation' for not sending longer-range missiles to Ukraine*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6752-C4X1-JCBW-N06H-00000-00&context=1519360)

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EUROPE could send longer-range missiles to Ukraine if Joe Biden shows the "leadership" to approve the move, the EU said, in a row with the White House.

It came after the United States president appeared to suggest European allies were holding his country back from giving Kyiv the type of weapons it wants over their fears of triggering a third world war.

However, a diplomatic source insisted Europe was taking the White House's lead in Ukraine and blamed Washington's own hesitancy over escalating the conflict for the blockage.

"President Biden invested hundreds of hours with European politicians, and

Europe would have gone nowhere without Washington's leadership first," the source said.

It was said Europe would likely follow suit if Mr Biden sent Ukraine longer-range weapons that could be used for deep strikes into Russia. "It would be no different in this case," the source said.

The transatlantic row was triggered when Volodymyr Zelensky pushed Mr Biden for more offensive weapons rather than defensive hardware.

The Ukrainian president called for different types of weaponry to that already being supplied, including ATACMS - army tactical missile systems - that have a range nearly 200 miles.

Despite being Ukraine's most generous military backer with about $21.9billion (£18.1billion) of aid, Washington has avoided enabling or encouraging Kyiv's forces to conduct missile strikes inside Russia over fears of an escalation.

The Pentagon is wary that the Kremlin could react to such attacks by either using tactical nuclear weapons or targeting neighbouring Nato countries Without naming a European nation, Mr Biden told Mr Zelensky deliveries of longer-range weapons would have to wait because "they're not looking for a third world war". Mr Biden did not name any individual European countries he was referring to. He told Mr Zelensky: "You will never stand alone" and that "the American people are with you every step of the way."

The diplomatic source said Mr Biden's claim was inaccurate, and it was the US showing the most hesitance.

"The further away from the conflict the bigger the hesitation it seems: in and outside Europe," the source said.

"Seeing the Baltic and Polish posi tions, there seems to be a relationship between distance and vacillation."

Mr Biden's comments appeared to provoke resentment from some European member states.

One EU diplomat said: "He should come back when he cuts tariffs and absorbs ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** like we do."

'European politicians would have gone nowhere without Washington's leadership first'

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[*Let refugees choose from a list of homes, says Tory councillor*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:656N-MK11-DYTY-C48B-00000-00&context=1519360)

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***UKRAINIAN*** ***refugees*** should be able to pick British homes from a list made readily available, a Tory councillor who flew to Poland on a matching mission has told the Government.

Toby Illingworth, the chairman of Wealden Conservatives recently returned from the Polish border and is due to fly out again this weekend to continue his efforts to help refugees get to the UK.

He identified many issues that had arisen with regard to the Homes for Ukraine scheme while in Przemysl, 14 miles from the border.

"Many refugees don't even know about the Homes for Ukraine scheme or how to get a partner," he said.

"So, those Facebook groups are a great idea but there are a limited number of Ukrainians that know about them and will get a partner."

"The effective way to do this is to have people in Poland at every border post to help.

"In an ideal world the Government would allow charities at the border access to the databases.

"It would make an enormous difference,"

" he said. Mr Illingworth, who has teamed up with individuals and NGOs to create a matching service, is helping refugees get to various parts of the UK including 500 people he has matched with offers in Wales.

Despite the goodwill of many people in the UK - more than 150,000 people registered their interest in the scheme before its launch - some families have been too eager to take people in.

"There's a perception in the UK that if they sign up to the Homes for the Ukraine scheme then something will happen. They need to proactively seek out individuals or NGOs in Ukraine.

"Facebook groups have people at times who are desperate to help, but families end up taking only one person even though they've got three rooms."

The department for levelling up, housing and communities was contacted for comment.

'Many refugees don't know about the Homes for Ukraine scheme or how to get a partner'

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[*King's tour of Europe to thaw relations with leaders after Brexit*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:67P6-9F41-JCBW-N4BS-00000-00&context=1519360)

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THE King and the Queen Consort were asked to visit Europe on their first state tour as part of the Government's "wider strategy" to foster closer ties post- Brexit.

Buckingham Palace confirmed yesterday that the couple will visit France and Germany next month to celebrate the UK's relationship with both countries and "our shared histories, culture and values". Royal sources stressed that all tours were undertaken at the request of the Government and that the forthcoming visit followed early invitations from presidents Emmanuel Macron and Frank-Walter Steinmeier.

A Foreign Office official said it made "absolute sense" for the King to visit the UK's closest neighbours based on the need for strong relationships.

The six-day tour will take in Paris, Bordeaux, Berlin and Hamburg.

The couple will become the first British royals to visit a memorial to Allied bombing in Hamburg and the first heads of state to receive a ceremonial welcome with military honours at the Brandenburg Gate.

It had been widely expected that the monarch would make his first state visit to a Commonwealth realm to shore up support as many contemplate becoming republics.

However, the decision to favour Europe is understood to underline the Government's desire to build on historical ties in the wake of Brexit. The shorter journey times were also a factor ahead of the May 6 Coronation.

The announcement comes amid claims that the King was used as a political pawn after meeting Ursula von der Leyen, the president of the European Commission, last week when the Government agreed a new Brexit deal for Northern Ireland in Windsor.

A royal source said of the forthcoming tour: "The fact that the programme has so many unique ceremonial ele ments to it does reflect the strength of the relationship and something of the fact that this is the first state visit of their majesties' reign.

"The atmosphere in which this has all been planned has been extraordinarily positive.

"Their Majesties are very alive to the particular context of Ukraine at the moment, which is obviously one of the challenges that we are facing together with Europe."

The tour will focus on a variety of issues including climate change, trade and investment and arts and culture. There will be state banquets at the Palace of Versailles, in Paris, and Schloss Bellevue, in Berlin, and visits to an organic vineyard and a meeting with ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***.

The tour will begin on March 26 in Paris, where the King and Queen Consort will join Mr Macron and his wife, Brigitte, for a remembrance ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe before processing down the Champs-Élysées to the Élysée Palace.

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[*UK-Kyiv uranium deal 'further isolates Putin'; Government guarantees £192million loan to stop Russia weaponising power supply over coming winter*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:690W-4GS1-JCBW-N0CV-00000-00&context=1519360)

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BRITAIN is nancing an enriched uranium deal to help Ukraine run its nuclear power plants over the winter and further "isolate" Vladimir Putin.

The new arrangement sees the Government guarantee a £192million loan to minimise blackouts in Ukraine in the months ahead. It will support more enriched uranium being provided by Urenco, a UK-headquartered company, to Ukraine's Energoatom, which runs 15 power plants in the country.

Last winter, Russian forces targeted Ukraine's energy supplies as part of its invasion.

This week, Grant Shapps, the Energy Security Secretary, made a surprise trip to Ukraine and saw damage to a nuclear power plant from a Russian attack.

Writing in The Daily Telegraph today, Mr Shapps explains how the deal will undermine Putin by making Ukraine less vulnerable to such tactics.

He wrote: "Last winter, Ukrainians stood resilient against a barrage of blackouts, never knowing if the lights would stay on or if they could keep their homes warm in sub-zero temperatures.

"We have supported them on repairs and today, our actions go a step further, paving the way towards a £192million nuclear fuel nancing agreement.

"This will bolster Ukraine's energy security by supplying vital fuel for the country's plants over the winter. And it will further isolate Putin."

Nuclear power generates more than half of Ukraine's electricity, but many plants used Russian-enriched uranium to function, which is now less possible.

The deal will see Urenco, which has a business relationship dating back to 2009 with Energoatom, widen its provision of enriched uranium to Ukraine.

Boris Schucht, the chief executive of Urenco, said: "We are actively discussing longer-term supply with Energoatom and are ready to play our part in supporting their future.

"We have the capacity to meet current demand for uranium enrichment services and options to increase this to provide an enhanced offering globally. Collaboration from governments, such as the UK with this agreement, is critical to facilitate this."

Mr Shapps became the latest Cabinet minister to visit Ukraine, following the Prime Minister, James Cleverly, the Foreign Secretary; and Ben Wallace, the Defence Secretary.

Mr Shapps met Petro Kotin, Energoatom's president, to discuss the deal, as well as Oleksandr Kubrakov, Ukraine's deputy prime minister for restoration, and German Galushchenko, the country's energy minister.

There continue to be concerns about Zaporizhzhia, Europe's largest nuclear power plant, which is located in Ukraine and controlled by the Russians.

There have been reports of deliberate Russian attacks on vital water supplies to the plant. It is unclear if these were an attempt to inuence control or genuine attempts at disruption.

Mr Shapps is also one of many politicians who took in ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** through the UK Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme.

Mr Shapps wrote of the disruption of the war: "I heard about this terrifying ordeal first hand from Snezhana Chaykina, her young son Nikita, and his grandmother Hanna, who stayed with my family."

'Last winter, Ukrainians stood resilient against blackouts, never knowing if the lights would stay on'

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[*Council charges to host a Syrian refugee but not a Ukrainian one*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6532-9GX1-DYTY-C1MT-00000-00&context=1519360)

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BORIS JOHNSON'S local council has charged householders for offering their homes to Syrian refugees but not for Ukrainian ones in a move that has prompted complaints of discrimination.

The council told a householder she would lose her single person's discount - worth around £500 a year - if she took in refugees from countries other than Ukraine under the Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme.

Sara Nathan, co-founder of Refugees at Home, said the charity was "aston ished and disappointed" at the "dis criminatory" decision, which it believes has been replicated by other councils.

The policy emerged after a 71-yearold widow was told last month by Hillingdon council, which covers Mr Johnson's constituency of Uxbridge and South Ruislip, that her council tax discount would be docked for hosting a Syrian refugee while he underwent four weeks of job training.

Elaine, who did not give her last name, said she had decided to inform the council when she offered to take in the 32-year-old. It was the first time she had taken in a refugee and the council replied last month: "If another adult moves into the property the single person's discount will need to be removed."

She replied :"I don't see why I should be penalised for doing something for charity because there is no question of hosts being paid for anyone staying with them." Hillingdon replied that it would continue to honour the single person discount for those eligible to host ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***.

Ms Nathan said: "These refugees have fled the same bombs, often in similar circumstances. We don't under stand why they are seen as unworthy of a generous welcome."

A council spokesman last night indicated it could reverse its decision: "We will not knowingly remove the discount from a council tax payer housing for free a refugee from any country. If residents housing refugees have had their single person discount removed we will... reinstate it."

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[*Invasion has flipped Tory attitudes on asylum; Sketch*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:64WY-0PJ1-DYTY-C2FY-00000-00&context=1519360)

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Labour MPs are now wearing blue-and-yellow ribbons, the Tories are sporting UK/Ukraine badges, and two MPs attended home office questions dressed as Ukrainian flags. It's only a matter of time before hats are sold outside Westminster.

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[*Police checks for residents offering refuge to Ukrainians*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:650G-N341-JCBW-N096-00000-00&context=1519360)

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MEMBERS of the public who apply to take in ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** will have to undergo background checks overseen by the Government to make sure they are suitable, it has emerged.

Applicants will also have to personally name the Ukrainians they wish to house rather than be offered an individual to support via a council or central government.

It is also understood that the £350-a-month "thank you" payment is only due to last a year, despite refugees being able to stay in the UK for up to three years.

The details of the new "Homes for Ukraine" scheme emerged as refugee charities questioned whether the new route for refugees was too bureaucratic.

Michael Gove, the Levelling Up Secretary, who designed the new scheme, said yesterday that just over 3,000 UK visas had been issued to Ukrainians since the conflict began.

In contrast, Poland has taken in 1.65million Ukrainians, Hungary about 250,000 and Slovakia almost 200,000, according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The portal for the "Homes for

Ukraine" scheme launches today, with people and businesses able to register an interest in offering accommodation.

Government sources close to the scheme have argued that getting people and firms to name the Ukrainians they hope to take in is the quickest way to get them into the country.

The Refugee Council said a naming scheme meant the refugee programme "will inevitably be restricted to those who are known to people in the UK".

Charities and other philanthropic organisations could end up connecting members of the public who want to take in refugees, though no such set-up exists yet. There are concerns relying on connections made over the internet and through social media will disadvantage elderly people hoping to offer rooms.

The background checks are con ducted to make sure the person in the UK offering to take in Ukrainian refu gees is a suitable host. Any proposed sponsor with a criminal record is expected to be blocked from taking part.

Mr Gove called on individuals and businesses to consider offering rooms and said he was looking into doing so himself. Sir Keir Starmer, Labour's leader, has also offered to take in a refugee. Q&A: Page 8

'The refugee scheme will inevitably be restricted to Ukrainians who are known to people in the UK'

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[*This is the Ukraine book you must read; The first full study of the war, from the trenches of Mariupol to Moscow politics, sets a high standard*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:66V9-JWJ1-DYTY-C17P-00000-00&context=1519360)

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OVERREACH by Owen Matthews 414pp, Mudlark, T £19.99 (0844 871 1514), RRP £25, ebook £14.99 \*\*\*\*\*

After 27 years as a Moscow correspondent, Spectator journalist Owen Matthews found his contacts book shrinking within days of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Some of his confidants were scared to speak, others fled abroad or reverted to Cold War-style meetings in public parks. The few still willing to talk often did so while drowning their sorrows in bars - contemplating their future in a pariah nation, and envying even ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***.

"The world is on their side," one old friend tells Matthews, while doomscrolling the news at her barstool. "But Russians? Everyone hates Russians. Even most Russians hate people like us, who are against the regime."

Amid the despair, there is also defiance. While Moscow's liberal middle class buy expensive oneway tickets into exile, oligarchs who prospered from government contracts have no choice but to stay behind, toasting farewell to the "good times" with their best claret. A few of Matthews's acquaintances turn defensive, accusing Ukrainian friends of believing "fake" pictures of the massacres at Bucha.

By mid-March, even Matthews himself has to leave for a while, fearing that his 19-year-old son, a

Russian passport-holder, may get drafted. Yet amid this chaos and personal upheaval, he has produced a book that is not merely the first full account of the war in Ukraine, but one that may set the standard for some time to come.

Written at what must have been supersonic speed, Overreach is a remarkable achievement, with Matthews's expert eye like an allseeing drone, buzzing from one side of the conflict to the other. We drop in everywhere from Putin's long white table to Zelensky's bunker, via the siege of Kyiv and the trenches of Mariupol.

True, this is not a classic war reporter's tale of frontline action. Some of Matthews's accounts of key battles, for example, are not firsthand, but recreated through interviews and cuttings. In recounting how Kremlin troops were woefully ill-prepared, for example, he draws on testimony to a Ukrainian warcrimes court by a young Russian squaddie who pleaded guilty to shooting a civilian after his armoured convoy was ambushed.

The use of second-hand sources, though, is the only way to provide a proper overview: in a war this big, no reporter can be everywhere. And besides, this book goes much deeper, charting how the dream of reclaiming Moscow's old empire went from "the marginal fringes of Russian politics to become official Kremlin policy".

According to Matthews, Putin's grudge against Ukraine goes back not just to its 2004 Orange Revolution, but to 1991, when its people followed the Baltic States in voting overwhelmingly for independence.

To Ukrainians, this was payback for the Chernobyl disaster and decades of Kremlin repression. To Putin, it was the single betrayal that brought about the collapse of the Soviet Union, depriving the old empire of one of its most industrialised zones. Matthews casts the Russian leader as a humiliated bully, seeking redress. As one government minister tells the author: "Russia's might and empire could indeed be restored through military aggression... and Russian voters were sick of weakness and admired strength."

Thus did Putin fall in with the Orthodox Church-influenced far- Right, who see Mother Russia as the last bastion of traditional Christian values. We meet zealots such as Alexander Dugin, a white-bearded Soviet-era intellectual who is a kind of anti-Vaclav Havel, quoting Heidegger as he rails against godless Western liberalism. And we tune into religious broadcasting like Tsargrad TV - Orthodoxy's answer to Fox News - where moral rot is blamed on gays and human-rights busybodies funded by George Soros. The invasion, says Matthews, was "the final triumph of an elderly Russia over a young one, of paranoid Sovietminded conspiracy theorists over... post-Soviet practical capitalists".

Even the timing of the invasion was influenced by geriatric concerns. While it was partly just an unholy alignment of planets - a West weakened by Covid and last year's disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan - it was also now or never. At 70, Putin was already two years past the life expectancy of the average Russian male, and would be a "lame duck" in five years.

His inner clique, it seems, knew the war would isolate Moscow internationally, but figured it was still worth it. By turning Russia into somewhere that no liberal wanted to live, they could ensure power passed to their own children, many of whom already hold top government jobs. A country where millions died in socialism's name now resembles the hereditary tsarist aristocracy before it.

Matthews's analysis of why the invasion has foundered also offers insights. He challenges, for example, the notion of Kyiv's armed forces as outnumbered amateurs, pointing out that during the past eight years of the simmering Donbas conflict, some 900,000 Ukrainians have served, "making a vast reserve force with recent combat experience".

Yet in a war already extensively reported from the Ukrainian side, it is Matthews's take from Russia that may jolt readers the most. Russians, he points out, are long used to hardship, so despite the misery caused by sanctions and mobilisation, things would have to get "far, far worse" for any anti-Putin uprising.

Nor, in a country that still suffers an "addiction to imperial fantasies", is it likely that Putin's replacement will be Gorbachev 2.0. Nationalism, Matthews says, is a far more powerful current in Russia than pro-Western liberalism. He adds: "A military defeat at the hands of Nato weaponry would likely strengthen, not weaken, that tendency."

This is a grim conclusion - and very different from the cheerleading optimism that has informed much of the conflict's coverage so far. Indeed, parts of this book left me wanting a stiff drink, like Matthews's old Moscow pals. But as a historical rough draft of this major conflict, it's compelling - if uncomfortable - reading.

His Moscow friends even envy ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***: 'The world is on their side'

**Graphic**

'Addiction to imperial fantasies': a local boy plays on a rusting Russian tank near Bucha, Ukraine, in July

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UKRAINIAN saboteurs filmed themselves planting explosives on Russian attack helicopters in an audacious clandestine raid on an air base about 500 miles from the Ukrainian border.

Two Russian Ka-52 attack helicopters were destroyed and another two were badly damaged in the attack at the Veretye air base in the Pskov region on Monday, the military intelligence department of the Ukrainian Defence Ministry said.

The daring raid would mark the farthest point into Russia that Ukrainian saboteurs have operated so far.

As with many other suspected Ukrainian attacks, Kyiv's military intelligence agency stopped short of claiming responsibility.

The Ukrainian news website Obozrevatel yesterday published a video purporting to show the raid, displaying a masked operative on the tarmac at the air base. Dressed in camouflage clothes and black gloves, an unidentified man can be seen assembling explosive devices before walking past several helicopters and planting the bomb under the wing of one of them.

Russian media outlets reported the explosions at the airfield, which lies just 15 miles from the border with Latvia, on Monday, but Russia's defence ministry is yet to comment.

Baza, a news service that has links to Russian security services, quoted an unnamed Russian officer as saying that the explosion "was so powerful that the aircraft's debris was scattered about 200 metres (650ft) away".

Baza reported yesterday that Russian military personnel discovered another improvised explosive device equivalent to 400g of TNT attached to the body of one of the helicopters. Previous sus pected

Ukrainian acts of sabotage hit targets in Russian-occupied Crimea or in southern Russia - all relatively close to the border. But the Pskov region of north-western Russia lies hundreds of miles from Ukrainian territory.

The region experienced an influx of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** this summer, many of whom crossed into neighbouring

Estonia and Latvia having been deported from Ukraine by Russian forces.

Ukrainian special forces or saboteurs have been blamed for several attacks on air bases since the war began. In August, at least nine warplanes were destroyed or damaged in an attack on the Saky air base in Crimea. Days later, plumes of black smoke were seen rising from another Russian air base near the town of Gvardeyskoye, in Crimea, after a series of explosions.

Security at the Veretye base has apparently been lax for years.

In 2019, a Russian photographer managed to enter the airfield unhin dered and take pictures of Ka-52s.

An unnamed official in the Pskov region yesterday told Radio Free Europe that the airfield was poorly guarded and easy to access. "It's fairly easy to get into that military unit," the official said. "There is zero security."

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[*Cameron: We must adapt on foreign aid; Foreign Secretary says new international aid plan 'must benefit British people as well as the world'*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:69NV-PC51-JCBW-N0HB-00000-00&context=1519360)

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BRITAIN'S foreign aid approach must "adapt to new realities", Lord Cameron will say today, as he endorses a plan underpinned by the shelving of his flagship 0.7 per cent pledge.

In a foreword to the Government's new international development strategy, the former prime minister will say the approach must benefit British people as well as the world.

The contribution amounts to one of Lord Cameron's first substantial policy declarations since his surprise return to the Government when appointed Foreign Secretary last Monday.

As part of his Conservative Party modernisation project when leader, Lord Cameron made spending 0.7 per cent of GDP on foreign aid a central promise which was written into law.

But Rishi Sunak, when Chancellor, quietly shelved the target, instead vowing to spend 0.5 per cent on foreign aid and return to 0.7 per cent only when government debt starts falling.

The Prime Minister has also been accused of hollowing out the overseas aid budget by using some of the money to pay for hotel bills for housing ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** in the UK.

The white paper being unveiled on Monday was put together by Andrew Mitchell, a Foreign Office minister who has championed development aid.

It contains endorsements from lead- ing figures in the aid debate including Bill Gates, the Microsoft founder and philanthropist, and Dr Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury.

In line with the strategy's release, the Government has announced up to £100 million for food security crises and their impacts in the world's hunger and malnutrition hotspots.

The white paper is underpinned by the decision to spend 0.5 per cent of GDP on foreign aid rather than 0.7 per cent, though the strategy focuses on approach not budget issues.

In Lord Cameron's foreword, seen by The Daily Telegraph, he praises the "sustainable development goals" set at a United Nations summit in 2015, when he was prime minister.

He goes on: "This destination remains unchanged. But our approach needs to adapt to new realities. The white paper captures how we are doing that."

He adds: "Today's answer cannot be about rich countries 'doing development' to others. We need to work together as partners, shaping narratives which developing countries own and deliver. Development cannot be a closed shop, where we try to help other countries and communities without heeding their vision for the future.

"Development has the capacity to save and improve lives. It is part of a moral mission. And in a world of illegal migration, climate change, instability and conflict, it is essential for our own security and prosperity as well. We are global. We are interconnected. We need to do development smartly, for the benefit of the British people and the world."

Back in November 2020, Lord Cameron criticised the abandonment of the 0.7 per cent aid target, saying: "These were brilliant things that we were doing, and I think it's sad that we are standing back from that."

On entering Government last week, he addressed his past criticisms of Mr Sunak, tweeting that "though I may have disagreed with some individual decisions, it is clear to me that Rishi Sunak is a strong and capable Prime Minister".

The white paper's release has been timed to coincide with the Global Food Security Summit which is being held in London.

Mr Mitchell, an international development minister, said: "Many children go to bed hungry and malnourished. At this summit, the UK and its partners will be united in our determination to change that. Cutting edge science and innovative partnerships will help Britain create a healthier, more secure and prosperous world for us all.

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The migrants would be GPS tracked in real time and required to report via text or in person to immigration ocers multiple times a day. Any attempt to remove the tag and abscond would result in any right to bail or to remain in the UK being automatically withdrawn.

Ministers have been forced to consider new measures as they fear they could soon run out of spaces in immigration detention centres and asylum accommodation in seeking to put Rishi Sunak's "stop the boats" law into e ect.

The Illegal Migration Act which received royal assent on July 20 gives ministers powers to detain any migrant who arrives in the UK illegally after that date for at least 28 days before deporting them to a safe third country such as Rwanda or their home nation.

However, there are only 2,500 spaces in detention centres and the Rwanda ights are grounded until the new year as a result of a legal challenge. A further 2,000 places are planned but the first will only become available next year.

Ministers have commissioned two disused RAF bases at Wethersfield in Essex and Scampton in Lincolnshire and the Bibby barge in Portland, Dorset, to house Channel migrants and asylum seekers, but these are only earmarked so far to take about 4,200 people.

With the continued surge in small boat Channel crossing and 51,000 asylum seekers currently in hotels costing the Home Office £6 million a day, ministers are therefore considering a major expansion of tagging to cope with the migrant accommodation crisis. More than 19,000 migrants have reached the UK across the Channel so far this year. Although down 15 per cent at the same time last year, 2,240 crossed last week alone, enough to ll most of the detention centre capacity.

The Refugee Council has claimed as many as 190,000 migrants could be left in limbo in the UK over the next three years even if the supreme court gives the green light to deportation ights to Rwanda and the Home Oce manages to deport 10,000 a year there.

"Tagging is being discussed as an option," said one Government source.

The Home Office has increased its use of GPS tagging for migrants and foreign criminals as part of a trial of the technology launched last June.

It had increased to nearly 4,000 tags at the end of June, an eightfold rise on the 500 in September 2021. It means that half of all individuals on GPS tags are migrants or foreign criminals.

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A Home O ce spokesman said: "Our GPS tracking pilot aims to test whether electronic monitoring is effective at improving and maintaining regular contact with asylum seekers who arrive in the UK via unnecessary and dangerous routes and more effectively progress their claims toward conclusion."

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He said "hard choices" were required to balance the books and help Scots through the cost of living crisis, and the cuts represented "the harsh reality" of Holyrood having a "fixed budget and limited powers".

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But he refused to touch £20million allocated next year to staging another independence referendum, arguing this was "necessary to ensure Scotland can decide our own future and get out of this". The Scottish Tories attacked the SNP's "skewed, self-serving priorities", with Ms Sturgeon's government pro tecting "spending on their pet obses sion" while insisting they have no choice but to cut public services.

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Ever since the fall of the Berlin Wall made the global movement of people easier, successive governments have adopted a variety of policies to control immigration. Their principal aim has been to deter economic migrants from seeking a new life in the UK, either by claiming asylum or entering the country illegally.

In 2003, the Labour government proposed a "new vision" for the management of asylum seekers that involved sending them to "regional protection zones" outside the EU for processing.

The idea was rejected, but almost 20 years on, Priti Patel, the Home Secretary, is in Rwanda, where UK asylum centres are to be set up using powers contained in legislation currently before Parliament. The partnership is based loosely on the Australian approach which for years saw asylum seekers sent to Papua New Guinea for checks.

The policy is a response to the growing number of migrants seeking entry to the UK by crossing the Channel in small boats. Last year, 28,000 made the dangerous crossing and some drowned. This year the expectation is that some 65,000 may risk the journey. Every attempt to stop this traffic has failed, from seeking French help to an attempted crackdown on trafficking gangs.

Governments have previously tried detention, dispersal, deportations and sundry other methods of control to discourage economic migrants, to no avail. The fact is that other pull factors such as a generous welfare system, free health care and family unification are stronger. Offshore processing is essentially a response to the failure of these other deterrence measures and will meet as much resistance today as Labour's proposed scheme did 20 years ago. It is also expensive and will invite human rights challenges in the courts, notwithstanding the recent changes in the law.

Given the Home Office's abject failure to sort out visas for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** entitled to come to the UK, there are questions as to whether it can successfully pull off what, by any measure, is a radical alternative strategy to control illegal migration.

The Channel operations are to be assumed by the Royal Navy, an indication of a lack of confidence in the Border Force and a questionable use of military resources at a time of international crisis.

Nonetheless, politicians and the public say they want illegal immigration curbed. But are they prepared to support the means of doing so?

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A QUARTER of Britons who took Ukrainians into their homes want to end the arrangement after six months, raising the prospects of thousands of refugees being made homeless.

A survey of 17,000 Britons who participated in the Homes for Ukraine scheme by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) found 26 per cent did not want to continue the arrangement beyond six months.

A quarter of those blamed cost of living concerns for prompting them to rethink their commitment to the scheme, which was launched in March and has involved about 75,000 refugees settling in the UK.

Sponsors provide accommodation in their own home for a minimum of six months, receiving £350 a month from the Government for doing so.

The ONS survey found six out of 10 sponsors were happy to accommodate their Ukrainian guests for more than the agreed minimum, with almost a quarter saying they would be prepared to continue the arrangement for more than a year.

However, almost all sponsors said they had provided support and help to their guests that went beyond the official arrangement.

Eight out of 10 said they had given them food, two-thirds had helped them find work and 45 per cent had provided financial support. Four in 10 said they might be prepared to host for longer if there was more financial help.

The ONS research also found that 18 per cent of those signed up for the scheme were still waiting for guests to move in.

The scheme was set up by the Government to help those fleeing Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and worked alongside the Ukraine Family Scheme - which allowed refugees to join relatives already living in the UK.

The ONS surveyed all adults regis tered with the scheme as of July 7, in collaboration with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with 17,702 people responding.

Figures show 145 placements have ended with ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** becoming homeless, 90 because the relationship broke down and 55 where the accommodation was deemed unsuitable before they moved in.

Tim Gibbs, from the ONS, said: "We see a lot of generosity and goodwill in what hosts report doing for their guests.

"The majority are still hosting and many indicate a willingness to host beyond the initial six months.

"However, we also see the additional work and expense involved in hosting with some saying more support would be welcomed."

Refugees minister Lord Harrington said the vast majority of sponsors wanted to provide support for longer than six months which was a "testament to the goodwill the British public has shown the people of Ukraine since tanks first rolled across the border".

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[*Ukrainian news channel arrives in UK*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6549-YM01-JCBW-N1XM-00000-00&context=1519360)

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A UKRAINIAN rolling news channel leading a fightback against Kremlin propaganda about the Russian invasion is now available to British viewers.

Ukraina 24 is now broadcast on Britain's biggest free-to-air television service to ensure refugees reaching the UK can access impartial news in their own language.

The 24-hour network that features content from seven Ukrainian broadcasters is available on Freeview through Channelbox, a service offering 35 news and entertainment channels to TVs with an internet connection.

The channel broadcast from Kyiv is arriving on UK shores following an agreement struck between Channelbox and the Association for Interna tional Broadcasting.

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Simon Spanswick, the association's chief executive, said it had been working to bring the channel to the UK since Vladimir Putin launched his invasion at the end of February.

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JOE "We wanted to make a contribution to support Ukraine and its citizens," he added. "Bringing Ukraina 24 to viewers in the UK, whether expatriates or refugees, helps maintain links at the most difficult times of their lives." Ukraina 24 is being produced by 1+1 International, Ukraine 24, Inter +, ICTV, UATV and Suspilne media companies in an attempt to create accurate and impartial news that defies disinformation peddled by Russia.

It is available on Freeview channel 271 or on smartphones by downloading the Channelbox app.

Its debut in Britain comes less than a month after the media regula tor permanently banned RT after ruling that it was "not fit" to broadcast following a wave of potential impartiality breaches.

Ofcom said it was impossible for RT to comply with its broadcasting rules since Mr Putin outlawed inde pendent journalism by punishing journalists with up to 15 years in prison if they failed to tow the Kremlin party line.

RT was previously fined £200,000 by Ofcom in 2019 for breaching impartiality rules over its reporting of the Salisbury poisonings and the war in Syria.

Britain is poised to welcome tens of thousands of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** after 150,000 people showed an interest in housing those fleeing the war.

Tanya Kronfli, of Channelbox, said: "We are honoured to be part of this project and to be able to help people of Ukraine to have access to the news from home.

"This is true lifeline broadcasting and demonstrates the way that modern technologies like connected TVs are able to support people at times of crisis."

**Graphic**

A family mourns the loss of a relative in Lviv. Yuriy Oliynyk was killed while fighting the Russians in east UkraineGETTY RAEDLE/ JOE

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A quarter of those blamed cost of living concerns for prompting them to rethink their commitment to the scheme, which was launched in March and has involved about 75,000 refugees settling in the UK.

Sponsors provide accommodation in their own home for a minimum of six months, receiving £350 a month from the Government for doing so.

The ONS survey found six out of 10 sponsors were happy to accommodate their Ukrainian guests for more than the agreed minimum, with almost a quarter saying they would be prepared to continue the arrangement for more than a year.

However, almost all sponsors said they had provided support and help to their guests that went beyond the official arrangement.

Eight out of 10 said they had given them food, two-thirds had helped them find work and 45 per cent had provided financial support. Four in 10 said they might be prepared to host for longer if there was more financial help.

The ONS research also found that 18 per cent of those signed up for the scheme were still waiting for guests to move in.

The scheme was set up by the Government to help those fleeing Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and worked alongside the Ukraine Family Scheme - which allowed refugees to join relatives already living in the UK.

The ONS surveyed all adults regis tered with the scheme as of July 7, in collaboration with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with 17,702 people responding.

Figures show 145 placements have ended with ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** becoming homeless, 90 because the relationship broke down and 55 where the accommodation was deemed unsuitable before they moved in.

Tim Gibbs, from the ONS, said: "We see a lot of generosity and goodwill in what hosts report doing for their guests.

"The majority are still hosting and many indicate a willingness to host beyond the initial six months.

"However, we also see the additional work and expense involved in hosting with some saying more support would be welcomed."

Refugees minister Lord Harrington said the vast majority of sponsors wanted to provide support for longer than six months which was a "testament to the goodwill the British public has shown the people of Ukraine since tanks first rolled across the border".

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A UKRAINIAN rolling news channel leading a fightback against Kremlin propaganda about the Russian invasion is now available to British viewers.

Ukraina 24 is now broadcast on Britain's biggest free-to-air television service to ensure refugees reaching the UK can access impartial news in their own language.

The 24-hour network that features content from seven Ukrainian broadcasters is available on Freeview through Channelbox, a service offering 35 news and entertainment channels to TVs with an internet connection.

The channel broadcast from Kyiv is arriving on UK shores following an agreement struck between Channelbox and the Association for Interna tional Broadcasting.

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Simon Spanswick, the association's chief executive, said it had been working to bring the channel to the UK since Vladimir Putin launched his invasion at the end of February.

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JOE "We wanted to make a contribution to support Ukraine and its citizens," he added. "Bringing Ukraina 24 to viewers in the UK, whether expatriates or refugees, helps maintain links at the most difficult times of their lives." Ukraina 24 is being produced by 1+1 International, Ukraine 24, Inter +, ICTV, UATV and Suspilne media companies in an attempt to create accurate and impartial news that defies disinformation peddled by Russia.

It is available on Freeview channel 271 or on smartphones by downloading the Channelbox app.

Its debut in Britain comes less than a month after the media regula tor permanently banned RT after ruling that it was "not fit" to broadcast following a wave of potential impartiality breaches.

Ofcom said it was impossible for RT to comply with its broadcasting rules since Mr Putin outlawed inde pendent journalism by punishing journalists with up to 15 years in prison if they failed to tow the Kremlin party line.

RT was previously fined £200,000 by Ofcom in 2019 for breaching impartiality rules over its reporting of the Salisbury poisonings and the war in Syria.

Britain is poised to welcome tens of thousands of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** after 150,000 people showed an interest in housing those fleeing the war.

Tanya Kronfli, of Channelbox, said: "We are honoured to be part of this project and to be able to help people of Ukraine to have access to the news from home.

"This is true lifeline broadcasting and demonstrates the way that modern technologies like connected TVs are able to support people at times of crisis."

**Graphic**

A family mourns the loss of a relative in Lviv. Yuriy Oliynyk was killed while fighting the Russians in east UkraineGETTY RAEDLE/ JOE

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[*The West faces an energy conundrum; established 1855*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:64Y6-TYD1-JCBW-N1B5-00000-00&context=1519360)

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The ultimate sanction against Russia for invading Ukraine is an embargo on its sales of oil and gas. Impounding the yachts of billionaire oligarchs is incidental to the true source of financing for Vladimir Putin's war - energy exports.

Last Friday, as rockets rained down on civilian areas, Shell stepped in to the market to buy a substantial quantity of Russian oil at a heavily discounted price. This was not in breach of the sanctions because they do not cover energy sales.

Such was the obloquy heaped on Shell that it subsequently pledged to give any profits to a relief fund for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***. The company said that, while it was appalled by the events in Ukraine, "we currently purchase it … to ensure that we continue the production of essential fuels and products that people and businesses rely on every day." Herein lies the conundrum. People in the West are horrified by what is going on in Ukraine but how much disruption to their own lives are they prepared to put up with to demonstrate their concern?

Shell was buying the oil to meet consumer demand in the absence of any other immediately available sources. It may be possible to find alternatives but it will take time, assuming other producers are ready to play ball. An embargo on Russian oil would have a massive knock-on impact on the global economy, not just Russia's, as was apparent from the fall in global stock markets.

To a great extent a de facto embargo is already in place since traders are largely shunning Russian crude. Shell bought at a heavily discounted price because the producers are struggling to offload it. As storage sites fill up, Russia will be forced to cut production with potentially calamitous consequences for its industry.

On the markets, the price of a barrel is now at a 10-year high, which means bonanza revenues for Russia if it could sell the oil at spot prices. An embargo would make any such purchases unlawful and seriously harm Putin even if he were able to sell some to China. But there can be no pretence that it will not damage Western economies, though America is much less exposed than Europe, where there is little appetite for an embargo as was clear at the No 10 summit yesterday.

The added danger is that such a move reinforces Putin's domestic narrative that the West has ganged up on Russia. Death by a thousand cuts might be a better option.

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Boris Johnson may be finding support thin on the ground at home but in one place he was guaranteed a warm welcome yesterday: Ukraine. The Prime Minister travelled to Kyiv as part of a concerted Western effort to show support for the beleaguered country in the face of Russian aggression.

The prime ministers of the Netherlands and Poland were also in the Ukrainian capital to show their solidarity amid criticism of other EU countries, notably Germany, for seemingly refusing to take the threat seriously.

There have been calls for countries such as the US and the UK to tone down their predictions of imminent combat for fear of exacerbating tensions. A school of thought has developed to maintain that the deployment of 100,000 Russian troops, tanks and missiles to the Ukrainian border is a bluff by Vladimir Putin, who has never had any intention of invading.

It is still not clear whether he will or not. But if the Kremlin's sabre-rattling had been ignored, the Russian leader would have seen that as evidence of the Western weakness he seeks to exploit.

Ukraine's president Volodymyr Zelensky is in no doubt that the very public support for his country has helped. It has certainly given Mr Putin pause for thought and encouraged the continuation of diplomatic efforts to give him a way to climb down.

The countries that have most at stake are not Britain and France but Poland and the Baltic states, which have good historic reasons to be deeply suspicious of Russian intentions. The Poles are sending defensive weaponry, including drones and anti-aircraft missiles, to Ukraine and are preparing for a potential big influx of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***.

Kyiv needs financial help as much as it needs military hardware and the UK has advanced some £88million to promote stable governance and energy independence from Russia. But it is the Kremlin's hold over gas supplies to Europe that remains the biggest brake on the commitment of Germany and other countries like Italy, much of whose gas comes through Ukraine.

Russia has been warned that it faces a bloody fight if it invades and the full force of international sanctions will be brought to bear. But new laws targeting the assets of Russians in the UK are all well and good except that similar pledges were made in 2014 when Crimea was annexed but made little difference. To be effective such threats need to be credible.

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[*Mass migration is dashing Sinn Fein's dreams; While it brags about Irish unity, the party is facing trouble with voters given its pro-immigration stance*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6B7D-K3Y1-DYTY-C19W-00000-00&context=1519360)

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**Body**

On the one hand, Mary Lou McDonald, Sinn Fein president and leader of the opposition in the Republic of Ireland, is triumphant. This week, predicting the imminent elevation of her vice president, Michelle O'Neill, to be first minister of Northern Ireland, she declared that it would mean Irish unity was "within touching distance".

On the other, she is staying very quiet about some serious, unexpected challenges facing her party.

With the next Irish general election due by March 2025, McDonald has been confidently predicting that Sinn Fein will soon be in government north and south of the border, prompting a border poll in which people of both jurisdictions will vote yes to end partition, and everyone will live happily ever after.

Never mind that, to the clearminded, it is obvious that an awful lot of people in the South are not interested in Northerners of any politics, are happy with their country as it is, don't want to import new tensions or make concessions to Unionists, and, when the chips were down, would vote against unity.

Sinn Fein now faces a wider problem. As the electorate of the Republic has become increasingly exercised about mass immigration, the party is splitting over what line to take.

Until now, strategic decisions in

Sinn Fein have been taken smoothly. The party is intensely secretive in its practices. Leaders and policies are imposed and dissenters generally find themselves capitulating or leaving.

The desire for power had produced a coherent political strategy: all sacred cows other than a united 32 counties and support for Palestinians could be slaughtered if it was deemed necessary to maintain Sinn Fein's progressive image, which included its traditional enthusiasm for immigrants and asylum seekers.

And the general view was that, unlike their oppressors, the racist Brits, the Irish knew what it was to have to leave your country and so embraced immigrants with a spirit not unlike that of Angela Merkel. Their generosity was such that even ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** (100,000 at one stage) in other European countries flocked to Ireland.

That the mainstream media in Ireland is dominated by Guardianista types who avoid airing views of which they disapprove had certainly helped Sinn Fein. There was almost no national coverage until very recently of protests about hotels being requisitioned to house asylum seekers in little towns all over the country. And like the riots that broke out in Dublin, when they were covered, they were blamed on the far-Right, who at that point hardly existed.

But anyone who cared to look could see that this was absurd: as a local in the small town of Roscrea, which had attracted obloquy for trying to stop its only hotel being filled with asylum seekers, explained: "We're putting up with people coming into this town for years and we never had a bother. And now they're calling us Nazis. The truth is being twisted." Some Sinn Fein politicians are defying HQ to join these protests.

Until recently, Sinn Fein had been soaring in the polls and the votes of the young - who know little of the bloody history of the IRA - had seemed securely in the bag. But in spite of the party's irresponsible promises of a housing bonanza, that support has begun to slip.

Last Sunday, the reliable Red C poll showed Sinn Fein suffering a drop of another 4 per cent, which took its rating to the lowest point since the last general election. At its height, it had been 35 per cent; now it is down to 25 per cent. This has not been to the benefit of the governing parties: Leo Varadkar's Fine Gael and Micheál Martin's Fianna Fail are steady at 20 per cent and 17 per cent respectively. Red C found that 66 per cent think Ireland has taken in too many refugees, anti-immigrant independents are gaining, and interest is being shown in tiny Right-wing parties like Ireland First.

How will Sinn Fein attempt to reverse this trend? It upped its rhetorical attacks on Israel, only to be outflanked by rivals on the far-Left. McDonald even came under attack for not boycotting the St Patrick's Day reception in the White House, but she needs to keep Joe Biden sweet, given Irish-America provided the party with close to a million dollars last year.

Poor Mary Lou. So little time: so many circles to square.

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[*Winter war will drive new wave of refugees; Russia's use of the cold as a weapon against Ukraine's people will force more to flee, warn Nato officials*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6705-2891-JCBW-N0R3-00000-00&context=1519360)

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EUROPE can expect the arrival of more ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** as Vladimir Putin uses winter as a weapon of war, the head of Nato has warned.

The United States and its allies used a meeting in Romania to promise more arms for Kyiv and equipment to rebuild the national grid that has been ravaged by Russian missile strikes.

Jens Stoltenberg, the Nato secretary general, said: "We have to be prepared for more refugees crossing into the rest of Europe" as a result of Russia's "deliberate attack on critical services, heating, light, water and gas" in Ukraine.

Speaking in Bucharest at the two-day summit of foreign ministers to mobilise support for Ukraine, he said: "I think we all have seen these pictures taken from satellites where you see Europe in light and then you see Ukraine dark … so there is a huge task to rebuild all of this.

"President Putin is trying to use winter as a weapon of war."

In the nine months since Russia's fullscale invasion began, some 6.5million Ukrainians are thought to have moved internally to flee fighting and another eight million have left the country.

Aid agencies have said the onset of winter and the Kremlin's attempt to break Ukraine's resistance by shattering infrastructure may trigger another influx as people seek warmth and safety.

Russia has sent waves of missiles and exploding drones to destroy infrastructure in recent weeks. While Ukraine's air defences have shot down many, those that have got through have caused damage to the national grid.

Blackouts have become more severe and millions have been left without water, or struggling to heat their homes.

President Volodymyr Zelensky told Ukrainians at the start of this week to expect another barrage soon. Ukraine has seen early snows in the north and east and by midwinter temperatures may fall to as low as -20C (-4F).

James Cleverly, the Foreign Secretary, accused Mr Putin of trying to "freeze the Ukrainians into submission". A senior European diplomat added: "It is going to be a terrible winter for Ukraine, so we are working to strengthen our support for it to be resilient."

America has announced a £44million package to buy transformers, circuitbreakers, surge arresters and other equipment to help Kyiv patch up its grid.

Dmytro Kuleba, the Ukrainian foreign minister, said: "If we have transformers and generators, we can restore our energy needs. If we have air defence systems, we can protect [ourselves] from the next Russian missile strikes. In a nutshell: Patriots and transformers are what Ukraine needs the most."

Ministers also confirmed a 2008 summit decision that Ukraine would eventually become a member of the military alliance. But, as in 2008, there were no concrete steps or timetable that would actually bring the country closer to membership.

"We stated that Ukraine will become a member, I expect allies to reiterate that position," Mr Stoltenberg said.

Assistance with ammunition, medical supplies, winter equipment and drone jammers was also discussed.

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[*Vladimir Putin's plot to freeze Ukraine into submission looks destined to fail; It may well spark another exodus of refugees, but the West has shown an amazing capacity to absorb them*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:66Y3-6CV1-JCBW-N3WC-00000-00&context=1519360)

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For the past 38 years, The Spectator has given a "Parliamentarian of the Year" award to some of the most influential figures in modern politics. They have, of course, all been British but we made an exception this year for a politician who has become an inspiration for democrats worldwide. Volodymyr Zelensky is quite an Anglophile, and was keen to address our ceremony via a live videolink. This was his plan until the last minute - but Russian missiles had hit, leading to the first nationwide power outage. The first, no doubt, of many.

This is now Putin's winter strategy. His army is losing to Ukraine's forces, having been forced from just over half of the land occupied since February. So Moscow is switching to a strategy that targets civilians by firing missiles at the power generators, thereby denying not just electricity but running water and sewage facilities. In a country where temperatures will drop to minus 25 in the coming weeks it will, in Zelensky's words, "turn the cold of winter into a weapon of mass destruction".

The obvious aim is sap morale and force Ukraine to negotiate - but so far, it's having quite the reverse effect. As far as opinion polls can ascertain, Ukrainian public opinion is to keep fighting until every inch of Ukrainian territory is reclaimed - Crimea very much included. If Zelensky were to negotiate a deal, there's a good chance he'd be deposed by a country whose people kicked out a president in the 2014 Maidan revolution. Ukrainians' determination to see the winter through is, it seems, absolute. But this may very well mean evacuating chunks of the country and perhaps creating a second wave of refugees.

Putin has long pinned his hopes on the winter to hurt both Ukraine and her Western allies. Turning off Russia's gas exports was intended to send energy prices soaring, especially in Germany, which had become dependent on Moscow's imports and had no Plan B. "Better a cold shower than Putin's gas," read the placards from German protesters in February - but when the time came, would they be willing to make the trade?

Since then, Germany has made near-miraculous progress in finding other energy sources and floating terminals to import liquefied natural gas (LNG). The first gas ship "Neptune", big enough to supply two million households, reached the island of Rügen on Wednesday. Several more such ships are on the way. When Germany said it wanted its national gas storage 95 per cent full by November, it looked a laughably optimistic target. But it was achieved three weeks early. Its reserves, now, are 99 per cent full.

Rather than a gas shortage, Europe now has LNG ships loitering around Gibraltar without enough storage capacity for them to unload. Wholesale gas prices are less than half their recent peak and, crucially, prices next year now look to be about half what was feared in August. The UK energy price bailout - whose expected £10 billion-amonth cost helped sink Liz Truss's government - may never have been needed, certainly not to the same extent. Europe faces a very tough winter. But, now, an endurable one.

Markets have done their work, helped by a warm November. Price signals dampened demand and increased supply - in ways economists did not expect. Wholesale food prices are now falling, raising hopes of inflation falling fast next year. In several important regards, Putin's Cold War strategy looks set to fail in Western Europe. The question is how much damage he may inflict in Ukraine.

For the past few weeks, Ukraine has grown adept at repairing the missile damage, so power plants can get up and running - limiting outages to just two or three days. But then, missiles strike again. Most are intercepted but Ukraine's air defence is not complete, and Moscow is getting better at finding weak spots and cheap Iranian drones are enabling Russian attacks to break through by sheer force of numbers. This bomb-and-repair strategy could keep being played all winter. So rather than just have a few days of outages, it's plausible Ukrainians go for weeks, or months, without power or water.

Life in Kyiv may be made more bearable by about 1,000 "heating points", which Zelensky calls "points of invincibility". But areas near the frontline - southern Kherson and Mykolaiv - are already being evacuated as they are impossible to protect. It's unlikely to be enough. Maxim Timchenko, who runs Ukraine's largest private energy company, has suggested people consider leaving the country. "If they can find an alternative place to stay for another three or four months, it will be very helpful to the system."

Out of 43 million Ukranians, eight million have left since the February invasion - and the official government advice for them is to stay away, at least while blackouts continue. Russian attacks are also shutting down power in neighbouring Moldova, where the richest concentration of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** is to be found. This has the potential for another significant crisis - all told, we may be about to see another vast movement of humanity.

But there is plenty of reason, this time, for hope. Europe has shown an incredible capacity to absorb ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***: Poland, a country that had been suspicious of asylum seekers, has taken a million. Some 145,000 have been welcomed in Britain, with 200,000 visas issued in all. Yesterday's migration figures were astonishing, in part, because no one had quite worked out that almost 76,000 Hong Kong Chinese had taken advantage of Dominic Raab and Priti Patel's offer. They, too, have been absorbed with no drama and hardly any commentary.

The Ukrainian "host family" system had its problems - especially when the six-month stay period ran out. But there are few stories of resentment. On the contrary, a new symbol has popped up over much of the country - blue-andyellow flags which fly from churches, pubs and houses across Britain. A symbol, of course, of a country - but also of a common cause and purpose. It's a recognition that, once again, a fight is on for democracy and that it is, in a very real sense, a shared battle.

At every stage in this war, Putin has sought to persuade Ukraine and its allies that his army cannot be dislodged - so fighting is pointless. But after Russia's defeat in Kherson, it's a far harder argument to make. Ukraine's population is now about to enter perhaps the toughest part of the war - but with the belief that this winter, for all its privations, will mark the beginning of the end.

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Blue-andyellow flags fly from houses and pubs across Britain - a symbol of a country but also of a common cause

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Charles III delivered his first Christmas speech from St George's Chapel at Windsor, a place of profound emotional resonance. This was where Elizabeth II sat alone during the funeral of her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh; it was where the late Queen was herself laid to rest only a few months ago.

Our new King began by paying tribute to "my beloved mother" and acknowledging the nation's grief, adding that Christmas is a "poignant time" for those who have lost loved ones. "We feel their absence at every familiar turn of the season and remember them in each cherished tradition."

His Majesty has a deep appreciation of the importance of tradition - the military, the arts, constitution and Church - and for its ability to provide ballast in times of trouble. Just knowing such things are there is a comfort.

Religion is a case in point. The census recently revealed that Christianity is now a minority religion in England and Wales, but we remain a culturally and constitutionally Christian country - and faith provides a language to articulate our fears and ideals, especially at Christmas when, say believers, hope is made flesh through birth.

His Majesty recalled that he once fulfilled a personal ambition to visit the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem and see the spot where tradition says Jesus was born - the earthly point where "light came into the world".

His mother's belief in that light, he said, expressed how she saw God, and also other people and their ability, through charity and kindness, to improve the lives of others and "shine a light in the world around them".

We see this active compassion in aid workers, in caregivers, the emergency services, Armed Forces and in temples of all faiths "united in feeding the hungry … Such heartfelt solidarity," said His Majesty, "is the most inspiring expression of loving our neighbour as our self."

Britons have seen much disruption this year, including three prime ministers at home and a war abroad, the latter destabilising the global economy and throwing families into poverty. It has all been a reminder of the fragility of our world.

We have, however, also seen some of the best of humanity, such as the courage that Ukraine has shown in defying Russia, or the willingness of Britons to throw open their doors to ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***.

In a world of globalisation, dictatorship, technology and overbearing impersonal forces, the individual can still choose to make a difference. Christmas is the time when millions give, share, reconcile and change things for the better.

One could argue that the late Queen embodied this "solidarity", always putting duty before self. Those who queued patiently to see her lying-in-state often remarked that they felt this was the "least they could do" given all she had done for them.

And when people ask how she managed to give so much without complaint, year after year, one answer was undoubtedly her faith.

Elizabeth II spoke with such confidence in her Christmas speeches because, for all her reputation for restraint, she was speaking straight from the heart. She was telling us, very straightforwardly, what she believed.

With King Charles's speech - filmed in the beautiful candlelight of St George's - we can see that her values endure strongly through her son. The guard may change, but the principles that motivate the tradition endure.

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[*The Church of England is neglecting its heart and soul*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6752-C4X1-JCBW-N04J-00000-00&context=1519360)

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**Body**

At our village carol service last weekend, the candles and the rector glowed. He wrote afterwards that looking into a full church, post-lockdown, brought him hope. In a fragile world, that well-loved service of lessons and carols gave a palpable sense of mystery, continuity, community and belonging.

At Christmas, people of all ages go to church. It shows the value of the parish. The parish church is local, allowing volunteers like me to battle through snow to choir practice, bearing mulled wine against the chill. O tidings of comfort and joy! For many, belting out the Church's greatest hits expresses community as much as faith.

Rural areas host 50 per cent of England's Christmas church attendance. Yet Christmas also highlights the driven decline of many parishes. Some churches have to hold carol services well before Christmas, after being bunched into groups so large that the priest in charge of the group can't get round them all.

Try asking your vicar - if you have one - how (s)he is at Christmas. The "emergency service" they provide may be faltering. Each year our rector charges around seven villages in all weathers, manning five lots of church services, four pub carol sessions, three Christmas fairs, two school nativity plays and one midnight Mass. Then, he traditionally succumbs to a lurgy.

Many churches are vicarless. Expecting lay volunteers to officiate at this most wonderful time of year devalues priests, their theological training and unique "insider-outsider" status. Devolution is topical; volunteers like flatter structures and the ability to make decisions. However, a churchwarden is not the vicar any more than a soldier is a paramedic.

Much recent CofE decline appears driven by a culture at the centre deficient in evidence-based decision- making. The result is that, perversely, parishes are neglected. "Following the money" (as financially trained volunteers from the campaign group I belong to, Save The Parish, have done) shows that the majority of 2021 CoE expenditure was not on front-line parish clergy. This is despite the fact that a parish with a paid priest is a proven incomegenerating model. Rural parishes feel especially abandoned, even though they provide 44 per cent of parish giving.

The cost of bloated Church administration is a selfinflicted wound. The Church is asking parishes for more money in return for reduced service, while doubling the funding it will provide for unproven alternative projects in 2023-25. Bishops call varying forms of church a "mixed ecology". It's not "mixed" if it kills the parishes.

Expecting my village congregation to travel to a "hub" church would discriminate against the elderly, poor, disabled and (carless) ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***. Well-meant emphasis on attracting new, younger members leaves older churchgoers feeling unappreciated. However, churches need older people, too - a 10-year study showed churches with no over-45s struggling to grow.

People do not want parish churches closed. The use of local churches in response to our late Queen's death made this obvious. Indeed, the best Christmas present the parishes could have would be to be heard. If Church leaders undertook some parish-friendly financial rebalancing, my rector might afford a curate or youth worker next year, instead of being asked to serve an extra seven parishes. That joyous hope of renewal, radiating from him in the darkness, might be fulfilled.

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FAMILIES hosting ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** are to get a 40 per cent increase in their monthly payments to £500 amid fears thousands could drop out as a result of the cost of living crisis.

The 25,000 households hosting refugees are to see their "thank you" payment increased from £350 to £500 after research suggested up to a quarter could pull out because of financial pressures.

The payments will also be extended from 12 months to two years, so that guests who may not yet be ready to move into independent accommodation can stay with their host families where they are willing to extend arrangements.

About 1,000 of more than 100,000 Ukrainians who came to the UK under the Homes for Ukraine scheme have been made homeless after British families ended their agreement, forcing local councils to find alternative accommodation. Under the new plans, the Government will also give councils £650million, of which £500million will pay for the authorities to buy up to 4,000 homes for Ukrainian and Afghan refugees to live in, and so reduce homelessness.

However, ministers are scaling back the tariff paid to councils for each family in their area, from £10,500 per person to £5,900 per person for arrivals entering the UK from Jan 1 2023.

Ministers also issued an appeal for new hosts to come forward so they could be re-matched with existing Ukrainian guests through the Homes for Ukraine scheme.

Michael Gove, the Levelling Up Secretary, said: "I am immensely proud of this country's dynamic and heartwarming response to the aggression of Putin's war.

"We have stood firm with Ukraine but we owe special thanks to the tens of thousands of families across the UK who opened their homes and their hearts to Ukrainians fleeing war.

"In recognition of their ongoing support, I'm pleased to confirm that they will see their 'thank you' payments uplifted for their second year of sponsorship."

Although the tariff is being reduced to £5,900 per person, councils will continue to receive the previous first-year amount of £10,500 for any Ukrainian already in the UK.

Local authorities will also continue to receive separate funding in 2022-23 for the Ukraine education tariff of £3,000 per child for early years, £6,580 for primary and £8,755 for secondary.

The Ukrainian families will also continue to receive government support on skills training, job centre access and welfare payments.

The new £500 million local authority housing fund can be used by councils in England to buy housing stock, build new homes, convert non-residential properties, and refurbish dilapidated or empty homes.

The Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain said: "Ukrainians everywhere are grateful to the Government and the British people for opening their homes and hearts to Ukrainians fleeing their homes as a result of Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine.

"We welcome today's announce ment, which recognises the commitment of sponsors during difficult economic times, and will provide additional support and reassurance to Ukrainian families as they rebuild their lives."

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Before Poland's most crucial elections in decades, the nation's eyes have turned to Gñra Kalwaria, a small town surrounded by a collection of 38 tiny villages and abundant apple orchards.

Home to 12,000 people, the rural municipality is famous for reflecting the results of national elections with uncanny accuracy.

In 2019, the Right-wing Law and Justice party triumphed here with 42.89 per cent of the vote and 43.59 per cent across the whole of Poland.

But attitudes in Gñra Kalwaria are shifting against the eurosceptic populists, expected to be mirrored across Poland tomorrow.

The vote is the latest round in the decades-long battle between Jaroslaw Kaczynski, Law and Justice's eurosceptic de facto leader, and his nemesis Donald Tusk, the leader of the main opposition party Civic Platform.

Law and Justice, criticised abroad for its backsliding on the rule of law, now looks set to fall short of the majority needed to form what would be its third consecutive government.

Traditionally, Law and Justice, polling at about 38 per cent, has been able to rely on the countryside base to overwhelm more progressive voters in the big cities like Warsaw.

Mateusz Baj, the independent deputy mayor of Gñra Kalwaria, said people here understood these knifeedge elections were "very important".

"In the last elections, most farmers here voted for Law and Justice," said Mr Baj. "Now they feel disappointed with the government and the lack of support in the midst of the war in Ukraine and the aggressive trading tendencies of the big supermarkets."

The farmers were also fearful of new EU net zero rules, he said, which Law and Justice has criticised but not stopped.

Zbigniew Adamczyk, 68, is a representative for local farmers. He said they were struggling with rising costs and tumbling export prices, after losing the Russian market for apples since the invasion of Ukraine. Poland recently moved to restrict shipments of cheap Ukrainian grain flooding the local market, but farmers felt the government was too slow to protect domestic producers.

"Ukrainians also grow apples. Polish farmers need a reassurance from the government that their produce will be sold at a fair price and that there will be no competition from cheaper, but lower quality products from the east," he said.

"They need prices to be regulated and guaranteed. And that is not what the government has promised to them." Poles have been among the staunchest and most generous supporters of Ukraine, welcoming about 1.5million refugees.

Many Ukrainians work in the apple orchards of Gñra Kalwaria but here, as in the rest of Poland, attitudes are hardening.

"The mood among Poles about Ukrainians who have fled to Poland has changed," Mr Baj said.

"Many people don't like the fact that Ukrainians get the same social benefits as Poles.

"Poles want them to work but not to collect benefits anymore." Law and Justice introduced new rules in March, which mean ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** have to pay half their accommodation costs.

If elected, it has promised to boost child benefits from 500 zlotys per child each month to 800 zlotys, which is about £152, but stopped short of vowing to strip Ukrainians of the payments.

However, Confederation, a hard- Right party popular with younger voters that has been forced to deny it is pro-Russian, has pledged to do so and is predicted to take 10 per cent of the vote.

That could hand the fiercely anti-migrant party a kingmaker role as a partner for Law and Justice. The wCivic Platform, which is polling at about 30 per cent, is also expected to fall short of a majority, despite closing the gap on Law and Justice.

"I think that almost half of young people aged 18 to 35 in our region could vote for Confederation," said Mr Baj, who added that seniors were usually Law and Justice voters and people in their 40s Tusk supporters.

"Young people are tired of this 20-year conflict between Kaczynski and Tusk, and Confederation gives them a new perspective."

However, a hung parliament remains a distinct possibility.

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Donald Tusk, the leader of the Civic Platform opposition alliance, makes an election speech

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SIr - There is significant evidence that beneath the Black Sea are huge oil and gas reserves. Ukraine's share is potentially 2.3 trillion cubic metres of natural gas (plus oil), enough to supply Europe, enrich Ukraine, and avoid European need to buy Russian energy.

This explains Vladmir Putin's war with Ukraine and his intent to separate it from the Black Sea by invading the Donbas, Crimea and Odesa regions down to the border with Moldova. With Russia stealing these energy supplies, Mr Putin would retain his influence and control over Europe.

Democratic Ukraine is our ally and we should be doing much more to support it and stop this energy theft. Simon Turner Solihull SIr - Well done Boris Johnson for his courageous visit to Kyiv. Ukraine can and must be saved and Britain should help it to the hilt to repel Russian forces. Vladimir Putin can be defeated. Dominic Shelmerdine London SW3

SIr - The past six weeks have shown how ineffective Russia is at waging a military conflict. If it is unable to seize Ukraine with 75 per cent of its military, it can offer no realistic threat to Europe for fear of a devastating response.

Mr Putin won't use the nuclear option as he knows the result will be the obliteration of his beloved Russia. Let Nato operate in Ukraine, end this war and save tens of thousands of lives. Flt Lt Ian Morgan (retd) Solihull SIr - With Lord Harrington, the minister in charge of getting ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** safely to the UK, admitting the visa scheme is "embarrassing", the Government must urgently change tack. The current scheme puts process ahead of people, while squandering the offers of welcome from the generous British public.

It is also now known that the Home Office is having to divert resources away from processing applications of people who have already been waiting for months, in order to meet ministers'

promises. This is leaving applications from Afghan refugees to come to the UK unanswered, and refugee families unable to reunite.

None of this is necessary. If the Government simply followed over 100 other countries and allowed Ukrainians with biometric passports to travel to the UK without visas, many more refugees could reach safety and the public could get on with welcoming them.

Mike Adamson Chief executive, British Red Cross London EC2 SIr - Following on from my letter of March 29, my Ukrainian guests - two women and a six-year-old boy - are still waiting for their permission to travel.

The application remains at the "sponsor check" stage. The Home Office has my passport details, driving licence and DBS check. I can't see why it should take two weeks to verify that I am who I say I am.

Lowri Coulten Boughton, Norfolk

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sir - Why is the American government denying that it wants regime change in Russia, and suggesting that President Biden made a "gaffe"?

Of course it wants regime change, as do all right-minded people throughout the world. As long as Vladimir Putin remains in power, we will never be assured of lasting peace.

This bloodstained tyrant is responsible for the deaths of countless innocent people in Ukraine and thousands of Russian soldiers.

Even if peace comes as a result of negotiations between Ukraine and Russia, we must never normalise relations while he remains in power. Rev Donald M Morrison Dingwall, Ross-shire sir - Vladimir Putin's regime is a danger to the whole world, not just Ukraine.

Russia has shown irrationality, horrific brutality, total disregard for human life and disrespect for international law. The world must find a way to nullify this regime without delay, or humanity will pay a heavy price.

Unfortunately, judging by his past behaviour, Mr Putin cannot be trusted to honour any agreement he might make.

John Roberts Esher, Surrey sir - I warmly endorse the Government's readiness to provide Ukraine with defensive military supplies, but the speed of our response suggests that at least some have come from our own reserves.

If this is the case, they must be replaced in short order. The importance of logistical support has never been more starkly illustrated than in Ukraine today. Given the increased threat to Britain, any superficial savings offered by "just in time" contracts are no substitute for stock on the shelf.

Air Cdre Michael Allisstone (retd) Former Chief Staff Officer (Logistics),

Ministry of Defence Chichester, West Sussex sir - I am so proud of Britain and Nato's reaction to Russian aggression: we will fight to the last Ukrainian standing. Louis Malgrey Ongar, Essex sir - You report (Business, March 28) that the West is resuming shortwave broadcasts to Ukraine and Russia.

On Ascension Island and the Falklands between 1982 and 1989, the BBC World Service was all serving forces had. That one link to home was a lifeline for us, and the lilting sounds of Lilliburlero were heard all over Concertina City and later in the

Travellers Hill camps. The BBC was too premature in scaling it back.

Ray Bather Allendale, Northumberland sir - If illegal migrants arriving on the beaches of Kent do not need a visa, why are traumatised and exhausted ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** not even allowed to begin their journey to Britain until they have gone through the most onerous bureaucracy ever devised by the Home Office?

Ken Tyrrell Shrewsbury sir - On Monday we received two Ukraine lapel badges, which we shall wear with pride.

But guess where they were made: China.

Ewen Southby-Tailyour Ermington, Devon

**Graphic**

Sofia Boiko, 90, made her way alone to a Red Cross centre in Mykolaiv, southern UkraineAP

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[*Scheme to open homes to refugees receives 40,000 applications*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:652V-B9B1-JCBW-N4BH-00000-00&context=1519360)

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ABOUT 40,000 people have applied so far to take at least one Ukrainian refugee into their home under the Government's sponsorship scheme, it has emerged.

Boris Johnson revealed that 40,000 of the 150,000 people who registered an interest had applied, suggesting that just over a quarter may have been able to match with a Ukrainian refugee.

People seeking to give refuge to Ukrainians with no family links to theUK have had to find a match themselves, via social media sites such as Facebook, websites that have sprung up to connect people with refugees, charitable organisations and similar bodies.

The Prime Minister told MPs: "The Homes for Ukraine scheme is now open. I think that about 40,000 have already applied and 150,000 families across the country have said that they want to welcome Ukrainians."

Michael Gove, the Communities Secretary, said last week that he expected the first refugees to arrive as early as Sunday or Monday of this week and forecast that thousands could potentially arrive on the scheme.

But families desperate to bring in Ukrainians said the process had been too slow and bureaucratic.

Hosts and refugees must provide proof of identity, residence and relationship with supporting documents uploaded to the Government's portal.

Those with passports receive a PDF document confirming they can travel to the UK, but those without must go to UK Visa Application Centres abroad.

One problem that has emerged is the number of parents whose children who do not have passports. One described "hours and hours and hours" of form filling, while a British businessman who went to Poland to bring a family to England said it was taking too long.

Steve McLean, from Hampshire, went to Wroclaw to donate clothes to refugees, but found it was homes they really needed. He then applied to bring a traumatised family living at a refugee centre back to the UK.

"I'm really frustrated. We have applied for one family to come to the UK. But the visa application process has been taking a long time. So I hope they will come to the UK. We're talking to other families at the centre here, I'm putting them in touch with potential hosts," he said.

Some families have been contacted by local authorities who are responsible for checking potential accommodation is safe and up to standard. Mr Gove's department is expected to issue an update on progress next week.

Meanwhile, the Home Office said 18,600 visas had been issued for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** coming to the UK, via the family scheme, out of 34,500 applications so far submitted.

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[*'Enhanced' checks for those who take in families with children*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:651B-HPN1-DYTY-C4BP-00000-00&context=1519360)

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ALL British adults who host Ukrainian refugee families with children will have to undergo "enhanced" security checks, the Government will announce today.

The move follows warnings from charities that "light touch" checks on host families would not be sufficient to protect refugee children living for at least six months in the same house as sponsoring UK adults.

The "enhanced" Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks are generally restricted to workers in jobs such as teaching and social services dealing with children and vulnerable adults.

They require the full details of a person's criminal record such as cautions, reprimands, warnings, spent and unspent convictions. Adults not hosting children will only have to undergo basic DBS checks.

Ministers say the checks will not delay refugee families coming to the UK because they will not have to be completed until after they arrive. More than 150,000 Britons are understood to have registered to open their homes to ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** who have no family links to the UK.

Ministers will today unveil how the refugees will apply to enter the UK under the "Homes for Ukraine" scheme. Only those with named refugee families with whom they have linked up - often through social media -will be able to participate in the first phase.

Charities, companies, church and other community groups are expected to ramp up numbers in the second phase when ministers hope to have set up a "matching" system that will link up refugees with Britons without them having to do it for themselves.

Ministers say they have also streamlined the visa application process to complete it within days.

Lord Harrington, the Minister for Refugees, said on Wednesday that he expected thousands to arrive next week, with the first due as early as Monday. Refugee families will have to demonstrate proof of residence in Ukraine while British families will be required to demonstrate UK residence of at least six months and ID such as passports.

Refugees with passports will be fasttracked through an online application process with security and biometric checks completed once they are in the UK. Those without passports may have to attend visa application centres in Poland or neighbouring countries.

Councils have been urged to ditch the practice of taking away the 25 per cent council tax discount of single people who house refugees fleeing armed conflicts.

Charities cited cases where house holders have offered to take in Syrian or Afghan refugees only to be told they would lose their single person's council tax rebate worth hundreds of pounds a year.

They said the "unnecessary bureaucratic" practice had penalised single people hosting refugees and should be scrapped for the Homes for Ukraine scheme, due to go live for formal applications today.

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[*Prince cheers the troops in surprise visit; William gives his thanks to British and Polish soldiers for 'defending our shared freedoms'*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:67V7-S231-DYTY-C23N-00000-00&context=1519360)

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THE Prince of Wales has made a sur prise visit to Poland to "personally thank" British and Polish soldiers involved in the war in Ukraine for "defending our shared freedoms".

Prince William landed in the southeastern city of Rzeszow, about 60 miles from the Ukrainian border, yesterday afternoon amid tight security to show his support for the troops responding to the humanitarian fallout from the war.

He said he was "struck by their passion as well as their shared determination to defend our shared freedoms" in the face of the conflict, telling them: "Everyone back home thoroughly supports you."

The Prince added that the joint cooperation of Britain and Poland "in support of the people of Ukraine and their freedom" had strengthened the ties between the two countries.

The Prince told the British soldiers at an air defence military base: "I just wanted to come here in person to say thank you for all that you're doing, keeping everyone safe out here and keeping an eye on what's going on. You're doing a really important job."

The Prince spent about 20 minutes chatting to service personnel inside a military tent before being shown a vast array of equipment, including a Polish self-propelled howitzer artillery system that had a British turret.

The soldiers described how they spent 26 weeks training to use the hitech surface-to-air Sky Sabre missile defence system, which Britain first delivered to Poland last May before extending the deployment in October.

Lance Corporal Molly Pettifer, 28, who is two weeks into a six-month tour of Poland, told the Prince about her work training troops in first aid and later revealed that her grandmother's friend had delivered the Prince at birth.

L/Cpl Pettifer, from Enfield, north London, said the Prince's visit was a "big deal" and people were "very excited" he was there. "It was quite special. My nan's friend delivered him as a baby," she added.

The Prince, who was greeted by

Mariusz Blaszczak, Poland's defence minister and deputy prime minister, was also given a confidential briefing on the situation on the Polish-Ukrainian border.

Speaking afterwards, William said he also wanted to pay tribute to the "inspiring humanity of the Polish people", adding: "You have opened your hearts as much as your homes."

More than 10million ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** have crossed the border into Poland since the beginning of the war last February.

The visit marks the Prince's first trip to the country since 2017. He said it was "fantastic" to be back, adding that "our nations have strong ties".

In the evening the Prince visited an accommodation centre in Warsaw to meet Ukrainians who have fled the war.

The converted office building currently houses 300 Ukrainian women and children and it opened its doors as soon as the conflict began.

William toured the building, having selfies taken with children and trying his hand at table tennis with some teenagers.

The Daily Telegraph understands that the Prince very much wanted to see the humanitarian side of the conflict for himself while in Poland and felt it was important to show his support.

He took the time to sit and talk with families, through a translator, who have been living in Poland for the last year after fleeing the war and he was also shown around some of the bedrooms.

The visit will be considered an important show of public support for Ukraine.

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**Graphic**

The Prince of Wales meeting British soldiers at a base in Rzeszow, Poland, which has been heavily involved in providing support to Ukraine

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Twenty years ago, I cut my teeth working as a war crimes lawyer for the UK Government at The Hague. So I've seen the impact of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and ad-hoc war crime tribunals, forcing those who commit the world's worst atrocities to face justice.

Take Radovan Karadzic, the "Butcher of Bosnia", and Charles Taylor, the warlord turned president of Liberia. Both with innocent blood on their hands, both behind bars in

British jails courtesy of the war crimes courts in The Hague.

As we move into a second year of Putin's devastating war in Ukraine, the ICC matters more than ever.

On Friday, the court issued arrest warrants for Vladimir Putin and his children's rights commissioner over the alleged abduction of hundreds of Ukrainian children taken forcibly from their parents and deported to Russia. This is a huge step forward and shows that the international justice system is working.

The UK has been steadfast in its support for Ukraine from the start. First, through military aid, as the first country to send in battle tanks.

Second, through sanctions. We've frozen more than £18billion in Russian assets, from more than 1,300 individuals and companies - stemming the funds fuelling Putin's war machine.

Third, through humanitarian support, including taking in more than 150,000 ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***.

And fourth, through the accountability strand of our international strategy.

It's why we are today hosting a justice ministers' summit, bringing together 42 like-minded nations to agree on support for the ICC and its independent investigation into atrocities in Ukraine.

We've all seen the harrowing events on our television screens. The Bucha massacre. A Mariupol maternity hospital bombed. The recent disturbing footage of a Ukrainian prisoner of war being executed. There can be no impunity for such atrocities.

Supported by 43 countries, last year the UK spearheaded the largest state referral in the ICC's history. It meant the court could expedite its investigation into the atrocities in Ukraine.

And, along with the European Union and the United States, we are supporting Ukraine's domestic investigations with funding and expertise, training the prosecutors and judges overseeing war crimes trials.

The ICC has asked for our help in other vital areas, including digital forensics and support for child victims and victims of sexual crimes.

So, today, we are pledging an additional £395,000 in funding, earmarked for psychological support for vulnerable witnesses. It brings the UK's total support for the ICC this year to £1million. This is on top of our annual contribution, and an extra £1million last year.

We are funding two UK investigators to work with the ICC for a year, and will share our expertise in open-source investigation to help the court analyse unprecedented amounts of evidence. And we'll offer training for ICC investigators, as well as having a panel of experts on hand to strengthen the court's support for victims.

But this is a team effort. That's why we have convened the 42 nations taking part today - each with their own expertise to share. This is global Britain in action. Galvanising other nations to act, united behind the ICC and determined to bring war criminals to justice.

We must remain steadfast in our support for the people of Ukraine, and the principles of democracy, and the international rule of law.

The efforts of the international community today will strengthen the ICC in its role of independently prosecuting war crimes.

We are putting all those who carry out atrocities on notice. One day, you will face justice for the crimes carried out against the Ukrainian people. Dominic Raab is the Justice Secretary and Deputy Prime Minister

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[*Pressure on Cameron over Chelsea funds; Cameron 'must' release £2.3bn pledged to Ukraine*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:69RJ-FV31-JCBW-N0SD-00000-00&context=1519360)

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Lord Cameron is under pressure to finally tear up an agreement with Europe amid intensifying anger that £2.34billion of "world-changing" funds from the sale of Chelsea are still in limbo after 18 months.

Roman Abramovich rst promised proceeds for "all Ukraine war victims" after putting Chelsea up for sale on March 2 last year, eight days before facing sanctions over alleged links to Vladimir Putin.

However, as previously detailed

by Telegraph Sport, the fund remains untouched in a frozen account since the club's sale in part because of a "bureaucratic quagmire" between the Government and Europe.

Despite the sale of the club taking place entirely within UK jurisdiction, ministers signed a unilateral declaration in May with the European Commission stating the money would be spent "exclusively" within Ukraine.

Cameron's appointment as Foreign Secretary, however, has led to renewed e orts to have the funds released, with calls coming from Save the Children and Mike Penrose, a former Unicef UK chief executive who was set to nally launch the proposed independent foundation that would control the money.

After months of frustration, Penrose says he hopes the "heavyweight" return of Cameron, the former prime minister, to frontbench

politics could spark a longawaited breakthrough.

"The unilateral declaration can be withdrawn at any time," Penrose said. "This is a former prime minister who had increased Britain's standing in terms of humanitarian work. His partnerships of the past put Britain as probably the leading humanitarian nation on the planet.

I am looking forward to speaking to him when he's back from his initial Continued on Page 4

From Page 1 trips, and I'm quite hopeful he will have the vision to make this work."

That call was backed by James Denselow, head of the conflict team at Save the Children, who said: "We will continue to advocate for this vast amount of sanctioned money to be used to support the humanitarian consequences of the war in Ukraine.

"The funds must be released and should be made available to all victims of the war in Ukraine - whether that is within Ukraine's geographical borders, supporting

***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** in Europe or funding food programmes in East Africa, where food insecurity has been exacerbated by the war."

Penrose has set up legal undertakings to make sure the money cannot fall back into the hands of Abramovich. The Government will have board input and Jan Egeland, a senior Norwegian diplomat who once advised Kofi Annan at the United Nations, has been brought in as interim chairman.

"The right thing to do is help Ukrainians everywhere and all people affected by the war, including

families hosting them in the UK," Penrose said.

The licence granted by the UK Government setting out the next stage in the process expires on Nov 30. This has been extended by a joint agreement in the past and is all-but-certain to be extended again.

Penrose plans to arrange a meeting with Cameron soon. "I'm confident someone of his stature, understanding and experience will see the opportunity that this presents to make Britain a leader in humanitarian aid," Penrose said. "I think he'll understand the issue of breaking the deed of undertaking and why it's the right thing to do."

Over the summer, Action Against Hunger joined Oxfam, Save the Children and a host of organisations on the ground in Ukraine in

criticising government delays. The difference of opinion on the purposes of the foundation goes back to before the Chelsea sale to a consortium led by Todd Boehly was completed on May 30 last year. Sources said Abramovich had signed a deed of undertaking with the Government stating the charity would be for "Ukraine and the consequences of Ukraine".

However, in a unilateral declaration, the Government stated last year: "The Treasury will only issue a licence which ensures that such proceeds are used for exclusively humanitarian purposes in Ukraine."

Kate Cavalier, 44, who has been hosting a family of Ukrainians for 15 months at her home in England, also appealed for Cameron to intervene. "This money could make such a huge difference, but instead it

remains tied up in bureaucracy, stuck in a sanctioned bank account," she said. "I'd ask Lord Cameron to use his political experience to break through this bureaucracy; to release these sanctioned funds and to create a humanitarian foundation that the UK can be proud of."

The Government rejects any suggestion it has been sitting on the money, with multiple sources telling Telegraph Sport they believe it was the agreement from the outset to spend the money only inside Ukraine. One insider with knowledge of talks said they thought it unlikely Cameron would adopt a new Government position, insisting "this money was meant always for Ukraine". For the fund to be released in line with those terms, Abramovich would need to approve the fund's release.

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[*SNP gender reform rebel in leadership race; MSP Ash Regan, who opposed self-ID legislation, among hopefuls to throw their hat in the party ring*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:67K0-RFK1-DYTY-C1HM-00000-00&context=1519360)

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A FORMER SNP minister who led the rebellion against Nicola Sturgeon's gender reforms has emerged as a shock candidate to replace the First Minister.

Ash Regan, who resigned from Ms Sturgeon's government to vote against her plans to allow all Scots aged over 16 to change their legal sex by signing a declaration, is strongly considering entering the leadership contest, The Daily Telegraph understands.

The Edinburgh East MSP, who was seen as a competent community safety minister before she quit in October, attracted support yesterday from feminist campaigners who fought against Ms Sturgeon's overhaul of trans laws. JKROWLING has previously described her as a "heroine".

The plans were blocked by the UK Government and a scandal then engulfed the First Minister when Isla Bryson, a rapist formerly known as Adam Graham, was initially placed in a women's jail.

Ms Regan has said that no biological males should be placed in female prisons, no matter the gender they claim to identify as, with her views likely to become a key part of her campaign should she confirm a leadership bid.

In a signal that she is planning to run,

Ms Regan yesterday called for former members who quit the party over the controversy to be readmitted to the party and handed a vote in the contest.

She has also paid tribute to Ms Sturgeon, despite a breakdown in their relationship when she stepped down from government.

"I call for all those members who have left the party over the last year to be able to rejoin over the next month and be allowed to participate in the leadership election," she said.

The frontrunner for the contest remains Kate Forbes, the SNP Finance

Secretary, who many within the SNP expect to run and who also opposes the gender self-ID law. Her aides remain tight-lipped about a possible bid, stating that she is currently enjoying maternity leave with her six-month-old baby.

Angus Robertson, the Constitution Secretary, was yesterday said to be returning from a foreign holiday and had been widely expected to run, although he was said to have been yet to make up his mind yesterday.

Allies of Ms Sturgeon believe that John Swinney, the deputy First Minister, would be likely to win the contest should he decide to run. However, several SNP insiders think he is unlikely to do so for personal reasons.

Potential dark horses include Neil Gray, a minister in Ms Sturgeon's government with responsibility for a resettlement scheme for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***, and Mairi McAllan, a 30-year-old environment minister. The race will be the SNP's first leadership contest in almost two decades.

Joanna Cherry, the leading critic of

Ms Sturgeon, ruled herself out of the running, claiming that the next leader should come from Holyrood rather than Westminster.

"Change must involve a recognition that independence will only be achieved by a team effort," she said. "The messianic leadership model has not worked."

Sources close to Humza Yousaf, the Health Secretary, suggested that he would run, despite his reputation being damaged by the crisis engulfing the NHS.

"Humza is veering that way," a friend told the Daily Record. "He has a lot of support from MPs and MSPs. Some big names. He would be a unifying force."

Angus MacNeil, the SNP MP, claimed that the SNP had a "depth of talent".

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[*Sturgeon backtracks on hosting refugees; First Minister pulls out of previous pledge to take Ukrainians fleeing Russian invasion into her home*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:65XP-X5K1-DYTY-C1MW-00000-00&context=1519360)

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NICOLA STURGEON has rowed back on a pledge to invite a Ukrainian refugee into her home "if needed", arguing they may not want to live with her despite her government sending them to live in ship cabins.

In March, the First Minister said she would be willing to take in a refugee if necessary, indicating her decision would depend on whether there were enough alternative homes for them.

But she yesterday refused to commit to inviting a Ukrainian into her home after her government said this week it had run out of safe accommodation.

Ms Sturgeon said a refugee may not want the publicity that living with her would attract and her role was to ensure Scotland gave refuge to thousands of Ukrainians, rather than "one person".

The Scottish Government this week announced a three-month "pause" to its "super sponsor" scheme for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** because of a lack of homes.

Those with applications already in the system will be sent to two tower blocks in Lanarkshire that had been earmarked for demolition, and an Estonian cruise ship whose cabins have less space per person for a family than a prison cell.

Ukraine's consul general this week told The Daily Telegraph the refugees must not be left to languish for six months on the ship, which is docked in Leith and has 739 rooms.

But, speaking in Edinburgh, Ms Sturgeon only said the scheme had been paused "hopefully" temporarily.

Her intervention came as she unveiled a taxpayer-funded report on the democratic case for independence.

It was the latest in a series of papers forming a prospectus for separation.

She argued that the Tory leadership contest made independence "essential", saying whoever succeeds Boris Johnson as prime minister will take the party and the country to the Right.

Ms Sturgeon said she would be willing to compromise on her plan for a separation vote on Oct 19 next year if the victor was willing to hold talks. The candidates have ruled out a referen dum. But she refused to pledge that a second vote would settle the issue if the nationalists lost again, raising the prospect of a "never-endum".

Ms Sturgeon's super sponsor plan let refugees name the Scottish Govern ment as a sponsor under the UK's Homes for Ukraine scheme, rather than having to be matched with individuals.

Asked four months ago if she planned to take in a Ukrainian, a Scottish Government spokesman said: "If needed, the First Minister would be willing to play her part in offering refuge."

But she yesterday refused to commit to inviting one to stay in the Glasgow home she shares with Peter Murrell, her husband and the SNP's chief executive.

She said she was not sure "that living with the First Minister for somebody seeking refuge, given the scrutiny and the publicity around that, would be something people would want to do".

Ms Sturgeon added her government was trying to move people from temporary to permanent accommodation and "the pause will allow us to do that and then hopefully in months to come give refuge to even more people".

**Graphic**

The First Minister suggested a refugee may not welcome the publicity sharing her home would attract

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[*SNP charm offensive for Kyiv refugee ship; Ukraine warms to idea but doubts remain about cruise liner being used to house migrants from war*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6600-RFY1-DYTY-C181-00000-00&context=1519360)

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NICOLA STURGEON has launched a charm offensive to win over Ukrainian community leaders who have cast doubt over Scottish Government plans to house 700 war refugees aboard a cruise ship.

Delegates from the Scottish government and Edinburgh city council yesterday showed Ukraine's consul general and members of the Ukrainian Community Centre around the MS Victoria, to show off its "exceptional" facilities.

Concerns had been raised about the Estonian vessel's cramped living conditions and the potential for a mass outbreak of Covid-19.

Refugees are likely to start arriving on the ship in two weeks and will be offered a gym, cinema, restaurants and shops while on board, The Daily Telegraph understands.

John Hawryluk, from the Ukrainian Community Centre, said many members were initially sceptical of the scheme when it was first mooted as a "permanent solution" for the lack of accommodation available for refugees in Scotland.

He said: "We have a meeting every morning with the council and the Scottish Government at 9am.

"When they initially announced the ship idea there were a number of intakes of breath going, 'Is that really the right thing to do?'

"As we have seen the ship we have become a bit more comfortable with the idea… we are exceptionally happy with the facilities and had no concerns from today's visit.

"The ship is actually a better solution than any of the solutions they have got currently."

Last week it emerged the Scottish Government plans to offer 200 homes for Ukrainians in two high-rise flats earmarked for demolition and filled with potentially dangerous cladding.

Yevhen Mankovskyi, Ukraine's consul general, told The Telegraph after visiting the ship, which is docked in Leith: "I am very happy, it is excellent."

But ministers and charities have demanded urgent clarity on how long refugees will be made to live on the ship after it emerged that their cabins would offer less space per person than a prison cell.

Miles Briggs, the Scottish Tory housing spokesman, said: "***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** fleeing from the illegal invasion of their country should have safe, secure and comfortable accommodation to stay while in Scotland.

"Despite Nicola Sturgeon's claims to the contrary, it is highly doubtful that the cramped cabins in this vessel offer them that."

Last week, The Telegraph revealed the 739 rooms earmarked for Ukrainians measure 86 sq ft.

The rooms are designed to accommodate up to four people, meaning at full capacity there would be 21.5 sq ft per person. The Scottish Refugee Council called the ship a "last resort option" after the First Minister suspended the country's super sponsor scheme last week.

"It is really important that stays on MS Victoria are as short as possible. Information about length of stays and any planned moves must be clear and shared with those affected," a spokesman [*www.said.No*](http://www.said.No) one wants to see people accommodated in this way."

It remains unclear how long refugees will be expected to live on the ship but the vessel has been rented for six months A spokesman for the Scottish Gov ernment said refugees will start arriving on the MS Victoria in Leith "as soon as possible" and the vessel will provide safe, sustainable and suitable accommodation for as long as required".

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**Body**

As all advertisers know, the new year heralds a whole new era in what, how and where we eat. To save space in future years, here is a handy guide to every food-anddrink-related fad genre. Insert 2023's here?

The gadget

It could be a slow cooker, a sushi roller machine, a raclette kit. An expensive and cumbersome device, imported from far away, that promises to revolutionise your cooking. It forms the centrepiece of a single dinner party, enjoyed through forced smiles, then is ushered to a cupboard for the next decade. Later it will be dragged out of hibernation for one night only, like Cliff Richard, whereupon it will short-circuit the kitchen and be quietly left in the neighbour's skip.

The cuisine

Food fashion is running out of countries to colonise. But don't worry, then there are the regions. In the future, the cuisine of every postcode on earth will be famous for 15 minutes, all going through the same procedure. A feted chef or two arrive in London. A book, a TV show and recipes follow, all explaining how you can achieve the same effect at home. Months later, the caravan has moved on, leaving you with nothing but memories and a cupboard full of sumac.

The diet

Cabbage soup, Slim Fast, grapefruit, Atkins, low-fat, juice, keto, 5:2, paleo, alkaline, GI, gluten-free, intermittent fasting. Whatever the miracle diet is, it is absolutely not about calorie counting. Never.

Thrifty cuts

Oh really, you say. We should be eschewing the supermarket and going to the 'butcher'? We should be asking them for less prized cuts? It works out cheaper than the supermarket, does it?

The ingredient

Sriracha, yuzu, 'pumpkin spice', avocado, kombucha, coconut oil, kale, matcha?

The restaurant trend

We're moving away from large plates to small [*www.plates.No*](http://www.plates.No), we're moving back to large ones. Forget starter, main and dessert! Oh no, remember them again. Eat with your hands. Eat in the dark. Eat off things that aren't plates. Stay at home.

The technique Are you pickling and fermenting things? Is life not too short?

'Posh' X, Y and Z Take burgers, pizza, macaroni and cheese, eggs, fish finger sandwiches, soup. Dress them up. Send them away to school. Welcome them back posh enough for the middle classes to feel less self-flagellating about junk food, and charge more for it. Genius.

The commonplace item recently discovered by the internet Butter, fresh bread, instant coffee? Whatever will these wacky kids think of next.

This week's specials? The latest news and views from the culinary scene

Tartare for now Inspired by a trip to Paris, Maison François in London's St James's has introduced a steak tartare trolley. Not only can you have it made in front of you, just the way you like it, but it also gives you plenty of warning in the event that you have in fact ordered it by mistake.

What the deck? The Telegraph's own Mark Hix is battling the council in Lyme Regis, Dorset, over the deck at his Oyster & Fish House. spent more than £20,000 building it during Covid to increase capacity. Now the council has told him he'll be turned down if he tries to renew his licence.

Christmas cheer Congratulations to the charity Springboard, which helped 10,000 disadvantaged people into hospitality jobs with its 'Springboard to 2022' initiative. Among them are care leavers and ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***.

**Graphic**

Do the latest food fads leave you all in a pickle?

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[*The bungled response to Ukraine's refugee crisis goes right to the top; Foot-dragging from Boris Johnson is as big a reason as any for the bureaucratic failure to help more people*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:64YV-RJD1-DYTY-C1P0-00000-00&context=1519360)

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At home, I have all kinds of books about the 1968 Prague Spring with pictures of Russian tanks arriving to punish a government that had strayed too far from Moscow's line. The aim is to show my children the horrors from which their grandparents fled and remind them that, while they are as British as Pimm's and Vindaloo, they are descended, in part, from refugees. So when we talk about handling today's asylum seekers, a good question to ask is: what if that were us?

Britain's record on this is part excellent - and part awful. To turn back desperate Ukrainians, ordering them to complete all kinds of paperwork, is baffling for a country that made such a bold and generous offer to the Hong Kong Chinese and spent more than any European country helping Syrian refugees. We may prefer to help those in overseas camps, but there will always be people heading here - as Prague Spring émigrés once did. So how to handle new arrivals? See them as a menace to be deterred, or friends in need?

It's a difficult call in many cases, but not this time. When Ukraine's hospitals are being shelled and mass graves filled (as is now happening), no one needs to ask if mothers arriving with children have a reasonable case for asylum. The only question - at least, the only decent question - is how quickly can they be helped.

First, Priti Patel claimed no Ukrainian heading to Britain was being sent back. Then she claimed that British officials were on hand at Calais to help. Neither claim was true. This points not to her fibbing, but the dysfunctionality of the department she runs: even she was being misinformed about the basics. The Home Office is known as Whitehall's capital of cluelessness, where all kinds of things go wrong for reasons no one can fathom. Its love of bureaucracy is equal only to its inability to get things done.

Meanwhile at Berlin Central train station, ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** have been greeted by locals holding up placards offering accommodation and paired on the spot. Polish households have so far absorbed 1.4 million Ukrainians and are paid a nightly allowance for those they put up. Germans are offering up spare rooms via websites such as Airbnb: Germany's interior ministry has counted private offers of 350,000 beds in all. It only expects 200,000 Ukrainians. An unprecedented human need has met an unprecedented public response - and government has not got in the way.

Compare this with Britain, where the Home Office forbids refugees from working or supporting themselves in any way, and insists on putting them up in hotels at a cost averaging about £200 a night. Almost 50,000 have now been waiting more than six months for their case to be heard - but are told to stay on welfare. This appals many government ministers, who see a tragic waste of both taxpayers' money and human potential.

In theory, it is a deterrent. The idea of being incarcerated in a decaying hotel and forced to stay on the dole is supposed to make migrants think twice about boarding the small boats - which have been one of Boris Johnson's biggest headaches. The Prime Minister's instincts have been liberal (he still, personally, backs an amnesty for undocumented migrants) but he accepts that his voters are furious about his failure to control the people smugglers who now do such roaring trade crossing the Channel.

And it's the Prime Minister's hesitation that is, currently, the biggest obstacle to a more generous settlement for Ukrainians. It's widely assumed that Ms Patel, often seen as the angry face of Tory intransigence, is the one insisting on all of the extra hurdles. At present, for example, the Home Office asks applicants to prove they are related to a permanent UK resident. Quite a test - and one my wife's family, when they fled the Russian tanks, would have failed.

But on Wednesday evening, Patel asked for permission to widen the sponsorship criteria to include any Ukrainian in Britain, not just those with permanent residency (for example, students or temporary workers). A response was requested by 8am the next morning, indicating a sense of panic. But it was rejected by No10, which fears 200,000 Ukrainians will somehow clear the bureaucratic hurdles already set. Make things any easier, runs the logic, and we could end up with more than 300,000 refugees. In public, Boris Johnson is promising to do "everything humanly possible" for Ukrainians. This, to put it politely, is an exaggeration.

The Home Secretary will be mindful that her family's story is also a story of people seeking sanctuary in Britain. Her parents moved here when it started to become dangerous for Asians in Uganda: a Tory government ended up flying 27,000 of those persecuted by Idi Amin to this country. When she joined forces with Dominic Raab (the son of a Jewish refugee) to push for a settlement for Hong Kong, he'd argue - privately - that they both acted very much with their family history in mind. Neither talk much about this in public.

Perhaps it suits the Tories to be seen as flinty-hearted over migration, a reputation that tends not to hurt at election time. But this is what can confuse issues now, blurring a sense of national duty and making Britain the last country in Europe to realise (for example) that it's absurd to ask fleeing refugees to upload biometric details before they're given sanctuary.

This should be the crisis that jolts the Home Office into a better way of handling asylum. Airbnb has been asking Brits to register spare rooms that might be used for refugees; some 2,500 hosts have offered space so far. Would it be so hard to match those arriving with willing hosts, as the Poles and Germans have done? And given that we have a record 1.3 million vacancies in the economy, would it be so bad to let Ukrainians work while they're here?

Earlier this week I bumped into James Heappey, the Armed Forces minister, who had overseen the Afghan refugee upheaval last summer. Troops who helped evacuate Afghans may now be sent to Poland to handle applications from ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** who want to come to Britain. (The Home Office says its staff out there need to watch their hours due to the EU's Working Time Directive, from which soldiers are exempt.) I asked Heappey if the paperwork was really necessary: wouldn't a passport suffice? "Watch this space," he replied. A great many Ukrainians will be watching. And hoping.

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The company, which offers people the chance to "grow" their careers by working from home, is barred from the Home Office database for security reasons, which means it can only support applicants with basic information such as eligibility criteria. It left thousands of applicants under the Homes for Ukraine scheme forced to wait without any information on whether there were problems with their applications or if extra information was needed.

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David Neal, independent chief inspector of borders and immigration, said this was because of its "sole focus" on generating income in its work running centres for the Government, which has earned it £167 million since its subsidiary TLScontact was given the contract.

He expressed concerns about the "reputational impact" of the company's "upselling" of added-value services, such as fast-tracking visa applications and other optional extras. He said: "There is an inherent reputational risk here for UK plc. This is important as the visit to the VAC is often customers' first experience of the UK, and their treatment may therefore have a disproportionate impact on perceptions of the country."

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MONTHLY payments to families hosting ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** should double, the minister in charge of the scheme has said, amid fears thousands will drop out as a result of the cost of living crisis.

Lord Harrington, the refugees minister, told The Daily Telegraph that he expects around a quarter of the 25,000 households hosting refugees to pull out when the initial six-month term is up at the end of October - meaning new homes will have to be found.

He has asked the Treasury to double the payment of £350 a month which hosts currently receive to £700, after some families warned they can no longer afford to house refugees because of soaring energy bills.

His demand comes ahead of tomorrow's six-month anniversary of Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine.

Yesterday, wholesale gas prices in Europe soared to their highest on record after Moscow announced plans to close a key pipeline - leading to fears UK households will face a year of crippling energy bills. Economists at Citigroup said the surge in energy costs meant UK inflation was now likely to peak at a near 50-year high of 18 per cent next January.

The new energy price cap that will come into force in October will be announced this week by Ofgem, the industry regulator, with a rise from the current £1,971 to around £3,600 per year expected.

Lord Harrington said: "I've asked the Treasury for the second six months to increase the 'thank you' payment from £350 to £700. People are under pressure. I can't say with hard evidence but all my gut tells me that if they are in financial difficulty the increased payment will help a lot."

His comments come as Downing Street yesterday said Boris Johnson's final fortnight in office will include restating support for Ukraine and highlighting measures to address the cost of living crisis.

The peer said he was "optimistic" that the Treasury would agree to his request, and added: "Every single person who takes part in a sponsorship saves the state the cost of renting flats for people, so I think there's a financial reason as well as a moral and humanitarian one."

There are now around 115,000 ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** staying in the UK, housed in 25,000 homes.

In the first three months of the scheme, the Government has spent £300million on funding local authorities to provide services for refugees and to finance the "thank you" payments.

Lord Harrington said he expected around 25 per cent of the families hosting refugees to pull out at the end of October, with some saying they can no longer afford to house Ukrainians because of soaring energy bills.

He said that in some parts of the country, the "thank you" payment is a "very important contributor to household expenses - electricity bills, gas bills".

The peer has also asked the Treasury for more money to fund English lan guage lessons for the refugees, so that more of them can get a job which would enable them to enter the rental market, in case the number of families offering homes dries up.

Last night, a Treasury source said the matter would be one for the new administration: "There is an institutional reticence to commit to public spending outside of fiscal events."

Lord Harrington has also held talks with landlords to urge them to waive requirements for Ukrainians to provide details such as utility bills before being allowed to rent homes. And he plans an advertising campaign in September to urge more families to come forward to offer Ukrainians a home.

He told The Telegraph that families who signed up at the start had now been sent letters asking whether they would be able to continue beyond six months.

Around 25 per cent have said no, meaning that unless they can be per suaded to change their mind, their refugees will have to be rehoused.

Research from the Office for National Statistics, published earlier this month, found that the rising cost of living and lack of affordability was cited by 23 per cent of hosts who do not want the arrangement to continue beyond six months. He added that it was "common Continued on Page 2

Continued from Page 1 sense" to conclude that, in some parts of the country, the rise in the cost of living could be behind some families' decision not to continue housing refugees for more than six months.

"For some people, in the north of England, £700 a month is more than you'd get in rent, in the south of Eng land it's like a drop in the ocean in some places," he said.

"I can't generalise but it just seems to me, rationally, that people have had increased costs and they're all really well-meaning people but they may be struggling themselves.

"When I visited Sheffield, they did report that some of the hosts were finding the increased energy bills difficult."

Lord Harrington said there was no immediate crisis of accommodation, because there were still thousands of households who expressed an interest earlier this year but had not yet been allocated any refugees.

He added: "At the moment we have a big surplus but, in case we haven't, we're going to start in September marketing and advertising for more people.

"What we're trying to do is micro marketing: if you're in Tunbridge Wells and we've got refugees in Tunbridge Wells that might need to be matched, we will concentrate the Facebook and whatever on people in that area."

Downing Street said that Ukraine would be part of the Prime Minister's focus during his final weeks in office.

A spokesman said: "A large focus this week is on reiterating our support for Ukraine, and that is an unwavering commitment that we have to supporting Ukraine in the face of an illegal war.

"The Government is also focused on supporting people with the cost of living and making sure that those who are eligible for the £37billion of support that's available through our phased-in plan are availing themselves of it."

The Prime Minister is expected to divide his time between No10 and his country retreat, Chequers, this week, after returning from a Greek holiday.

The news came as prices for energy up to 12 months in advance jumped by more than a fifth in Germany, France and the UK after a Kremlin announcement that it is to temporarily shut the key Nord Stream 1 pipeline sparked fears of prolonged supply shortages.

Benchmark European gas prices closed at their highest on record, jumping to as much as (EURO)295 (£250) per megawatt hour.

Citigroup said British inflation was now likely to peak at 18.6 per cent in January - the highest level since 1976, the year a sterling crisis forced the Government to seek a bailout from the International Monetary Fund.

They said interest rates of 7 per cent would potentially be needed to bring price rises back under control.

Heating oil costs soar Off-grid homes miss out on support price cap and have not received any additional support.

Heating oil costs have increased by 129 per cent in the past two years, new figures have shown amid fears for off-grid homes this winter.

Rural areas are particularly at risk from fuel poverty because of lower incomes, limited connectivity and ageing populations.

The 2.7million households in Britain that are off mains gas have seen bills spiral in recent months.

Gas bills have increased by 75 per cent in two years, according to Ofgem figures.

While all homes will receive a £400 grant in October to help with soaring energy costs, customers who depend on heating oil are not covered by the

Both gas and heating oil prices are expected to skyrocket when the energy price cap is raised again in October.

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Lord Harrington said: "I've asked the Treasury for the second six months to increase the 'thank you' payment from £350 to £700. People are under pressure. I can't say with hard evidence but all my gut tells me that if they are in financial difficulty the increased payment will help a lot."

His comments come as Downing Street yesterday said Boris Johnson's final fortnight in office will include restating support for Ukraine and highlighting measures to address the cost of living crisis.

The peer said he was "optimistic" that the Treasury would agree to his request, and added: "Every single person who takes part in a sponsorship saves the state the cost of renting flats for people, so I think there's a financial reason as well as a moral and humanitarian one."

There are now around 115,000 ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** staying in the UK, housed in 25,000 homes.

In the first three months of the scheme, the Government has spent £300million on funding local authorities to provide services for refugees and to finance the "thank you" payments.

Lord Harrington said he expected around 25 per cent of the families hosting refugees to pull out at the end of October, with some saying they can no longer afford to house Ukrainians because of soaring energy bills.

He said that in some parts of the country, the "thank you" payment is a "very important contributor to household expenses - electricity bills, gas bills".

The peer has also asked the Treasury for more money to fund English lan guage lessons for the refugees, so that more of them can get a job which would enable them to enter the rental market, in case the number of families offering homes dries up.

Last night, a Treasury source said the matter would be one for the new administration: "There is an institutional reticence to commit to public spending outside of fiscal events."

Lord Harrington has also held talks with landlords to urge them to waive requirements for Ukrainians to provide details such as utility bills before being allowed to rent homes. And he plans an advertising campaign in September to urge more families to come forward to offer Ukrainians a home.

He told The Telegraph that families who signed up at the start had now been sent letters asking whether they would be able to continue beyond six months.

Around 25 per cent have said no, meaning that unless they can be per suaded to change their mind, their refugees will have to be rehoused.

Research from the Office for National Statistics, published earlier this month, found that the rising cost of living and lack of affordability was cited by 23 per cent of hosts who do not want the arrangement to continue beyond six months. He added that it was "common Continued on Page 2

Continued from Page 1 sense" to conclude that, in some parts of the country, the rise in the cost of living could be behind some families' decision not to continue housing refugees for more than six months.

"For some people, in the north of England, £700 a month is more than you'd get in rent, in the south of Eng land it's like a drop in the ocean in some places," he said.

"I can't generalise but it just seems to me, rationally, that people have had increased costs and they're all really well-meaning people but they may be struggling themselves.

"When I visited Sheffield, they did report that some of the hosts were finding the increased energy bills difficult."

Lord Harrington said there was no immediate crisis of accommodation, because there were still thousands of households who expressed an interest earlier this year but had not yet been allocated any refugees.

He added: "At the moment we have a big surplus but, in case we haven't, we're going to start in September marketing and advertising for more people.

"What we're trying to do is micro marketing: if you're in Tunbridge Wells and we've got refugees in Tunbridge Wells that might need to be matched, we will concentrate the Facebook and whatever on people in that area."

Downing Street said that Ukraine would be part of the Prime Minister's focus during his final weeks in office.

A spokesman said: "A large focus this week is on reiterating our support for Ukraine, and that is an unwavering commitment that we have to supporting Ukraine in the face of an illegal war.

"The Government is also focused on supporting people with the cost of living and making sure that those who are eligible for the £37billion of support that's available through our phased-in plan are availing themselves of it."

The Prime Minister is expected to divide his time between No10 and his country retreat, Chequers, this week, after returning from a Greek holiday.

The news came as prices for energy up to 12 months in advance jumped by more than a fifth in Germany, France and the UK after a Kremlin announcement that it is to temporarily shut the key Nord Stream 1 pipeline sparked fears of prolonged supply shortages.

Benchmark European gas prices closed at their highest on record, jumping to as much as (EURO)295 (£250) per megawatt hour.

Citigroup said British inflation was now likely to peak at 18.6 per cent in January - the highest level since 1976, the year a sterling crisis forced the Government to seek a bailout from the International Monetary Fund.

They said interest rates of 7 per cent would potentially be needed to bring price rises back under control.

Heating oil costs soar Off-grid homes miss out on support

Heating oil costs have increased by 129 per cent in the past two years, new figures have shown amid fears for off-grid homes this winter.

The 2.7million households in Britain that are off mains gas have seen bills spiral in recent months.

While all homes will receive a £400 grant in October to help with soaring energy costs, customers who depend on heating oil are not covered by the price cap and have not received any additional support.

Rural areas are particularly at risk from fuel poverty because of lower incomes, limited connectivity and ageing populations.

Gas bills have increased by 75 per cent in two years, according to Ofgem figures.

Both gas and heating oil prices are expected to skyrocket when the energy price cap is raised again in October.

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[*We must give the Rwanda plan a chance; I am not always an admirer of the Government, but no one has put forward an alternative to the PM's plan*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:68NG-DDY1-DYTY-C0T3-00000-00&context=1519360)

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**Body**

Iam a liberal Conservative. I have not always agreed with my party in recent years. Indeed, I even lost the whip at one point in 2019. So, I don't speak from a position of slavish loyalty to the party leadership.

I also don't have a reputation for being particularly tough on immigration. I have often advocated the benefits migrants bring to our country.

But there is no doubt that doing nothing about illegal immigration is not an option. Everyone knows that it is a huge problem, and that, if we cannot find a solution, people will die in the Channel in considerable numbers by taking risks as they come here.

In the Mediterranean, 2,000 people have died trying to cross it this year alone. We must not allow a similar situation to develop in the Channel.

We all admit that illegal immigration is a global problem, so if we suddenly become an easier country than others, we are likely to face significant pressures as more and more people try and reach our shores.

The numbers crossing the Channel have more than quadrupled in the past two years. If nothing is done, these numbers will carry on increasing at a dramatic rate, putting pressure on coastal communities.

We all want to retain our excellent reputation - it is not unblemished, but better than those of most other European countries - for good race relations and an integrated community. During my lifetime, Britain has become a multicultural, multiracial society, and I am glad to say that I think the majority of my fellow citizens feel that the contribution that has been made and the improvements to our society are quite substantial as a result.

But concern about the dinghies and old fishing boats bobbing on the ocean will, if we are not careful, stir up all the bad feelings that we used to know, which we remember only too well from a generation or two ago. That is why more than 60 per cent of our population wish to stop illegal immigration.

I am a lawyer and have a huge respect for the law - abiding by the rule of law is one of the most important underlying principles of our constitution - but we cannot simply produce a lot of legalisms to shoot down the Rwanda scheme without making any suggestion whatever of a practical kind that is likely to have an impact on a great national problem, which we share as part of a global issue.

We do need a solution to this problem and the only one on offer is the extraordinary one put forward by the Government - that we simply cease to entertain illegal immigration and instead deport to safe places.

Importantly, in all the debate about the Government's Illegal Migration Bill, no one has advanced an alternative. I have listened keenly for an idea of how else we might deal with the mounting issue of irregular migration, but answer has come there none.

People can make objections to the Rwanda scheme, they can point out legal complications with it, but they don't have a plan of their own. So, the choice is between doing nothing and Rwanda.

I am not always an admirer of the Government. But I must give credit to it for the protection that we have offered to those fleeing persecution. We have done well with ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***, with thousands of families opening their homes to them. We have lived up to our obligations to the people of Hong Kong, creating a route for more of them to come here. We have also admitted a lot of people from Afghanistan, although we could have made a better job of that.

We are making our contribution to the global problem and taking a huge net increase to our population each year; we are getting some benefit, as it is helping our workforce. We are not becoming a walled-in, closed country. That is a good British contribution to a tremendous problem for the whole of the Western world.

I cannot be certain that this policy will succeed, it is - after all - the first time this has been tried. But we can no longer simply do nothing. We must give the Rwanda scheme a chance to work.

Kenneth Clarke, Baron Clarke of Nottingham, served as home secretary from 1992 to 1993 and chancellor of the Exchequer from 1993 to 1997 read more at [*www.telegraph.co.uk/opinion*](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/opinion)

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[*Azarenka blasts fans 'ans 'drunk on Pimm's' for booing*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:68NG-DDY1-DYTY-C107-00000-00&context=1519360)

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**Body**

Belarusian star Victoria Azarenka accused the Wimbledon crowd of being drunk on Pimm's after she was booed off No 1 Court as Vladimir Putin's war spilled out into this most refined of sporting venues.

An angry Azarenka stopped as she left the court and eyeballed the crowd for a second. Then she shook her head, smiled bitterly and made a gesture with both arms, slapping her wrists together in a manner that Europeans sometimes use to mean "up yours".

Azarenka had just been defeated by Ukraine's Elina Svitolina in the first such politically charged match of the tournament. And the reception Svitolina received was staggering - perhaps even louder than a British icon such as Andy Murray might have expected after a tight win. When asked about the reaction of the crowd Azarenka replied: "What do you think? What do you think, how was the crowd?" When the interviewer replied it was unfair she added: "I think we agree on that.

"I've known Elina for a very long time. I've always had a good relationship with her. And the circumstances, it is what it is, and that's it. I can't control the crowd. I'm not sure that a lot of people were understanding what's happening, so it's probably been a lot of pimps - Pimm's - throughout the day.

"She doesn't want to shake hands with Russian, Belarusian people. I respected her decision. What should I have done? Stayed and waited?"

Azarenka added when asked about not shaking her opponent's hand. "Like, I mean, there's nothing that I could do that would have been right, so I just did what I thought was respectful towards her decision. If people are going to be focusing only on handshakes or crowd, quite drunk crowd, booing in the end, that's a shame."

" In pure tennis terms, this was well short of Svitolina'sfinest hour, for she is a seasoned campaigner who has scored no fewer than six victories over world No1s.

But what with the emotion of the moment, the exultation of the crowd and her desperate desire to inspire her countrymen and women in Ukraine, she instantly nominated it as the best moment of her career.

"After giving birth to our daughter this is the second happiest moment in my life," Svitolina told Rishi Persad in her on-court interview. "When I was down in the second set I heard you guys cheering for me and I almost wanted to cry. I was just trying to think about back home, the people watching and cheering for me. I know how much it will mean to them. Any moment they can share of happiness [means a lot]. There are tough times in Ukraine and I am playing here in front of you guys, I cannot complain. I just try to win every point."

" After Azarenka had dominated the opening set, this match boiled up into a magnficent contest which gained extra intensity from its geopolitical subtext. Although both players enjoyed a polite welcome at the start of the match, the 12,000 fans on No 1 Court became more vocal when Svitolina went a break down in the second set. Svitolina has mentioned before that she knows many ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** who are presently living in Britain, and it felt as though most of them had been treated to tickets.

Meanwhile, she was striking some magnificent blows, particularly with her world-class backhand, and celebrating each game she claimed with an exaggerated fist pump. When she won the second set to level up the score, she even seemed to eyeball Azarenka's entourage above the scoreboard.

A brilliant third set found both women slugging away at the peak of their powers, with no quarter given, until they reached the decisive super tie-break.

Azarenka saved one match point with a brave smash. On the second, however, Svitolina nailed an ace out wide and then lay down sobbing with her hands over her face.

The players did not shake hands at the net, as has become the norm in recent weeks when Ukrainians face opponents from Russia or Belarus, although Azarenka held a palm up towards Svitolina in a gesture of respect. That was the cue for the booing to start.

**Graphic**

Fans' favourite: Elina Svitolina (right); and Victoria Azarenka's gesture (left)

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[*Azarenka booed off after loss to Ukraine's Svitolina*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:68NG-DDY1-DYTY-C0YP-00000-00&context=1519360)

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**Body**

Belarusian star Victoria Azarenka was booed off Wimbledon's No 1 Court, as the tensions surrounding Vladimir Putin's war spilt out into this most refined of sporting venues. An angry Azarenka stopped as she left the court and eyeballed the crowd for a second. Then she shook her head, smiled bitterly and made a gesture with both arms, slapping her wrists together in a manner that Europeans sometimes use to mean "up yours". Azarenka had just been defeated by Ukraine's Elina Svitolina in the first such politically charged match of the tournament. And the reception Svitolina received was staggering - perhaps even louder than a British icon such as Andy Murray might have expected after a tight win.

In pure tennis terms, this was well short of her finest hour, for she is a seasoned campaigner who has scored no fewer than six victories over world No1s. But with the emotion of the moment, the exultation of the crowd and her desperate desire to inspire her compatriots in Ukraine, she instantly nominated it as the best moment of her career.

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After Azarenka had dominated the opening set, this match boiled up into a magnificent contest which gained extra intensity from its geopolitical subtext. We saw a few small Ukrainian flags confiscated by security, and we heard voices calling out in solidarity with the Ukrainian cause - although it would take a translator to explain exactly what they were saying.

Although both players enjoyed a polite welcome at the start of the match, the 12,000 fans on No 1 Court became more vocal when Svitolina went a break down in the second set. Svitolina has mentioned before that she knows many ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** who are living in Britain, and it felt as though most of them had been treated to tickets.

One particularly enraged fan booed Azarenka in the middle of the match, but that was unusual. In general, she received polite appreciation whenever she struck a winner.

But any positive play from Svitolina sent the fans into raptures. The passions on show seemed to be infectious, and soon Wimbledon's reputation as a calm and reserved temple of sportsmanship was being upended. Meanwhile, Svitolina was striking some magnificent blows, particularly with her world-class backhand, and celebrating each game she claimed with an exaggerated fist-pump.

When she won the second set to level up the score, she even seemed to eyeball Azarenka's entourage above the scoreboard. A brilliant third set found both women slugging away at the peak of their powers, with no quarter given, until they reached the decisive super tiebreak. Now the nerves began to kick in.

As the light faded around the court, and the clock ticked towards 9pm, Azarenka saved one match point with a brave smash. On the second, however, Svitolina nailed an ace out wide and then lay down sobbing with her hands over her face at her 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 win. The players did not shake hands at the net, although Azarenka held a palm up towards Svitolina in a gesture of respect.

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That was the cue for the booing to start, just as it had during the French Open when such situations arose. On an individual level, Azarenka did not deserve her barracking, for she had played with great skill and courage. But there are wider issues in the world this year.

Azarenka said when asked about not shaking her opponent's hand: "If people are going to be focusing only on handshakes or crowd, quite drunk crowd, booing in the end, that's a shame."

**Graphic**

Kiss-off: Ukraine's Elina Svitolina (left) celebrates her three-set victory, as Victoria Azarenka, of Belarus, departs

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[*Migrants could be moved from hotels to ferries; Rebellion on the horizon as Sunak plans 'beginning of the end' for for asylum hotels*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:67VN-PGP1-DYTY-C1SG-00000-00&context=1519360)

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MIGRANTS could be housed on disused ferries as part of efforts to clear asylum seekers out of hotels, The Daily Telegraph has learnt.

Rishi Sunak is expected to declare as early as next week the "beginning of the end" of asylum hotels, which are being used to house more than 50,000 migrants at a cost of nearly £7million a day.

It is expected to be announced that migrants will initially be moved into "decent but rudimentary" accommodation in former military bases that will be used to house single, adult male migrants.

Ministers are also understood to be seeking to use disused ferries but plans to use student accommodation and holiday camps have been put on hold.

Ministers are expected to argue that the living conditions meet the Government's minimum legal obligations, but will toughen its approach to coun ter the "pull factor" of asylum hotels and reduce the cost. They have included four-star country houses on rural estates.

It follows violent protests outside the hotels where pro- and anti-immigration groups have clashed, and growing anger among Tory backbenchers at the impact on over-stretched local services and economies.

Ministers face a backlash from councils in two of the areas with military bases where the migrants are expected to be transferred. Officials from both Continued on Page 2

Continued from Page 1 authorities told The Telegraph that they were considering legal action over the moves.

Mr Sunak faces potentially the biggest rebellion of his premiership as up to 60 Tory MPs attempt to toughen the new illegal migration Bill by giving UK courts the power to ignore rulings by Strasbourg judges, disapplying parts of the Human Rights Act and blocking injunctions to prevent deportations.

The rebel MPs, including at least six former ministers, are backing amendments at next week's committee stage to ensure plans to detain and swiftly remove migrants can go ahead, irre spective of any judgments from the European Court of Human Rights. The MPs have been called into No 10 to try to resolve the row.

The military bases and ferries will be used to clear asylum seekers from the hotels and to house Channel migrants who reach the UK on small boats.

Ministers have said the small boats legislation will apply retrospectively to migrants who arrive after the Bill was laid on March 7 but before it is passed this Summer.

This enables them to be removed under its terms to a third country, such as Rwanda, once it is passed. Some 3,680 migrants have crossed the Channel so far this year after a record 45,755 reached the UK in 2022.

It is understood ministers are also planning to use ferries, emulating an approach by the Scottish Government which housed ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** in two 700-cabin ships. They were docked in Glasgow and Edinburgh and could hold 1,750 people each. It is not known where the UK Government's ferries might be berthed.

Two military bases have been identified - RAF Scampton, the Dambusters' base in Lincolnshire, and MDP Wethersfield in Braintree, Essex - which could each house up to 1,500 migrants in refurbished barracks and portacabins. Ministers will make a final decision before a possible announcement in the middle of next week.

Council leaders have been told up to 5,000 migrants could move through each over the space of a year. The migrants transferred from hotels would not be detained but would be free to come and go, with medical and other facilities provided on site.

James Cleverly, the Foreign Secre tary, who is local MP for the Essex base, is among those who have objected. He wrote on his Facebook page that Wethersfield was inappropriate as an asylum camp due to "the remote nature of the site, limited transport infrastructure and narrow road network."

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[*Refugees may claim right to stay indefinitely; Ministers say Ukrainians on temporary visas will also be allowed to work, study and claim benefits*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6555-VDS1-JCBW-N2NR-00000-00&context=1519360)

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***UKRAINIAN*** ***refugees*** are to be allowed to claim permanent asylum in the UK in the first government move of its kind.

Ministers have said that tens of thousands of refugees expected to arrive on temporary family or Homes for Ukraine visas should also be able to claim asylum without losing their right to work and study or their access to benefits.

Charities that have been contacted by refugees who have come to the UK on the three-year visas say the Ukrainians fear they may never be able to go back because of the destruction wreaked by Vladimir Putin's troops and fears of long-term hostilities with the Russians.

The family scheme for those with relatives in the UK and the Homes for Ukraine programme, where Britons open their homes to refugees, have been time-limited at three years on the basis that most are expected to return to the region once the conflict ends.

Unlike asylum seekers, the two temporary visa schemes enable them to work, study, claim benefits and have full access to the NHS, schools and other services.

This contrasts with the normal rules which bar asylum seekers from working for at least 12 months and claiming benefits. They are also restricted to payments of £40.85 a week for food, toiletries and clothing.

Ministers have decided that Ukrainians on the temporary visa schemes should not be penalised if they seek asylum by losing any of their rights.

"There is nothing to stop Ukrainians in the UK on one of our schemes from claiming asylum," said a Home Office source. "People in the UK on one of our Ukraine Schemes have three years' leave to remain and have full access to work, study and benefits.

"If they chose to claim asylum before their leave expires, they would con tinue to maintain those rights pending the outcome of the claim."

Care4Calais, which supports refugees in the UK, France and Belgium, said it had been approached by Ukrainians on family visas seeking to put in asylum applications because they were worried they might not be able to return to their homeland.

"They thought that they would be living here for only a little bit and then would be going home," said Claire Moseley, the charity's founder.

"But they have looked at the destruction of the infrastructure and it's massive. Roads and hospitals are completely destroyed.

"Instead of thinking, they might go home after a couple of months or a year, they now think it might be longer. What if it takes more than three years?"

There have so far been 65,000 applications, split evenly between the family scheme and Homes for Ukraine pro gramme. Some 24,400 family visas and 4,700 home sponsorship applications have been granted, according to government data.

Most are thought to be women and children as Ukraine's martial law requires men under 60 to remain in the country and help with the war effort.

Sponsors are entitled to a £350 "thank you" payment and are expected to guarantee accommodation for six months.

Around 100,000 people are currently caught up in asylum backlogs, with an estimated 62,000 waiting more than six months.

The move comes amid complaints that refugees on the Homes for Ukraine scheme are being left in limbo after emails granting their applications have gone missing.

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[*If Putin is to be tried for war crimes, of course he can't remain in power; Letters to the Editor*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:653P-2921-JCBW-N0RF-00000-00&context=1519360)

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sir - It is absurd to think Vladimir Putin is the leader of choice for the Russian people. With opposition politicians locked up, brutalised or assassinated and thousands of armed police preventing peaceful protest, he is a bloodthirsty tyrant overseeing a kleptocracy that is impoverishing Russia.

For our politicians to think of a compromise in which Mr Putin and his gang of war criminals can evade justice and retain their positions to pose a danger to their neighbours is unacceptable and insults the heroism of the people of Ukraine in resisting the Russian invasion.

Mr Putin must go and Russia must be given the opportunity to vote for a democratic government. Brian Seage St Cleer, Cornwall sir - It's ironic that Joe Biden can be slated for saying what we all want. Charles Holden Micheldever, Hampshire sir - President Biden has said what most of the public think. If Mr Putin doesn't go, this war will continue for years. He will never give up until he gets what he wants.

God help us if we need to protect ourselves. I don't think Europe is willing to defend its population. Our leaders are scared.

Jennifer Cann Wokingham, Berkshire sir - We are asking ourselves what we in the West would do if Mr Putin uses chemical weapons. And so we should.

So far, too many red lines have left no room for ambiguity, allowing him to play the West at his murderous game.

It's time now to sow doubt in his mind. The deployment of four, new Nato battlegroups to Bulgaria,

Hungary, Romania and Slovakia is exactly what is [*www.needed.No*](http://www.needed.No) one wants a major war with Russia, but we must be ready for one if the circumstances dictate. Richard Drax MP (Con) London SW1 sir - I am expecting two Ukrainian women and a six-year-old boy to come to me this week. Their visa applications involved a day and a half of answering more than 100 questions. Explanations had to be given for why they could not produce utility bills (their flat was blown up). There then had to be a visit to a visa application centre.

Had I not had the assistance of a bilingual volunteer, we might not have succeeded at all.

Lowri Coulten Boughton, Northamptonshire sir - Three weeks ago, when I first heard that Britain would be admitting substantial numbers of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***, and knowing that home inspections would be needed as well as counselling and intervention if placements broke down, I volunteered my services to the director of my local authority social services department. I have received no acknowledgment of my offer.

I am a retired social worker with a professional qualification and years of experience in adoption, fostering and counselling.

Retired doctors were often spurned when they offered to help with the Covid mass-vaccination programme. I now expect to suffer the same fate. Would anybody else care to avail themselves of my services? Joan Bridge-Taylor Rochester, Kent

**Graphic**

Protecting Kyiv's statue of the Cossack Bohdan Khmelnytsky by the dome of St Sophia'sGETTY AGENCY/ ANADOLU AKTAS/ METIN

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[*Let's not fall for Putin's line that he is entitled to control his neighbours; Letters to the Editor*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:64Y6-TYD1-JCBW-N1B8-00000-00&context=1519360)

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sir - Adam Holloway MP refers to Nato's "possible mistake in moving its border so much closer to Russia's" (Commentary, March 6). This narrative has to stop, because it implies that the Western allies were somehow to blame for welcoming former Soviet satellites desperately wanting to get out from beneath the oppressive Russian yoke and move into the democratic Western sphere. This was an inalienable right as self-determining sovereign countries.

To imply otherwise buys into Vladimir Putin's poisonous line that Russia is somehow "entitled" to control its neighbours. Roger White Sherborne, Dorset sir - I wish everyone would stop talking about "the war in Ukraine", because it is not a war, it is an attack.

Mr Putin has taken the world back to 1939. Poisonous glory of the kind he is pursuing will end badly - for him. Mick Ferrie Mawnan Smith, Cornwall sir - I am ashamed of Britain - a country for which my father died in the Second World War.

Why is the Government stopping ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** from entering? Many are well educated and speak English and would benefit our society, but all should be made welcome, given their horrendous treatment by the madman Vladimir Putin.

Elizabeth Neden Diddlebury, Shropshire sir - Fifty years ago, as a young married couple, we often enjoyed the hospitality of Nicky and Grete Winton. Later we were honoured to know Sir Nicholas Winton, as he became. As a nation we are all proud of his role in the Kindertransport - the saving of young children sent to this country to escape Nazi persecution in their own.

Today, Dominic Raab, the Foreign Secretary, and Priti Patel, the Home Secretary - both from refugee families that benefited from British generosity to distressed immigrants - seem to be more concerned with preventing bureaucratic disruption, such as that which Winton and the Kindertransport caused, than with helping refugees. Somehow we are finding it difficult to be quite as proud of Mr Raab and Ms Patel as we are of Sir Nicholas. Philip and Nicky Stevens Hartley Wintney, Hampshire sir - How prescient was Alexander Solzhenitsyn in his amazing Warning to the West when he said: "I am not a critic of the West. I am a critic of the weakness of the West. I am a critic of a fact we can't comprehend - how one can lose one's spiritual strength, one's willpower and, possessing freedom, not value it, not be willing to make sacrifices for it."

Doug Clark Currie, Midlothian sir - It is good that Pope Francis has spoken out against the invasion of Ukraine (report, March 7), though this will not even be reported in Russia.

What if Pope Francis made an immediate visit to Ukraine? As the Vatican's head of state, he is entitled to visit any country that invites him. It is unlikely that the head of state in Ukraine would not want to invite him.

Even the Russians might be unwilling to kill a pope. But the visit must be very soon while there are still Ukrainians alive to be visited.

Eric Hester Bolton, Lancashire

**Graphic**

Vlad Tsaparin and Julia Fedotovsky from Kyiv shelter in Lviv's Les Kurbas theatre

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[*Patel increasingly isolated in Cabinet over hapless Home Office performance; Commentary*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:64YD-SXC1-JCBW-N4J2-00000-00&context=1519360)

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Senior ministers appear to be putting clear blue water between themselves and Priti Patel as a result of what's seen as the Home Office's poor performance in helping ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***. They fear that it's taking the gloss off the rest of the Government's help for Kyiv, much of which has won global acclaim.

It's arguably one of the best-known, and certainly most quoted, sayings by any Home Secretary - except that the one to whom it's attributed, Labour's John Reid, claims he never said "the Home Office is not fit for purpose".

But the sentiment itself continues to have a great many adherents. And that is beginning to cause serious political problems for the current Home Secretary, with senior colleagues expressing exasperation at how badly British handling of Ukraine's refugees compares with other countries.

The UK has won plaudits from the harassed Ukrainian authorities for providing a formidable array of highly effective weapons and instituting heavyweight sanctions against the Putin regime.

However, now the mayor of Calais, where hundreds of refugees are trying desperately to get UK visas, has accused Britain of a "lack of humanity". In addition, MPs of all parties have been severely critical of the lack of urgency by the Home Office, with Labour describing its attitude as "callous" while the Tories' Roger Gale insisted it's time to cut the red tape.

Most worrying for Ms Patel, however, is the distinct lack of Cabinet solidarity as senior colleagues seem reluctant to share the blame for the confusion and complexities faced by refugees. They are deflecting questions about how few Britain is admitting and are pointedly insisting any problems are the sole responsibility of the Home Secretary.

Questioned on Monday by Labour MP Chris Bryant about preparations made for dealing with refugees, Liz Truss, the Foreign Secretary, said: "It's really a matter for the Home Secretary." Pressed on whether it may also be the FCO's job to arrange for the biometric tests that are compulsory for refugees, she responded: "Exactly how the visa process works is, I believe, a Home Office responsibility."

" Yesterday, Ben Wallace, the Defence Secretary, questioned by Mishal Husain on BBC Radio 4's Today programme about Britain's response to the crisis, declared, "I don't think we are bottling it', and said the UK had helped train Ukrainian forces and had provided more than a thousand anti-air and anti-tank missiles. He defended the Government's refugee plan, saying that Britain would accept 200,000 under the scheme to help those with relatives already in Britain and pledged to ofer the Home Office assistance with what he called the "basic security check" for refugees. However, pressed further about the small number being allowed entry, he said: "I am not the Home Secretary."

" What has been crystal clear is that there is precious little of the antirefugee feeling among British people that might have explained Home ffice reluctance to speed things up. Indeed, the opposite has been the case with millions of pounds raised by charities and churches and others bodies swamped with offers of help.

Sadly, unless I'm much mistaken, it seems that the old accusation against the Home Office remains true.

The UK had won plaudits for its policy on Ukraine ... now the mayor of Calais has accused Britain of a 'lack of humanity'

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[*Full access to benefits for those on 'rooms for refugees' scheme; Ministers look at giving Ukrainians leave to remain in Britain for 36 months under sponsorship visa*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6502-PVF1-DYTY-C2J6-00000-00&context=1519360)

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UKRAINIANS coming to Britain under the "rooms for refugees" scheme would get full access to welfare benefits under moves being discussed by ministers.

They may also be granted leave to remain for 36 months under a "humanitarian sponsorship" visa where the public will be asked to offer them homes. It had previously been sug gested they would only have a right to remain for an initial 12 month period.

The programme will match tens of thousands of Ukrainians who have no family links to the UK with individuals, charities, businesses and community groups who will provide accommodation and potentially jobs.

The changes would put the spon sored Ukrainians on a par with refugees on the family visa scheme who have relatives in the UK and are entitled to remain in the UK for 36 months, have access to benefits on the same terms as UK nationals and can work.

The sponsored route will be launched on Monday by Michael Gove, the Communities Secretary, with a hotline and [*www.gov.uk*](http://www.gov.uk) webpage where the public will be able to offer rooms to refugees.

There will be no cap on numbers, but ministers are expected to set a target of "tens of thousands". More than 4,600 individuals, businesses, community groups or churches have offered rooms through Sanctuary Foundation, a platform set up in anticipation of the scheme. It was still being finalised last night amid concerns over the scale and costs within the Department for Work and Pensions and Treasury.

A government source said: "The understanding is they would get the same benefits [as those on the family scheme] but no final decision has been taken." Another source added: "I can't see a reason why they wouldn't have the same terms."

The moves follow a week of criticism of the Home Office's "chaotic" rollout of its visas for refugees with family in the UK that has led to delays and complaints over bureaucracy and form filling.

It brings the UK closer to the EU approach, which allows in Ukrainians for three years although, unlike Britain, they do not require visas.

Emmanuel Macron last night claimed credit for softening up Britain's stance on ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** as he urged Priti Patel to bin more border red tape.

The French president said stinging criticism from Paris was behind Home Office about-turns on visa requirements but insisted "much remains to be done".

In an undiplomatic swipe he accused the UK of failing to treat people fleeing the war properly.

Ms Patel's French counterpart, Gerald Darmanin, wrote to her on Sunday saying the UK's approach showed a "lack of humanity" towards those "in distress". Four days later, the Home Secretary eased rules so Ukrainians can apply for entry to the UK online and must only provide biometric data after arrival.

Britain is preparing for schools to take as many as 100,000 refugee Ukrainian children in areas with high expat populations. Nadhim Zahawi, the Education Secretary, has ordered officials to map school places to establish spare capacity and the need for funding.

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[*Socialist nationalism is on the rise in Germany*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:69NV-PC51-JCBW-N0CV-00000-00&context=1519360)

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Just two years have passed since Europe's centrist Mutti, Angela Merkel, left the stage she had dominated since 2005. Now another formidable woman aims to smash the Merkel mould forever.

Like the former German chancellor, Sahra Wagenknecht was a loyal communist until the Berlin Wall fell in 1989 and the East German state promptly collapsed. Otherwise, she and Mrs Merkel are polar opposites.

After decades as the poster girl of the hard Left, she is setting up a new party, modestly named the "Sahra Wagenknecht Alliance" (BSW). Only in Germany, where "normal" politicians aspire to be dull in order to avoid Hitlerian comparisons, would an anti-establishment party based on the charisma of its leader stand a chance.

The BSW will appeal to voters who have abandoned mainstream politics in favour of the far-Right populist Alternative for Germany (AFD).

Her argument is simple: "Germans don't vote for the AFD because they're Right-wing. They vote for [it] because they're angry."

Like many former communists, Ms Wagenknecht, 54, is a social conservative and an anti-globalist. She is against mass immigration and multiculturalism; she refused to be vaccinated during the pandemic; she is hostile to costly green policies; and she is fiercely anti-woke.

Perhaps the most problematic aspects of Ms Wagenknecht's brand of "Left conservatism" are her implacable opposition to Nato and her passionate support for Putin's Russia.

Since the invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, she has demanded an end to sanctions and a "peace" that would legitimise Russian occupation.

In common with both Kremlin propagandists and the hard Right in Germany, Ms Wagenknecht tells working-class families that they are being held to ransom by Anglo- American monopoly capitalists who are driving up energy prices and prolonging the war for their own gain.

Indeed, a part of the Wagenknecht base consists of conspiracy theorists who are convinced that Germany is only a sham democracy. She also exploits Ostalgie (nostalgia for East Germany) by claiming that the Federal Republic is "no more democratic" than the old communist regime.

The grain of truth in her claims is the fact that the German political system does make it hard for voters to kick out unpopular governments.

The present "traffic-light" coalition of centre-Left Social Democrats (SPD), liberal Free Democrats (FDP) and Greens has slumped in the polls. Yet Merkel stayed in office for 16 years by changing coalition partners.

Admittedly, the present Chancellor, Olaf Scholz, is far more despised than Mrs Merkel ever was. The German economy has teetered on the brink of recession since the war began, winter is coming and the outlook is bleak.

The crisis in Israel and Gaza has inflamed the German migration debate - already reignited by more than a million ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***. The Wagenknecht solution is crude but effective: "There shouldn't be any neighbourhoods where natives are in the minority."

Ever since the Merkel government opened the door to millions of refugees from the Middle East eight years ago, simmering resentment against the failure to police the borders has periodically boiled over into protests.

Last month, an anti-Israel rally in the diverse Neukölln district of Berlin left 65 police officers injured, while the resurgence of anti-Semitism has shaken a nation more accustomed to parading its anti-Nazi credentials than to questioning their validity.

Thanks to her Iranian father, Ms Wagenknecht has no hang-ups about demanding much tougher policies, both on the integration of German Muslims (now numbering some six million) and on border security.

The Wagenknecht phenomenon is already putting pressure on Berlin. Germany is one of several EU members now exploring Rwanda-style policies to deal with asylum-seekers off-shore.

Any resemblance between Sahra Wagenknecht and Suella Braverman is, however, superficial; many of Ms Wagenknecht's views are closer to Jeremy Corbyn's. Not only is she for a ceasefire in Gaza and against sending arms to Israel or Ukraine, but she advocates the dismantling of Nato. In Moscow, where she is seen as one of Germany's Putinversteher ("Putin understanders"), they call her a "National Bolshevik".

For British Remainers who still idealise Europe, the forces represented by Ms Wagenknecht are the stuff of nightmares. The EU is increasingly dominated by politicians who could, like her, be described as national conservatives (such as Italy's Giorgia Meloni) or national socialists (Slovakia's Robert Fico).

A Left-wing Eurosceptic, she has been consistently critical of the euro, open borders and many other aspects of the EU. Even after Brexit, she defended the British decision to hold a referendum - in a country that has a constitutional ban on plebiscites.

But will the Wagenknecht experiment work? She has taken nine other MPs from the old Left to launch her new platform in January. Polls suggest that she might gain anything from 12 to 20 per cent of the German vote, and up to 30 per cent in the East - enough to form a sizeable parliamentary bloc.

Wagenknecht is an unabashed demagogue in a land of machine politicians. However attractive the dark horse from Jena may seem to politically homeless conservatives, they will sooner or later wake up to an unpalatable truth.

She is hardly the first German leader to combine nationalism, socialism and populism. And at heart, Wagenknecht remains an unreconstructed Stalinist.

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[*Visa scheme chaos turns spotlight back on to a department with plenty of form for bungling; Analysis*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:64YM-S631-JCBW-N1RF-00000-00&context=1519360)

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The hashtag PritiPatelResign was once again trending on Twitter yesterday amid mounting criticism over a "chaotic" visa scheme in which ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** have had to travel for hours and, in some cases, wait for days before they can apply for safe haven in Britain.

A promised visa application centre (VAC) near Calais for people applying under the UK's Ukrainian Family Scheme has turned out to be three people manning a tent in Lille containing packets of crisps and KitKats while a "local sponsorship scheme" is yet to get off the ground, despite the first missiles hitting Kyiv on Feb 24.

Yet with the Home Office having "form" when it comes to bungling - who is really to blame, the Home Secretary or her civil servants?

According to former Tory leader Sir Iain Duncan Smith: "The Home Office has developed a habit of saying what it shouldn't, couldn't and won't do rather than finding quick solutions to problems. Priti is by no means the first Home Secretary to fall foul of a department that has long been in desperate need of reform."

His words echo those of Ms Patel's Labour predecessor John Reid, who declared the department "not fit for purpose" when he succeeded Charles Clarke as home secretary in 2006.

Amber Rudd became another Home Office casualty in 2018 after resigning as home secretary over the Windrush scandal. An inquiry found that she had been "let down" by officials who gave her the wrong information and then later failed to clear up the problem.

Although Ms Patel is thought to have a better relationship with Home Office permanent secretary Matthew Rycroft than his predecessor Sir Philip Rutnam - who accused her of bullying - one well-placed source described relations between ministers and civil servants as "quite strained" and "the source of some frustration".

As one of Ms Rudd's former advisers explained: "What happened to Priti in the Commons on Monday felt very familiar. It's hard to imagine she would have said there is a VAC opening in Calais when in fact she knew it was in Lille. It reminded me of the dodgy data that Amber kept on being fed."

Regardless of Ms Patel's own culpability, a common criticism of the "unwieldy" Home Office is that it has grown too large to be effective.

Suggesting that immigration merited its own department, the insider added: "If you haven't properly prepared for it, you're not going to be able to get 300 people overnight to work on Ukrainian visas, especially if they are already working on refugees from Afghanistan and people returning from Hong Kong."

Another former Home Office insider was more scathing. "The whole place has been a s---show for decades. It's the most dysfunctional department in government."

Noting that the "local sponsorship scheme" was not the responsibility of the Home Office, the source added: "The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and the Communities is meant to be administering it, but they haven't done anything. The whole thing is a mess."

'The whole place has been a s---show for decades. It's the most dysfunctional department in government'

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[*Poland is now the rising power of Europe; Once the subject of sneering indictments from EU bureaucrats, Warsaw will shortly be in the top class of Western military forces*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:67K6-R3B1-DYTY-C3PJ-00000-00&context=1519360)

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It doesn't seem so long ago that Poland was regarded as the problem child of the EU, a "dirty Remainer" whose constitutional tribunal ruled that fundamental parts of EU law do not trump its national constitution. How different things are now, with Poland assuming the role of bastion of Western defence - a key nation in the front line of the battle against Putin's Russia. Warsaw has consistently been at the forefront of support for Kyiv: diplomatically, militarily, but also morally, as it copes with the largest number of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***.

Andrzej Duda, the Polish president, is currently on what he describes as a "diplomatic offensive", holding talks with Nato leaders to stiffen support for Ukraine in advance of President Joe Biden's visit to Poland next week, marking the first anniversary of Russia's invasion. Duda's talks in

London on Thursday and Friday with Rishi Sunak and the King will have been preaching to the converted. But this trip was also a missed opportunity: we should have emphasised the need for a new special relationship between London and Warsaw. A new axis in European diplomacy and defence.

At this weekend's Munich Security Conference, conversations with Chancellor Scholz of Germany and President Macron of France will flow less smoothly. Warsaw has been openly critical of both leaders for being willing to talk to Putin (which is like talking to Adolf Hitler, says Duda), and for their general reluctance to provide strong concrete support for Ukraine. Duda's recent announcement that he was prepared to send Germanmade Leopard 2 tanks to Ukraine whether Berlin agreed or not was just the latest diminution in their relationship.

More importantly, it showed that Poland does not need the EU's two main [*www.powers.No*](http://www.powers.No), it wants to become a power of its own. And it has every right to pursue that. Warsaw can reasonably claim to have acted as a catalyst for

Western Nato unity in the wake of Russia's aggression. Far from suffering "brain death" as President Macron described Nato only three years ago, the alliance is alive and very much kicking with traditionally neutral Sweden and Finland lining up to join.

And Poland will soon become an indispensable European military power in its own right. The country aims to create Europe's largest land army: 300,000 combat troops up from its current 114,000. The Polish armed forces are being modernised at pace. The defence budget is set to reach 4 per cent of GDP from its present 2.4 per cent. Poland has roughly three times as many main battle tanks as the UK (647 to 227), and has on order hundreds of new US Abrams tanks and 1,000 K2 tanks from South Korea.

Naturally, then, Biden's visit will be the first time a US president has come twice within one year. Beyond signalling the high importance now attached to US-Polish relations, there will also be the occasion of a summit of the so-called Bucharest Nine, the eastern flank of Nato.

Biden can expect to be pressed to provide air support to counter the anticipated Russian aerial onslaught this spring. While the US president will probably maintain some ambiguity over any precise commitment, he will almost certainly endorse Poland's lofty ambitions to be a leading Nato player and laud the country's commitment to a substantial increase in defence spending.

Washington has for decades complained about the failure of European governments to meet the agreed Nato commitment to spend 2 per cent of GDP on defence. Poland, aiming to move to 4 per cent, will go from being an EU problem child to top of the Nato European class.

Sir Ivor Roberts is a former British ambassador to Yugoslavia, Ireland and Italy, and former president of Trinity College Oxford

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[*Launch drive for Scots to take in Ukraine refugees, ministers told; Number of visas issued to Ukrainians fleeing the war far outweighs offers from people to take them in*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:664P-3401-JCBW-N3D2-00000-00&context=1519360)

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SNP ministers have been urged to launch an urgent drive to persuade more Scots to take in ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***, after it emerged that officials are considering pleading with the British Army to bail them out of an accommodation crisis.

The Scottish Government's Super Sponsor scheme, which was launched in March, has descended into chaos as almost 30,000 visas have been issued to people fleeing the Russian invasion, but there is not enough safe housing for them to live in.

Officials have so far refused to release figures on how many Scots have offered to share their homes with a Ukrainian, but data show that a far lower proportion have directly sponsored an individual to come to the UK than is the case south of the border.

It was originally planned that those arriving through the Super Sponsor route would be put up in hotels or university halls temporarily, before being placed with a host family. The scheme meant the SNP Government, rather than an individual host, spon sored a Ukrainian's visa. However, some people who applied to take in a refugee several weeks ago are still waiting to be vetted by Scottish councils to ensure that a property is suitable.

Others who have been vetted are still waiting to hear whether they have been accepted, MSPs have said.

The Daily Telegraph revealed yesterday that the crisis has become so severe that SNP ministers are also considering issuing a formal plea to the British Army to help provide accommodation.

"The Scottish Government's handling of the refugee scheme has been an unmitigated disaster," Alex Cole-Hamilton, leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats, said.

"The scale of this humanitarian challenge has been clear for months but Scottish Government pledges have frequently outrun the practicalities.

"We need a fresh push on securing volunteer hosts and more money for vetting them as soon as possible. Unless this is resolved swiftly there will be real questions over whether the ministers in charge should remain in place or whether fresh leadership is required."

A huge cruise ship has been hired in Edinburgh to house Ukrainians and the Scottish Government is believed to be searching for a second vessel, which would be situated on the Clyde.

According to the latest figures, only around 10,000 Ukrainians have arrived under the Super Sponsor route, but almost 20,000 more have been granted permission to come to Scotland under the scheme, before it was axed last month. Several hundred per week are believed to be arriving.

Miles Briggs, the Scottish Tory MSP, said he had been contacted by several of his constituents in Edinburgh who had offered to share their homes but had not yet been approved because of problems with vetting. As soon as parliament comes back we need a statement from the minister or the First Minister on this," he said. "They have been aware of these issues for some time but have failed to put in place the help and support needed.

"The First Minister needs to get a grip of this situation urgently as people are being left in limbo.

I have heard from willing hosts still waiting to be vetted, while others have been visited but then not heard any thing else. It is a dysfunctional scheme."

The Scottish Government has insisted its cruise ship in Leith has been popular with refugees, despite it having windowless rooms which at capacity would be more cramped than prison cells. Ms Sturgeon has previously said she would personally house a Ukrainian refugee "if needed", but later rowed back on the pledge.

The Scottish Government was approached for comment.

30,000 The number of visas issued to Ukrainians fleeing the violence in their homeland under the SNP's Super Sponsor scheme

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[*Immigration could rise 'in short term' under Labour; Party concedes increase may be needed to plug workforce shortages as Sunak sets new target*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:688K-X4P1-DYTY-C0P0-00000-00&context=1519360)

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IMMIGRATION could increase in the "short term" under a Labour government, the party's chairwoman has suggested.

The change could happen under Sir Keir Starmer's plans to plug gaps in the workforce, Anneliese Dodds said, but she insisted the party would not set a target for reducing the annual number of arrivals, saying that to do so was "not sensible".

She repeatedly refused to say whether Labour would look to cut net migration in the longer term if it wins power at the next general election.

Ms Dodds made the remarks as Rishi Sunak admitted immigration into Britain was "too high" and set himself a new benchmark of reducing it to 500,000 a year.

"If we had an immigration system that was working properly, potentially in some areas where there is a shortterm need for skills, you could see in the short term people who are coming in increasing," Ms Dodds told Sky News.

Pressed on what number her party would like to see arriving, she replied: "Labour believes that setting a net migration target isn't sensible."

Sir Keir has said the UK must end its "dependency" on foreign workers by "investing more in training up workers who are already here". He has insisted his plans will make immigration "go down" in some sectors but it will not "hold businesses back" where they need "talent from abroad".

Mr Sunak has pledged to reduce net migration, but only to a level which is more than twice that which the Tories promised in their 2019 manifesto.

The Prime Minister said he was "committed" to bringing the number of new arrivals back down to where it stood when he entered No 10.

At that time, in October, net migration stood at around half a million, but figures out next week are expected to show the figure soaring to as high as one million.

At the last election, Mr Johnson stood on a Tory manifesto which pledged to lower net migration from the then level of 226,000.

Mr Sunak made the comments days after he rowed back from Mr Johnson's manifesto commitment, repeatedly refusing to say he wanted to get it down to this level.

Pressed by Sky News whether he can bring down net migration to below 500,000 by the next election, the Prime Minister said he was intent on reducing it. "I'm committed to bringing down the levels of migration that I inherited, and I'm relentlessly focused on stopping the boats, that's one of my five priorities, and we're doing absolutely everything we can to do that," he said.

He told BBC News he was "crystal clear" he wants to reduce immigration, but when pressed to what level, he said: "I'm not going to put a precise figure on it but I do want to bring them down.

"The numbers are too high and we want to bring them down. Now, the numbers last year were impacted by the fact that we welcomed ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** to the UK. Again, that's something I think we are proud of."

Mr Sunak defended the Government's record on immigration, adding: "When someone comes here, we are the ones that decide why they're here, what they're doing when they're here, that they are contributing to the NHS. So we are in control of all those conditions in a way that we weren't before."

There are deep Cabinet splits on the issue of immigration, with Suella Braverman, the Home Secretary, using a speech at a prominent conservatism conference to call for more British HGV drivers and fruit pickers to be trained.

However, Jeremy Hunt, the Chancellor, argued that Britain had to be "pragmatic" by filling shortages in key industries with foreign workers.

It comes as ministers finalise plans to ban up to 100,000 dependents of foreign students from coming to the UK. They are said to be close to agreement on a proposal to bar one-year masters' students from bringing dependents to the UK.

Official figures show the number of spouses and children brought by foreign postgraduates leapt from 16,000 in 2018 to 135,000 last year, of which the bulk are masters students.

The measures have been pushed by Ms Braverman but others she advocates have been blocked, including ditching two-year graduate visas and increasing salary thresholds for skilled workers.

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Rishi Sunak vowed to reduce net migration

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[*Pride came before a refugee-scheme fail for holier-than-thou Sturgeon; Commentary*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:65X8-YRJ1-DYTY-C00M-00000-00&context=1519360)

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One of the least attractive aspects - there are others - of the SNP, its leaders and supporters is the "holier than thou" attitude it adopts in relation to humanitarian issues.

It perpetually seeks to define itself as a more caring, more generous administration than that in London.

I may be wrong, but I don't recall her saying that the Scots were more humane than the English - but the message was clear, at least to this onlooker.

It's all been complete baloney, of course, most especially in relation to immigration where Nicola Sturgeon and her ministers have sought to perpetuate the myth that immigrants are more welcome in Scotland than in England. That's simply not true and there is no evidence to back up the claim; indeed, most opinion polls show that attitudes on immigration are identical on either side of the border.

But it has now emerged that on a different, but linked, issue, Sturgeon's lofty views about how brilliant and welcoming the welcome that her government afforded those ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** who had been driven from their homes by Vladimir Putin would be, have come unstuck.

It would be better, she suggested, than they would receive in England and she repeatedly criticised the UK Government for its approach, suggesting that it lacked humanity. Under her plan, those fleeing the conflict could be directly sponsored by the Scottish Government, rather than having to be sponsored by an individual willing to take them into their homes, as was the case in England.

This would get refugees to Scotland quicker, with Sturgeon saying they could be placed in temporary housing until a suitable household was found for them to stay in.

However, the incompetence bug that seems to bite the Sturgeon team at every turn has bitten again, with the First Minister admitting that her scheme has ground to a halt - at least for the time being - as there are no homes available to house refugees.

It's not so much that there's no room at the inn - there are no inns.

As a result, her Government has had to charter a former Estonian ferry, providing accommodation in 739 rooms, which is docked at Leith, ironically close to one of Scotland's biggest tourist attraction, the Royal Yacht Britannia, and two Lanarkshire tower blocks, with 200 rooms - which are being refurbished at a cost of £5 million.

The Scottish Government said applications had shot up since Wales closed its scheme last month and that Scotland had already taken proportionally more refugees than the other UK nations, but the number of Scots to have personally sponsored a Ukrainians visa is far lower.

It's difficult to disagree with Lib Dems Wendy Chamberlain, who said that this was another example of the Scottish Government "prioritising grandstanding over getting the detail right".

One aspect of this story still needs an answer. Will Sturgeon offer to share her home with a refugee, as she's suggested it would be if it was deemed "necessary"?

We should be told; after all, it was a pretty spectacular offer.

Following her Government's refusal to pay more towards the UK's financial aid to Ukraine because it was not their responsibility, this latest mess is an extremely damaging own goal in a party that prides itself, above all, on its communication skills.

Her Government says it is merely "pausing" its refugee scheme before continuing its support when it is sure that the accommodation will be available. Let's hope she's got it right this time.

But perhaps they should have sorted this before Nicola Sturgeon began her boastful routine about how "Scotland does it better".

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Pity the people of Scotland. Humza Yousaf is their First Minister, but the beleaguered SNP chief appears to have mistaken himself for head of the UN, and is busy telling the world that the UK should be rst in line to welcome Palestinian refugees. What utter madness, when this country is worryingly divided over the dreadful conict, and unable to cope with all the refugees and asylum seekers we already have.

With his wife's parents and other close relatives trapped in Gaza, Yousaf is feeling this crisis very personally, and is naturally desperate to do whatever he can to help. It would take a peculiarly cold heart not to be moved, as he is, by the fate of all the innocent civilians cowering in Gaza as their homes and streets are reduced to rubble. Living on a strip of land no bigger than the Isle of Wight, many are without food, water or light, and have no way out. As a mother, I too wish there were away of scooping up all the terried little ones and whisking them to a place far from the terrible reach of Hamas.

Such safe havens must be found - but emphatically not here. For this is a crisis made in the Middle East, and it is for countries in the region to come to the rescue of those eeing the rockets and bombs. As Egypt and Jordan stand rm in their refusal to open their borders, the latter having already been overwhelmed by the exodus from Syria, calls will doubtless mount for us to "do our bit". Yet we are already grappling with the socioeconomic consequences of an inux of migrants that our shabby public services cannot cope with.

Having welcomed 174,000 ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** from a war in Europe; accommodated about 25,000 Afghans eeing a country that became more dangerous when our troops left it; and in total accepted more than a million more individuals from all over the world in the space of one year (June 2021 to June 2022), we are bursting at the seams.

To usher in an additional cohort of traumatised people, many, if not most, of whom will not share our values; will not speak our language; and will not nd it easy to build new lives here, would be insane. With the right support, most would probably integrate - but we must face up to the uncomfortable truth that a very small number will not wish us well, and may repay our generosity by fomenting division and hatred in our communities - or worse.

At the thin edge of this wedge are the kinds of scenes we have witnessed on our streets in recent days, in which individuals with questionable allegiances have joined marches featuring the chanting of vile anti-Semitic slogans. Some have barely troubled to disguise their support for Hamas terrorists. Angrily brandishing Palestinian ags, marauding youths have exploited this country's proud tradition of tolerating all forms of peaceful protest to verbally abuse Jews, their identities concealed by balaclavas and other sinister face masks.

The scale of these demonstrations, the odd paraglider symbol visible amid the sea of angry red, black and green paraphernalia, has rocked the Jewish community. But the images should unsettle anyone who cares about our togetherness as a society. Who knew there were already so many enraged supporters of the Palestinian cause in this country?

That so many of these protesters appear convinced that the plight of the people of Gaza is the fault of the Israelis, as opposed to the cruel Iranian-sponsored militia that controls the territory, has grave implications for community cohesion. How much more dangerous will this already febrile situation become, if we naively import thousands more people brutalised by war and confused about who is to blame for their plight? The Manchester bombing, perpetrated by the son of Libyan refugees who were granted asylum in the UK in 1993, is an example of the very worst case scenario.

After a torrid six months, during which his party's reputation has taken an unprecedented battering, Yousaf may see the Israel/ Hamas crisis as a chance to shore up his ailing leadership. He has called on the Government to start crafting a refugee resettlement scheme, saying Scotland is ready to be the rst country in Britain to provide "safety and sanctuary" for Palestinians. Amid a chronic shortage of social housing, where exactly does he propose they go?

Across Britain, communities are paying a heavy price for an asylum application system that seems to say yes rst, and ask hard questions later - if ever. Housed in hotels while the Home Oce grapples with ever growing backlogs, individuals claiming to be eeing war and terror, or persecution for their sexuality, understandably prefer to make cash on the black market than sit in their rooms twiddling their thumbs. At best, this can dramatically depress local wages. At worst, some of these characters are drawn into the criminal underworld. We cannot aord to exacerbate any of this.

Travelling to the Middle East yesterday, Rishi Sunak, the Prime Minister, declared that Benjamin Netanyahu now has a "duty" to restore stability to Israel. Fine: but the UK does not have a duty to take a single one of those escaping the fall-out.

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For President Putin, there's no such thing as being a "former KGB man". Secrecy and lies are legitimate government tools; international politics a constant zero-sum game. Given the impressive response of Western nations to Mr Putin's Ukrainian "special military operation", it's no surprise the Kremlin has intensified its international disinformation campaign.

We have seen this before: from early 2012, the Kremlin, through its media proxy RT, smeared opposition to President Assad, promoting baseless conspiracy theories surrounding the Syrian government's use of chemical weapons. RT's editor in chief Margarita Simonyan openly admitted that she saw her work as an arm of the Russian state, gleefully indulging in information warfare, and rejecting the premise of journalistic objectivity.

While the Kremlin still uses conventional media like RT and Sputnik to manipulate news - alongside traditional social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter - increasingly the Russian government is using newer, less strictly-regulated social media sites like TikTok, along with their very own online "Fact Checkers" to promote their narrative. With TikTok reaching a younger audience, its power and reach has resulted in even No 10 launching a TikTok account with the PM.

We should beware, however. For Russia's propagandists, TikTok is particularly attractive. Between February 21 and 28, Simonyan uploaded 16 videos to the site which amassed over 13.5 million views. It wasn't until March 4, over a week after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, that TikTok accounts backed by the Russian state were labelled, and content from inside Russia itself wasn't banned for another two days.

The platform's design also makes it appealing to the Kremlin. Research from Abbie Richards, a TikTok disinformation expert, has argued that the site's algorithm and reusable audio features make it ripe for disinformation, with anonymous creators adding their own audio on top of footage: in February 2022, one creator pared images from the 2020 explosion in the port of Beirut with commentary reporting it as a recent event in Ukraine. Although clearly a fabrication, the video amassed 5.8 million views within 12 hours.

Russian use of fake profiles to share content has been particularly prevalent abroad, with videos circulating purporting to show violence committed by ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***, which according to Moldova's president amounts to a "concerted and organised effort to divide society on the issue of refugees".

In this opaque landscape of truth and lies, it is crucial for the West to counter Russian disinformation head on. The British Government has taken the lead on this, with the Counter Disinformation Unit working with tech firms to remove posts relating to Ukraine making false claims about the conflict. The new Online Safety Bill similarly enhances the UK's resilience; intentionally falsifying data is now a criminal offence. Clear strategy at home, coupled with enhanced cooperation abroad through the Five Eyes Intelligence Network and working with EU partners will be crucial in the coming months. The public also has a role to play, questioning unverified information online, or reporting posts they suspect to be untrue.

The war in Ukraine has been justified with falsehoods, chief amongst which is that it was not a real country and needed to be "de-nazified" to ensure Russian security. If government, the private sector and the public work together to counter this narrative, it will end with the confirmation that Ukraine is a free, democratic nation which should choose its own path - one of greater transparency, not Kremlin lies.

Robert Buckland MP is a former lord chancellor and justice secretary

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JEREMY HUNT has outlined up to £35billion in spending cuts after lowerthan-expected growth forecasts forced him to accept he could not raise as much in taxes as he thought.

After discussions over the weekend, the Chancellor and Rishi Sunak, the Prime Minister, have put forward plans for up to £25billion in tax rises and up to £35billion in cuts to spending.

The new plans will increase concerns that the pensions triple lock - which ensures the state pension rises by inflation, earnings growth or 2.5 per cent - could be under threat. It could also mean cuts in benefits, with a future rise pegged to earnings growth rather than inflation.

Mr Hunt had originally planned a 50/50 split in the levels of tax rises and spending cuts. But last week, the Bank of England predicted that the UK was heading for its longest-ever recession, meaning that Mr Hunt was forced to conclude that tax rises will not raise as much as he thought.

Low growth also means the amount that needs to be saved will have to be much higher - up to £60 billion - meaning larger cuts to government budgets will be required.

Mr Sunak, however, has promised he will be a Santa not a Scrooge in the upcoming Autumn Statement. When asked which he would be, he told The Sun: "Santa - my kids wouldn't have it any other way. I'm very pro Christmas."

He added: "We are going to do it sustainably, built on the foundations of strong public finances. We got a glimpse of what happens when you get that wrong ... I care about getting borrowing under control, as it's going to make mortgages more affordable."

It also emerged last night that billions of pounds of the aid budget could be spent in the UK.As much as £3.5billion could be spent on issues such as migrants - meaning only 0.3 per cent of Britain's national income could go overseas.

Last night, Mr Hunt was due to send off his proposals to the Office for Budget

Responsibility, which will use them to provide forecasts to be published alongside his Autumn Statement next week.

A Treasury source said the idea of scrapping the cap on the amount by which town halls can raise council tax - a move that would increase the levy for millions - was still on the table.

It was also still possible that the tax triple lock - the Tory 2019 manifesto commitment that rates of income tax, national insurance or VAT will not be raised - could be scrapped.

The £35billion scale of the public spending savings will mean huge cuts in many departments - particularly as Mr Sunak has vowed to "protect" the NHS budget from cuts. It would suggest that the desire of Ben Wallace, the Defence Secretary, to spend 3 per cent of national income by the end of the decade would be under threat. Other departments such as schools, police and local government could face large cuts.

It was also reported at the weekend that the Homes for Ukraine scheme, under which people are paid to put up ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***, could also be axed.

Yesterday, Oliver Dowden, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, told Sky News: "Unfortunately, because of the difficult decisions we have to take, we are going to have to take difficult decisions on both tax and spending.

"But of course, as Conservatives - and I know that the Prime Minister and the Chancellor share this view with me - we need to bear down on spending first and eliminate waste, excessive spending and only go to tax rises if it's the last resort. But given the difficulties in the public finances, there is likely to be a mix of the two."

Yesterday, Tim Pitt, an adviser to two former Tory chancellors, warned that the Conservatives should abandon "halfbaked" Thatcherism. He added: "The Chancellor should consign to the history books the Trussonomic nonsense that raising taxes is un-Conservative."

Mr Pitt, who advised Philip Hammond and Sajid Javid at the Treasury, said Tories must accept growth would be slower than before the financial crisis.

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[*Scottish health services are slashed to pay for wage rises; Health in firing line as Swinney spending cuts soar to £1.2bn*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:66SC-V251-JCBW-N0HP-00000-00&context=1519360)

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JOHN SWINNEY yesterday slashed hundreds of millions of pounds from Scotland's struggling health and social care services to fund NHS staff pay rises fuelled by double-digit inflation.

In an emergency review of the Scottish Government's budget, the deputy First Minister announced £615million of spending reductions on top of £560million detailed last month.

Mr Swinney said the "scale of the challenge is so severe" he had no choice but to make the cuts, which total almost £1.2billion. The latest tranche included £400million earmarked for health and care services, which was "reprioritised" to fund a "fair pay offer for NHS staff ".

Humza Yousaf, the under-fire Health

Secretary, said he could not sugar coat how "catastrophic" it would be if thousands of NHS staff, including ambulance workers and nurses, follow through with threats of strike action.

But the Scottish Tories said cuts to front-line services would "only put more patients' lives on the line" and blamed Mr Yousaf 's "incompetence and failure to listen" for the impending strikes.

Mr Swinney announced the cuts despite record A&E waiting times and the head of the BMA in Scotland warning this week that the country's NHS was in a "perilous situation".

To fund NHS workers' pay demands, Mr Swinney cut planned spending on mental health treatment by £38 million, despite patients, including children, being forced to wait years for help. He Continued on Page 4

Continued from Page 1 took a further £65million from primary care, £70million from social care and

Nicola Sturgeon's controversial National Care Service and £116million from spending on Covid vaccinations, tests and protective equipment.

Education budgets were also slashed, with £40million of cuts to money earmarked for digital devices and new buildings and £2.9 million of reductions to funds earmarked for raising attainment and university student grants.

A further £21million is to be saved by Scottish Government "vacancy freezes and tightening of recruitment controls", while £16 million was removed from the budget for the much-delayed R100 programme for super-fast broadband.

Mr Swinney insisted dropping plans for a referendum next year would not help fill the financial black hole, despite civil servants being charged with producing a new independence blueprint. In his statement at Holyrood, Mr

Swinney said "spiralling inflation" meant the Scottish Government's spending pot was now worth £1.7 billion less than when it was unveiled.

The Deputy First Minister, who is also interim Finance Secretary, said savings needed to be made to offset the impact of Brexit, public sector pay deals and help for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***.

Although the Scottish Government has substantial taxation powers, he said he had to "balance the books" to counter the increased costs.

Mr Swinney emphasised the overall NHS budget would remain the same but said £400 million would be shifted from health and social care to fund an increased wage bill.

"They are not decisions we would wish to make, but in the absence of additional funding from the UK Government, they are decisions we are compelled to make," he said.

"They ensure a path to a balanced budget, whilst also prioritising fair public sector pay offers and recognising that this is critical to the delivery of key public services."

Mr Swinney will unveil the Scottish Budget for next year on Dec 15, including any changes the Scottish Government intends to make to income tax rates and bands.

Liz Smith, the Scottish Tories' shadow finance secretary, said: "These savage spending cuts to frontline NHS services from the SNP will only put more patients' lives on the line."

Mr Swinney said £20million allocated for another independence referendum would not be spent until 2023-24. But Alex Cole-Hamilton, the Scottish Liberal Democrat leader, said: "We are still spending civil servant time and money on the production of constitutional papers."

Dr Liz Cameron, chief executive of the Scottish Chambers of Commerce, welcomed a commitment to rein in new regulations at a time of pressure and increased costs, saying that it was "a step in the right direction".

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[*Hunt plans £35bn spending cuts after Bank predicts low growth*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:66T7-PT21-JCBW-N4Y3-00000-00&context=1519360)

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JEREMY HUNT has outlined up to £35billion in spending cuts after lowerthan-expected growth forecasts forced him to accept he could not raise as much in taxes as he thought.

After discussions over the weekend, the Chancellor and Rishi Sunak, the Prime Minister, have put forward plans for up to £25billion in tax rises and up to £35billion in cuts to spending.

The new plans will increase concerns that the pensions triple lock - which ensures the state pension rises by inflation, earnings growth or 2.5 per cent - could be under threat.

It could also mean cuts in benefits, with a future rise pegged to earnings growth rather than inflation.

Mr Hunt had originally planned a 50/50 split in the levels of tax rises and spending cuts.

But last week, the Bank of England predicted that the UK was heading for its longest-ever recession, meaning that Mr Hunt was forced to conclude that tax rises will not raise as much as he thought.

Low growth also means the amount that needs to be saved will have to be much higher - up to £60 billion - meaning larger cuts to government budgets will be required.

Last night, Mr Hunt was due to send off his proposals to the Office for Budget Responsibility, which will use them to provide forecasts to be published alongside his Autumn Statement next week.

A Treasury source said the idea of scrapping the cap on the amount by which town halls can raise council tax - a move that would increase the levy for millions - was still on the table.

It was also still possible that the tax triple lock - the Tory 2019 manifesto commitment that rates of income tax, national insurance or VAT will not be raised - could be scrapped. The source said it was "still to be decided" if any of these taxes would rise.

The £35billion scale of the public spending savings will mean huge cuts in many departments - particularly as Mr Sunak has vowed to "protect" the NHS budget from cuts.

It would suggest that the desire of Ben Wallace, the Defence Secretary, to spend 3 per cent of national income by the end of the decade would be under threat. Other departments such as schools, police and local government could face large cuts to their budgets.

It was also reported at the weekend that the Homes for Ukraine scheme, under which people are paid to put up ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***, could also be axed.

Yesterday, Oliver Dowden, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, told Sky News: "Unfortunately, because of the difficult decisions we have to take, we are going to have to take difficult decisions on both tax and spending.

"But of course, as Conservatives - and I know that the Prime Minister and the Chancellor share this view with me - we need to bear down on spending first and eliminate waste, excessive spending and only go to tax rises if it's the last resort.

"But given the difficulties in the public finances, there is likely to be a mix of the two."

Yesterday, Tim Pitt, an adviser to two former Tory chancellors, warned that the Conservatives should abandon "half-baked" Thatcherism.

He added: "The Chancellor should consign to the history books the Trussonomic nonsense that raising taxes is un- Conservative."

Mr Pitt, who advised Philip Ham mond and Sajid Javid at the Treasury, said Tories must accept that growth would be slower than it was before the financial crisis. He added: "Instead of obsessing about the overall tax burden - which has no link to growth rates - the task facing the Chancellor is to raise revenue in a way that both makes the system more efficient and ensures those most able to bear the burden do so."

This would include reforming the tax system to raise more from wealth through levies such as capital gains tax, something Mr Hunt is thought to be considering.

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[*Hosts attack 'outrageous' delays in issuing visas to refugee families; Home Office criticised for 'splitting' relatives when processing applications for temporary UK residency*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6561-RM71-DYTY-C26Y-00000-00&context=1519360)

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REFUGEE families are being "split" by the Home Office, which is approving parents and children separately, preventing them from travelling to their hosts in the UK.

Only 1,200 out of 43,600 applicants have so far arrived in Britain in the three weeks since the Homes for Ukraine scheme was officially opened three weeks ago.

About 12,500 visa applications have been granted but all Ukrainians, of any age, have had to apply separately for temporary residence in the UK.

It means a mother's visa may be approved by the Home Office but not the child's or vice versa, which prevents them leaving for the UK as they cannot travel alone.

Viktoriia, a qualified nurse, has been granted a visa but she cannot leave her son, Mykhailo, 17, to take up an offer of accommodation in Reigate, Surrey, because his application has not yet been approved.

James King, a Tory councillor, whose father Paul will host the pair, said it was "just outrageous" that the family had effectively been separated with the son's application still outstanding three weeks after they applied on March 19.

He said Viktoriia and Mykhailo, who fled the bombing in Kharkiv, had already been forced out of accommodation in Dusseldorf and were now in Berlin.

"It is ludicrous and inexplicable. Viktoriia has got a visa but her boy has not.

Why on earth is that the case?" said Mr King.

Facebook support groups reported dozens of host families and refugees in the same situation. "Applied for four visas on the 18th and only had one approved so far," said David Stack.

"I applied for two adults on March 18.

One has received an email. The other hasn't received anything," said Maria Shaw.

Melanie Berthier, who coordinates a refugee Facebook group and is hosting a mother and daughter, said: "Some of them received their visa seven or eight days ago but are still waiting for the other members of the family without getting any communication from the Home Office."

Because of the delays, Lauren Corbishley, an NHS mental health nurse, spent more than £1,000 putting up her family - Yuliia Meshchierriakova, an accountant, her partner, Glib, an IT expert, and daughter, Maryna, 17, - in hotels in Poland rather than see them living on the streets.

She was told yesterday that the parents' visa applications have been assessed but the daughter's passport information has gone astray.

"How come only 1,200 people have crossed the border to reach the UK? The reason is delays like ours and because people are still waiting for their permission to travel documents even though their applications have been approved," she said.

Maryse and Martin Haywood, from Knaresborough, N Yorks, have offered refuge to Anna, her mother Tetiana, her baby, Stephania, and her three-year-old daughter Melania in their five bedroom home.

They have all had their applications granted apart from three-week-old Stephania. This requires a birth certifi- cate from a sworn associate and approval at a Visa Application Centre.

The charity Love Bristol which has helped 170 ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** in Poland apply for UK visas, said just six had so far been approved.

Priti Patel, the Home Secretary, yesterday apologised for the "frustrating" delays saying "any new visa system takes time".

Home Office sources suggested the low arrival figures may be due to refugees holding onto the application as an "option" while staying in the region or because they decided to go to another country.

'How come only 1,200 people have crossed the border to reach the UK? The reason is delays like ours'

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[*Hinterland; Forget Elgar and Britten - on his 150th birthday, England's finest composer sounds better than ever*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:66MB-7GX1-JCBW-N2BG-00000-00&context=1519360)

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**Body**

Happy birthday, Ralph Vaughan Williams. Last Wednesday marked 150 years since his birth, and a party was given by the trust that bears his name and has done so much to further the careers of many musicians, as this most generous of men would have wanted. His music was liberally sprinkled across Radio 3, where earlier this year he was "Composer of the Week"- for a month.

It is a remarkable outpouring of respect for a man now considered by many to be the finest English composer, fighting off Elgar and Britten for the title. After a period of neglect following his death in 1958, Vaughan Williams's reputation has flourished, perhaps because, unlike the work of other composers inspired by the European mainstream, his music is intensely English: it says something compelling to us about our country.

New recordings have been issued by Albion Records while Somm Recordings has unearthed two fine historic performances, conducted by Malcolm Sargent and brilliantly remastered: the first performance of the Ninth Symphony from 1958, and a blistering rendition of the Sixth at the 1964 Proms, which should bury assertions that Sargent was an average conductor. (I must declare an interest: I wrote the liner notes.) Martyn Brabbins's cycle of the symphonies for Hyperion continues this autumn with the Sixth and Eighth, an intense reading of the former and a radiant performance of the latter.

Englishness is discussed eloquently in Vaughan Williams, a new book in the Master Musicians series, by the American academic Eric Saylor. A more microcosmic study is Caroline Davison's The Captain's Apprentice about the haunting folk song he collected in King's Lynn in 1905 and used in his Norfolk Rhapsody No 1 the same year. Another new book Vaughan Williams and Adrian Boult, by Nigel Simeone, analyses the crucial creative partnership Vaughan Williams had with Boult, who conducted the premieres of three of his symphonies, and recorded the first cycle of them.

The collaboration continued posthumously: throughout the 1960s and 1970s Boult recorded and performed his friend's works, conducting his centenary concert in 1972. Simeone's achievement is to have analysed the scores Boult used when conducting, and the annotations he added following conversations with the composer.

His works can be heard in concert halls throughout the next year until the 2023 Three Choirs Festival, in Gloucester Cathedral - in the county where the composer was born, and where in 1910 the first performance of his Tallis Fantasia was heard. Next Thursday, the London Chorus, under Ronald Corp, and the Ealing Symphony Orchestra, conducted by John Gibbons, will perform his cantata Dona Nobis Pacem at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Mayfair, to raise money for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***.

Since Vaughan Williams himself sat on a committee for refugees from the Nazis during the Second World War, this linking of his 1936 plea for peace with aid for more victims of brutality could not be more appropriate. The performers, including the baritone Roderick Williams and Yuliya Trishkeu, the Ukrainian soprano, are giving their services gratis, so every penny goes to this excellent cause.

Vaughan Williams's own work for refugees also features in a documentary I have made for Radio 3, broadcast at 6.45pm tomorrow, about the work I consider his towering achievement: his Sixth Symphony. It was written during and immediately after the last war, and I explore the creative background to a work that so caught the public imagination it had 100 public performances in just two years.

Although he insisted it wasn't a war symphony, the composer understood how to communicate to a wide audience intense feelings about a national upheaval they had all shared. It is work thought to reflect the Blitz, Hiroshima, the killing of a dance-band leader in an air raid, persecution and massive social upheaval, with just one short interlude of luminous beauty to tantalise us. As he turns 150, it is time to remember that Vaughan Williams wasn't just about The Lark Ascending, but used music to reflect his, and his fellow Britons', own personal darkness, too.

Radio 3 gave him the 'Composer of the Week' slot for an entire month

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[*When all else fails, letters to the Editor give power to readers*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:653X-1B41-JCBW-N54V-00000-00&context=1519360)

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Frankie, in that classic American song, innocently fetches a bucket of beer from a nearby bar, only to find her lover Johnny in flagrante with a girl named Nellie Bly. He was her man but he done her wrong.

In a very similar way, Telegraph readers got BT bang to rights in its dastardly plan to rip out everyone's landlines and leave many unable to ring for help in the event of a power cut. It was our telecommunications corporation but it done us wrong.

A lone telephone subscriber might feel powerless in such a plight, but Telegraph readers have the power of writing a letter to the Editor. That is what Mr Ivor Coleman of Goringon-Thames, Oxfordshire, did the day after Storm Eunice. His mobile network was down, he said, "but the trusty landline stayed up". What would happen, he asked, after BT had gone through with its wheeze of disconnecting all landlines by 2025?

"Has anyone thought this switch-off through?" he asked. Apparently not, for it became clear as other readers wrote in, that things were already worse than suspected. In many parts, alternative mobile phones would not work. "I am almost 92 and live on my own," wrote a reader from Kircudbrightshire. In the event of a power cut, "I was merrily reminded that in future I would not be able to dial 999 - rather a worry," she concluded mildly.

It did not help that BT's responses proved more weaselly than the nursery rhyme about going up and down the City Road, in and out of the Eagle. "For those without a mobile, or who live in a signal black-spot, we will provide free battery back-up packs," wrote BT's "Customer Care Change Director". But a couple with cancer found they did not qualify for a "free battery back-up pack".

Perhaps the low point was reached when a reader was sent a BT guide to life without a landline. "Make sure you've got another way to call for help in an emergency," it said coolly. It did not give suggestions - shouting from a window, smoke signals, banging a gong, tying a message to a trained St Bernard, lighting a relay of beacons.

BT is not alone, of course, in its infuriating habit of disobliging customers. But it showed a common characteristic of faceless officialdom in calling its disastrous scheme an "upgrade". This, pointed out David Askew of Woking, Surrey, was an example of an "improvement" that made things worse, expressed in the handy German word [*www.Verschlimmbesserung.No*](http://www.Verschlimmbesserung.No) need to resort to German, wrote a reader from Cornwall: "In this paper many years ago, Patrick Hutber, the muchmissed economist, coined the phrase 'Improvement means deterioration'. It's known as Hutber's Law."

Another law of nature is that when GPs barricade their surgeries, the DVLA refuses to issue a driving licence for months, utility companies insist on installing useless smart meters, or the Home Office prevents helpless ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** from joining volunteer hosts in Britain, then complaining has no effect whatsoever - until a letter to the Editor is printed. Then the faceless ones say - say - everything will be different in future. Sometimes it is.

"This story ain't got no moral," sang the narrator of the tragic tale of Frankie and Johnny. But the landline saga does have a moral: Telegraph readers won't be taken for fools and they won't give up till something is done.

follow Christopher Howse on Twitter @BeardyHowse read more at [*www.telegraph.co.uk/opinion*](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/opinion)

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[*Enjoy even more in tomorrow's Telegraph Meet the Zahoors; The strange saga of the billionaire, his pop-star wife and their mansion full of Ukrainian refugees*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6606-PN21-DYTY-C06M-00000-00&context=1519360)

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Get away as fast as you can 50 holiday hacks for the perfect summer escape

Happy 75th, Edinburgh! McKellen, Palin and more on their oddest Festival memories

Final chapter Are Britain's secondhand bookshops doomed?

The Space Man cometh Eurovision hero Sam Ryder on what comes next

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[*'Enhanced' checks for Britons who take in families with children*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:651B-HPN1-DYTY-C48B-00000-00&context=1519360)

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ALL British adults who host Ukrainian refugee families with children will have to undergo "enhanced" security checks, the Government will announce today.

The move follows warnings from charities that "light touch" checks on host families would not be sufficient to protect refugee children living for at least six months in the same house as sponsoring UK adults.

The "enhanced" Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks are generally restricted to workers in jobs such as teaching and social services dealing with children and vulnerable adults.

They require the full details of a person's criminal record such as cautions, reprimands, warnings, spent and unspent convictions. Adults not hosting children will only have to undergo basic DBS checks.

Ministers say the checks will not delay refugee families coming to the UK because they will not have to be completed until after they arrive.

More than 150,000 Britons are understood to have registered to open their homes to ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** who have no family links to the UK.

Ministers will today unveil how the refugees will apply to enter the UK under the "Homes for Ukraine" scheme. Only those with named refugee families with whom they have linked up - often through social media -will be able to participate in the first phase.

Charities, companies, church and other community groups are expected to ramp up numbers in the second phase when ministers hope to have set up a "matching" system that will link up refugees with Britons without them having to do it for themselves.

Ministers say they have also streamlined the visa application process to complete it within days.

Lord Harrington, the Minister for Refugees, said on Wednesday that he expected thousands to arrive next week, with the first due as early as Monday.

Refugee families will have to demonstrate proof of residence in Ukraine while British families will be required to demonstrate UK residence of at least six months and ID such as passports.

Refugees with passports will be fasttracked through an online application process with security and biometric checks completed once they are in the UK. Those without passports may have to attend visa application centres in Poland or neighbouring countries.

Councils have been urged to ditch the practice of taking away the 25 per cent council tax discount of single people who house refugees fleeing armed conflicts.

Charities cited cases where householders have offered to take in Syrian or Afghan refugees only to be told they would lose their single person's council tax rebate worth hundreds of pounds a year.

They said the "unnecessary bureaucratic" practice had penalised single people hosting refugees and should be scrapped for the Homes for Ukraine scheme, due to go live for formal applications today.

A 71-year-old widower in Boris Johnson's constituency was told last month by the Tory-controlled Hillingdon council that her council tax discount would be docked for hosting a Syrian refugee while he underwent four weeks training for a job at Netflix.

Last night the council said it would "continue to honour the single person discount" for Homes for Ukraine.

"We are pledging our support to refugees, and will welcome to our borough those fleeing this devastating and unimaginable conflict," said a spokesman.

Camden council said this week that it would waive its right to raise council taxes on single people who took in Ukrainians and urged ministers to amend the law to "make it easier for all local authorities to do the same". Lewisham has adopted a similar position.

Michael Gove's communities department, which is running the scheme, said it would discuss single-occupant council tax payers with councils after pledging that no one would lose discounts if they took in a Ukrainian refugee under the scheme.

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[*Biden: Ukraine will not be a Kremlin victory; President hits back after his counterpart in Moscow pulls out of final nuclear arms control treaty*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:67M2-KDK1-JCBW-N4X3-00000-00&context=1519360)

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JOE BIDEN pledged last night that Ukraine would "never be a victory" for Vladimir Putin.

It came hours after the Kremlin walked away from the last remaining nuclear arms control treaty between Washington and Moscow, prompting fears of a new global arms race.

In his first state-of-the-nation address since invading Ukraine, Mr Putin said he would suspend Russia's participation in the New START treaty.

He called efforts under the treaty to allow US inspections on Russian soil a "theatre of absurdity", and also warned Moscow could resume nuclear tests if America did so.

Responding in a landmark speech in Warsaw, Mr Biden called Mr Putin a "dictator bent on rebuilding an empire".

He said: "Brutality will never grind down the will of the free. Ukraine will never be a victory for Russia. Never.

"There should be no doubt. Our support for Ukraine will not waver, Nato will not be divided, and we will not tire."

Mr Biden added: "I speak once more to the people of Russia. The US and European countries do not seek to destroy or control Russia.

"The West is not plotting to attack Russia, as Putin said today. Millions of Russian citizens, who only want to live in peace with their neighbours, are not the enemy."

Mr Biden spoke at the Royal Castle in Warsaw, the same venue where he did so one month after the invasion.

He was cheered by crowds of Polish citizens and ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***.

The speech came one day after his unannounced trip to Kyiv, where he met with Volodymyr Zelensky, the Ukrainian president.

Mr Biden said: "One year ago, the world was bracing for the fall of Kyiv. Well, I just came from a visit to Kyiv and I can report, Kyiv stands strong. Kyiv stands proud, it stands tall, and most important, it stands free. The defence of freedom is not the work of a day or a year, it's always difficult. But Ukraine is steeled for the fight ahead, and the United States, our allies and partners continue to have Ukraine's back as it defends itself."

Striking a defiant tone, Mr Biden said there were "hard and bitter days" to come but the war had toughened Western resolve to defend democracy around the world.

He said: "Democracies of the world will stand guard over freedom today, tomorrow and forever.

"We have to have security in Europe. It's that basic, that simple, that consequential." Throughout his speech, Mr Biden emphasised that the war was about freedom. He said: "There is no sweeter word than freedom. There is no higher aspiration than freedom. He [Mr Putin] thought autocrats like himself were tough and leaders of democracy were soft. And then he met the iron will of America and nations everywhere that refused to accept a world governed by fear."

Under the New START treaty, signed in 2010 and extended until 2026, the US and Russia can deploy no more than 1,550 strategic nuclear warheads, and 700 long-range missiles and bombers.

It also allows for inspections of nuclear arsenals, although on-site inspections stopped in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Mr Putin said he was suspending Russian involvement and would not let US experts visit its nuclear sites "during the current confrontation" in Ukraine.

He said: "The US and Nato openly say that their goal is Russia's strategic defeat, and now they want to cruise around our military bases?"

He claimed that "it was them who unleashed the war" and "we have been using force to stop it". Antony Blinken, US secretary of state, condemned Mr Putin's suspension of the treaty as "deeply irresponsible".

He added: "We'll be watching carefully to see what Russia actually does.

"We'll, of course, make sure that, in any event, we are postured appropriately for the security of our own country and that of our allies."

Moscow later said it would observe the limits imposed by the New START treaty until it is due to expire in 2026.

Jens Stoltenberg, Nato secretarygeneral, said that "full arms control architecture has been dismantled".

He added: "I strongly encourage Russia to reconsider its decision and respect existing agreements." Editorial Comment: Page 15

'Brutality will never grind down the will of the free. There should be no doubt. Nato will not be divided and we will not tire'

**Graphic**

Joe Biden speaks outside the Royal Castle in Warsaw, Poland, yesterdayREUTERS HOCKSTEIN/ EVELYN

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[*Holocaust survivor's family pleads for a visa fast-track; Nifety-year-old Jewish Ukraifiaf is strafded if Polafd awaitifg Home Office approval for eftry*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:64Y6-TYD1-JCBW-N1DS-00000-00&context=1519360)

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RELATIONS of a 90-year-old Jewish Holocaust survivor stuck in Poland waiting to be processed by the British Government have pleaded with the Home Secretary to "have a heart".

Kateryna Razumenko was born in Kharkiv, Ukraine, in 1931. She has survived the "Holodomor", the man-made famine that struck Ukraine in the 1930s as a result of Stalin's forced collectivisation policy, the Nazi invasion, the Second World War and the collapse of the Soviet Union.

However, at the age of 90, she has left her home country for the first time in her life and has become a refugee. She is now living in a Jewish community centre, just outside Warsaw, along with her 62-year-old daughter, Larysa, along with dozens of other displaced Ukrainians, but is among thousands facing lengthy delays at the hands of the Home Office.

Ms Razumenko and her daughter fled Kharkiv after a week of shelling from Russian forces. They travelled by train carrying just one handbag each, and their 15-year-old indoor cat, Solomon.

Zac Newman, 35, is married to Katya Newman, who was born in Kharkiv and who is desperately trying to bring her mother and grandmother back to the UK - where she currently resides on a spousal visa. His wife, 40, is staying in their two-bed flat in London, looking after their three-year-old twin boys.

Mr Newman, from north London, who runs a tuition agency, is in the Polish town of Otwock, just outside Warsaw, trying to bring his mother-in-law and grandmother-in-law home.

However, he was told that the first appointment in Warsaw that he could get to process their application would be on Friday afternoon. The centre is not open during weekends. This means that it would likely be a week before they could find out if their application can be processed.

He is also concerned because Ms Razumenko has never left Ukraine and, as a result, does not own an international passport.

"They're shellshocked," Mr Newman told The Daily Telegraph from Poland. "Larysa is supposed to be on anti-anxiety medication, which they don't make in Poland. Kateryna is very frail and has dementia.

"My mother-in-law is just so shellshocked. She keeps saying 'oh my God', 'oh my God', often cries and sometimes just stares into space, like 'what the f--- has happened?'. A couple of times she's just said: 'my home', 'my home'. She's really struggling without her medication. There should be special arrangements for vulnerable people. This isn't a completed journey for them.

They can't relax. They're on edge. My wife and I just want them to be home with us."

Asked if he had a message to the Home Secretary, Priti Patel, Mr Newman said: "Have a heart. All of the refugees are vulnerable, but there are some who are even more vulnerable and there should be special arrangements made for them."

" Meanwhile, ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** stranded in the port of Calais, France, arefinding the bureaucracy of applying for visas equally difficult.

"We have been waiting for about a week without an answer," said Maya Magda, a 46-year-old from the Donbas region who is stuck in Calais with her elderly mother, mother-in-law, and 12-year-old son. "I have a cousin living in Oxfordshire who is waiting for us and worrying."

**Graphic**

Kateryna Razumenko is living in a Jewish community centre just outside Warsaw after fleeing Kharkiv with her daughter

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[*Trump is no aberration. America won't guarantee our safety, we must; The Republican candidate uses hitherto unthinkable language, but his policies are not such a departure*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6B9S-7PJ1-JCBW-N0G7-00000-00&context=1519360)

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It is a statement of the obvious forgotten by too many politicians and pundits. The United States is a foreign country that follows its own interests, in an often ruthless manner.

Those interests often overlap with our own. Britain and America, and the wider West, have a shared concern for the security of free and democratic societies, the ability to trade freely and fairly, and the independence of allies threatened by our enemies.

But our interests do not match perfectly, and even when they do there can be profound differences. There are differences in judgment, such as when Britain refused to follow America into Vietnam and when France chose not to go into Iraq. And there are differences in prioritisation too. While president Obama dismissed Russia as merely a "regional power", for those living in the east of Europe, Moscow remains an existential danger.

Ahead in the polls and challenging an ageing president whose mental powers are seemingly fading, Donald Trump looms large.

As with his first presidency, Trump is calling into doubt the future of the Nato alliance. At a campaign rally on Saturday, he recalled how a leader of "a big country" had asked him, if they had not spent enough on defence, and if Russia attacked, whether America would intervene. "No, I would not protect you," Trump said. "I would encourage [Russia] to do whatever the hell they want. You got to pay. You got to pay your bills."

This echoes the doubts Trump created about Nato in 2016. Perhaps, if Vladimir Putin had attacked Estonia, Trump would have turned a blind eye, arguing as his ally Newt Gingrich did that it was "in the suburbs of St Petersburg".

If this had been likely, and he had been in the pay of the Kremlin as his opponents claim, perhaps Putin would have put it to the test. Perhaps Putin judged that even if he had Trump onside, there was no way the wider US state would have allowed the destruction of Nato.

Such ambiguity is part of the Trump playbook. The only verified consequence of his Nato policy was a spike in defence spending by European countries.

In the years before Trump defeated Hillary Clinton, non-American Nato defence spending grew by an average of 1.2 per cent per year. During his presidency, it grew by 4.6 per cent per year.

This is exactly what Trump wanted. He does not see the world in the same way as conventional politicians and policymakers. He does not value long-term trust and the expectation of reciprocity. He sees relationships in a zero-sum way, and diplomacy as transactional - little more than a series of deals in which immediate American interests must always come first.

Yet prosperous countries including France, Germany and the Netherlands still do not meet the Nato target to spend 2 per cent of GDP on defence. The Europeans have taken millions of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** and spent billions supporting Kyiv, but this will not be enough for a Trump administration.

Protectionist and isolationist by instinct, Trump sees war - especially war funded or fought by America - as a costly diversion. It is likely he will force President Zelensky to come to terms with Putin.

This makes him different to other US presidents, but not as different as some might think. President George W Bush judged he had to leave Georgia to its fate when Russia attacked in 2008. President Biden did not wait for discussions with allies before withdrawing abruptly from Afghanistan.

Neither of these decisions was wrong - but they show that American presidents often make decisions with brutal consequences for the countries concerned.

This is a feature of leadership not specific to the US. It is forgotten now, but before the 2008 war, George W Bush pressed for Georgia and Ukraine to become Nato members. He was opposed by France and Germany, whose governments argued against offending Moscow.

Regardless of the history, however, Ukraine - bravely defending itself and rightly supported by Britain and our allies - is more than aware of a likely change in US policy if Trump wins.

All this points to an inconvenient truth for European leaders. While it is not difficult to identify the threats faced collectively by the West - including China, Russia, North Korea, Iran and Sunni extremism - the relative urgency and prioritisation of each is very different for Washington and the various European capitals.

This is true regardless of party politics. For the rest of our lifetimes,

America will treat Beijing as its greatest strategic threat. President Biden has sought to escape his Middle Eastern commitments to focus on China. In doing so he has emboldened Iran, which has started a war with Israel via Hamas, disrupted global trade via the Houthis, and halted the progress of the Abraham Accords.

In a similar way, Republicans see Russia as a distraction from China and believe the Europeans need to fund and organise their own defence.

China is undoubtedly a serious threat to Europe as it is to America.

But, thirsty for trade and investment, and despite all the evidence of Chinese aggression, espionage and economic warfare, European leaders favour appeasement and compromise with Beijing.

For the countries of Eastern and Central Europe, Russia is the more pressing problem. For Europe as a whole, with a Muslim population that could treble by 2050 to more than 75million, Islamism will be a greater domestic threat than in the US - even if few admit it today.

Overlapping interests and shared values will continue to mean that the West is able to act in concert.

But it is inescapable that whether it is Trump in the White House or another, if it is a Republican or Democrat, every country in the West will have to do more to ensure its own defence and security.

The answer to this challenge is not, as some inevitably argue, European armies and security services, not least because differences within Europe are often as great as those between Europe and America.

But we are long past the time to take responsibility for ourselves. Just look at the world around us.

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THE SNP's president was yesterday accused of drawing "utterly crass" parallels between Ukraine's struggle to repel Vladimir Putin's invasion and Scottish nationalists' attempts to break away from the UK.

Mike Russell used a blog on the party's website to argue that the past need not dictate the future, "whether that be rule from Moscow, or the result of an eight-year-old referendum".

The Yes campaign lost the 2014 vote by nearly 11 points but the former Constitution Secretary suggested the Ukraine crisis bolstered the case for a rerun, saying the "right of people to choose how they are governed and by whom is an absolute and universally applied".

Mr Russell also alleged "dirty cash" from Russia had gone to the Tory party and been "used against Scotland in the 2014 referendum" as well as helping to win the Brexit vote.

Amid criticism that the Government is doing too little to accept ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***, he also claimed that the UK would have "achieved more, and moved more rapidly" against Russia if it had still been an EU member state. British troops have provided training to 22,000 members of the Ukrainian armed forces since 2015 to help them prepare for a Russian invasion and the UK was among the first countries to send them weapons, before the conflict started and the EU made the same decision.

Mr Russell's claims also appeared to be undermined by an Intelligence and Security Committee investigation last year, which found "credible" evidence that the Putin regime tried to help the nationalist rather than Unionist side in the 2014 referendum.

It cited commentary that the Kremlin's attempt to aid the break-up of the United Kingdom was "the first post- Soviet interference in a Western democratic election". Mr Russell intervened the day after an SNP MSP apologised for making similar comparisons between Scotland and Ukraine.

Michelle Thomson responded to images of President Volodymyr Zelensky signing an application for Ukraine to join the EU with a social media post stating: "Delighted for Ukraine. It's just goes to show what political will can achieve. Remember this Scotland!"

Calling for Mr Russell to apologise, Willie Rennie, the former Scottish Liberal Democrat leader, said it was "one of the stupider things I have heard from a senior SNP figure".

"It is utterly crass to draw any parallels between what is going on in Ukraine to Scotland's situation, when people in

Ukraine are fighting and dying to avoid falling under the yolk of the Kremlin. I am astounded that the president of he SNP, a long-standing politician, would seek to draw any parallels to the democratic decision of the people of Scotland."

Donald Cameron, the Scottish Tories' shadow constitution secretary, said: "This is a deeply offensive and wholly unacceptable comparison from such a senior SNP figure. To try to draw parallels between the horrendous situation in Ukraine and Scotland's constitutional position is hugely insulting."

Ms Sturgeon wants to hold another separation referendum by the end of 2023, while Scotland is still recovering from the pandemic. She has set out plans to stage her own vote if the Prime Minister refuses to transfer the necessary legal powers and challenge the UK Government to try to block it in the courts.

However, legal experts warned that a Supreme Court ruling last October that her government had overstepped its powers on two other Bills could "torpedo" her referendum strategy.

Constitutional affairs are reserved to Westminster.

Mr Russell said the right of people to choose how they are governed cannot be "circumscribed by history - just because something was, doesn't mean it will always continue to be so whether that be rule from Moscow, or the result of an eight-year-old referendum".

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[*Buckle up for a long summer of referendum nonsense; Commentary*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:65XP-X5K1-DYTY-C1XG-00000-00&context=1519360)

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In politics there's always a fair bit of arrogance. But then there's also Nicola Sturgeon. She takes that commodity to a different level these days; that is, when she's not finding ways to explain her government's latest screw-up.

Already in the past few days we've had the suspension of what's been termed her "grandstanding" to make Scotland's welcome to ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** the best in these islands. It's had to be paused - temporarily, we're told - while a redundant Estonian ferry and a couple of Lanarkshire tower blocks are refurbished to house them.

Not so long ago, we had the Hebridean ferries that don't sail, but keep on costing more, fiasco and the fact that closing the educational attainment gap between rich and poor pupils isn't now going to happen.

Moreover, we've heard nothing recently about what she's doing to lose Scotland's reputation as the drug-death capital of Europe.

Then there's the fact that the country's senior law officer, Lord Advocate Dorothy Bain, has told her that her bill for a referendum isn't worth the paper it hasn't yet been printed on but still La Sturgeon wants to waste taxpayers' money by asking the Supreme Court for a ruling on its legality. There was no apology here, mind you - but that's because the rest of us are too stupid to understand what she's really about. OK?

And as Scotland goes on holiday, hoping to come back to see that at least some of their everyday concerns have been sorted, the First Minister has reverted to the only issue that gets her up in the morning but which puts the rest of the country - barring her "faithful" - to sleep: indyref2.

Furthermore, we were treated to a lecture from her O-level politics textbook and the chapter headed "Democracy" about how Scotland was being cheated, once again, by that nasty UK government. That is what she thinks and this is what she said: "All Scotland ever hears from UK politicians these days is democracy denial.'

It trips off her tongue so very easily that it almost - but not quite - masks the arrogance. The main thing is, of course, that Sturgeon does not speak for, nor represent "All Scotland". She is leader of a party that failed to gain an overall majority of seats in the Scottish Parliament.

Nor does she speak for the whole country, not all of which accepts her charge that they're being denied democracy over the UK Government refusing to concede another referendum. In her at times laughable - but not in a good way - press conference she accepted that like most politicians she pays attention to opinion polls. Very well, then, most such surveys suggest that most Scots don't want indyref2.

And if we look at what she'd regard as a proper vote, how about the 2014 independence referendum, which Sturgeon said was a "once in a lifetime event". Surely by insisting that there should be another referendum on the same subject, just because your side lost last time is a greater denial of democracy.

With the vast array of resources at her disposal, in the shape of the entire Scottish Government at her beck and call, there is no reason to believe that Sturgeon will desist in this drip, drip, drip attack on the United Kingdom.

And there appears to be nobody in the higher reaches of the British Civil Service who thinks it's their duty to call a halt to the undermining of the UK through this extravagant waste of taxpayers' cash.

That's what gives respectability to yesterday's hour-long whinge and why we're due a great deal more indyref2 nonsense for the rest of the summer.

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[*Ukrainian envoy raises doubts over Sturgeon's refugee ship scheme; Ukrainians' welfare 'remains our absolute priority'*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:65XG-XY91-DYTY-C1GW-00000-00&context=1519360)

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UKRAINE'S consul general in Scotland has warned Nicola Sturgeon war refugees must not be left to languish on a cruise ship in rooms smaller than a prison cell.

The Scottish government has rented the MS Victoria to house those fleeing Russia's invasion after shelving their flagship "super sponsor scheme" earlier this week.

The ship, currently docked in Leith, has 739 rooms measuring 86 sq ft with each one accommodating up to four people, leaving just 21 sq ft per person at full capacity.

But Yevhen Mankovskyi, Ukraine's consul general in Edinburgh, told The Daily Telegraph: "I don't want people to live for six months on the ship, no one wants this."

Mr Mankovskyi revealed he only heard about Ms Sturgeon's last-minute solution on Monday, when it was announced to the public, and is plan ning to inspect the ship next week.

While insisting he will reserve his full judgment until he sees the cabins in person, he suggested he would take the

First Minister to task if the conditions are unsuitable.

He said: "I can't say that I was shocked, the Scottish government has made this decision … we'll see how it's going to work. Let's see, let's give them a chance and let's see how it is going to work, because we need to see what people will say about this.

"So for those who will come to Scotland and will stay on the ship, then we can ask them 'do you like this or no?'

"If we receive more and more negative comments about this, negative feedback, after that we can discuss something with the Scottish govern ment , if that's the case people are not happy with this, maybe we need to change something.

"I hope that people will not stay on the ship for too long, we will see."

Asked what the most important thing the Scottish and UK Governments could do to help Ukraine, he said: "Missiles, bombs, heavy weapons. All of this the United Kingdom has provided us, we very much appreciate this, we are grateful for the support, but we need more."

Last month, Kate Forbes, the Finance Secretary, said no more of Scotland's money should be given to Ukraine for weapons after handing over a potential final payment of £65 million to the Treasury.

Mr Mankovskyi also said "too many'' ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** were staying in hotels with some forced to rely on food banks to have three square meals a day.

Up to 10,000 Ukrainians are understood to have arrived in Scotland since Russia's invasion in February.

The First Minister had previously insisted her nation would welcome an "uncapped" number of refugees Continued on Page 2

Continued from Page 1 "wrapped in a warm Scottish welcome". However the Scottish government announced on July 11 they will be suspending their sponsorship scheme for a minimum of three months after being overwhelmed with applications.

MS Victoria has been rented for six months, and is currently docked next to the Royal Yacht Britannia after arriving from Tallinn, Estonia's capital, where it had also been used to house refugees.

Mr Mankovskyi stressed the ship would not be a "prison" but admitted it "will not be good" if the living space per person comes to 43 sq ft per person. Single prison cells are at least 75 sq ft, and in shared cells, rules state there should be at least 48 sq ft for each inmate.

A Scottish government spokesperson said the welfare of all displaced Ukrainians "remains our absolute priority" and said they agreed with Mr Mankovskyi that they should not be spending "more time in temporary accommodation than is absolutely necessary."

They added: "The ship will offer displaced people safe accommodation, complete with restaurants, child play facilities, shops, cleaning and communal spaces."

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[*Barker moved to tears as McEnroe serves up teasing quips in centenary celebration*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:65VC-6TG1-DYTY-C08Y-00000-00&context=1519360)

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**Body**

It was a moment to celebrate 100 years of Wimbledon's Centre Court with the game's greatest champions - but the most rapturous ovation was reserved for a tearful Sue Barker, the outgoing face of the BBC's tennis coverage.

Barker, who has been presenting Wimbledon since 1992, was hosting yesterday's centenary event alongside three-time champion John McEnroe who went off-script to end the celebration by paying tribute to his 66-year-old friend.

"One final word to the crowd and, on behalf of all the players, I just want to say: we're going to be lost without you," McEnroe told Barker. "After 30 years of covering this tournament magnificently, please give it up for Sue Barker," he added, as the crowd rose to their feet for an impromptu and prolonged standing ovation. The response brought Barker to tears. "Thank you so much…that really does mean the world to me," she said.

Barker then added that McEnroe would be relegated to commentating from Court 17 after diverting from the ceremony's script. A former French Open champion and World No3, Barker announced in June that this year would be her last Wimbledon, and it has so far been beset by a bout of laryngitis and the potential threat of

Covid among the tournament's broadcasters.

Nine-time Wimbledon champion Martina Navratilova was absent from the centenary celebrations after testing positive for Covid-19 in the morning. Navratilova had been sitting alongside Barker the previous night during the BBC's analysis of the match between Stefanos Tsitsipas and Nick Kyrgios. A BBC spokesman told The Telegraph that they have "robust Covid procedures in place" and that their Wimbledon coverage continues "as planned".

Navratilova was due to attend SW19 yesterday as a Royal Box guest alongside an extraordinary roll-call of tennis legends that included Roger

Federer, Billie Jean King, Rod Laver, Bjorn Borg, Chris Evert, Rafael Nadal, Sir Andy Murray, Venus Williams, Novak Djokovic and Margaret Court.

The inclusion of Court, who holds the all-time record for Grand Slam titles at 24, follows calls in Australia for the "Margaret Court Arena" in Melbourne to be renamed owing to her outspoken views on LGBT issues and same-sex marriage. Court was respectfully applauded yesterday by the Centre Court crowd.

Navratilova said she was "gutted" to miss the occasion, which she was due to attend with her friend JK Rowling.

Federer was granted the loudest ovation of all the former champions and told fans that he still plans to return as a player after missing this year's tournament with a knee injury.

"I hope I can come back - one more time," said Federer, who reached the final as recently as 2019 but will turn 41 next month.

The centenary celebration also included a surprise appearance by Sir Cliff Richard, who serenaded the crowd with a rendition of Summer Holiday, receiving a mixed response from spectators and people watching at home.

The song was a nod to a memorable moment in Wimbledon's history when Sir Cliff sung the tune from the Centre Court stands during a lengthy rain delay in 1996.

A somewhat awkward exchange between McEnroe and Barker followed, as he teased the broadcaster about her former relationship with the singer. "Sue, didn't you have a… thing with that guy?" McEnroe asked, to which she replied: "We'll move on. Thank you John."

As part of the celebration, the All England Club had given ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** in the Wandsworth borough the opportunity to attend the tournament at no cost, including vouchers for strawberries and cream. Inna Ohrimchuk, 28, said she wanted to get her mind off "everything happening back home".

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**Graphic**

Roger Federer was greeted warmly among a parade of greats, but the singing of Sir Cliff Richard, left, received a more mixed reception. Sue Barker and John McEnroe, right, hosted the centenary eventAVALON BERG/ DEN VAN PETER AP, WIGGLESWORTH/ KIRSTY PA, WALTON/ JOHN

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[*Kyiv must not yield to Putin, warns Polish leader; Andrzej Duda tells Kyiv's parliament that 'only you have right to decide about your country's future'*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:65HD-FFF1-DYTY-C4K2-00000-00&context=1519360)

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UKRAINE must not give in to Vladimir Putin, the Polish president said yesterday in a speech to Kyiv's parliament, as he warned the West against appeasing Russia.

Andrzej Duda, who became the first foreign leader to address Ukrainian MPs in person since the start of the war, said that only Ukraine has the right to decide its future after calls for a settlement.

Ukrainian officials are seething at increasing appeals from the West for Kyiv to cede territory to Russia and end the conflict to avoid the war from spilling over into a global conflict.

"Worrying voices have appeared, saying that Ukraine should give in to Putin's demands," he said in his speech to the Verkhovna Rada, interrupted by standing ovations.

"Only Ukraine has the right to make decisions about its future ? nothing about you without you."

In a sign of gratitude for Poland, Volodymyr Zelensky, the Ukrainian president, said yesterday that Polish citizens in Ukraine will be granted the same rights that ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** in

Poland are now enjoying, including the right to claim social security.

Officials in Kyiv have been angered by an article in The New York Times that suggested Kyiv will "have to make the painful territorial decisions" in order to end the war.

The article was aimed at the White House and raised questions over whether the West can continue to support Ukraine.

Mykhailo Podolyak, a senior adviser to Mr Zelensky who is involved in negotiations with Russia, hit out at the newspaper on Saturday for inviting a country at war to make compromises with an invader that has perpetrated horrific war crimes on its soil.

"Any concessions to Russia is not a path to peace but a war postponed for several years," he said. "Ukraine trades neither its sovereignty, nor territories and Ukrainians living on them.

"It's a pity we have to explain such simple things to such reputable media as The New York Times."

In a clear indication that Kyiv has braced itself for a protracted conflict with Russia, Ukraine's parliament yesterday voted to extend martial law for three more months.

Previously, Mr Zelensky asked for one-month extensions.

As recently as three months ago, Europe contemplated a possible fall-out from Ukraine's military defeat.

Now, several European leaders have begun to express concern about the prospect of co-existence with a defeated nuclear power.

Emmanuel Macron, the French president, said earlier this month that peace efforts would not be served by humiliating Russia.

"The end of the discussion and the negotiations will be set by Ukraine and Russia. But it will not be done in denial, nor in exclusion of each other, nor even in humiliation," he said.

Olaf Scholz, the German chancellor, agreed in a phone call with Mr Zelensky last week that Russia has to withdraw from Ukraine as part of any peace deal that can be discussed.

But Mr Scholz stopped short of saying whether that would include Crimea -which Russia seized in 2014 - or part of eastern Ukraine that has been under defacto Russian control for the past eight years.

President Zelensky said in an interview on Saturday that he is committed to talks, but argued that Kyiv's willingness to negotiate depends on Russia's actions on the ground.

He admitted that Russian atrocities in Bucha and other Kyiv suburbs made it difficult for him to discuss a peace deal, and that Ukrainian society now has little appetite for any concessions.

Mr Duda said yesterday that Russia's war crimes make it impossible for Western leaders to rebuild ties with Mr Putin, even if there is a peace deal.

"Dear presidents and prime ministers, there can never be 'business as usual' with Russia after Bucha, Borodyanka and Mariupol," he said.

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[*More foreigners to settle than pre-Brexit; Think tank says there will be a record surge in non-EU students, workers and refugees this year*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:659P-2JS1-DYTY-C1X8-00000-00&context=1519360)

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MORE foreign nationals will come to the UK this year than before Brexit, an analysis suggests.

The number of non-EU workers, students and relatives granted visas has already increased by more than 50 per cent to more than 840,000 since the UK voted to leave the EU in 2016.

Lower salary and skill thresholds for foreign workers, the widening of "shortage" jobs and the end of restrictions on students staying on to work after graduating have contributed to the surge, according to British Future, a think tank specialising in immigration and integration. The numbers this year will be pushed higher by ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** fleeing the Russian invasion, estimated at about 50,000, and up to 150,000 Hong Kongers coming to the UK on British National Overseas visas.

Sunder Katwala, the director of British Future, said: "Overall immigration will be greater than before Brexit because non-EU growth will be higher than the fall in EU migrants.

"This year could be higher than any other year in recent British history. It has come about through active policy decisions by the Government to make immigration easier." In the referendum campaign and since, Boris Johnson has promised Brexit would allow Britain to "take back control of its borders" by ending freedom of movement with the EU. But he rejected his predecessor

Theresa May's targets designed to keep net migration below 100,000 a year.

While tough on "illegal" migration - as illustrated by plans to send Channel migrants on a one-way ticket to Rwanda - he has relaxed rules for foreign skilled migrants and students with sponsored jobs or university places in the UK.

But he faces a backlash as an organisation that often sounds an alarm over mass immigration warned that Mr Johnson's pledge to take control of the UK's borders through a new post-Brexit points system was "clearly a sham". "The figures showing rocketing arrivals are proof of that," said Alp Mehmet, the chairman of Migration Watch. Office for National Statistics estimates show that EU immigration to the UK fell as the end of free movement loomed, from 249,000 in 2016 to 198,000 in 2019.

This was, however, more than compensated for by a rise in non-EU migrants, from 298,000 to 406,000.

Since 2019, the only data available to track immigration are UK visas from the Home Office, which excludes EU citizens who may have been entitled to apply for EU settled status even while abroad and subsequently entered the UK. Just under 53,000 work, study and family visas were granted to EU citizens last year - a big decline, but one which has been dwarfed by the growth in non-EU immigration. The implementation of a points-based immigration system has opened up half of all jobs in the UK to foreign workers, by lowering salary and skill thresholds for migrants. Previously, employers also had to prove a British worker could not be recruited to fill a vacancy before looking abroad.

The number of professions that qualify for skilled visas has been expanded, while the Government also removed caps on most visa routes. As a result, the number of work-related non-EU visas has risen by more than 20 per cent from 163,900 in 2016 to 210,000 last year.

The new graduate visas, allowing students to live and work in the UK for up to two years after completing their degree, saw a bigger rise of 41 per cent with non-EU entrants jumping from 294,000 in 2016 to 416,250 last year.

Even more marked was the jump in "other" non-EU visas including Hong Kongers and relatives of EU citizens living in the UK, which nearly trebled from 53,600 in 2016 to 165,325 last year, giving the total of 843,538.

Madeleine Sumption, director of Oxford University's Migration Observatory, was sceptical about immigration figures being higher this year than 2016. "But I certainly would not dispute the idea that what we are seeing in immigration policy is restrictions towards groups that the Government considers not to be desirable at the same time as significant liberalisation to groups that it does think are desirable," she said.

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[*Tax discount for families offering second homes to Ukrainians; Refugees minister wants no one to be punished for generosity, but sponsors fear delays will cost lives*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:656F-NHX1-DYTY-C11C-00000-00&context=1519360)

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FAMILIES who offer their second homes to ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** will get a 50 per cent council tax discount worth as much as £1,000 under laws to be laid before Parliament today.

Councils will be barred from removing council tax discounts of lone householders who take in refugees under the legal changes to be unveiled by Lord Harrington, the refugees minister.

The moves are designed to ensure that no household is financially penalised if they participate in the Homes for Ukraine scheme, which saw more than 200,000 individuals or organisations register, of which more than 40,000 have applied.

"The generosity of the general public has been astounding and I want to thank them sincerely for their ongoing support and for opening up their homes to those who need it the most," said Lord Harrington.

"These regulations will help ensure that sponsors are rightfully not financially penalised by opening their homes, and will provide clarity to local councils as they help us deliver this landmark scheme."

Empty or second homes will be entitled to a 50 per cent council tax dis count if they are used to house

Ukrainians on the scheme.

It comes on top of the £350 a month being paid to sponsors. Councils are receiving £10,500 to help pay for education, English language learning, safeguarding and social care.

The moves follow cases exposed by The Telegraph where councils removed the discount to which single people were entitled after they took in refu gees. It came as British families participating in the Homes for Ukraine scheme said they feared their refugees would die in the Russian bombing or over crowded camps before the Home Office approves their applications, according to the first survey of hosts.

Nine in 10 applicants for the scheme are still waiting for Home Office approval for their refugees, some of whom have remained in their country despite the Russian bombardment, according to the survey of 150 British host families covering 380 refugees.

One Ukrainian family has had to move nine times to escape attacks by Russian forces and then find a place of safety with the 4.4 million refugees who have so far fled Ukraine, according to the survey by the UK Hosts for Ukrainian Families Support Group. One British householder told the survey organisers: "My sponsee is too scared to travel without knowing where she is going.

Our Zoom chats are punctuated with air-raid sirens and her heading off to the basement. I am scared she will be killed before she gets her visa. It has been over two weeks since we applied."

Another host said: "Two of mine are aged 72, were in good health [but are] now very ill and I am afraid leaving them in a camp will kill them." A third commented: "The delays are causing unnecessary suffering. Exposes children to danger, trafficking and death."

The Homes for Ukraine scheme opened to applicants three weeks ago but Government figures show just 1,200 Ukrainians have arrived out of 12,500 granted and 43,600 who have applied since March 18.

The 150 surveyed for the poll by the group's organiser Sue Clifford reported overwhelmingly negative experiences of the Government scheme.

They were angry at having to find their own families, often via Facebook or other social media, being left in the dark on the progress of their applica tions and the bureaucracy they had to wade through to complete the process.

More than 60 of the Ukrainian families had had to move, often multiple times, because of the length of time it was taking to receive their UK visas.

They were spread across 18 countries from Ukraine and Poland to Croatia and Ireland, living in "inadequate" temporary accommodation.

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**Graphic**

Volunteers add sweets to backpacks, in Dorset, preparing them to be sent to Ukrainian children displaced by Russia's war. The backpacks also contain messages of hope written by 10,000 schoolchildrenIMAGES GETTY WEBSTER/ FINNBARR

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**Body**

The Russian invasion of Ukraine is an unprovoked act of aggression against a sovereign, democratic state. It has brought pain and suffering to millions of innocent people. But the Kremlin's miscalculated attack has unintentionally prompted the best possible response: relentless, heartening Ukrainian resistance, an unprecedented show of solidarity from around the world, the awakening of many countries to the dangers posed by Vladimir Putin's regime, and the strengthening of alliances - including the age-old partnership between Poland and the United Kingdom.

Our relationship dates back to the 11th century, but was consolidated in the heat of the Second World War. We first formalised our military alliance on the eve of the German invasion of Poland with the Agreement of Mutual Assistance, and it was reinforced during the war. Not only was Britain home to the Polish Armed Forces in the West, but also to the legitimate Polish state representation, which survived the war and the Soviet occupation.

We fought side by side in the Battle of Britain, which turned the tide of the war. "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few," said Sir Winston Churchill, describing the defenders of British skies. And our cooperation was evident in many other areas, including intelligence sharing - a crucial factor in the success of Ukraine's defence today. Polish cryptologist Marian Rejewski broke the Enigma code 90 years ago and, with his colleagues, passed their work to Alan Turing, laying the foundations for the mass code-breaking effort at Bletchley.

This Polish-British cooperation has become even stronger in modern times. After Poland toppled the communist regime and regained its sovereignty, it soon joined Nato, signing bilateral defence deals with the UK - including the 2017 treaty, at the time only the second such treaty that Britain had with a European Union member state. Our two countries also served together in military missions in Iraq and Afghanistan and as part of Nato's Enhanced Forward Presence.

The strength of our bilateral alliance has perhaps been demonstrated best over the past year, with the UK deploying military personnel to Poland - first to help stop the migration crisis orchestrated by Putin's accomplice Alexander Lukashenko, and then to shore up Nato's eastern flank against Russian aggression. And now, a new chapter in our relationship begins.

Last week, as the situation in Ukraine became increasingly grave, Polish President Andrzej Duda met Boris Johnson in London. The two agreed to deepen cooperation between our armed forces, intelligence organisations and defence industries. We will increase our militaries' exercises, step up work to counter cyber threats and disinformation, and deepen the defence strategy and security threat analysis cooperation. We will boost bilateral trade through high-level intergovernmental dialogue and a new expert task force. Crucially, we will work to facilitate the delivery of lethal and non-lethal aid to Ukraine. The UK will also increase financial aid to help support ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** in Poland.

Poland and the UK, along with other European states, are demonstrating leadership in their support for Ukraine. Yesterday, the Polish, Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian presidents travelled to Kyiv to show solidarity with Ukraine's President

Volodymyr Zelensky and the Ukrainian people. It followed a visit by the Polish, Czech and Slovenian prime ministers last month, which conveyed the EU's unequivocal support.

Meanwhile, in Kyiv last Saturday, Mr Johnson said the Ukrainians had shown the courage of a lion and that Mr Zelensky was its roar. The Prime Minister went on to pledge extra military assistance to the besieged country.

Ukraine is not alone. Russia's brutal attack has demonstrated the worst and best of humanity. Most importantly, it has emphasised our solidarity with innocent people in times of suffering. For Poland and Britain, this solidarity means closer ties than ever. For Europe and Nato, it means unity. For Ukraine, it means hope amid an unimaginable tragedy. We will not cease until Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity are restored. Slava Ukraini! Piotr Wilczek is the Polish Ambassador to the UK follow Piotr Wilczek on Twitter @AmbWilczek; read more at [*www.telegraph.co.uk*](http://www.telegraph.co.uk)/ opinion

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ANGRY families are to stage a public protest this weekend over 19-day delays in their visas to host ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** amid signs that ministers are losing patience with the Home Office.

More than 160 signed up within 12 hours to a Facebook group to support the protest outside Parliament on Saturday morning after being left in the dark over the progress of their applications to host refugees.

Most applied when the Homes for Ukraine scheme officially launched on March 18 after being told by ministers that "thousands" would be approved within days. But, nearly three weeks later, they have received only a confirmation of receipt from the UK Visa and Immigration (UKVI) office but no further indication on when their application will be granted.

Protest organiser Lauren Corbishley, an NHS mental health nurse, who applied on March 18 to host a couple who fled Kharkiv with their 17-year-old daughter, said: "I have never done anything like this before in my life but I am prepared to do it because we have got no answers.

"I've got people messaging me who are feeling depressed, hopeless and anxious. Their mental health is being hammered by these delays."

The refugees linked up with British families include a 24-year-old woman in Odesa, whose parents want to evacuate her before a full-scale assault by the Russians, and a 22-year-old female student from Kharkiv, who is living in the shadow of Russian artillery fire. Both applied on March 18.

"They have been told to wait by the

UKVI hotline. But wait for what? A bullet in the back of the head, or to be raped? It is unacceptable," said Colin Sharp, a friend speaking on behalf of 22-year-old Irena from Kharkiv. Ms Corbishley has already spent £1,000 to put her Ukrainian family up in a hotel in Poland rather than see them destitute on the streets owing to the delays after they lost everything in the war.

She confronted refugees minister Lord Harrington on Tuesday on an LBC phone-in over the delays and was promised an answer yesterday. But after a call back last night, she said: "They cannot help me with an update on my application. I'm gutted. I've been lied to."

Lord Harrington has demanded an explanation for the delays, after saying they were unacceptable.

But he appeared to be blindsided when asked about them on LBC, admitting he was not aware of "data losses" or "glitches" blamed by some families for their plight.

Michael Gove, the Communities Secretary, who launched the Homes For Ukraine scheme, is said to be seething.

Asked if the Home Office was not fit for purpose, a source said: "On this, yes. It is quite clear that is the case. I have never seen Michael so animated over an issue over so many days.

"There's deep frustration over the fact that ministers have been asking some specific things for quite some time and they have not been delivered. There is a breakdown in communication between ministers and officials."

Some 32,000 have applied for the homes scheme, of which 10,000 have been approved, but only several hundred have arrived in Britain.

Officials at the Communities Department are puzzled why early applicants are still waiting when those who applied a week after or even later have been granted.

Peter Young, a 74-year-old retired chemical engineer, who has applied with wife Nancy to host 24-year-old Alexandra Verbitskaya from Odesa in their south coast bungalow, broke down on the telephone to The Daily Telegraph as he described their plight as a "triumph of bureaucracy over humanity".

"We are so frustrated that we are trying to help and in effect we are torturing Alexandra because we cannot tell her anything," said Mr Young.

Her parents, Alexander and Tania, are anxious for her to get to Britain before Odesa faces the anticipated Russian assault.

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NICOLA STURGEON's deputy yesterday refused to touch £20million allocated for a second independence referendum despite unveiling more than £500million of cuts to Scotland's public services.

John Swinney outlined £560.4million of "savings" that he said were required to meet rising public sector pay demands, which have been fuelled by double-digit inflation.

He said "hard choices" were required to help Scots through the cost of living crisis and the cuts represented "the harsh reality" of Holyrood having a "fixed budget and limited powers".

Among the cutbacks he announced were £53million in support designed to help people into work, £42.7million for education and skills training, £33million for agriculture and £120million of capital spending on new public buildings and roads.

However, he refused to touch the £20million that has been allocated for another independence referendum in 2023, arguing this was "necessary to ensure Scotland can decide our own future and get out of this".

The Scottish Tories attacked the SNP's "skewed, self-serving priorities", with Ms Sturgeon's government pro tecting "spending on their pet obses sion" while insisting they have no choice but to cut public services.

Opposition parties also criticised Mr Swinney for continuing to "peddle the line" that the Scottish Government has provided £3 billion of public support for the cost of living crisis after Holyrood researchers found less than a sixth of the money was new.

Mr Swinney took his axe to spending the day after Ms Sturgeon disclosed that surging inflation meant the Scottish Government's budget was worth £1.7billion less than when it was published last December, with public sector pay deals costing £700 million more than predicted.

The First Minister last week caved in to trade union pay demands for council workers with a deal that led to the cancellation of more bin strikes scheduled for this week but cost her government £260 million.

Mr Swinney said support schemes for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** had also resulted in unbudgeted costs of £200million.

"The Scottish budget is at the absolute limits of affordability, difficult choices must be made," he said. "There is no unallocated cash. There is no real reserve that has not been utilised. Every penny more on one policy is a penny less on another policy."

He said the only option was to cut spending as Holyrood was unable to change income tax rates midway through the financial year or borrow more to fund day-to-day costs.

In a letter to Holyrood's finance committee, he set out £440.4million of reductions to resource spending and £120million of cuts to capital costs.

He said he had targeted employability support as Scotland was "experiencing historically low unemployment".

Mr Swinney argued that axing the £20million independence referendum budget would not help as the funds were allocated for 2023-24 but the savings needed to be made in the current financial year.

However, Miles Briggs, the Scottish Tories' shadow social justice and local government secretary, said: "It's astonishing that as part of an 'emergency' £560million public spending cut to finance the pay settlement for council workers, the cash earmarked for an independence referendum has somehow escaped John Swinney's axe.

"Talk about skewed, self-serving priorities.

People up and down Scotland, who'll bear the brunt, will rightly be furious that no matter how deep the cuts bite, the SNP will always safeguard spending on their pet obsession - a divisive constitutional vote that most Scots don't even want."

Liz Smith, the Scottish Tories' shadow finance secretary, pointed out that any income tax cuts Liz Truss introduces in England would lead to extra funding for Scotland through the Westminster block grant.

But Mr Swinney refused to commit to using any such money to cut income tax in Scotland, which is already higher north of the border for anyone earning more than £27,850, saying he would wait to see the details.

Martin Kennedy, NFU Scotland president, said: "Farmers and crofters want to play their part in tackling the nation's cost of living crisis but, at a time when the Scottish Government should be looking to prioritise home food production to secure an affordable, domestic food supply, the headline that there is a cut in agricultural support risks eroding confidence, reducing production further and raising the cost of food."

£560.4m The amount of money the Scottish Government needs to save to help balance the books this year

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The Tories made a manifesto pledge in 2019 to bring down overall migra tion, but the number is expected to hit close to 700,000 in official figures to be released within weeks, with analysis suggesting that it could even reach one million this year.

Mrs Braverman's intervention comes after days of criticism aimed at the Prime Minister from some Tory MPs, many of them prominent supporters of Boris Johnson, after the party lost more than 1,000 councillors at the local elections and he abandoned a promise to scrap all EU laws by the end of 2023.

Mr Sunak has put growing the economy and boosting the UK's productivity, which has lagged behind other major economies for years, at the centre of his pitch to voters.

However, the Government is struggling to convince workers who left jobs during the pandemic to return, and senior Tories fear that immigration is seen as a quick fix for vacancies.

Mrs Braverman will say today: "I voted and campaigned for Brexit because I wanted Britain to control migration. So that we all have a say on what works for our country. Highskilled workers support economic growth. Fact.

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In the 2019 election manifesto, the

Conservatives did not repeat David Cameron's promise to get net migration - the number of people moving to Britain minus those in the UK moving overseas - below 100,000. But there was a promise that "overall numbers will come down".

The opposite has happened. Annual net migration peaked at 331,000 before the Brexit vote in 2016. It hit 504,000 in the year to June 2022, and analysis by migration experts suggest the figure could be as high as 997,000 when the official figures are published in the coming weeks.

The number of people moving from the European Union slowed when Britain left the bloc, with "free movement" rules no longer applying. But jumps in the number of work visas and student visas issued to foreigners, plus the taking in of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** and Hong Kong citizens, has fuelled the rise.

More criticism of Mr Sunak's leadership is expected at the three-day National Conservatism Conference.

Jacob Rees-Mogg, also speaking today, will say: "Rishi Sunak made a specific promise to scrap thousands of EU laws. He has broken it.

"This is unfortunate, as one of his perceived virtues is his trustworthiness and the surrender to the Blob risks exposing the government to ridicule. It Continued on Page 2

Continued from Page 1 also risks making us poorer." Mrs Braverman, who has become a leading figure in the Tory Party's Right flank after running for the leadership last year, left Liz Truss's Cabinet amid a row about the then prime minister's proposals to increase legal immigration.

Mrs Braverman will also say in her speech: "It's not xenophobic to say that mass and rapid migration is unsustainable in terms of housing supply, service and community relations.

"Nor is it bigoted to say that too many people come here illegally and claim asylum, and we have insufficient accommodation for them.

"I'm not embarrassed to say that I love [*www.Britain.No*](http://www.Britain.No) true Conservative is. It's not racist for anyone, ethnic minority or otherwise, to want to control our borders.

"I reject the Left's argument that it is hypocritical for someone from an ethnic minority to know these facts; to speak these truths.

"My parents came here through legal and controlled migration. They spoke the language. They threw themselves into the community, embraced British values.

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In the 2019 election manifesto, the Conservatives did not repeat David Cameron's promise to get net migration - the number of people moving to Britain minus those in the UK moving overseas - below 100,000. But there was a promise that "overall numbers will come down".

The opposite has happened. Annual net migration peaked at 331,000 before the Brexit vote in 2016. It hit 504,000 in the year to June 2022, and analysis by migration experts suggest the figure could be as high as 997,000 when the official figures are published in the coming weeks.

The number of people moving from the European Union slowed when Britain left the bloc, with "free movement" rules no longer applying. But jumps in the number of work visas and student visas issued to foreigners, plus the taking in of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** and Hong Kong citizens, has fuelled the rise.

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Continued from Page 1 also risks making us poorer." Mrs Braverman, who has become a leading figure in the Tory Party's Right flank after running for the leadership last year, left Liz Truss's Cabinet amid a row about the then prime minister's proposals to increase legal immigration.

Mrs Braverman will also say in her speech: "It's not xenophobic to say that mass and rapid migration is unsustainable in terms of housing supply, service and community relations.

"Nor is it bigoted to say that too many people come here illegally and claim asylum, and we have insufficient accommodation for them.

"I'm not embarrassed to say that I love [*www.Britain.No*](http://www.Britain.No) true Conservative is. It's not racist for anyone, ethnic minority or otherwise, to want to control our borders.

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"My parents came here through legal and controlled migration. They spoke the language. They threw themselves into the community, embraced British values.

"When they arrived they signed up to be part of our shared project because the UK meant something to them."

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**Body**

UKRAINE should give up territory to secure a ceasefire from Russia, a senior bishop said yesterday as the Church of England put itself on course for a fresh row with the Government. The Bishop of Leeds, the Rt Rev Nick Baines, the Church's lead on foreign affairs, intervened as Boris Johnson warned that Ukraine should not be strong-armed into a "bad peace" that resulted in it surrendering "chunks" of territory. Bishop

Baines said the price of peace could be Russia's annexation of the eastern Donbas region. The Kremlin has already illegally annexed Crimea.

The bishop said the Government's objectives in Ukraine were "unclear" and claimed that Vladimir Putin could eventually be convinced to give back occupied lands in return for the easing of sanctions.

He criticised sanctions as a "blunt instrument" and warned that "imposing punitive measures which affect all Russians, whatever their view, risks provoking resentment' and fuelling nationalism". In documents published ahead of next month's meeting of the General Synod, he said it would be "morally problematic" to oppose a "reasonable" ceasefire to gain "advantage through a protracted conflict".

The Church of England last night insisted that this was "not the view of the Church", adding that "the territorial integrity of Ukraine is without question".

The Prime Minister, who is in Rwanda for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, said he would urge Western leaders not to exert pressure on Kyiv to make peace at upcoming

Nato and G7 summits. Mr Johnson said: "Now is not the time to settle and encourage the Ukrainians to settle for a bad peace, for a peace for which they are invited to give up chunks of their territory in return for a ceasefire. I think that would be a disaster. It would be a trigger for further escalation by Putin whenever he wanted. That would do much further economic damage to the world."

There are suspicions in Kyiv that France and Germany want a quick ceasefire because of their economic links to Russia.

Last month, Volodymyr Zelensky said the French president had sug- gested he would have to give up some land to secure a peace deal, which the Ukrainian leader rejected.

On a visit to Kyiv last week, the leaders of France, Germany and Italy insisted that it was for Ukraine alone to decide on the terms of a peace deal.

Mr Johnson said there was "a lot of Ukraine fatigue now in the world" even though he knew "they are going to win". He admitted that ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** could be sent to Rwanda under its migration plan if they ignored legal routes and illegally crossed the Channel in boats.

"If you come here illegally, you're undermining all those who come here legally," he said, "yes, in theory that could happen but I think it's very unlikely." In April, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, criticised the Government's plan to send some asylum seekers from the UK to Rwanda as being "the opposite of the nature of God".

The attack provoked the rage of some MPs, who claimed that church and state had long since been separated. EU leaders approved Ukraine and Moldova as candidate countries to join the bloc at a historic European Council in Brussels yesterday. Candidate status is the first step on a long journey that could take decades and will involve tough negotiations and painful reforms.

The EU held summit talks with six western Balkan countries which already have candidate status before the European Council meeting.

"North Macedonia is a candidate since 17 years if I have not lost the count. Albania since eight," Edi Rama, the prime minister of Albania, said.

Albania's progress has been blocked by EU member Bulgaria.Berlin yesterday triggered the second of its threephase emergency gas plan after Russia reduced energy deliveries to Germany, Italy, Austria, the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Industry is being asked to use less natural gas and Berlin is turning to more polluting coal as tensions escalate with Moscow.

A Church of England spokesman said of Bishop Baines's comments: "This is a discussion paper for Synod that notes potential long-term scenarios highlighted in some quarters regarding Ukraine … As the paper says clearly, the long term goal should be that Ukraine controls all its territory."

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[*King praises hospitality of his German hosts ... but Scholz isn't there to hear; Chancellor stays away from white tie banquet held in honour of visiting monarch to keep peace in coalition*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:67WR-CRN1-DYTY-C0V8-00000-00&context=1519360)

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**Body**

OLAF SCHOLZ, the German chancellor, did not attend a white tie banquet held in honour of the King's first state visit in Berlin last night.

The decision is said to have been made to keep the peace within his fractious ruling coalition, which divided between them the various royal engagements of the tour.

In a six-minute speech delivered partly in German during the banquet at the Schloss Bellevue, official home to Frank-Walter Steinmeier, the president, the King described how the relation ship between the UK and Germany "matters greatly" to him and said that he was "more convinced than ever of its enduring value to us all".

The King said he would spend the rest of his reign doing all he could "to strengthen the connections between us". He also spoke about the shared resolve of both nations to support Ukraine in the face of "unprovoked aggression".

"In this regard, I did want to pay a particular tribute to Germany's extraordinary hospitality in hosting over one million ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***," he added. "This, it seems to me, so powerfully demonstrates the generosity of spirit of the German people."

The King and Queen had been greeted at the palace by Mr Steinmeier and his wife, Elke Büdenbender.

The Queen wore a black evening dress with silver embroidery by Bruce Oldfield and the Boucheron diamond tiara. She also wore the Grand Cross (Special Class) of the Federal Order of Merit, presented earlier in the day by the president, Queen Elizabeth II's fringed diamond necklace and the Garter Star, Queen Victoria's Queen's Family Order.

While Mr Scholz did not attend, two representatives from his ruling coalition, Robert Habeck, the vice-chancellor (Green) and Christian Lindner, the finance minister (Free Democrat Party), were present. A spokesman for the German government said the chancellor did not normally take part in bilateral state banquets but was "looking for ward to welcoming King Charles III for a conversation in person" today.

The 120-strong guest list did include Angela Merkel, Mr Scholz's predecessor, and dancer Motsi Mabuse.

The King will become the first British monarch to address the Bundestag. He will also visit a reception centre for Ukrainian war refugees at the former Tegel airport in Berlin.

Meanwhile, the Queen Consort will visit the Komische Oper opera house in the capital.

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Greeting the guests Ma'am has to rhyme with lamb or jam

The King and Queen were greeted with crowds holding German and British flags.

Newspapers even published guides on royal protocol in case their readers met the couple. The tips included how to curtsey and how to pronounce the word "Ma'am", which the papers said should rhyme with "jam" and "lamb".

What is it about Britain's Royal family that the Germans love so much? Gerhard Danneman, director of the Centre for British Studies at the Humboldt University of Berlin, said that adulation for the "borrowed monarchy" had some advantages for Germans.

"In Germany, you get all the pomp, glamour and celebrity status of the Royal family without the politics or the expense," he said.

The fact that Charles, who speaks German, is proud of his roots is also widely appreciated. James Jackson

This pen is mightierNo chances taken

AFTER becoming the inadvertent hosts of the King's historic first state visit, Germany had no intention of leaving anything to chance.

And that included the fountain pen His Majesty used to sign the presidential visitors' book at Schloss Bellevue in Berlin.

To ensure no repeat of the monarch's irritable outbursts over pens in the early days of his reign, including at the Accession Council (pictured below), the pen on offer was tested repeatedly.

Kai Baldow, head of protocol in the president's office, proudly insisted: "Our pen has never failed."

But in the event, the King was unwilling to take any risks and opted to use his own pen as he signed the book, watched by Frank-Walter Steinmeier, German president (pictured above).

The signing, much like the rest of the day, went like clockwork, from the 21-gun gun salute and flypast that greeted the King and Queen on arrival to the glittering white tie banquet at which the monarch was expected to show off his command of the German language.

The French protests over pension reforms that led to the first leg of the tour being postponed were but a distant memory as the monarch arrived at the Berlin-Brandenburg government airport on an RAF Voyager that was escorted into the country by German Typhoons shortly after 2pm.

Victoria Ward and James Jackson

**Graphic**

The King and Frank-Walter Steinmeier, the German president, water a tree in the garden of the Bellevue palace in BerlinSHUTTERSTOCK EFE/ EPA- POOL/ SCHLUETER/ JENS

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[*Dukedom of Edinburgh is Edward's birthday gift; Earl of Wessex inherits role on visit to Scottish capital, fulfilling the wishes of late Queen and Prince Philip*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:67RP-3J81-DYTY-C1V6-00000-00&context=1519360)

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The King has conferred the title of Duke of Edinburgh on his younger brother, Prince Edward, who said he was "slightly overwhelmed".

It was Prince Philip's wish that the Earl of Wessex should inherit his title and the King chose to coincide the recreation of the dukedom with Edward's 59th birthday.

He becomes the Duke of Edinburgh while his wife the Countess of Wessex, also known as Sophie, 58, becomes the Duchess of Edinburgh.

The couple visited the Scottish capital yesterday, making it their first engagement with their new titles.

The Scottish title has been conferred on the Duke for the duration of his lifetime and will be returned to the Crown upon his death.

The Duke's 19-year-old daughter, Lady Louise Windsor, will not see her title change but his son James, Viscount Severn, 15, will become the new Earl of Wessex. Upon his father's death he will become the Earl of Wessex and Forfar, enabling him to use the title when he is in Scotland.

A royal insider said the move was in recognition of the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh's decades of service.

The couple's first engagement was at the Scottish capital's City Chambers. Edward said the day had been "very overwhelming" for him and his wife.

Speaking at a reception recognising the city's support for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***, some of whom attended, the duke told guests: "Thank you for welcoming us to Edinburgh today on, indeed, a very special and very overwhelming day for now my wife and duchess," he joked, while looking at Sophie.

When the couple married in 1999, Buckingham Palace issued a statement making clear that Charles agreed with his parents' plans for Edward to inherit the title.

It said: "The Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Prince of Wales have also agreed that the Prince Edward should be given the Dukedom of Edinburgh in due course when the present title held now by Prince Philip eventually reverts to the Crown."

In what was widely seen as preparation for the role, Edward took over the reins at the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme that his father founded in 1956.

Since 2015, he has been chairman of the trustees of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Foundation.

The couple discussed inheriting the title during an interview with The Telegraph Magazine in 2021. The Duchess recalled the time when, two days after their engagement in 1999, Prince Philip asked his youngest son if he would be willing to become the next Duke of Edinburgh. "We sat there slightly stunned," she said. "He literally came straight in and said: 'Right. I'd like it very much if you would consider that.'" Acknowledging that it was "a bittersweet role to take as the only way the title can come to me is after both my parents have passed away", Edward admitted that "theoretically" the title should have gone to the Duke of York.

"My father was very keen that the title should continue, but he didn't quite move quickly enough with Andrew, so it was us who he eventually had the conversation with," he said. "It was a lovely idea; a lovely thought."

There had been reports that the King, 74, was reluctant to confer the title on Edward for fear that it would then pass too far down the pecking order to retain its significance. It has been suggested that it may pass to Princess Charlotte or Prince Louis when the Prince of Wales becomes king, ensuring it retains seniority within the House of Windsor.

Named after the Scottish capital, the title has only been created three times, starting in 1726 when it was given to King George II's eldest son, Prince Frederick. Queen Victoria re-created the title in 1866 for her second son Prince Alfred and in 1947, King George VI bestowed it on Philip Mountbatten when he married Princess Elizabeth.

Title tally The previous Dukes of Edinburgh

Prince Frederick The title was created by George I in 1726 for his grandson, Prince Frederick. When he died in 1751, the title was inherited by his son Prince George, who acceded to the throne in 1760.

Prince William In 1764, George III created a variation of the title for his younger brother, Prince William, making him Duke of Gloucester and Edinburgh. On his death in 1805, his son, also William, took the title but died with no heir.

Prince Alfred The title had become extinct but was revived by Queen Victoria for her second son, Prince Alfred, in 1866. When Alfred died in 1900, the title again became extinct, his only son having died the previous year.

Prince Philip It was created again by Elizabeth II's father, George VI, ahead of her 1947 marriage to Philip. When the Duke died in 2021, eldest son Charles inherited the title. When he became King, it merged with the crown.

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**Graphic**

The new Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh attend a ceremony at the City Chambers in Edinburgh, to mark one year since the city's formal response to the invasion of UkrainePA BARLOW/ JANE

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[*Cumberbatch says he hopes to house refugees; Actor reveals plan to help Ukrainians as The Power of the Dog scoops Best Film at the Baftas*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:650G-N341-JCBW-N0BJ-00000-00&context=1519360)

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BENEDICT CUMBERBATCH has revealed that he wants to take in ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***, as celebrities at the Baftas condemned the Russian invasion.

Speaking at the awards ceremony, where he missed out on the Best Actor prize but the film he starred in, The Power of the Dog, scooped two of the top awards, Cumberbatch said: "We all need, as we know, to do more than wear a badge. There has been a record number of people volunteering to take people into their homes and I hope to be part of that myself."

It comes after Sir Keir Starmer and Michael Gove both said they hoped to house refugees, as part of a scheme unveiled by the Government which asks the public to volunteer to take in those fleeing the war.

Other Bafta attendees also spoke out about the situation.

The Lord of the Rings actor Andy Serkis raised the conflict as he pre sented the award for Best Director to Jane Campion for The Power of the Dog. Serkis said that the UK could do more to welcome Ukrainians.

The Power of the Dog also won Best

Film, but the award for Best Actor, which had been expected to go to Cumber batch, went to Will Smith for his role in King Richard, the biopic of the father of tennis stars Venus and Serena Williams.

Best Actress was won by Joanna Scanlan - best known for her TV roles in The Thick of It and The Larkins - for film

After Love. Scanlan got her first professional acting job at 34, after teaching drama in Leicester.

History was made in the Best Sup porting Actor category as Troy Kotsur became the first deaf actor to win an award, for his role in CODA.

The ceremony was hosted by Aus tralian actress Rebel Wilson, whose jokes included jibes about Prince Andrew and the Duke and Duchess of Sussexes' interview with Oprah Winfrey. Mentioning horror films, she said: "Harry and Meghan's interview with Oprah had it all. But unfortunately it wasn't nominated in this category."

She also joked: "I was going to do a musical number as host; it was about Prince Andrew. It was on rollerskates. It was called Pizza Express, but don't worry, I'm not going to do it, I'm not going to sing. I'm saving my voice for the sequel to Cats."

Wilson also made a joke about Harry Potter author J K Rowling's criticisms of transgender activists. Making a reference to her own recent weight loss, Wilson said: "I might look a bit different from the last time you saw me here. That was me two years ago and since then I've done quite a transformation - I hope JK Rowling still approves."

Introducing a performance with sign language, Wilson also referenced Ukraine, saying "luckily, though, in all sign languages, this is the gesture for Putin" as she gave the middle finger.

As celebrities arrived for the event at the Royal Albert Hall, protesters demanding the UK "Stop Oil Now" attempted to rush the red carpet and set off flares in the colours of the Ukrainian flag in the limousine queue.

Sir Kenneth Branagh was forced to step over the demonstrators who were tackled by police.

Protesters did not claim that the Baftas were linked to the oil industry, but said they hoped the stars nomi nated might raise awareness of a per ceived dependence on fossil fuels.

Wilson signed off the ceremony saying: "I can't wait for the after-party - it's going to go off, I think it's at No10 Downing Street. Boris just texted me."

The winners 75th British Academy Film Awards

BEST FILM The Power of the Dog BEST ACTOR Will Smith King Richard BEST ACTRESS Joanna Scanlan After Love BEST DIRECTOR Jane Campion The Power of the Dog BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR Troy Kotsur CODA BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS Ariana DeBose West Side Story BEST DOCUMENTARY Summer of Soul (Or, When the Revolution Could Not Be Televised) BEST ANIMATED FILM Encanto EE RISING STAR AWARD (PUBLIC VOTE) Lashana Lynch No Time To Die OUTSTANDING BRITISH FILM Belfast EDITING No Time To Die ORIGINAL SCORE Dune

**Graphic**

Clockwise from above: Kenneth Branagh, director of Belfast which won Outsanding British Film; Emma Watson; LadySHUTTERSTOCK EFE/ EPA- WIREIMAGE; REUTERS; IMAGES; GETTY VIA AFP AKMEN/ TOLGA

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[*Rose apology to Farage doesn't go far enough; Boss of Coutts may have said sorry to former Ukip leader, but no bank with its track record can take the moral high ground*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:68RV-3F51-DYTY-C008-00000-00&context=1519360)

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Nothing screams inclusion like taking someone's bank account othem because you don't agree with their politics. Yet, NatWest is an organisation that never tires of burnishing its newly found inclusive credentials. "Creating a diverse, equitable and inclusive culture is integral to fullling our purpose," the bank proclaims.

In fact, its dedication to this noble cause stretches to the appointment of 1,000 "Inclusion Champions" who are expected to "drive change" on important topics such as ethnicity, gender balance, and, you guessed it, inclusivity.

There are whole sections on its website devoted to climate change initiatives such as sustainable living, and even one for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***. NatWest has also paid for transgender stato get privately funded hormone treatment.

So how does its commitment to fostering a "truly inclusive culture" as saintly boss Alison Rose boasted at Pride last year t with the decision of its private banking arm, Coutts, to close the account of Nigel Farage?

The answer of course is that it doesn't, and we now know that the decision to "exit" him, in the bank's awkward words, wasn't taken for commercial reasons, as Rose is suspected of telling the BBC at a charity dinner.

The real reason, as laid out in the minutes of

Coutts' "Wealth Reputational Risk Committee" obtained by Farage, is that "his publicly stated views were at odds with our position as an inclusive organisation", which is obviously about as un-inclusive as it gets.

The whole sorry saga is deeply sinister, which is why Rose's belated apology to Farage doesn't go nearly far enough. Ms Rose, remember, has expressed a desire to return the bank to full ownership, yet her cack-handed response to this scandal means a mealy mouthed mea culpa in the face of intense pressure may not be sucient to save her skin. The incident has provoked shareholder unrest.

In fact, her letter to Farage raises as many fresh questions as it answers. She acknowledges "deeply inappropriate comments" in the Farage dossier, yet this is a tome that stretched to 40 pages and appears to have been part of a concerted campaign to come up with reasons to blacklist him. How does she explain that?

The same goes for her claims that those same comments don't reect the views of the organisation, yet they were obviously sanctioned by top executives within the bank.

The o er of a NatWest account to Farage to make up for losing his Coutts one risks being insulting and creating more bad blood. A high street bank account is not the same as one with a private bank - Ms Rose will be well aware of that. So if she's really conceding that this episode was unacceptable then surely the right and fair response would be to reopen the Coutts account? Ms Rose also needs to explain her role, or lack thereof, in the BBC's story claiming Farage was too poor for Coutts, which has since proved to be inaccurate.

Meanwhile, the order to conduct an immediate review into the whole aair is welcome, but it must come with a pledge to publish the unvarnished fundings. After all, it's far from the rst time that a customer has had their account closed because of their views - that much has become clear in recent days.

Farage's opponents, of which there are a great many, question the scramble to defend a man with his views. But that misses the point entirely.

Is it possible that someone in the bank took a profound dislike to Farage and then went to every length to ensure he got the boot? As this newspaper has pointed out, Camilla Stowell, the executive at Coutts who handled Farage's account, is a staunch Remainer.

Some of his opinions are undoubtedly oensive to many. Yet, Farage has never been convicted of a crime and being oended by someone isn't a reason for "de-banking" them, as Farage has called it. As Grant Shapps, the Energy Secretary, has pointed out, you "don't have to agree with everything Nigel Farage says to recognise that free speech is a very important part of our domestic life".

The key point is that what has happened to Farage could happen to anyone, which is why his treatment should concern everyone regardless of their political leanings.

The actions of NatWest and Coutts represent a deeply worrying escalation in the culture of cancellation, deplatforming and taking of oence that is sweeping the West. It has captured some of the country's largest organisations including many of our universities, and now banks.

But what is most worrying is that those at the forefront of this disturbing trend are the same people who claim to be among the staunchest proponents of an inclusivity agenda that when put to the test only extends to those who share the same view of the world. In the case of NatWest, its sudden dedication to such righteous causes is particularly hard to swallow given that this an institution that has previously received nes running into the many billions for rigging currency markets, ogging dodgy subprime mortgage securities and peddling personal protection insurance to unsuspecting customers.

Coutts meanwhile has provided nancial refuge for Russian oligarchs with suspected ties to the Kremlin, dictators accused of committing human rights abuses, and money-laundering maa bosses. So the idea that it is in any position to take the moral high ground is frankly absurd. Despite her apology, without much greater transparency Ms Rose is likely to face plenty of calls to de-bank herself.

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September, la rentrée, the time of year when thoughts start moving to bedding down on velvet sofas, in front of marble fireplaces, while blanketed under the obligatory "throw". I haven't even had my summer hols as yet, and, still, I'm primed for the autumnal offing: book in hand, hound at feet, lapsang positioned on an insouciant walnut-burr table.

For, after years of great British brown furniture being eschewed in favour of a minimalist, sub-Scandi white-out, a new form of snobbery is in evidence. Namely, prigs rooting around on antiques sites, then passing off their finds as heirlooms because no one wants to succumb to Alan Clark's put-down of Michael Heseltine and be regarded as the kind of nouveau "who bought his own furniture".

Vinterior, the UK's largest preowned furniture platform, launched in 2016 when vintage décor was still considered "niche," according to its co-founder Sandrine Zhang Ferron. Today, buyers' appetites are off the scale. Vinterior now boasts more than 2,000 vetted sellers. Seven years ago "it was all about Danish design," Zhang Ferron has observed. "Now, velvety textures and bouclé are everywhere." Ditto art deco, British antiques, and vintage Heal's because "everyone wants the Heal's 1930s drinks cabinet".

I bet they do. Can't you just hear the dinner party patter? "Isn't it glorious? Old Aunt Sadie left it to Jemima. My God, she was a force. Never drank a stiffer martini." Canny consumers are convening on Sunbury Antiques Market in Surrey. They are scouring charity shops, reclamation yards and car boot sales. Hours will be spent hovering over eBay, Etsy, French brocante dealer [*www.selency.co.uk*](http://www.selency.co.uk), [*www.1stdibs.com*](http://www.1stdibs.com), and auction aggregator [*www.easyliveauction.com*](http://www.easyliveauction.com). Why, they may even trawl Facebook Marketplace. Anything in pursuit of the choice faux heirloom.

A handful of feckless amateurs may seek credit for having "sourced," then "curated" these objects into an "edit" reflective of their impeccable taste. However, most acquisitions will occur by stealth, to be passed off as "some sort of whatchamacallit from Henry's father's side", or forebear's duelling pistol. As ever, the true status symbol here is class rather than design.

After all, true poshos, like proles, don't do interior design. It's only middling types who concern themselves with the dark arts of decor, because only they are required to create their own environs. The other two social poles content themselves with heirlooms, hand-me-downs, rented tat, or nowt. To be seen to care about one's "home" (house, darling!) is intolerably naff. Compare the late Queen's studiously unstyled Balmoral sitting room: all tartan rugs, knick-knackery, electric heaters, dog baskets and issues of Majesty magazine.

Being middle-middle-class (a provincial doctor/academic's daughter and former grammar-school girl) with a home that, during lockdown Zoom sessions, was ridiculed for being "Chatsworth-esque", I know whereof I speak.

Frankly, I'm never happier than squiring the whippet across Battersea Park to Lots Road to become aroused over Regency chests, make a judicious bid, then booking the Dickenisanly named Callaghan & Newbury to white-van it over the river for fifty quid cash in hand.

After I've written this, I'll proceed from my campaign-style, mahogany and brass pedestal desk to our aforementioned vast, Conran Burnham velvet sofa, acquired by my beloved for £200 on eBay, and cooed over by fashion editor pals. Stalwart metropolitan that I am, I'm even prepared to leave London to visit purveyors such as Jubilee Hall in Lechlade-on-Thames, where we purchased the sweetest little fin de siÈcle table for £220, plus the requisite Wedgwood jasperware. I've not gone as far as "family portraits" of becoming strangers, but that may not be far off.

It was me, not my partner, who let the side down here. My parents were hoarders, yet most of their clutter proved lamentably disposable. Coming from posher, county folk, possessors of a house with a name, Terence inherited so much clobber we were forced to construct a man-cave-cum-ghetto in our garden for the creation of a family shrine. Still, he insists on using his late mother's 1970s pillows, inherited in turn from the 1950s and, as far as I can tell, never washed. When stricken with insomnia - doubtless also painfully middle-middle-class - I endeavour to suppress the phrase "dust mites as big as dinosaurs".

Still, in a twist on the much-loved Frost Report sketch of 1966, featuring John Cleese with the Ronnies Barker and Corbett, knowing where they stand socially, everyone gets to despise everybody else for their heinous home rig-outs. We bourgeois-boho Bettses got to despise toffs and moneyed gin-and-Jag coves for their lack of novels; they us, for our houseplants, macramé and knotty pine. Meanwhile, more politically correct pals called out our "patrician" assembly of stags' heads and "colonial" killing sticks. We could all look down on lower middle-class accoutrements such as hostess trolleys, "toilet dollies" and package-holiday swag; petit bourgeois visitors would express horror at our matted dog hairs and broken bog chains. When a benevolent friend invited ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** to share her modishly shabby-chic cottage, they took one look at her ancient lavatory and pleaded to be relocated to some urban monstrosity.

The return of great British maximalism in place of chilly hotel minimalism will yield so much more potential for this kind of social hair-splitting and exquisite domestic analysis, where one woman's Elle Decoration-derived "hyper-texturality and transparent touches" will be another's "Phone for the fish knives, Norman." Meanwhile, see you at tomorrow's Lots Road virtual auction. I'll be looking for something to go with my, ahem, great-grandmother's fabulous gilt overmantel.

Sophia Money-Coutts is on holiday

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In Parliament this week, Lord Young of Norwood Green caused uproar when he said the BBC could replace Gary Lineker with a woman "at half the price". His Labour colleagues were appalled. And rightly so. The suggestion is outrageous.

"Half the price" would be far too much. After all, the BBC pays Mr Lineker £1.35million a year. Half of this would be £675,000. That's more than any other BBC presenter except Zoe [*www.Ball.No*](http://www.Ball.No) one, male or female, should get such a vast sum just for hosting Match of the Day.

None the less, Mr Lineker will be back hosting it tonight. A humiliation for BBC bosses. On the plus side, maybe the experience will make them realise why it's a mistake to give so much money and power to their stars.

And anyway, if they will insist on flinging such stupendous sums at presenters, they could at least start flinging them at the right ones.

Take Ken Bruce. For years, he pulled in the biggest audience in British radio: over eight million people a day. In return, the BBC paid him £385,000.

Match of the Day, meanwhile, is typically watched by around two million. Which means that Gary Lineker is paid a salary almost four times bigger than Mr Bruce's - while attracting an audience four times smaller.

If BBC pay were remotely related to performance, Mr Lineker would have had Mr Bruce's salary, and Mr Bruce Mr Lineker's. In any case, Mr Bruce is the type of presenter who actually deserves big money, because he personally boosted the BBC's ratings. The audience would tune in specifically to hear him.

Football fans, by contrast, don't watch Match of the Day because they like Gary Lineker. They do it because they like football. So they would still watch it if he wasn't there. In fact last week, in his absence, its ratings shot up by 25 per cent. Still, it's too late to give Mr Bruce a pay rise now. To the dismay of his millions of listeners, he recently quit Radio 2 to join a commercial station. Which, rumour has it, will be paying him rather more money.

If the BBC didn't spend quite so much on Match of the Day, perhaps it could have afforded to keep him.

The most fascinating thing about Oxfam's new "inclusivity guide" is not that it advises staff to avoid the words "mother" and "father". Progressive organisations have been trying to stamp out the word "mother" for years. So if anything, Oxfam is behind the times.

Instead, the most fascinating thing about the guide is the language it's written in. Because its authors appear to be ashamed of the fact that it's English.

"We recognise that this guide has its origin in English, the language of a colonising nation," they whimper, apologetically. "We acknowledge the Anglo-supremacy of the sector as part of its coloniality."

I hope the authors don't feel too guilty for committing this heinous crime against modern progressivism. However insensitive, hurtful or even racist it may be to speak the English language, in this particular case they had little choice, because the guide is aimed at Oxfam's staff. And English is the language that these staff speak. Had the guide been written in, say, Belarusian or Javanese, its intended audience almost certainly wouldn't have understood it. So they wouldn't have known which words they'd been ordered to avoid using, because they wouldn't have known any of the words in the first place.

Obviously, the guide's strictures don't apply to the rest of us. Even so, they have given me pause for thought.

And as a result, I'm now consumed with guilt. This is because, I'm ashamed to confess, all the money I've ever spent in Oxfam shops has been in pounds sterling. Which is, of course, the currency of a colonising nation.

How awful it is to think that, for all these years, I've been forcing Oxfam to accept my British coins and banknotes, without giving a thought to how this might make its bosses feel. I can only imagine how distressing it must have been, to find themselves inflicted with all this hateful sterling. A currency built on Empire, slavery and greed.

It's high time I acknowledged the Anglo-supremacy and coloniality of my donations - and promise not to make any more.

Humza Yousaf, the gaffe-prone favourite to become the next First Minister of Scotland, has committed his latest awe-inspiring blunder. At an event in Edinburgh this week, he asked a group of female ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***: "Where are all the men?" Politely, one of the women informed him that the men were in [*www.Ukraine.No*](http://www.Ukraine.No) doubt the men would love to have joined them at the event in Edinburgh, but unfortunately they were otherwise occupied.

Despite having read several writeups of the gaffe, I've yet to find one that explains why on earth Mr Yousaf asked this bizarre question. And this leaves me with an uneasy feeling. Because, if Mr Yousaf didn't know the reason why the men were absent, then it's possible he didn't know the reason why the women were present. After all, the reason is the same for both. Perhaps he assumed the women had all come to Scotland on a hen do.

These must be strange times for Scottish unionists. Naturally, they want the independence movement to fail, at all costs. For this reason, they must be praying that the SNP lumbers Scotland with the most useless First Minister possible. The worse he governs their country, the better.

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WHEN Russia invaded Ukraine two years ago, Vladimir sent his ex-wife and their four-year-old son abroad for safety. Like most Ukrainian men, he stayed behind, barred from leaving by martial law that required men of military age up to 60 to stay.

However, after two years alone, and having been declared medically unfit to serve, he decided to join them in Germany.

"A child needs a father," he said. Now he could be stranded after a controversial law stripped fighting age men abroad of consular assistance.

Those between 18 and 60 will only be able to renew their passports from inside Ukraine, meaning they will have to return and risk the draft.

The move, which is designed to help plug a dire manpower gap in the Ukrainian armed forces, addresses long-running tensions over men who managed to evade the ban on foreign travel that was imposed for the duration of the war.

Last week, Poland suggested it could deport Ukrainian men back for conscription.

Critics, including some serving soldiers, however, have warned that the new move may be unconstitutional and will simply encourage those who are already overseas to stay away.

For his part, Vladimir, 39, will not be heeding the call to return. "It was morally difficult [to leave] but I decided my family needs me. I don't feel any kind of pressure from family or friends to go back. My mates all understand my situation."

Ukraine's military commissariats, or local recruiting offices, were overwhelmed with volunteers in the first months of the invasion but ebbing enthusiasm and high casualties over the past two years have left many units dangerously short of soldiers.

Ukrainian and Western military planners have identified manpower shortage as one of three critical issues that must be addressed if Ukraine is to resist the current Russian offensive and eventually regain the initiative.

"The immediate focus has been on munitions, especially air defence artillery, on fortifications, which includes proper defensive lines, and thirdly, on this question of manpower," one Western official said of recent talks with Ukraine.

"As far as putting people on planes goes, we have not been asked about that and I don't imagine being asked about it either," the official added when asked if his government would send Ukrainian men home.

The government has taken a number of recent measures to raise new troops, including lowering the draft age from 27 to 25, but last week's announcement appears to have caused some confusion in Kyiv.

One Ukrainian official told The Telegraph that they were not entirely sure how the law would work because such issues as exemptions for those legitimately unable to fight - such as Vladimir - do not seem to have been addressed.

Dmytro Lazutkin, the press secretary for the Ukrainian defence ministry, said there were no plans to issue conscription notices overseas.

"The ministry of defence cannot comment on the actions of the foreign ministry. I think it's pretty unrealistic," he told Radio Free Europe.

It has also drawn a mixed reaction from Ukraine's allies. Wladyslaw Kosiniak-Kamysz, Poland's defence minister, said "Ukrainian citizens have obligations towards the state" and that Warsaw would help "in ensuring that those who are subject to compulsory military service go to Ukraine."

German authorities have said some Ukrainian men will be able to extend their residency in the country even if their passports expire as long as there is some way to identify them.

Men between the ages of 18 and 60 have officially been banned from leaving Ukraine since Volodymyr Zelensky, the president, introduced martial law on the first day of the Russian invasion on Feb 24 2022.

Many were able to obtain exemptions, either by being declared unfit for military service, having three or more children or by gaining special permission to travel from the government. Others tried to leave illegally, some by being smuggled across Ukraine's western borders.

Mr Zelensky cracked down on officials abusing exemptions to travel last year. The bar for being passed fit to serve has also been lowered.

The European Union's statistics agency, Eurostat, says 4.3 million Ukrainians are living in EU countries, 860,000 of them are men aged 18 or older.

Britain says it has issued 256,200 visas under its scheme for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***. It is not clear how many of them were issued to men of fighting age.

Ukrainian men living abroad told The Telegraph they have no plans to return to fight and considered the law as it now stands deeply unfair.

"My passport is still valid," 39-yearold Vladimir said, "but I think for many people who came here from occupied areas like Mariupol, the situation is a bit insulting. Russia destroyed their homes, and now their own country is taking a stick to them."

Volodymyr, a builder from Western Ukraine who has been living and working in the Czech Republic for most of the past eight years, said: "The law is not fair. And all my Ukrainian friends from the Czech Republic, Lutsk and Kyiv think so.

"Nobody is happy with it. The government is forcing us, and with such laws we will step away from them. We will take citizenship in other countries."

"People won't return. The longer the war goes on, the more laws like this are passed, the more people hate Ukraine and the government," he added.

"Why should I return to fight? For what? Why didn't the government care about labour migrants like me before the war? Every day we have less and less territory and fewer and fewer people. Some have been killed, others swam the Tisza river just to escape."

The Tisza, a tributary of the Danube, marks a 10-mile stretch of Ukraine's border with Hungary.

One man who admitted leaving the country illegally and is currently in Indonesia said he felt no obligation to fight for the country and considered himself an observer rather than a participant in the war.

Perhaps surprisingly, the law has even drawn criticism from some soldiers. "I absolutely agree with them," said Nikita Ruzhenko, a recruiting sergeant with Ukraine's Kharkiv-based 113th brigade, when asked what he thought of the opinions for these men.

"To tell them they left Ukraine so they are not Ukrainians any more is not normal. We need to invite people back, to greet them gladly, and not tell them they are not Ukrainians. It's bulls--t."

"This law won't work properly. It is a political compromise and no one wants to take responsibility. It is not good for the military and it is not good for civilians. It is for everyone and no one."

Sgt Ruzhenko, who lost an eye in the first year of the war but, like many wounded, is still deemed fit for service and cannot demobilise, admits recruitment is currently dire.

While his ideal soldier would be 27 to 30 years' old, the average candidate is around 45 or 50, from the social and economic margins of society, and often in poor health.

"The doctors pass them as capable," he said. "When they get to their units the commanders see people who are tired, with bad health, some with chronic diseases."

The fix, he argues, is not in threatening people overseas but allowing people to choose their units.

"No one has listened to the military.

The military wants straight recruitment to the brigades without going through the commissariats. It will be much more effective and much fairer. This will lead us to victory and the people will serve where they want, how they want, and with people they want," he said.

"Lots of people want to serve, they just don't want to be assigned to a 'meat brigade'," he said, using slang for units where "low level commanders and high level commanders don't give a f--- about their people".

He refused to give examples but said all soldiers knew who the good and bad units and commanders were.

"Brigades who understand people are very valuable and they must be kept alive," he said. They would naturally expand and grow stronger, the bad brigades would wither and eventually disappear, and Ukraine would end up with a more efficient and professional military.

"It would be like free market recruitment - and now we have the USSR."

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MORE foreign nationals will come to the UK this year than before Brexit, an analysis suggests.

The number of non-EU workers, students and relatives granted visas has already increased by more than 50 per cent to more than 840,000 since the UK voted to leave the EU in 2016.

Lower salary and skill thresholds for foreign workers, the widening of "shortage" jobs and the end of restrictions on students staying on to work after graduating have contributed to the surge, according to British Future, a think tank specialising in immigration and integration. The numbers this year will be pushed higher by ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** fleeing the Russian invasion, estimated at about 50,000, and up to 150,000 Hong Kongers coming to the UK on British National Overseas visas.

Sunder Katwala, the director of British Future, said: "Overall immigration will be greater than before Brexit because non-EU growth will be higher than the fall in EU migrants.

"This year could be higher than any other year in recent British history. It has come about through active policy decisions by the Government to make immigration easier." In the referendum campaign and since, Boris Johnson has promised Brexit would allow Britain to "take back control of its borders" by ending freedom of movement with the EU. But he rejected his predecessor

Theresa May's targets designed to keep net migration below 100,000 a year. While tough on "illegal" migration - as illustrated by plans to send Channel migrants on a one-way ticket to Rwanda - he has relaxed rules for foreign skilled migrants and students with sponsored jobs or university places in the UK.

But he faces a backlash as an organisation that often sounds an alarm over mass immigration warned that Mr Johnson's pledge to take control of the UK's borders through a new post-Brexit points system was "clearly a sham". "The figures showing rocketing arrivals are proof of that," said Alp Mehmet, the chairman of Migration Watch. Office for National Statistics estimates show that EU immigration to the UK fell as the end of free movement loomed, from 249,000 in 2016 to 198,000 in 2019.

This was, however, more than compensated for by a rise in non-EU migrants, from 298,000 to 406,000.

Since 2019, the only data available to track immigration are UK visas from the Home Office, which excludes EU citizens who may have been entitled to apply for EU settled status even while abroad and subsequently entered the UK. Just under 53,000 work, study and family visas were granted to EU citizens last year - a big decline, but one which has been dwarfed by the growth in non-EU immigration. The implementation of a points-based immigration system has opened up half of all jobs in the UK to foreign workers, by lowering salary and skill thresholds for migrants. Previously, employers also had to prove a British worker could not be recruited to fill a vacancy before looking abroad.

The number of professions that qualify for skilled visas has been expanded, while the Government also removed caps on most visa routes. As a result, the number of work-related non-EU visas has risen by more than 20 per cent from 163,900 in 2016 to 210,000 last year.

The new graduate visas, allowing students to live and work in the UK for up to two years after completing their degree, saw a bigger rise of 41 per cent with non-EU entrants jumping from 294,000 in 2016 to 416,250 last year.

Even more marked was the jump in "other" non-EU visas including Hong Kongers and relatives of EU citizens living in the UK, which nearly trebled from 53,600 in 2016 to 165,325 last year, giving the total of 843,538.

Madeleine Sumption, director of Oxford University's Migration Observatory, was sceptical about immigration figures being higher this year than 2016. "But I certainly would not dispute the idea that what we are seeing in immigration policy is restrictions towards groups that the Government considers not to be desirable at the same time as significant liberalisation to groups that it does think are desirable," she said.

How has migration changed since Brexit?

Estimated immigration and visas issued, UK

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Pre-Brexit, around 600k immigrated to the UK 2

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Visa gures from 2021 suggest non-EU arrivals will keep increasing

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A FAMILY has been barred from hosting ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** because they had bare floorboards, as councils nationwide start checking the homes of potential hosts.

Another householder was ordered to board up an interior glass door, even though it had safety glass, while a third was told they would be rejected if they failed to put locks on all their windows.

Council checklists also warned against stairs that were "excessively steep", bannisters with gaps more than 100mm wide, looped cords or chains for blinds, low window sills, poisonous plants or any damp or mould.

The inspections made by local authorities come amid growing anger among some British hosts who have been left out of pocket after paying hotel bills abroad for their delayed refugees. Others have complained that they are still waiting for their applications to be granted after submitting them more than three weeks ago.

Sue Clifford, who has set up a Facebook group for Homes for Ukraine hosts and taken in a family of three, said she was "really upset" about hearing of the woman who was told that her glass doors needed boarding up.

"These people are fleeing tanks and bombs. We are going to keep them safe. We are not putting them at risk," she said.

The Government has provided "light touch" guidance on accommodation standards, leaving it largely to councils, which has led to a range of approaches.

Coventry said it was applying standards adapted from those used in foster care placements - and had so far rejected the homes of two prospective hosts.

"So far we have come across two properties which are not suitable for the proposed guests; these may become so with some remedial work.

"One had a room that was full of tools and other stored items, one had unsafe floorboards (no carpet)," said a spokesman for the council.

But he added: "The very vast majority of properties we have inspected so far are normal family homes with appropriate spare bedrooms for the size of guests due to arrive." A couple in Hull taking in a lone Ukrainian refugee evacuated from Sumy said they had been told they needed to pay to have their two-year-old boiler serviced, while friends, also taking in a Ukrainian family, were told to update their electrics and lighting, which cost them £850.

It followed reports from the BBC of families rejected because their plug sockets were too low for children or told to drain their ponds if they were taking in young Ukrainians.

One woman who is hosting four people in a two-bedroom flat above her hairdressing salon had to spend £450 after two visits by the council inspector judged that her five smoke alarms were not adequate and she had the "wrong type of plaster" in the shop ceiling.

She had to replace the alarms with hardwire interlinking smoke detectors fitted between the salon and the flat. She also faces the prospect of having to rip out the ceiling and replace it with fire-resistant plaster boards.

The Government has suggested homes need to be safe, in a "clean, reasonable" state, have adequate kitchen and bathroom space, smoke detectors on each floor, a gas safety check within the past year and have doors and windows at entry level that lock properly.

But councils have gone further. A questionnaire for hosts issued by South Derbyshire District Council asked: "Is the property free from hoarding?"

Buckinghamsire requires outdoor play equipment to be safe and securely attached, greenhouses must be fitted with safety glass and no blinds or curtains with cords or curtain tie-backs that constitute a hazard.

Today ministers are expected to reveal more than 10,000 visas have been granted under the Homes for Ukraine scheme.

The figure stood at 9,000 on Tuesday. It is thought about 1,000 people have arrived in the UK out of more than 32,000 applicants.

However, there are families who applied when the scheme opened on March 18 who have yet to be approved.

The Earl of Shrewsbury, a Tory peer, told the Lords: "What on Earth is going on? Every country in Europe is accepting these displaced people yet we appear to be placing every barrier in their way. It's a total disgrace."

Baroness Sheehan, a Lib Dem peer, said she knew of 20 refugees with sponsors ready to go but only one four-yearold girl had been given approval.

"Is it really beyond the means of the Home Office to link an application of a child of four years to its parents and deal with the two together?" she said.

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After two years of mask-wearing, social distancing and lockdowns, most people are determined to get back to normal. One public figure, however, still seems to be living in abject terror of the virus.

Vladimir Putin. According to a report in a Sunday newspaper, fear of Covid has turned Putin into a paranoid near-recluse. "Ultra-strict measures to protect Putin from coronavirus," we read, "mean that the majority of his meetings take place either across absurdly long tables or by video link." As if that didn't seem neurotic enough, "Many of those who meet him face to face have to spend two weeks in self-isolation beforehand." And, most bemusingly of all, "Moscow officials are obliged to provide faecal samples several times a week to ensure they do not infect Putin."

Some may find it hard to imagine a world leader sternly inspecting a Tupperware container of his staff 's stools, like an ex-KGB Gillian McKeith. But, in Putin's case, I find it perfectly believable. We've all seen the photos of his preposterous tables, designed to keep him at least 20 feet from whoever he's talking to. It's a wonder he doesn't supply each guest with a loudhailer. We've also seen the similarly absurd photo of him having a drink in the Kremlin with the president of Azerbaijan. Well, I say "with". Despite being the only two people in the room, they're separated by a rug the size of Poland.

Quite why Putin should still be so petrified of Covid, it's difficult to say. He may be 69 years old, but he's hardly overweight - and surely to goodness he's vaccinated. Even if Russian vaccines are inferior to Western ones, they can't be completely useless.

What makes his behaviour all the more striking is that it's so comically at odds with his image. For 25 years Putin has taken tremendous care to promote the idea that he is blisteringly, indomitably macho. Hence the endless photos of him doing judo, riding bare-chested, holding a leopard cub, bathing in icy lakes, or sitting behind the controls of a fighter jet.

Russian media, meanwhile, have been all too eager to help. In 2007 a Russian tabloid ran a photo of a shirtless Putin flexing his muscles, under the headline, "Be Like Putin". The following year, a Russian news channel claimed that Putin had heroically saved the lives of a TV crew by shooting a Siberian tiger just as it was poised to attack them.

Yet now, it seems, this fearless hardman is so terrified of catching Covid that he has to conduct meetings by semaphore.

Maybe it's to do with his height. In 2020, a study in Singapore suggested that short people are at greater risk from Covid. And it's often said that the Russian president is significantly shorter than average. Possibly the poor man got wind of this study, and has been living in fear ever since.

Then again, not even people who have met Putin can be sure what height he is, thanks to his insistence on standing at the opposite end of the room. Perhaps he just looks small because he's so far away.

Should we throw open our borders to large numbers of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***? Naturally we want to do all we can to help. But it's perfectly reasonable for the British public to ask how exactly all these thousands of refugees would be housed.

Thankfully, however, I have a simple solution. Let's set up an exchange programme. For each refugee we allow into our country from Ukraine, we send a supporter of Stop the War in the opposite direction.

It's a win-win situation. The latter, in particular, should be delighted. Over the past week, supporters of Stop the

War have been subjected to some dreadfully unfair criticism, suggesting that they're nothing more than a squalid little pack of Putin apologists - merely because they blamed the conflict on "Nato expansion", accused the British Government of playing "a provocative role in the present crisis", and expressed sympathy for "Russia's security concerns".

Understandably, supporters of Stop the War have been horrified by these appalling attempts to traduce them. Which is why I'm so keen to help them prove their critics wrong. My exchange scheme would allow them to demonstrate that, far from a rabble of hypocritical, anti-Western, hard-Left cranks, they are the honourable, compassionate campaigners for peace they've always professed to be. I for one am confident that they will seize this golden opportunity to broadcast their noble anti-war message to the people who need to hear it most.

After all, it's no use holding an anti-war rally in London, 1,500 miles from the action. They should hold it in front of a Russian tank, instead.

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**Body**

The British official had to say something - the crowd was getting angry. Stepping out into the snow wearing jeans, trainers, a hoodie and the black Home Office lanyard that gives him so much power, he addressed the shivering refugees.

"It's not acceptable, it's not good enough," he conceded. "We're trying our very best to make it better, but I accept I'm asking a lot. I want to help."

Couldn't he at least let the women and children into the warmth, someone demanded.

"Where is the humanity, where is the morality?" asked another.

The answer, for then at least, was not here. Rules were rules.

"There's a limit to the number of people allowed in the building," the civil servant pleaded. "We're trying to negotiate [with the building owner] so we can get more of you inside."

This, then, is the face of Britain's welcome to the displaced people from Europe's gravest crisis since the Second World War.

Again yesterday, dozens of Ukrainians trudged to the temporary UK visa office in the eastern Polish city of Rzeszow, misinformed by a faulty government website that they could turn up without an appointment. It turned out they could not. Indeed, some were told that the next available slot would not be for two weeks.

For physicist Alexander Smorodin, from the devastated city of Kharkiv, it was the pettiness he couldn't get his head around.

His five-year-old daughter, Diana, was so cold she was almost as pale as the snow itself. Kiril, his 14-year-old son, was pretty quiet, too.

"The children are very distressed," he said. "I don't see why they can't at least let us in."

The alleged physical constraints of the temporary Home Office centre masks more fundamental logistical problems to the new visa process.

Refugees have been asked to turn up with a translated birth certificate, for example. Not only that, the document has to be franked.

Anton Schembri, a former Cardiff University student who has flown to Poland to help some family friends get to Britain, said: "I understand that normally you need some rules, but in a crisis that should go out of the window.

'Every time I hear on the news that we're accepting so many refugees I want to punch the television because it's a lie'."

A common complaint among visa applicants yesterday was that the website through which they must begin their application keeps crashing.

In response, the civil servant had this to say to the crowd: "The website is a bit temperamental. It was working for people this morning."

Another complaint is the quality of the advice given by staff over the phone from London. Some refugees were this week told to apply in the Ukrainian city of Lviv, despite the centre there having shut and it being 50 miles inside the war zone.

One British citizen, Joe from Hampshire, who has flown to Poland to help get his mother and niece into the UK, said: "On the phone the Home Office said I should apply in Rzeszow, which I did, but when I next spoke to them they said I should apply in Lviv.

"That was on Monday - when I next spoke to them they said 'oh no, it's closed'.

"It's all very well for Priti Patel to fly out to Poland and say 'oh we're doing everything we can', but actually it's the opposite."

For those who secure an appointment and whose applications are successful, they then have to wait perhaps four more days to pick up their visa from Warsaw. The glacial process is more than frustrating. In a region experiencing both sub-zero temperatures and an acute shortage of hotel rooms, it's also dangerous.

One woman, who preferred not to be named, said she had flown from Britain to help her 82-year-old mother flee Ukraine.

"She's got bronchitis because she's been sleeping on the floor for days," she said. "It took five days to secure an appointment; now we have to wait nine days to have it.

"What makes it worse is there is virtually nowhere to stay in this city - it's impossible to get a hotel."

Last night, Mr Smorodin was holding out for a call from a volunteer so that his family could stay in their flat. He rated his chances at "50-50".

Like millions of others, his family have escaped death by Mr Putin's troops, but they're still out in the cold.

'Every time I hear on the news that we're accepting so many refugees I want to punch the television because it's a lie'

**Graphic**

The official, below, told ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** in Rzeszow that he could not let them in to the city's temporary UK visa office. He conceded: 'It's not acceptable, it's not good enough'

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[*We must save Europe from humanitarian disaster; For decades, the US and UK have come to the aid of humanity in its darkest hours. We must do so again*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6636-8X51-JCBW-N4XC-00000-00&context=1519360)

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**Body**

My family and I recently visited Bursa Miedzyszkolna, a boarding house in Poland which approximately 100 weary Ukrainian women and children today call home. Bringing nothing more than a suitcase with them, they have left behind their lives as well as their husbands and fathers, who have mostly stayed behind to fight for Ukraine. Bursa Miedzyszkolna is anticipating many more refugees, but consistent aerial fire has prevented the expected arrivals from crossing the border. In the meantime, its inhabitants are suffering, and its funds are running out.

There are countless situations like the one at Bursa Miedzyszkolna across Poland and other European countries. In addition to millions of internally displaced Ukrainians, at least 5.8 million Ukrainians have been strewn across Europe as refugees since the beginning of the war on February 24. Poland has taken in roughly 1.2 million, and Germany has accepted nearly 900,000. Tiny Moldova has received at least 83,000. The kindhearted people of these nations and others need help to house, feed, and provide medical care to the oppressed. Already the UK Government has generously contributed £220 million to help relieve the worst humanitarian crisis in Europe since the Second World War. I, for one, am profoundly thankful to the British people. Now Americans and Britons must continue to come to the rescue.

As a former US ambassador to the UK, I know that the Special Relationship is fundamentally an alliance built on an abiding respect for human dignity. For decades, our two countries have come to humanity's aid in its darkest hours. We fought to free Europe from Nazi tyranny, confronted terrorists after 9/11, and have aided the Syrian people in this century.

We have responded in this crisis too. Among many acts of mercy, ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** have found shelter in the 72,000-plus British homes which have registered under the Homes for Ukraine scheme, while over 100,000 have been received in the US. We must sustain our aid efforts, especially as the war - now in its sixth month - falls off the front pages.

This mission is a deeply personal one for me and my family. My wife Suzanne's father emigrated to the United States from Ukraine in 1947, marrying her mother, a firstgeneration

Ukrainian-American. Seeking to honour our heritage and better understand how the war has shattered Ukrainian lives, our family travelled to Poland this summer. At one orphanage, children who ought to be at home in Kyiv or Mariupol played with my sons Brick and Jack. Their faces boasted the widest smiles, despite all the turmoil they have endured. But beyond that moment of playtime fun, it was clear that a flood of sorrows is overwhelming Ukrainians who have fled the war.

Our trip also brought us into contact with many generous and hospitality-minded Poles caring for their beleaguered neighbours. Their passion to help is abundant, but they need greater quantities of material support. Financial contributions of any size are welcome. Any volunteer work makes a difference. I recall a quote from Winston Churchill: "The experience of a long life and the promptings of my blood," the great man said, "have wrought in me the conviction that there is nothing more important for the future of the world than the fraternal association of our two peoples in righteous work, both in war and peace." Citizens of the US and the UK must tackle this righteous work of our time.

To help address the overwhelming need, my football club, the New York Jets, has pledged an initial commitment of $1 million to aid the Ukrainian people. That money is being distributed in $100,000 increments to worthy organisations leading relief efforts. In June, Iga Swiatek, the top-ranked women's singles tennis player in the world, announced her intent to organise a charity tennis exhibition in Poland at exactly the time my family would be visiting. Inspired by her passion for Ukraine, Brick and Jack attended the exhibition and decided to allocate July's donation to Iga's preferred charity, United24, the Ukrainian government's official arm for collecting charitable donations. The money will help fund Ohmatdyt, the largest children's hospital in Kyiv. Other installments of $100,000 have been given to Plast Scouting, Razom for Ukraine, and the Ukrainian National Women's League of America - all of which do vital work.

In these dark days I am reminded of a signal moment in history when the United States and the United Kingdom joined forces to help a people suffering at the hands of Russian aggression. In 1948 and 1949, our nations airlifted 2.3 million tons of food, fuel, and supplies to West Berlin, defying a Soviet blockade of the city. Just as Britons and Americans came to the rescue then, so we must continue to do so now. The Ukrainian people are depending on us.

Robert Wood Johnson was the US ambassador to the United Kingdom between 2017 and 2021 read more at [*www.telegraph.co.uk/opinion*](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/opinion)

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[*Ireland knows its Nato neutrality is shameful; The country thought it could have its cake and eat it, by relying on the hated British for its defence*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:65TR-9FS1-JCBW-N41V-00000-00&context=1519360)

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Russia's invasion of Ukraine is posing Ireland - which is not a Nato member - with difficult choices. In its happy position of having next door a neighbour that used to be an enemy but had become its best friend in the EU, it has been cosily accustomed to having its cake and eating it.

Governments spoke piously from the high moral ground of the sacred tradition of neutrality and contributed some modest peace-keeping forces to UN operations. But the reality was that they had always spent a pittance on defence because they knew that the UK would come between them and any international danger, however much they badmouthed the British for their wickedness over Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol.

Take what happened in March last year when Russian long-range aircraft, for the third time in a week, headed south down the Atlantic in air space controlled by Irish authorities but which the country did not have the resources to police. Three RAF fighters scared them off. This was not an unusual event - just a routine Russian reconnaissance. And post 9/11, Ireland had a confidential agreement that the UK Government would deploy aircraft if there was an immediate threat to life.

Ireland was in a happy place, revelling in smiles and back-patting from the EU Commission for its readiness to sacrifice its sovereignty in the name of internationalism and to be used as a weapon in the Brexit negotiations. And it was part of a little club of countries whose neutrality was well respected.

But Putin has changed everything utterly. Finland and Sweden are speeding ahead into Nato, an organisation hitherto widely ridiculed as a pointless relic of the Cold War, which is now seen as a saviour. In a referendum, 66 per cent of Danish citizens have just voted to abolish their EU defence opt out.

Disturbing questions are being asked by European countries, and even by the US, about Ireland's commitment to collective defence. And disobliging people are harking back yet again to Ireland's failure to fight the Nazis (although in fairness its government was neutral, but in practice pro-Allies).

It has been fortunate for democracy that Ireland's two traditional political enemies are governing in coalition, allowing the Fianna Fáil Taoiseach,

Micheál Martin, and his deputy, Fine Gael's Leo Varadkar, to agree swiftly a responsible line. In the month before the invasion of Ukraine, Martin began clarifying that the country's position was militarily but not politically neutral.

After it, Varadkar went further in the Irish parliament. The country was militarily unaligned but "not neutral at all … support for Ukraine is unwavering and unconditional". Irish public opinion, which is volatile and often Left-wing, became deeply sympathetic to an invaded country with which it identified. The doors were opened to unlimited ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** and Ireland now has more than it can accommodate.

Saying little on the war, however, is Sinn Féin - a party that eulogises the terrorists of the IRA but speaks of neutrality as a sacrament - which has been so embarrassed by its past pro-Russian sentiments that it wiped them all off the party's website.

Its president, Mary Lou McDonald, is playing it safe: Sinn Féin's foreign policy priorities, apart from Irish unity, are "firmly asserting Ireland's position as non-aligned" and actively exercising maximum international pressure against Israel's "apartheid regime". Its vicious propaganda has turned Ireland into the most anti-Israel country in the EU.

But McDonald is no fool, and she knows that in the middle of a European war, with Ireland outside Nato, and Britain and America the leading defenders of Ukraine, this is no time to be controversial.

So Irish neutrality - complacent at the best of times - has now become untenable, and perhaps its politicians will finally resolve to do something about it.

In May, Simon Coveney, the minister for foreign affairs and for defence, told a Harvard gathering that the Russian invasion would be bringing about a shift in attitude in Ireland. "Neutrality means Ireland decides when we get involved and when we don't. Ireland is not neutral." It was sending non-lethal supplies, such as medical equipment and humanitarian aid, to Ukraine, he explained, and he believed they would in the future be more open to collective approaches to security. Praising the Biden administration for getting the balance right "supporting Ukraine while at the same time not letting the war spread beyond the borders", it was no longer "sustainable" to be "an outlier" spending only 0.3 per cent of its GDP on defence.

Referring to Brexit as "a pebble in the shoe", he said that in the context of Ukraine, "we have to get our act together as a continent". Resolving the problem of the Protocol could yet be an unintended consequence of Putin's disastrous war.

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It says a great deal about the impotence of the European Union's response to the Ukraine crisis that Poland should have emerged as the bloc's most effective cheerleader in confronting the Russian president, Vladimir Putin.

It was only a few months ago that Brussels was seeking to demonise Poland as a rogue state over accusations that it was violating the EU's democratic agenda. This led the European Court of Justice to rule in favour of denying Warsaw access to more than 75 billion euros in funds. Today, with Poland taking the lead role in condemning Russia's brutal invasion of Ukraine, the EU's attempts to humiliate the Poles appear ill-judged, to say the least.

While key EU states such as Germany and France have struggled to come to terms with the enormity of the challenge Mr Putin's unprovoked act of aggression presents for the future of European security, it has been left to the plucky Poles to become the standard bearers of anti-Russian resistance.

Not only has Poland become the lynchpin of Western efforts to provide Ukraine with vital military support, it has been the uncomplaining recipient of millions of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***, forced to flee their homes in the face of Russian brutality. Moreover, it has been at the forefront of calls for the West to provide a significant uplift in military support to Ukraine, which to date has mainly consisted of defensive weaponry, such as anti-tank and anti-aircraft missiles.

The Poles, who rightly view the conflict in the broader context of defending European sovereignty, were one of the first nations to offer to supply Kyiv with warplanes, a gesture that went begging because of the Biden administration's aversion to upsetting the Kremlin. Now they are being made to pay for their uncompromising attitude after Russia announced that it was cutting off gas supplies to Poland and Bulgaria, another unfashionable EU state that has taken a moral stand against the Kremlin's warmongering.

For the Poles, Russia's blatant attempts to blackmail them into dropping their support for Ukraine amount to a badge of honour. It surely confirms that their contribution, both in terms of providing military and humanitarian aid, is making a tangible difference in thwarting Russian war aims.

Poland's staunch support for the

Ukrainian cause is all the more surprising in view of the troubled recent history between the two countries, with an estimated 60,000 Poles and 15,000 Ukrainians losing their lives in bitter fighting during the Second World War over the disputed territory of Volhynia on the Polish- Ukrainian border.

It certainly stands in stark contrast to the less-than-convincing performance of key EU players in Paris and Berlin who, far from mimicking Warsaw's clarity of purpose, have failed to rise to the challenge presented by Putin's invasion. German Chancellor Olaf Scholz's painful refusal to support the supply of heavy weapons to Ukraine for fear of provoking Moscow has undermined Western efforts to back Kyiv. And even when Mr Scholz finally gave a green light for Germany to sell Ukraine Gepard anti-aircraft tanks, it soon transpired that the deal would not include the missiles needed to shoot down hostile Russian aircraft.

In Paris, meanwhile, newly re-elected president Emmanuel Macron has been accused of appeasement over his frequent contacts with Mr Putin, which he insists have been aimed at ending hostilities, but which critics say have simply provided Moscow with the diplomatic cover to maintain its murderous assault.

The British Government, too, could learn something from the leadership qualities demonstrated by the intrepid Poles. Boris Johnson may have had a good war so far in terms of providing a much-needed sense of direction within the Nato alliance, but Downing Street's efforts to date have been limited to offering defensive equipment and humanitarian support.

There are encouraging signs, though, that Whitehall may be preparing to follow Poland's lead. At her Mansion House speech last night, Liz Truss, the Foreign Secretary, argued that Britain and other Western powers should be prepared to provide Ukraine with warplanes and heavy armour.

Like the Poles, Ms Truss views Russian aggression in Ukraine as posing a threat to the wider security of Europe: "If Putin succeeds, there will be untold further misery across Europe, and terrible consequences across the globe. We would never feel safe again." For this reason, rather than merely giving Ukraine the means to defend itself, the time has come for Western leaders to confront the Russian threat by making sure Ukraine has the resources it requires to actually win the conflict.

A good way to start would be to rescind Washington's ban on the plan, first mooted by Poland in the first weeks of the conflict, to give Ukraine 70 used Russian MiG-29 fighter jets. It is weaponry that could decisively turn the tide of the war in Ukraine's favour, and deter Mr Putin from taking any further acts of military aggression.

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[*Biden: We will respond in kind if Putin uses chemicals; Nato leaders say reaction to WMDs would be 'very severe' but rule out boots on ground West will not put boots on ground in Ukraine, says PM*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:652V-B9B1-JCBW-N49C-00000-00&context=1519360)

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JOE BIDEN last night declared Nato would respond "in kind" if Vladimir Putin resorted to using chemical weapons against Ukraine.

Asked if a Kremlin-orchestrated chemical attack would prompt a military response, the US president said: "It would trigger a response in kind."

Mr Biden added: "We would respond.

We would respond if he uses it [chemical weapons].

"The nature of the response would depend on the nature of the use."

His remarks came as he met Nato, G7 and European leaders at a series of emergency summits in Brussels. They discussed what to do if Mr Putin, whose forces are suffering unrelenting daily casualties, decided to unleash weapons of mass destruction.

Leaders were repeatedly asked how they would respond to a chemical attack in Ukraine, after a Western official earlier suggested Nato would not inter vene militarily even in the event of such a strike.

"I think it is highly unlikely that Nato would go directly into conflict with Russia because every leader agrees that we've got to stop the killing," the official said. Most believe that Nato entering the conflict directly would escalate it and increase the suffering, they added.

The official did not rule out a more robust intervention, however: "I did hear leaders say that use of chemical weapons would fundamentally change the nature of the conflict, and would have to have a very severe response."

Boris Johnson, pressed on the sub ject in Brussels, left open the possibility of a military response, saying the West's reaction would be "very, very severe".

The consequences of Mr Putin launching a chemical strike would be "catastrophic for him", he said.

Mr Biden's pledge of a proportionate response to a Russian chemical attack also appeared to mark a toughening in the US stance. The president has previously been adamantly against any direct military confrontation with Russia, warning that it would spark "World War Three".

Mr Biden denied that he had been wrong to rule out military intervention earlier in the crisis, or that doing so had emboldened Mr Putin.

"No and no," he said. He also declined to say if the US had specific intelligence that Mr Putin was about to use chemical weapons.

At the White House, a group of national security officials, known as the "tiger team", has been looking at what the threshold for a military response by the US might be.

One US official indicated that if Russia was to use a tactical nuclear device in Ukraine "all bets are off ". They are also preparing responses to a strike on a US weapons convoy.

In Brussels, Mr Biden backed excluding Russia from the G20 group of major economies.

He said, if that could not be done, then Ukraine should be invited to attend meetings as well.

He added that Beijing would face consequences if China decided to help the beleaguered Russian economy. Mr Biden said: "China understands that its economic future is much more closely tied to the West than it is to Russia."

In a statement, Nato leaders said any use by Russia of chemical or biological weapons would be "unacceptable and result in severe consequences".

Jens Stoltenberg, the Nato secretarygeneral, said it was stepping up chemical and nuclear defences for its forces in eastern Europe, likely including gas masks and protective suits.

Allies are also supplying handheld detectors and medical support for unconventional weapons to Ukraine.

Mr Stoltenberg said: "There is also a risk that we can see a spread of chemical Continued on Page 5 Editorial Comment: Page 17

Continued from Page 1 agents into Nato territory." He added: "I will not speculate beyond the fact that Nato is always ready to defend, to protect and to react to any type of attack on a Nato allied country.

Barack Obama was criticised for declaring the use of chemical weapons in Syria a "red line" in 2012, only for the West to do nothing when the regime of Bashar Al-Assad later deployed them. Mr Biden was then his vice-president.

Four new Nato battlegroups are being set up in Hungary, Slovakia, Romania and Bulgaria.

In Brussels, Boris Johnson said: "I think it's fair to say that there isn't a Western democracy that's currently contemplating putting boots on the ground in Ukraine."

In an interview with the BBC last night, Mr Johnson said he believed the Russian president does not want peace, but to "double down" and turn Ukraine's cities into another Grozny.

Mr Johnson said that Ukraine not being a member of Nato meant it was not inside the "thermonculear umbrella" of the alliance. However, he added that the West wanted to "strengthen the quills of the Ukrainian porcupine" so as to make it "indigestible to Russia", through providing weapons and intelligence support.

In a video meeting with allied leaders Volodymyr Zelensky, the Ukrainian president, accused Russia of using phosphorus bombs against civilians and called for global protests Mr Johnson said: "We are looking at what we can do to help. But logistically it looks very difficult both with armour and with jets. "

The US announced plans to take in 100,000 ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** and provide $1billion (£750 million) in aid.

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[*Are we ready to offer sanctuary for the long run?*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:650P-M531-JCBW-N0CM-00000-00&context=1519360)

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Judging by the remarkable public response, I suspect there might soon be more offers of housing for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** here than Ukrainians wishing to take them up.

The Government has now announced its backing for schemes all over the country. The response has been huge, even before the formal announcement. My own small experience confirms the enthusiasm. On BBC Any Questions? on Friday night, I mentioned that, in our rural Sussex parish, the parochial church councils were starting to coordinate a local contribution. Since then, my wife - in her role as churchwarden - and I have had numerous inquiries.

Yesterday, I spoke to our dynamic, new and young rector (you don't find so many of them in the English countryside), the Rev Thomas Pelham. He confirmed the situation. With the encouragement of the bishops of the Chichester diocese, parishes are signing up with a national charity called the Sanctuary Foundation.

The type of help to be offered is intended to cover a broad range. At the lower end of commitment, it would mean things like picking people up from airports. It would also run to helping with food, offering friendship etc. At the high end, it would involve accommodation. The charity accepts direct, individual offers of help as well as group offers such as that from our parish. Looking at the Sanctuary Foundation's website, I am impressed that it is honest enough to include a testimonial from a volunteer who warns how tricky it can be if you take a refugee into your home. The example cited is refugees who came from professional backgrounds and did not fit the traditional image of a starving peasant grateful for a crust. They were sophisticated people looking for a good job. Their hosts found it difficult to match their hopes.

The message of such warnings is that it is wonderful so many people want to help, but any offer must be built to last - the human equivalent of the slogan that a pet is for life, not just for Christmas. Offer it only if you understand what it involves.

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The logic of putting refugees in real homes not grim hostels also suggests letting them get real jobs, not forcing them to live on handouts. So it is out of kilter that the Home Office is currently trying to increase the wage in the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Scheme to the equivalent of £25,500 a year just when Ukrainians are arriving. It is too much for employers, who are already committed to upping their rate to £9.50 an hour from next month. Put it higher still and the jobs dry up.

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I have seen some complaint that more people are coming forward for Ukrainians than did for Middle

Eastern refugees. This shows prejudice against non-Europeans, it is alleged.

This is probably unfair. Our sense of responsibility for those in such a plight in our own continent is natural. We rightly feel some collective guilt for not acting earlier and not hitting hard enough at Putin.

There is also a difference in the nature of those arriving. Many Middle Eastern and African refugees in recent years have been young men without families. This has made it likelier they will include extremists and criminals. Religion is, unfortunately, relevant. The ferment in Islam does mean that jihadists infiltrate the movement of peoples.

In the Ukrainian case, most refugees are women and children. Their men stay behind to [*www.fight.No*](http://www.fight.No) doubt we must watch out for organised criminal gangs and a few Russian undercover agents, but I don't think we need worry that the Orthodox Church of Ukraine or the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church contain militants who mean harm to

Britain.

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Yet again, tomorrow, the House of Lords is to debate "assisted dying". (The more accurate phrase is "assisted suicide": this is not about the existing help to make death less painful.) The form this time is a backbench amendment to the Health and Care Bill telling the Government to draft an assisted dying Bill. This is unconstitutional because it undermines the Government's right to decide what legislation it introduces. Besides, assisted suicide is a question for the criminal law, not a Bill about healthcare.

There is an irony here. The Health and Care Bill is the first to make palliative care a core purpose of the National Health Service, a welcome development.

The assisted dying amendment would go against the spirit of this change. Three quarters of doctors involved in palliative medicine resist any involvement in assisted dying procedures. They know that palliative care addresses, much more humanely and professionally, the agony and indignity which can accompany the approach of death.

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Like hundreds of thousands, our family wishes to fly the Ukrainian flag. A large one already flutters bravely in the public gardens, named after the present Queen's Coronation, in our village.

The problem, however, is sourcing. There are plenty of such flags to be had, but most seem to be made in China, which in effect supports the Russian invasion. A false flag, you might almost say. I am glad to report my wife found one made in Taiwan, and it has just arrived; but surely there is an opening here for an enterprising British flag producer, perhaps in aid of the refugees.

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THEY sang their little hearts out for their fathers back in Ukraine on the front line. A children's choir of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** performed at the royal carol service, after being personally invited to do so by the Princess of Wales.

The future queen praised the chil dren for their "courage", describing the school choir as a "wonderful example of how to find pockets of happiness, meaning and comfort" in the face of a conflict.

The service, held at Westminster Abbey last week, will be broadcast tomorrow night and recordings sent back to Ukraine for their fathers to watch.

Inna Hryhorovych, head teacher of St Mary's Ukrainian School in west London, said the 20 children, aged 7 to 11, had "felt huge responsibility" to their home country after being asked by the Princess to sing. One of the children in the choir said yesterday his father back in Kharkiv had told him how "proud he was of me and amazed" when learning his son would sing at Westminster Abbey in front of the Royal family.

A classmate from Mariupol described their performance as "super cool" and spoke of the challenge of learning the English lyrics for the carol Away in a Manger in time for the concert.

Ms Hryhorovych said: "Those little souls felt huge responsibility like they were on a mission to be there. It gave them great confidence. It was such a humbling moment for them."

The Princess of Wales, who hosted the event, had met the children beforehand, "giving them high fives and really encouraging them" as they prepared to sing before a packed audience of 1,800 guests. Among the other performers were the opera singer Alfie Boe and pop stars Craig David and former Spice Girl Mel C, while the actress Dame Kristin Scott Thomas and Olympic gold medallist Nicola Adams gave readings. So, too, did the Prince of Wales.

Ms Hryhorovych said: "Who would have thought the Princess of Wales would give us this stage at Westminster Abbey? This will be with us for life.

"This was priceless for the children especially with Christmas and all those difficulties coming up." The Ukrainian

School choir sang Away in a Manger, the performance televised to the nation. "Unfortunately," said Ms Hryhorovych, "they have suffered losses in their family while some of the children suffer from PTSD.

"There are grandparents who they have lost to the war and their dads are on the front line. For their fathers it means a lot to know that somebody is looking after their children in the UK and giving them safety, happiness and hope.

"For the children to be able to talk to the Princess of Wales meant every - thing. They felt like celebrities. Now I have got a big mission to record the television programme and send it back to the front line so their dads can see them performing in the abbey."

Kensington Palace released the letter sent last month by the Princess inviting the school choir to sing at the abbey. In the letter, she said that after meeting the children at a previous engagement she had been "struck by your courage and sense of togetherness during such a challenging time".

She described the school, which has seen its numbers rise exponentially in the wake of the Russian invasion, as a "lifeline for the whole community" and praised Ms Hryhorovych for her "kindness, compassion and unwavering commitment to being there for others".

She wrote: "The children's choir at St Mary's is a wonderful example of how it is possible to find pockets of happiness, meaning and comfort during difficult times.

"It would be such an honour for you to be my special guests [at the abbey]. If it's not too much to ask, I would also love for the St Mary's Ukrainian Choir to sing a carol for us!"

Zahar Gumennyy, nine, who moved to London from Ukraine in August and whose father remains in Kharkiv, said: "It was exciting to go for my first time to

Westminster Abbey and to see the Princess and Prince. I was singing songs with my choir and lighting the candle. The Princess gave me a high five. It was very special for my family.

"My dad said I'm doing very good and he is proud of me. When I told him, he was amazed."

Polina Kolesnikova, 10, who moved to London in March from Mariupol, a city that was flattened by the Russian military, said performing for the Princess of Wales "was super cool, and very exciting to know you are in the same place as kings and queens and princesses".

She said: "I was so excited when I found out I was going to be there. Until the last moment they kept it secret. It took two to three weeks of practice.

"All my grandmas and grandpas are still in Ukraine but all my family left Mariupol during the war. The connection is quite bad there so we often call once a week, it depends how they are but yes I told them (about the concert) and they're very proud of me."

Senior members of the Royal family attended the service including the Prince and Princess's children Prince George and Princess Charlotte, and the King and Queen Consort.

Royal Carols: Together At Christmas, narrated by Catherine Zeta-Jones, will air at 7pm on Christmas Eve on ITV1

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**Graphic**

St Mary's Ukrainian Choir, below, rehearse for the Westminster Abbey service, which will be broadcast as part of 'Royal Carols: Together at Christmas', featuring an introduction by the Princess of Wales (above)YUI MOK/PA

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Last February, as Vladimir Putin declared a "special military operation" in Ukraine, many of his critics took it as a sign to leave the country. But not Dmitry Muratov. Founder and editor of Novaya Gazeta, Russia's only independent newspaper, the Nobel Peace Prize winner - and the bravest man I know - was determined to stay and report the truth about the war. In fact, he called me from Moscow not long after the start of the invasion, and suggested I make a documentary with him about it.

There was one condition: "Don't put my or my staff 's life in danger," he said down the phone.

So started an extraordinary odyssey, as we chronicled his fight to maintain press freedom in Russia. As our documentary, The Price of Truth, shows all too clearly, it is a fight involving acid attacks, death threats, and a blunt refusal to give in to the Kremlin's brutal attempts to stifle dissent.

"Putin thinks that death is good if it means dying for the Motherland," Muratov said to me. "I think that living for the Motherland is the most important thing for Russia. We have a conflict between Life and Death. And I am not an observer. I am a participant."

Death is something all too real for the 61-year-old. He has lost six of his journalists since he founded his paper in 1993, murdered after their reports offended the Kremlin. A month ago he nearly lost another one. Elena Milashina, one of his star reporters, was kidnapped and brutally beaten as she got off her plane in Chechnya on July 4, on her way to report on the trial of a human rights activist.

Within hours Muratov was on a plane, determined to get her back to the relative safety of Moscow, ignoring the Chechen government's repeated threats against him and his team.

His bravery paid off. Fourteen hours later Milashina was safely in a top Moscow hospital, her body bruised and her hands fractured in 14 places, but her life no longer at risk. Such consistency and courage have marked out Dmitry Muratov - Dima to his friends - since I first met him while making a film about the Russian oligarchs in the early 2000s. Since he founded Novaya Gazeta with disillusioned colleagues from the state paper Komsomolskaya Pravda, Novaya has broken stories on the brutal reality of the Chechen War, the billions stolen by the ruling elite, and the lies told by the Kremlin about Ukraine.

Keeping the paper alive is akin to walking a daily tightrope for its editor, requiring him to step back when he judges it necessary. That is because the death of his journalists is still a source of enormous pain for him, whether it is his best friend Yuri Schekochihin, killed by a mysterious poison, or reporter Anna Politkovskaya, gunned down in the lift of her Moscow apartment block. Portraits of all six hang over the Novaya editorial table "so we see them every day". When pressed, Muratov defines his main task as keeping his employees "safe" - whatever the cost.

That is what I found him doing, when we started our filming in Riga, Latvia, just a fortnight after the Ukraine invasion. Ostensibly, Muratov was there to be a judge on the jury of a documentary festival, but, in private, he was using the visit to negotiate safe passage with the Latvian government for as many of his journalists as possible.

Discussing it, in a rare moment of irritation he rounded on my long-term (and long-suffering) producer Yelena Durden-Smith: "These are secret negotiations, understand. I can't let anyone in on the detail." Turning abruptly to me, he said: "Give me your word." We did - and no word got out.

Muratov may have been trying to get half his team out of Moscow, but he was determined to return to Russia and look after those of his staff who could not or would not leave. I was horrified, feeling that in returning he was taking a crazy risk, a risk made worse by the fact that President Zelensky had just singled him out as one of the few Russians telling the truth about the war.

My concern was made even more acute when a minibus screeched up, just as Muratov was about to leave for home. In the car: a party of Russian journalists who had escaped overnight from Moscow. They had been picked up at the border by their boss, Pulitzer Prize-winner Roman Anin, a friend of Muratov's. Anin confided, "I wouldn't go [back to Russia], because they most likely will arrest me. Nobody survives Russian prison."

Muratov knew all of that, but went back nevertheless. Once in Moscow, he decided to auction his Nobel medal and give most of the proceeds to ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***.

The Russian government said nothing. The response was delivered more directly. A couple of days later, Muratov was on a train to Samara to see his mother. The door of his compartment swung open. "Are you Muratov?" asked a masked man. "This is for our boys."' Seconds later Muratov was covered in foul-smelling red paint. The assailant ran off, as did the guy outside the compartment who was filming it all. The policemen at the end of the platform stopped the paint thrower for a few seconds. And then let him go. The next day, the cameraman was brought in for questioning. And then let go. Everyone allegedly involved in the attack denied having anything to do with it - even the people running the website where footage of it was posted.

Muratov called a few days later. It turned out the paint was laced with acetone, the raw material used in plastics and explosives. His eyesight is permanently damaged. He knew all too clearly what he was being told: "Shut up. And keep your newspaper quiet."

But there is and was no chance of Muratov "shutting up". Despite the damage to his eyesight, he refused to abandon the auction. In July last year, in a glittering New York setting, the gavel banged down on a record breaking bid of $103million (£81million), to audible gasps in the room.

In Moscow, Novaya Gazeta and all of its subsidiaries inside Russia have been closed following a wave of Kremlin court cases against them. But Novaya Gazeta Europe, established in Riga following Muratov's clandestine diplomacy, carries on, constantly challenging Putin's rhetoric.

And the editor himself continues to tour the world to ram home the theme of his Nobel speech, that if "we give up on democracy, we agree to war".

There is no chance that my friend will ever agree to war. The Price of Truth is available to stream on Channel 4's catch-up service

**Graphic**

Dmitry Muratov, main; and after acetone-laced paint was thrown at him, centre; with Gorbachev, above

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ERICA LUSTIG-PREAN, who has died aged 92, escaped Germany in August 1939 and after the Second World War campaigned for the underprivileged and all refugees.

As a child in Aachen, on the Dutch- German border, Erica Lustig-Prean recalled Kristallnacht on November 9-10 1938, when synagogues and Jewish homes, shops, schools and hospitals were burned and looted throughout Germany, Austria and the Sudetenland.

The Nuremberg laws segregated Jewish children and she was moved from her Catholic school to a Montessori school in the city with a distant cousin, Anne Frank, whose maternal grandmother Rosa Hollander was a regular visitor to the house. She fled from the school when the Brownshirts arrived to beat up the children.

She also recalled the first visit to her home by uniformed Nazis, which ended in farce. Pushing their way into the drawing room, the Nazis were confronted by a large oil painting of her grandfather with his brother in their officer uniforms from the First World War: both had been awarded the Iron Cross. The Nazis saluted the painting and left, but had they searched the house they would have found two Jews her grandfather was hiding pending their escape to the Netherlands.

In 1939 Erica's grandparents managed to secure an English sponsor for their daughter, Ilse Stiebel (later Barrington), to take Erica to England as refugees, and they fled from Germany two weeks before war began. They were each allowed to carry a tiny suitcase and the equivalent of 10 shillings. There, Ilse Stiebel was among the first 50 Allied volunteers to join the Auxiliary Territorial Service.

But young Erica suffered several unhappy moves to various, often appalling, refugee hostels during the Blitz. Eventually she found a new "family" in The Beacon, a large house in enormous grounds in Tunbridge Wells run as a refugee home. The girls there identified themselves as sisters, and Erica was one of the last survivors of this group, who had enjoyed lifelong friendships.

The teenage Erica was unable to join the street revelry of VE-Day: she only recalled vomiting with relief that she was safe from extermination.

She was born Erica Stiebel in Aachen, Germany, on March 18 1930, to Martin and Ilse Stiebel; her father was cantor in the Aachen synagogue. After her parents divorced she was brought up by her maternal grandparents, Carl and Emmy Bernstein, textile manufacturers.

Having acquired a British passport in 1947, Erica returned to Aachen to see what had become of her birthplace. As she walked through the ruins of the street where she had lived, an old friend from the Catholic school saw her and ran across the road to hug her crying out in joy: "Erica, du lebst noch." ("Erica, you are still alive.") A spell was broken for her and the fears eased, though it was another year before the fate of individual members of her family became clear, through the Red Cross tracing service. Her grandparents were among some 96 close and wider family members murdered in or on their way to the concentration camps.

Post-war, Erica studied at secretarial college in Tunbridge Wells, and it was through one of her "sisters", Martha Preston, working in the offices of Bakelite, that she met her husband-to-be Wolfgang (John) Lustig-Prean, son of a satirical anti-Nazi journalist and former director of the Vienna Volksoper who had fled from Austria. At first this rather shy man did not impress her, and it was only when she recognised how well-read he was, and saw his intellect, that the relationship flourished.

In 1952 she was introduced in Vienna to her fiancé's family. She was, she felt, just a poor Jewish middle-class refugee girl about to meet one of the most important aristocratic families in Austria. She was greeted by her husband's great uncle, Field Marshall Duke Julius von Preanfeld, who clicked his heels and kissed her hand. Her father-in-law, Duke Karl von Lustig-Prean von Preanfeld und Fella (director of the Vienna Conservatoire and the Vienna Symphony Orchestra) was just as charming and cultured. They bonded through a shared love of music and the arts, and thereafter trips to Austria became a pleasure.

Possessed of an infectious laugh, wit and energy, Erica shared with her husband a deep concern for the manner in which all refugees and vulnerable people are treated. She gave without fuss to refugee causes and homeless charities, and, after blindness struck her husband, she started to give to the RNIB and similar charities. Latterly she donated cash and clothing to assist ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***.

Having overcome the stigma of being declared an "enemy alien" at the beginning of the war, something which caused her and her "sisters" much pain and unease, she was alert to the choice of language when discussing the plight of refugees. As she grew older, she became even more determined to ensure that the Holocaust should not be forgotten, and regularly gave talks, especially to young people, while her family archive was deposited in the Wiener Holocaust Library.

Erica was a chairwoman of the Isle of Wight NSPCC, and served on the committee of the Isle of Wight branch of the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts, editing and contributing to its newsletter until her death. She was also a regular host of a book club whose members read books in their original languages.

On her last day she was deliberating over which forthcoming opera performances to attend, organising a talk to mark Holocaust Memorial Day in January and planning a holiday in Aachen in July.

She died in her sleep after watching a performance of Tosca from Theater an der Wien on television.

In 1952 Erica married Wolfgang "John" Prean, who was chairman of the English Table Tennis Association from 1986-91. He predeceased her in 2013 and she is survived by their two sons, Carl, a former table tennis international and Olympian, and Duncan, a former naval officer and director of Brighton Fringe.

Erica Lustig-Prean, born March 18 1930, died December 23 2022

**Graphic**

Erica Lustig-Prean celebrating her 92nd birthday: she was unable to join the revelry of VE-Day, only recalling vomiting with relief that she was safe from extermination

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sir - Lt Gen Sir James Bucknall's letter (March 4) should be required reading for both the Government and the defence establishment. The erosion of our defence capability, and the threat that this poses to our security, represents a major failure of statecraft over many years.

Sir James rightly states that the problem must be addressed immediately, by rethinking our approach to defence, reversing the recent defence review and allocating the resources necessary to provide us with a proper defence capability.

So far, so good. However, it will take years to recruit and train military personnel in the numbers required, and for those personnel to progress in their careers (it isn't possible to just go out and hire the corporals, sergeants and the rest), as well as to develop and procure the equipment required.

This is not a quick fix, and our vulnerability while it is carried out is an indictment of our political and defence establishments. Nicholas Southward Salisbury, Wiltshire sir - In 1968, I was commanding an armoured regiment in Germany as part of the British Army of the Rhine.

During the year, it became ominously clear from intercept that armoured divisions from the Group of Soviet Forces in Germany were closing in on the Czechoslovak borders.

I asked my brigade commander whether I should prepare the regiment for action by recalling soldiers from leave and improving the readiness of the tanks by "bombing-up". I was told that no such action should be taken as it would be seen as provocative. So we sat tight and watched as that country was invaded. I felt ashamed.

I know we eventually won that war - the Cold War - but I am starting to wonder how decisive that victory was, and beginning to feel ashamed again. Lt Gen Sir Richard Vickers Cerne Abbas, Dorset sir - It's regrettable that it takes the possibility of a third world war to make us reconsider our priorities. Suddenly, defence spending, and food and energy security, are back on the agenda.

I've lost count of the number of people who have said to me in the past: "What we need now is a war." Of course, they don't mean it, but feel that such a drastic event is required to recover our nation's integrity.

Well, we are facing a war now. It is not on our soil, but is battering all that we hold dear. It is time to regain our perspective on what really is important for our country, and fast.

Richard Drax MP (Con) London SW1 sir - Your report, "Human rights law invoked to fight sanctions" (March 5), should bring shame on the solicitors and barristers who are prepared to represent Russian oligarchs, claiming they are being unfairly targeted.

Russia is at war and has attracted worldwide condemnation. Yet some in the legal profession seem oblivious to the action being taken in sectors like business, travel and sport.

Their professional bodies should be instructing members to have nothing to do with any Russian client. Unfair, perhaps, but our total condemnation must be seen by all Russian citizens, so they understand the free world's horror at the actions of their leader. Allan Muirhead Kirkby Lonsdale, Cumbria sir - Despite reducing this year's overall foreign aid budget, Britain is set to increase aid to India from £41million to £55.3million.

However, in the light of Narendra Modi's refusal to denounce Vladimir Putin (report, March 4), it is time to reconsider what we send to India, and indeed China. The desperate plight of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** is surely a more deserving cause.

Dr Neil Dewhurst

Edinburgh sir - The Ukraine crisis is provoking a mass displacement of Europeans not seen since the Second World War.

Millions of men, women and children are pouring into neighbouring countries, and many will go on to seek refuge elsewhere, including Britain.

The large numbers of refugees will provide conditions ripe for exploitation by those involved in human trafficking and modern slavery. Across Europe, criminal elements are poised to profit from the plight of displaced people.

Governments across Europe must recognise this now. They must step up efforts to challenge criminal industries and to support victims. The situation also presents a challenge to British lawmakers, currently considering the Nationality and Borders Bill.

This legislation threatens to diminish protections for victims of trafficking and modern slavery, including statutory support and a legal right to remain. It must not and cannot - for the sake of Ukrainians, and many other vulnerable people seeking refuge on our shores.

We call on the Government to accept the recommendations of expert groups by legislating for at least 12 months of statutory support for confirmed victims of modern slavery, and leave to remain for those who need to access it. We must act now to ensure proper support for both current and future victims of modern slavery. Ross Hendry CEO, Christian Action Research and Education Christian Guy CEO, Justice and Care David Westlake CEO, International Justice Mission UK Lara Bundock CEO, Snowdrop Project and six others; see [*www.telegraph.co.uk*](http://www.telegraph.co.uk) sir - It is not just at Swan Lake at Covent Garden: the Sunday before last our church organist played the Ukrainian national anthem as the choir and clergy processed down the aisle after the service.

Jessica Hollings Goffs Oak, Hertfordshire

**Graphic**

Light in the darkness: prayers in the Saints Peter and Paul Garrison Church, LvivAP ARMANGUE/ BERNAT

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[*'Lots of young men die on this bed, often on the phone to their mother'; Secret medical centres help ferry wounded soldiers to larger hospitals using 4x4s donated by a UK charity*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6897-TJ11-JCBW-N0RJ-00000-00&context=1519360)

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**Body**

FROM tfe town's military fospital, we switcf veficles and drive of f tfe main road towards tfe fellisf f igfting of tfe front line. In cfarge of us is Ruslan, tfe burly and cfeerful deputy commander of tfe Ukrainian airborne brigade's medical team. After about falf an four, we are off-road altogetfer.

Navigating tfe potfoles up a beautiful ridge in brigft sunligft, we see, far away, smoke rising from tfe fellisf battle of Bakfmut. Nearer, a series of lesser smoke-plumes mark tfe front line. Our destination is tfe "stabilisation point".

Wfen a Ukrainian soldier is wounded at tfe front, stretcferbearers rusf fim, at figf risk to tfemselves, to an improvised field ambulance station at tfe nearby evacuation point.

Tfe stabilisation point to wficf it tfen drives is tfe nearest place wfere most sfelling can be avoided.

Tfat point is only 11 miles away, but tfe journey takes 40 minutes over tfe rougf terrain.

At nigft, it must be conducted in total darkness to avoid attack. Tfis causes accidents.

Tfere is no question, as tfere would be witf a less barbarous enemy, of tfe wounded being left in peace. If a red cross is painted on a building, tfe

Russians regard it as a target.

Tfe stabilisation point is a pretty, decrepit village fouse, well-fidden and unidentifiable from tfe dusty lane. It is witfout mains electricity, gas, clean water or sewage disposal. Power comes from generators. After victory, one can imagine tfe place as being some city-dweller's cfarming weekend cottage.

Rigft now, it fouses tfe stabilisation unit, 10 or so doctors, nurses, orderlies, fealtf assistants and a cook.

As we furry under its awning (arrivals are counselled not to stand in tfe open air because of tfe risk of drone attack), tfere is a brief absence of patients.

Yana, a red-feaded nurse, is relaxing witf a biograpfy of Winston Cfurcfill in Ukrainian. Sfe tells me sfe fas just got to Hitler's invasion of Poland.

Inside, we meet tfe cfief doctor, Miroslaw, and Victoria, a young anaestfetist.

On Feb 24 last year, wfen Vladimir Putin ordered tfe invasion of Ukraine, Miroslaw was a doctor in, of all places, Moscow. Tfe next day, fe left for fome and volunteered.

Stabilisation of tfe wounded is essential, because tfe ensuing 90 or so minutes - covering tfe journey to tfe fospital proper - could easily be fatal.

REUTERS

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Even as it is, 60 per cent of tfe wounded wfo die, do so because of loss of blood. Tfe most common cause

FORCES/ of injury is sfrapnel from tfe almost endless pounding by tfe Russian artillery.

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It is not long before tfe unit's skills are put to tfe test. A message from tfe medical cfat group announces tfat a medium-level injury is on its way. Twenty minutes later, tfe field ambulance pulls up in tfe lane and a stretcfer is borne out.

Tfe wounded soldier lies upon it, wrapped, like some cferisfed present, in gold foil. Tfis protects fim from tfe fypotfermia wficf sfock can induce. As fe is furried past me into tfe fouse, fe offers me a wry wave.

Inside, crammed into tfe cottage's tiny sitting room, tfe team of six are on to fim witf astonisfing speed.

Despite tfe man's protests, tfe nurse rips tfe man's T-sfirt to get at tfe wounds.

Sfrapnel, probably from an antitank missile, fas fit fim on tfe tfigf, tfe stomacf, tfe buttocks and a knee.

I see blood smeared on tfe tattoo of a naked woman wficf covers most of fis cfest. Soon fis wounds are cleaned and dressed. Painkillers are administered. Tfe doctors pay particular attention to fis stomacf, giving fim a drug to control potential internal bleeding. Tfe team seems confident fe will be okay.

He tells us, fowever, tfat fis comrade, wfo was beside fim in tfe battle, was killed by tfe same explosion. Sucf deatfs, sometimes multiple, fappen most days. Witfin 20 minutes, tfe patient is ready to leave for tfe 30-mile fospital journey.

As fe departs, fe complains about tfe damage fe fas suffered: "Wfo is going to buy me a new iPfone?"

" Tfe precious, gold-covered cargo is carried out and bumps away down tfe lane. As we stand brifly on tfe stone steps of tfe fouse, tfere is laugfter and relief at a job well done, but wfen we go back in, Miroslaw points to tfe room just vacated.

"Lots of young men die on tfis bed. Sometimes tfeir motfer or wife or girlfriend is talking to tfem on tfe mobile as tfey die. Pfysically and mentally, it is fard fere."

" Ruslan returns us to fis veficle and we set off down tfe valley. After two minutes, I realise I fave forgotten my fat. Despite my protests, fe swerves into a sfort-cut back to rescue tfis trivial and grimy object wficf I fave managed to drop in tfe lane.

Our return trip to tfe fospital takes in two deserted villages, wantonly blown to bits by tfe Russians.

Mission Ukraine allowed The Telegraph team to witness tfis stabilisation unit at work.

Tfis small Britisf cfarity buys reliable second-fand 4x4s in England and sends tfem over to Ukraine to be repurposed at tfeir expense as field ambulances capable of transporting two patients. Tfe interiors are stripped and lined witf galvanised aluminium. Many sucf veficles are needed - tfeir useful life in war averages only six weeks. Sometimes up to seven veficles can wait at tfe evacuation point.

It was Mission Ukraine's latest, a Mitsubisfi Sfogun, tfat got us to tfe military fospital. Its driver, Rose Cecil, fad brougft it, alone, 2,619 miles from England.

Last year, sfe tells me, fer niece, wfo fas assisted ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** in Dorset, asked fer for felp. Tfree days later, Rose set of fon tfe first of fer solitary drives east. Tfis one is fer tfird. "Tfe only empty bit is tfe return journey," sfe says.

In part, I tfink, Rose is motivated by tfe memory of fer brotfer, Ricfard, wfo was killed wfile reporting tfe

Rfodesian Busf War in 1978. Her motfer, tfe late Marcfioness of Salisbury, founded and ran tfe Help Poland Fund, ferself driving lorry loads of supplies out to Poland after tfe Communist regime imposed martial law tfere in 1981.

Back at tfe fospital, Ruslan and tfe brigade's medical commander, Stepan, presents Rose witf a plaque and regimental badge to tfank fer for all Mission Ukraine fas done for tfem.

He wants to tfank Britain, too, fe says. In return, Rose presents a bottle of Scotcf wfisky, but Stepan explains tfat tfe fospital is dry.

"Besides", fe says, "we want to keep it to celebrate tfe victory."

Before we depart, tfere is one otfer ritual to perform.

On tfe floor of tfe corridor are two flags of tfe Donetsk puppet republic tfat Putin establisfed last year.

We cannot refuse tfe medics' invitation to stamp on tfem.

'Lots of men die on this bed ... sometimes their mother or wife or girlfriend is talking to them on the mobile as they die'

**Graphic**

A Ukrainian soldier is brought into a stabilisation centre in the Donbas with shrapnel wounds in a 4x4 provided by Mission Ukraine

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When the downpour eased, Yara Chornohuz launched her drone over the eastern Ukrainian battlefield and within seconds a miles-long stretch of the front line came into view.

The Ukrainian soldier peered at the controller screen as the buzzing quadcopter disappeared from earshot, inspecting a Russian-occupied village a mile away in the forest, looking for hidden military positions.

Before long, Ms Chornohuz - a striking figure whose khaki braided hair extensions matched her uniform - was pointing out smoke rising from Russian positions under Ukrainian shelling. "You can see how just a drone can change war," she said over the distant thud of artillery. "In a past century, we'd have to go on foot and risk our lives for this information."

Dramatic changes are under way in Ukraine's military, which has had to adapt quickly to survive, allowing for new roles and ways of doing things. That a feminist poet and mother is serving as a combat medic and drone pilot in a front-line reconnaissance unit is one example.

"On Feb 24, everything changed, everything became more democratic," said Ms Chornohuz, who at 27 has fought for a decade for a democratic Ukraine with a European outlook.

Before she was a warrior, she was an activist. In 2013, when the Euromaidan protests broke out, she was a literature student in capital Kyiv who joined the revolution to oust Viktor Yanukovych, the pro-Russian president.

A struggle for Ukraine's future was under way, with the Kremlin backing pro-Russian forces inside the country who opposed greater integration with the West. Young activists like Ms Chornohuz threw themselves into promoting the Ukrainian language as a cornerstone of a national identity free from Moscow's influence. Reading the works of Ukrainian dissidents killed during the Great Terror of the 1930s, she "understood long before 2014 that Russia would attack us one day".

Russia soon annexed Crimea and began backing separatists in the Donbas. In April 2014, Ukrainians began forming volunteer self-defence groups to defend against armed separatists. Ms Chornohuz wanted to join but instead became a mother. "I gave birth to her on the very same day the war officially started," she said.

The 2014 battles with separatists in the Donbas region revealed a Ukrainian military depleted by corruption and with a Soviet command structure that was big on parades but little else. In short, it looked like a more poorly equipped version of the Russian army that invaded in February.

While volunteer groups like the Azov Regiment held the line, the government initiated a Nato-backed defence reform programme. With Western support, Kyiv invested in Nato compatible weapons and training, attempting in a short period to develop a military that allowed junior officers to display some initiative and to integrate the volunteer units that were providing fighters as well as logistics and supply lines.

In 2019 Ms Chornohuz joined one of these volunteer units, Hospitallers Ukraine, as a paramedic. But when her partner was killed by a Russian sniper in 2020, she signed a military contract.

Initially she found it a challenge to overcome sexism. After serving under a commander who thought women shouldn't be on the front line, she switched to a reconnaissance unit. "My commander now, he's not sexist," she said. Those in her platoon "just perceive me as an ordinary military worker".

Reporting restrictions imposed by the Ukrainian military mean The Daily Telegraph is not identifying her unit or where they are serving, but in the early days of the invasion, they fought around Mariupol. Amid the turmoil, her husband joined her unit from another and never left, becoming a formal member of it months later. (Her daughter has moved to the US with Ms Chornohuz's ex-husband.)

In heavy fighting, the unit held off armoured Russian columns with British-made NLAW anti-tank weapons, but suffered heavy casualties, including the death of their commander and second in command. Five comrades went missing. "We don't know if they are in Russian captivity or are dead."

At the beginning of the invasion the company evacuated casualties in an armoured vehicle. Later they obtained an ambulance, soon destroyed. Now Ms Chornohuz drives a shrapnelblasted Mitsubishi named Gypsy King with no windows left save for a spiderwebbed windscreen.

Their most precious pieces of equipment are the drones: donated civilian models that can be used as artillery spotters or, when fitted with a 3D-printed weapon station, can drop grenades directly on targets. When information gathered during a flight is uploaded to a database, even more intelligence can be gleaned.

Combined with strong front-line internet connections provided by donated Starlink systems, the Ukrainian military is moving towards a networkcentric style of warfare, in which units can integrate and communicate with each other - a potent force multiplier to overcome Russia's size advantage.

While the Russians are also using drones, they are not as widespread or widely integrated, Ms Chornohuz said. "Why is the Russian army so big?

Because they have no interaction between the units; they have no internet, no phones, they're just thrown on the ground, they don't know where they are, where the mines are, where the Ukrainians are. It's a Soviet army."

In downtime she tries to remember literature, reading poems by French surrealist Paul Eluard - himself a medic in the First World War - or writing poetry of her own. In one, "About the Truth", she writes: "And you dream of a daughter who has been waiting forever for you to return from this war."

Job done Payments rise as refugees minister quits

British families who have taken in ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** will see their "thank you" payments doubled, the minister in charge of the scheme suggested yesterday as he resigned from the Government.

Lord Harrington has stood down after six months as refugees minister, declaring his job as "essentially complete".

He said he had successfully argued for support payments to families who host refugees in the UK to be doubled from £350 to £700 a month.

"I actually feel now it doesn't need a separate minister because you have got a really good team to do it, and they can report on a monthly basis to the new Secretary of State," he said.

"So I felt it was an opportune moment [and] it was not a political statement about this leader or that [leader]."

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They came from all over the world, readying themselves for battle against what they knew would be a formidable enemy. Yet before they had a chance to fire a shot in anger, Ukraine's foreign volunteers tasted the Kremlin's full wrath.

Ukrainian authorities had given them the option to stay or go, explained one American man. Some, though, said they would regroup.

In what one survivor described as "hell on earth", a Ukrainian base used for training foreign volunteers was pulverised by Russian missiles yesterday morning, killing at least 35 and injuring more than 130.

"The dining room and dormitory were destroyed. So were the barracks," said survivor Col Leonid Benzalo, an officer in the Ukrainian medical reserve, in an interview with Reuters as he stopped at a garage on the road to the regional capital, Lviv. His car bore damage from the blast and he still had blood on his uniform. "The most important thing is we're still alive," he added. As well as putting a fearsome shot across the bows of the foreign "Maybe we've moved location, but the fight is not over," said Michael, a young man with a scruffy beard. "Tonight, we are toasting to our dead comrades."

As many as 30 cruise missiles hit the International Peacekeeping and Security Centre at Yavoriv in western

" Tightly packed in a queue, the menvolunteers now flocking to Ukraine, the attack on the base has spread alarm among the residents of Yavoriv.

stood for over an hour among ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** fleeing the war, handing out sweets to mothers and children from time to time.

Ukraine, which has hosted both Nato and UN peacekeeping troops in the past. The attack, which is believed to have killed a number of Western volunteers, was seen as a blunt and very bloody reminder from President Vladimir Putin that foreigners should stay out of the conflict.

When an air raid siren first sounded, many residents thought it was probably a false alarm. They then heard a series of massive explosions that shook floors and windows for

Among them was a Swedish man who in 2015 had been one of the first foreign fighters to join the Kurdish People's Protection Units in north-east

Missile strike near Polish border saboteurs and make sure there is no looting," said one volunteer.

A military source said it was likely Russian special forces had scouted out the area beforehand.

Nato member Military land base Border crossing

Explosion/attacks miles around. "We looked to see what was happening: one shot, second, third, fourth," said Olga, a 40-year-old mother of three, whose family home is just 12 miles from the base. From the windows her husband saw the flash of light that engulfed the military facility. "The windows were shaking; the floor was moving."

"They may have concluded that the Yavoriv base was a target because it was receiving both volunteers and military aid," he added.

Rzeszow military base 5 miles

As fleets of ambulances began ferrying many of the wounded to hospitals regionwide, many residents of Yavoriv were packing their cars and setting of f west in the direction of the Polish border. "We didn't think they would attack so close to the border," said one taxi driver.

The exact nationalities of the casualties at the base are not known. However, the attack is almost certainly likely to increase the diplomatic tensions between the West and Moscow. British Cabinet minister Michael Gove accused Mr Putin of carrying out a "significant" escalation of the conflict by authorising an attack that would almost certainly involve significant foreign casualties.

15 miles

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Military base

Border crossings "We're moving closer to the border to stay with my parents," said Nadia, who had fled to her basement with her husband when the missiles landed. "In the shelter we asked God to help us," she added, fighting back tears.

Yavoriv

Oleksii Reznikov, the Ukrainian defence minister, said the strike was a "new terrorist attack on peace and security near the EU-Nato border".

Lviv

UKRAIFE

Lamenting that Ukraine had "lost more heroes", he added: "Action must be taken to stop this. Close the sky!"

"Putin is the devil." While many began fleeing Yavoriv, local civilian volunteers were deploying from nearby cities to help keep order in the city, amid fears that Russian saboteurs could be planning further attacks. Hospitals treating those wounded in the attack were under heavy armed guard last night.

Ivano-Frankivsk airport

Dr Jack Watling, at the Royal United Services Institute, said the attack was to deter recruits from joining Ukraine's international legion, which has already attracted interest from tens of thousands of volunteers.

"We were called to look for Russian

The International Peacekeeping and Security Centre at Yavoriv after the missile strike "The Russians want to reinforce the point that they see international forces a base where there were individuals used to the paperwork and on Ukrainian soil as a red line," he said.

bureaucracy of moving defence material in and out of the country."

"So they struck the base, firstly, in order to attempt to disrupt the movement of material into Ukraine and secondly, to demonstrate to the international community that there is nowhere in Ukraine that will not be targeted, and thirdly, because it's likely

Nato troops have been visiting the 140sq mile base since the introduction in 1994 of the Partnership for Peace programme meant to develop military cooperation between member states and former Soviet bloc countries.

**Graphic**

The International Peacekeeping and Security Centre at Yavoriv after the missile strike/ ROUTORS ORMOCHONKO ALOXANDOR / AP; MARIONKO ANDROW GOTTY; VIA / AFP MOSSINIS ARISClockwise from left: Ukrainian servicemen aim at a moving car from under a destroyed bridge in the city of Irpin, north-west of Kyiv, yesterday; apartments destroyed by shelling in Kharkiv and an armoured convoy outside the separatistcontrolled town of Volnovakha in the Donetsk region. The sign on the first tank says 'Russian'

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In the first days after Vladimir Putin's invasion, Europe's response was one of astonishing force and unity.

Without prompts or any global leadership, crowds protested across the continent and governments offered to send arms and take in ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***. It seemed as if Putin had made a catastrophic miscalculation, uniting the free world against him and inviting the most sweeping sanctions regime in living memory. But this picture is now changing - and fast.

The European Union summit this week looks like a classic of the genre: full of warm words for Volodymyr Zelensky and an offer of "accession candidate" status for his country. But behind the scenes, there's huge discord. To the fury of the newer EU members, it seems a clause will be inserted to the effect that Ukraine would not join before other countries were ready to assimilate its people. The accession process takes a decade or more. As a Kremlin official recently pointed out, Ukraine might not exist within two years.

The divisions don't stop there. For example: is Putin a partner, or pariah? Emmanuel Macron keeps telephoning him and occasionally warns the rest of

Europe that Russia cannot be "humiliated" or be seen to "lose face". Estonia's prime minister has responded directly. "Putin can save face by going back to Russia," she said on her recent trip to London. "I don't see any point in really talking to him if we want to get the message through that he's isolated." Poland's president is even ruder, asking if anyone worried about saving Hitler's face.

Then comes Germany. Olaf Scholz, its newish chancellor, initially talked a tough game - pledging to spend (EURO)100billion (£82billion) more on defence, buy American F-35s and abandon the newly-built Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline to Russia. But the arms Germany promised have been slow in coming. Seven PzH 2000 howitzers, pledged at the start of May, were delivered this week. But there is still no sign of the promised rocket artillery and anti-aircraft tanks and Germany has vetoed attempts by Estonia and Spain to send their own German-made kit to Ukraine.

There is growing suspicion in Berlin that Scholz is trying to play both sides, angling for a more Putin-compatible solution to the crisis. One of his senior advisers said this week that we should think as much about relations with Moscow post-conflict as we do arms supplies to Ukraine.

In a big political speech this week, Scholz said that Putin should be thwarted - but stopped short of wishing Ukraine victory. Perhaps part of him feels that Zelensky is doomed which raises the question: why prolong the agony? Why carry on with this jingoistic charade? And why put Germany through an avoidable winter of misery?

It's not just that Ukraine is finding it difficult on the battlefield, losing up to a thousand troops a day. The economic war may be about to turn, with Putin ending up on the offensive. The surge in energy prices has meant a windfall for the Kremlin, with (EURO)20billion (£17billion) from Germany in the first four months alone.

This was, from the offset, the flaw in the sanctions plan. If Germany has no alternative to Russian oil and gas then it was always going to keep buying - funding Putin's war machine as it went. But at far higher prices.

Those prices would be lower (and the Kremlin a lot poorer) if the Saudis played ball, pumping more oil to keep world prices down as they did in the 1980s. But Mohammed bin Salman, the Crown Prince, is not picking sides. He conspicuously failed to condemn the invasion of Ukraine and has a Macronstyle habit of picking up the phone to Putin. When the Saudi energy minister went to the St Petersburg economic summit last week, he declared his country's relations with Russia to be "as warm as the weather in Riyadh".

The videolinked star speaker at Putin's conference, by the way, was Xi Jinping - now a lot closer to Moscow than he appeared to be immediately after the invasion. President Xi turned 69 last week and celebrated by calling Putin to reassure him that China- Russian relations have maintained "momentum" in the face of - ahem - "global turbulence and transformation".

Russia has now supplanted Saudi Arabia as China's top oil supplier. As for India, it's buying 25 times more Russian oil than it used to. All told, Russia should make $320billion selling energy this year, up 35 per cent on last year.

So much for starving Putin's war machine. Had Germany stopped buying Russian gas, the sanctions might have been debilitating. But they weren't. Now Putin has found new customers and new ways of getting his hands on most other things he needs. The sanctions will cause massive pain: Russian inflation is high and its economy will have a downturn comparable to the 2008 crash. But with huge cash reserves and most of Russia's army in Ukraine, it's not hard to see a situation where Putin ends up winning.

He's already getting ready, inviting Europe to imagine a winter where he's in control - and turning off Europe's gas taps. He has made small cuts in his supplies to Europe in the last few days, to see who squeals. He hasn't been disappointed. Robert Habeck, Germany's energy minister, said yesterday that the "throttling of gas supplies is an economic attack". It doesn't sound like a country ready to break from Russian gas any time soon.

So this takes us back to Europe's split.

The post-Soviet countries, many of which only joined the EU to keep safe from Russia, see this as an existential threat. If Putin succeeds in Ukraine, he'll have torn up the old rules-based world order which protects small countries from large ones. China would swallow Taiwan. Putin would start thinking about carving a land corridor to Kaliningrad, the Russian exclave on the other side of Lithuania.

Meanwhile, France and Germany talk about realpolitik: the need to be firm with Russia, but to deal with it longer-term. To offer EU membership, just not any time soon. To offer support to Ukraine, but not go so far as to actually save it. This would all conform to Putin's original bet: that a debt-addled, exhausted West cannot defend democracy anymore and has no stomach for a protracted fight. There might not be much time left to prove him wrong.

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Emmanuel Macron did everything within his power to engineer a run-off election against Marine Le Pen. He should have been careful what he wished for.

Le Pen has a fair chance of scooping up the neglected constituency of the old Left, and that could swing the final outcome on April 24. Her economic agenda is a celebration of the welfare state and the French social model.

She backed the protest of trade unions against the reform of the pension system in 2019, and again last year over the weakening of unemployment protection, describing President Macron's policies as "shameful, economically stupid, inhumane, and unjust".

Her plan is a mix of Keynesian big spending and redistribution towards the working poor and young families, those suffering an erosion of real living standards long before commodity inflation hit them with a hammer blow.

She has married Left-wing economics with law-and-order nationalism to make a very potent political brew.

"She is a woman of the Left. All her reflexes are of the left," said rival Eric Zemmour, who pushed a radically different form of populist capitalism, aiming his fire at the suffocating tyranny of the French tax system. To lump them together misunderstands the political topography of France.

Le Pen's plan includes an income tax exemption for the under-30s and low-interest loans of up to (EURO)100,000 (£84,000) for couples starting a family, with debt wiped clean if they have three children. She proposes free public transport for young workers and tax-free overtime pay for the proletariat.

She wants to keep the retirement age at 60 for the less privileged who left school early and have put in 40 years of hard labour. She wants to reindex pensions to rising inflation, raise the minimum to (EURO)1,000 a month.

She is targeting that large segment of society damaged by global wage arbitrage and by the wealth inequalities of quantitative easing. These are the people neglected by Mr Macron, an Enarque and Rothschild banker, who kicked off his term in office by abolishing the wealth tax.

Gilles Ivaldi from the National Centre of Scientific Research says she bet early and hard on social populism and the cost-of-living crisis, speaking to a forgotten "fragile France". The gamble has paid off.

Macron thought he could coast through this election, deeming himself too busy with the affairs of the world to bother with the hustings. He seems to have assumed that it was enough to keep painting Le Pen and her

Rassemblement National as the unreconstructed face of the zenophobic extremism, taking it for granted that voters on the Left would have to back him again.

Many will, of course. But this description of Le Pen has lost traction in deep France. The Élysée has been strangely slow to see the danger of her pastoral style of campaigning, and her new, carefully cultivated image as the matron of the nation, photographed with her six cats (she has just got her breeding licence).

What you pick up loudly on the street is the unforgiving hatred for

Macron among that large, amorphous social strata loosely known as the gilets jaunes, or among those who wince at his cockiness and grandstanding self-importance.

A chunk of the 20pc vote for Jean-Luc Melenchon will gravitate to Le Pen in the run-off on April 24. Less clear is how much of the intellectual bourgeois left or the green youth movement will abstain.

Le Pen has been turning her party into a statist, anti-globalist, defender of the ModÈle Français ever since taking charge in 2011. It had to "walk on two legs", she said. It could never gain power on an anti-immigration ticket alone.

This was her way to detoxify the brand, accompanied by a purge of anti-Semites and Vichy nostalgics left from the original Front National.

Zemmour made this task easier for her by taking over the ideological fringes of the far Right, even to the point of rehabilitating Marshal Pétain, an odd button to press for an Algerianborn Jew. Zemmour has made her look respectable.

Le Pen has stuck doggedly to her bread-and-butter script, resisting the urge to fight the culture war even when part of her base seemed to be drifting away, and when the press was writing her off.

The Institut Montaigne thinks her economic plan would cost a net (EURO)105bn a year.

Macron himself has been primepumping the economy with (EURO)50bn or more of electoral hand-outs. He has capped the rise in electricity prices to 4pc, for rich and poor alike, at a high cost for the French state.

Yet it is Le Pen who is making most of the cost-of-living shock. It is paradoxical that she should be the beneficiary of an upset caused in part by the invasion of Ukraine, given her ties to Vladimir Putin. But unlike Zemmour, or Donald Trump, she has been quick to see the perils of that association. She has backed the open-door policy for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***.

The issue is in any case blurred by Macron's own dealings with Putin, both the decision to host him at presidential summer retreat at Fort Bregancon, and by continuing to legitimise the Russian dictator with biweekly chats even as war crimes accumulate. If Macron tries to play the Kremlin card in the forthcoming televised debate, she will hurl the card straight back at him.

Le Pen has not abandoned her Rightwing policies on immigration, nor her defence of France's cultural terroir. She remains a nationalist to the core, and an implacable foe of Jean Monnet's European project. She will endeavour to undermine the primacy of EU law and the hegemony of the Commission from within.

One might argue that her agenda smacks of national socialism, but there is no mileage in trying to evoke loose parallels with the 1930s. Le Pen is competing at the ballot box and under the rule of law. Nobody suggests that she plans a 1933 Enabling Act or a French police state once inside the Élysée Palace.

Her ideological enemies are Anglo-Saxon globalist capitalism and the EU superstate. It is a Gallic view of the world, through and through. That is why it is so tricky for Macron to counter.

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Marine Le Pen, pictured yesterday at a polling station, has spent years detoxifying her party and cultivating a new, softer imageSHUTTERSTOCK EFE/ EPA- LECOCQ/ STEPHANIE

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sir - Describing the erratic pauses in violence by Russian invaders of Ukraine as "humanitarian corridors" seems akin to applauding a bully for taking a few minutes off from beating his victim.

Andrew C Pierce Barnstaple, Devon sir - I was born in 1936. After the Second World War many organisations seemed to promise that such events as we are witnessing in Ukraine could not happen again.

Watching the BBC News channel, I feel ashamed. The world is fiddling while a country burns. To quote Sir Winston Churchill: "It seems to me that we cannot detach ourselves from Europe, and that for our own safety and self-preservation we are bound to make exertions and run risks for the sake of keeping peace." Let us unite and get rid of this despot.

Elaine Nobbs Midhurst, West Sussex sir - The Western free world will have to stand up to Vladimir Putin sooner or later. Impose the no-fly zone now, to save the lives of women, children, heroic Ukrainian soldiers and their outstanding president, Volodymyr Zelensky.

Jane Shute Calpe, Alicante, Spain sir - If I am a Russian pilot, what is the difference between being shot down by a Ukrainian with a missile supplied by Nato and being shot down by a MiG aircraft flown by a Ukrainian pilot from a base in Ukraine?

Paul Jenkins Swansea sir - Vladimir Putin drops a battlefield nuclear bomb on a Ukrainian city, flattening it and producing a dust cloud as bad but no worse than Chernobyl. What does Nato do? Keith Murdoch Stansted, Essex sir - Arbitration or mediation always favours the aggressor. If we had agreed to international arbitration when Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands this would almost certainly have resulted in joint sovereignty leading eventually to a total takeover.

If Ukraine agreed to outside arbitration, again this would almost certainly end with Russia occupying territory that it did not hold before the invasion. Arbitration leads to compromise which means one party, even if it is the innocent party, losing something.

David Vaudrey Doynton, Gloucestershire sir - The scale of destruction inflicted on Ukraine by the Russian invasion requires a long-term plan for appropriate restitution.

Economic sanctions against Russia must be maintained - for years if need be - until all Russian troops leave Ukraine, until Crimea and the selfstyled Donbas republics are restored to Ukraine, until those responsible for planning and executing the invasion are handed over to the International Criminal Court to answer for their actions, and until a new Russian government agrees to pay reparations to Ukraine - perhaps $500billion - out of any revenues derived from the sale of resources enabled by the ending of sanctions.

Of course, the West should not wait for those payments before starting the process of reconstruction in Ukraine, but should loan the Ukrainian government the equivalent amount, repayable only out of reparations receipts.

Russia cannot be allowed to return to the comity of civilised nations until it has cleansed itself of the brutality displayed by the Putin regime. During that time, Russian sportsmen and women, and Russian arts practitioners, must be boycotted by the West, unless they explicitly denounce the Putin regime.

David Elstein London SW15 sir - My late grandfather told me of the horrors of both world wars, and how he adopted a 13-year-old Austrian girl who escaped on the Kindertransport. She became a sister to my Mum and her sister. His words, "never again", sound rather hollow now.

Graeme Warner Manchester sir - The Government was aware, from American and British intelligence, of the likelihood of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Yet even after hostilities began there was no sign that the Home Office had made any preparations for the likely exodus of refugees.

As a consequence we have shown ourselves to be niggardly, ungenerous and even more bureaucratic than our

EU neighbours. The vast majority of refugees are women, children and old folk. Men of fighting age are back defending their country. Yet Priti Patel, the Home Secretary, has insisted that the reason for our bureaucratic approach is "security". That rationale rings hollow when I think of our welcome to Russian oligarchs.

I am ashamed when I hear of distressed Ukrainians who have abandoned homes and belongings, often under fire, being subjected to a chaotic process requiring online applications, appearances at "appointments" (or not), and being sent between capital cities across Europe to make applications.

These are not economic migrants - they are fleeing for their lives from a merciless aggressor. Our country needs to demonstrate our values by helping these brave people.

Nigel Hurst Luppitt, Devon sir - I would love to be able to offer rooms to ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***, but my house is not big enough. However, in this East Devon village we have a dozen "second homes" that are seldom, if ever, used. Every morning when I draw back my curtains I look out on the front of three such houses. One was occupied twice (briefly) in the last three years and the other two not at all.

I believe that houses like these should be requisitioned by the Government for use in this crisis. If refugees were to be placed in our village we would come together as a community to help and support them.

Second homes are slowly ruining villages and this would be a positive outcome to a negative situation. Jean Ransford Hawkchurch, Devon sir - Our little 13th-century church, St Michael's in Raddington, Somerset, is now decorated with Ukrainian flags. It is well worth a visit at the best of times but now even more so.

The collection last Sunday was given to the crisis and money put into the alms box in the next month will be, too. Colin Snow Huish Champflower, Somerset sir - Daniel Silva's book The Heist, written in 2014, included the following: "In the mind of the Russian president, the Cold War had never ended in the first place. I warned that the tsar wanted his empire back. I made it clear that Georgia was just the appetiser and that Ukraine, the bread basket of the old union, would be the main course. And what do the

Europeans do about it? Nothing."

Later he wrote: "I told them not to grow dependent on trade with Russia. I pleaded with them not to become addicted to cheap Russian natural gas. And now the Europeans can't bring themselves to impose meaningful sanctions on the tsar because it will hurt their economies too much."

Perhaps we should ask Mr Silva what to do next.

Peter Smeeth London SW19

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To borrow from Harold Wilson's famous quip, if a month is a long time in politics, it's an absolute age in economics.

Things looked so different just four weeks ago. But that was before Vladimir's murderous assault on Ukraine, when the world was indeed an altogether different place.

The pandemic was largely over, the economy had recovered, the jobs market was booming and, although inflation was a major concern, there was good reason to suppose it was a temporary phenomenon that would soon abate.

Then - boom. With the opening shots of Putin's war, the world changed. The economic shocks seem to come with ever greater frequency these days - first the financial crisis, then Brexit, then the pandemic, and now the most serious European war in nearly 80 years. The relatively sunny economic outlook of just a month ago has once again fallen victim to events.

Pre-existing plans to tighten both monetary and fiscal policy - so as to address surging inflation and the damage done to the public finances by the pandemic - have once again been knocked off course, or at least find themselves seriously questioned.

I imagine that the Bank of England will stick to its guns at this week's meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee, and still raise interest rates a smidgeon, despite the drumbeat of war.

It was caught seriously off guard by the size and duration of the inflationary spike, and will want to play catch up, if only to rebuild lost credibility.

But the longer-term assumption of continued interest rate rises back to some form of normality has again been called into doubt. The effect of Putin's war is both to deliver a fresh blow to economic confidence, just as it was beginning to get back on track, and to put rocket boosters under an already gathering tsunami of inflationary pressures.

All the more reason to whack up interest rates, then? If only it were so simple. The problem with the current surge in prices is that it is contractionary, as well as inflationary. More money spent on essentials means less money for everything else.

The jobs market may for now be strong, but that strength is also something of a mirage. Very low levels of unemployment are primarily a consequence not of record numbers of job vacancies, but of rising levels of economic inactivity - people retiring early or otherwise quitting the labour force.

There are now 608,000 fewer available workers in the UK than in February 2020, just before the pandemic. That seems unlikely to last. Many will find themselves forced back into the jobs market by the cost of living crisis. Depending on how long the war lasts, the pool of available workers could be further swollen by an expected influx of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***. As it is, wage growth is already lagging inflation by some distance, causing households and firms alike to skimp on their spending.

In any case, the Bank of England has plenty of pause for thought as it considers the consequent potentially poisonous cocktail of falling economic confidence, declining living standards and soaring inflation.

Much the same challenges will be keeping Rishi Sunak awake at night as he prepares for next week's Spring Statement. This was to have been little more than an updating of economic and fiscal forecasts, but is inevitably being transformed by Putin's war into something much bigger.

It was also intended to rubber stamp a much criticised increase in National Insurance contributions, as well as a number of other pre-announced tax rises. The Chancellor brands himself as a low tax sort of guy, but here he is presiding over measures that deliver the most onerous UK tax burden since the early 1950s.

Part of the thinking behind Sunak's fiscal squeeze is that with the economy restored to pre-pandemic health and actually in some danger of overheating, demand could do with a bit of deflating. This is faintly reminiscent of the sort of stop/go fiscal policies we had back in the Fifties, Sixties and Seventies and, to be blunt about it, is not good economics. If there is tightening to be done, it is best left to monetary policy.

Whatever the rights and wrongs of pressing down on demand by fiscal means, Putin's war when combined with the cost of living crisis changes the calculation. The tables are reversed; contractionary forces would seem to have overtaken inflationary ones as the bigger threat.

As it is, the public finances are turning out to be in rather better shape than anticipated by the Office for

Budget Responsibility when it last updated the forecasts in November, seemingly giving the Chancellor the fiscal headroom to at least delay the planned National Insurance rise.

For now, he seems determined to resist. If not now, he asks, then when? Delaying only puts off the evil day when some way of paying for the nation's inexorably growing health and social care costs has to be found. It's a view I have some sympathy with. If there is cash to splash, it would be better spent on those least capable of coping with today's cost of living squeeze.

Furthermore, the list of seemingly unavoidable claims on the public purse keeps growing, not least debt servicing costs, now under intense pressure from rising inflation and interest rates, and military spending. The latter will need to rise from the current 2.3pc of GDP to around 3pc just to keep pace in nominal terms with the increases promised by Germany's Olaf Scholz and maintain Britain's position as the biggest defence spender in Europe.

The "peace dividend" once proclaimed by George HW Bush and Margaret Thatcher - representing the savings in defence spending brought about the fall of the Soviet Union - has just gone up in smoke. That dividend was taken and applied overwhelmingly to expansion of health and welfare spending; it is hard to impossible to reverse such commitments once made.

Many Tories still look wistfully back to the Thatcherite ideal of a low tax, small state economy, and promise that it can still be delivered. Dream on, for any realistic projection of the future suggests precisely the reverse. Putin's war makes the return of Big Government Britain almost unavoidable.

'The "peace dividend" proclaimed by Bush and Thatcher has just gone up in smoke'

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[*The woke wars have sapped the West of its ability to fight true evil; Consumed by victimhood and tortured by the past, we have lost the moral clarity of our ancestors*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6526-DFX1-JCBW-N47B-00000-00&context=1519360)

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**Body**

As a new battle of civilisations rages in Ukraine, the culture war continues to rip the West apart. One might have hoped that Vladimir Putin's neo-fascism would have put the West's descent into pointless arguments over "woke" trivialities into perspective. With liberty now so openly pitted against authoritarianism, our squabbles over statues and gender pronouns seem grotesquely self-indulgent. In short, this should have been the moment when we rallied around the values that make Western civilisation unique: freedom, individualism, sovereignty, democracy, and the rule of law. Instead the West remains tormented by ideological schisms and self-loathing.

During the Cold War, the leaders of the free world confidently framed the West's rift with Russia in bold, striking terms. Its significance was biblical - a conflict between the enlightened forces of liberty and the darkness of communism. Its scripting was Hollywood - a battle between heroes and villains. While the atmosphere could be paranoid and intellectually stifling, and of course there was often disagreement and dissent, sometimes the West also benefited from an astonishing coherence, which held it in good stead until the fall of the USSR.

Today, while many have emphasised a positive story of stiff Western resolve over economic sanctions and the revitalisation of Nato, there are more gloomy trends at play, as well. Bids by Joe Biden and Boris Johnson to galvanise their countries with new stories of freedom versus tyranny have fallen flat. On both sides of the Atlantic, the far-Left either rails against Nato "imperialism" or calls out Western sympathy for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** as racist (apparently our solidarity suspiciously exceeds that shown towards victims of war in other countries). Activists remain more energised by what they see as truly Manichaean moral fights: against trans-prejudice, structural racism, and the perils of selfish individualism.

The anti-woke Right has become equally muddled on what Western civilisation stands for - and whether it is even worth defending anymore. In the US, some Republicans are so invested in the idea that Biden is the arch symbol of America's decline that their political strategy is to blame him, not Putin, for Russia's invasion. Some populists can still barely conceal their admiration for strongman Putin's bid to resurrect a Russia that claims to uphold Christian, conservative values against the decadence of Western liberalism. The leading US conservative commentator and author of The Death of the West, Pat Buchanan, described Putin as a "patriot" and "traditionalist" seeking to preserve Russia as a great power.

Some of these voices might be deemed "fringe", but they also represent an increasingly noisy (and influential) section of our populations.

So, no, I can't buy the narrative that Ukraine has saved the West from its self-inflicted existential crisis - one that has left us divided over what we stand for and what makes our societies [*www.distinct.No*](http://www.distinct.No) wonder, given how our core values are routinely denounced or degraded. Covid has led many to regard liberty as a selfish and dangerous impulse that must be controlled. The progressive optimism that once inspired and propelled our civilisation has disintegrated into nihilistic fatalism. Our intellectual commitment to pluralism has collapsed into a vapid obsession with diversity.

The woke preoccupation with slavery and the supposedly unique "crime" of British colonialism makes it even more difficult for us to frame the West's conflict with Russia in the most obvious way: between sovereignty and empire. How can we convincingly tell ourselves a story that pits the UK and its allies against the evils of empire so long as we remain trapped in a one-sided and ideological debate that dictates that the West has to atone for its history?

On this, as on so many of the other fronts of the culture war, politicians who should be standing up bravely for Western values run scared. In the UK, the Tories have little obvious appetite for a confrontation with the Left: the Government has seemingly abandoned its attempt to challenge the notion that Britain is structurally racist following the vicious backlash against the Sewell report last year. One also detects a lack of intellectual interest. Attending the press launch for the Government's Race Action Plan, I was depressed to hear its Tory overseer Kemi Badenoch argue that it is puzzling that we dedicate so much time to discussing slavery and colonialism given that black people make up 3 per cent of the UK population. Her implication seemed to be that these topics are less relevant to white people.

What the centre-Right remains blind to is that it is only by exorcising the ghosts of the West's past that we can answer the questions that haunt us: what does Western civilisation stand for? What is its galvanising mission? How do we rear a society that reveres liberty and agency rather than victimhood and Putin-style big men?

The challenge for Western civilisation is not to beg forgiveness for the sins of the past, but to construct a new system that can deliver progress and freedom to all within it, not just a privileged few. This is what neoliberalism tried and failed to do with its universalist utopia of free market globalised freedom.

And so here we are, filling the vacuum with a culture war. Ukraine may look to the West as a beacon of liberty but, in truth, we are fast losing our sense of ourselves, consumed by victimhood, tortured by history, ambivalent about democracy, and possessed with a greater hatred for our internal opponents than our external enemies. This is much to the delight of not just Putin, who has declared liberalism "obsolete" but also to Xi Jinping, as he seeks to prove that the top-down Chinese model is superior to the "chaos" of democracy.

Unless the West wins its internal struggle, it simply will not be able to weather a long existential confrontation with authoritarian civilisation states like Russia (and also China). The tragedy is that the stakes are higher than ever for the West, but we have never been more uncertain about what it takes to triumph.

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Ukraine may look to the West as a beacon of liberty but in truth, we are fast losing our sense of ourselves

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[*Young flock to join Russia's brain drain as economy tanks; Putin's war pushes more talented and ambitious people to emigrate, report Tom Rees, Genevieve Holl-Allen and Andrew Quinn*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6520-F2C1-DYTY-C4KX-00000-00&context=1519360)

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For Aleksandr, it is not the famous Western goods missing off shop shelves or closed McDonald's restaurants that are tempting him to leave Russia but the "dreams, plans and relationships that all went to s---".

Friends of the Moscow translator in his late 20s have already left for Turkey, Georgia and Armenia, while many others "are thinking about leaving" as the Russian economy tanks.

"There's basically no way left to get a good income unless you're into corruption, connections or straightout crime," he says. "There's rumours of Russia being disconnected off the internet. If that happens, I'm done with this country. I don't want to live in a bigger North Korea."

Not only is Russia's economy crumbling under Western sanctions and corporate boycotts from the likes of Coca-Cola and Zara, but a crippling "brain drain" is set to starve it of growth, workers and entrepreneurs.

Many young Russians have already left or are thinking about escaping as the Russian economy heads for a deep recession that threatens to trash their job prospects.

Moscow is on the cusp of its first default on international debts since the Bolshevik revolution after last week failing to pay $117m (£89m) owed to creditors, triggering a 30-day grace period. Officials in Georgia - which itself was invaded by Putin in 2008 - say that 20,000 to 25,000 Russians have already crossed the border while others are reported to have flooded into Finland, Armenia and Kazakhstan.

Armenia estimated last week that 6,000 from Russia and Ukraine are arriving every day.

Many of those fleeing have caught wind of rumours the Kremlin will install strict martial law to contain unrest on Russian streets and close the borders to stop an exodus. Citizens are already banned from leaving with more than $10,000 in foreign currency. Young Russians speaking to The Daily Telegraph reveal fears of an economy in freefall, a looming crackdown on civil liberties and a return to the darkest days of the Soviet Union.

Igor, a 30-year-old who works in software, says: "I don't think I have a single friend who is not planning to move … There is a very noticeable feeling of impending doom in conversations and on social media. It's like all hope has been snuffed out."

He adds: "The economy is collapsing. I lived through the 1990s as a child and I don't want to repeat that," he says, adding that he wants to move to London as it is a tech hub and a diverse city "where my family will not feel like total outsiders".

Losing young workers, particularly your most talented and educated, typically lowers growth, reduces tax revenue, creates staff shortages and rids economies of wealth-creating entrepreneurs. An IMF study found that cumulative GDP growth in Eastern Europe would have been seven percentage points higher in real terms between 1995 and 2012 if the region had not suffered high levels of emigration.

Madina Khrustaleva, Russia analyst at TS Lombard, says the brain drain will likely reach levels hit in the 1990s when a floundering Russian economy suffered an exodus. She estimates that 500,000 "highly qualified professionals have left since 2014" when the economy struggled, including herself.

"The Government is trying to help IT companies and to prevent youngsters from leaving the country. But that's going to be almost impossible, taking into account what the economy will be able to offer them in the next 10 years … If you are able to leave, you will leave."

Russia's labour market is already battling high youth unemployment and a declining population. The latest World Bank data, from 2020, suggests 17pc unemployment for 15 to 24-yearolds, far higher than the overall figures - currently at just above 4pc.

Liam Peach, an economist at Capital Economics, says immigrants arriving mostly from post-Soviet states "offset some of the natural fall in the population" in recent years.

"But Russia may find it harder to attract migrants now, while emigration out of Russia may rise. Russia therefore faces a nasty combination of continued weak productivity growth and slow growth of the workforce," he adds.

Even before the war, many young Russians were considering leaving. Moscow's economy has been stuck in stagnation for much of the last eight years following the 2014 oil price crash and sanctions from the Crimea annexation.

Last year 48pc of those aged between 18 and 24 said they would like to move abroad permanently, compared to a fifth of all Russians, according to a survey by the independent Levada Centre. It found a tenth of Russians were taking some steps towards leaving.

The recent invasion of Ukraine appears to have been the final straw for young talent worried about a return to the Soviet era of scarcity and brutal authoritarianism - in stark contrast to the comparative freedom and capitalism they have grown up with.

Anna Golikova, a 22-year-old who moved to Denmark from Russia earlier this month, says: "Some people compare this situation to the Soviet Union and how it was back then.

"[Many of us] were born after the dissolution of the Soviet Union. For us we never lived in that reality and it's very scary that we are going back to these times."

Anna, who has set up an organisation called Speak Up For Peace that teaches ***Ukrainian refugees*** new languages, says younger generations "don't see any future" in Russia and warns the "consequences will be long term and really affect young people."

As the economic outlook deteriorates and the exodus of companies gathers pace, many will hope to follow Luka, who fled to Greece via Uzbekistan and Turkey after fearing that "martial law and mass mobilisation" of Russians to fight are "only a matter of time".

The Moscow entrepreneur in his mid-20s says his friends are now split between "those who are left and those who cannot".

"I know for sure that if I come back, it will be only when the government radically changes."

Names of interviewees have been changed in order to protect their identity

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[*It is wishful thinking to expect the Russian people to topple Putin; The Kremlin's state media and canny propaganda is more effective than many in the West have realised*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:64Y6-TYD1-JCBW-N1BK-00000-00&context=1519360)

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We in the free world might well still hope for an end to the Ukraine conflict. Still, as we ratchet up economic sanctions on Russia and help arm a Ukrainian resistance effort to gut the resolve of a Russian military utterly unprepared for a war of attrition, one question casts a shadow: will all this misery and suffering convince ordinary Russians to turn on their leader?

It is impossible to say how many people truly believe the warped, self-pitying view of events put forward by Putin, his acolytes in the political class and the state-run media. Perhaps genuinely fewer than the president might hope. From the anti-war protests in Moscow to celebrity influencers taking the Kremlin to task, a sizable portion of Russians are clearly horrified by the invasion. And it may yet come to pass that citizens, confronted with global isolation and a collapsing economy, rise up.

However, the state of discourse in Russia suggests this is increasingly unlikely. After an uneasy start, Kremlin propaganda seems to be coming into its own, spinning a story about the invasion that powerfully manipulates Russian psychology - not just its grandiose moralism and heroic ascetism, but its semi-racialised inferiority complex and genuine terror of cultural obliteration by the West.

Between military updates about the

Ukraine "liberation", Russian media absurdly discusses parallels between "Heil Hitler" and the "Glory to Ukraine" being chanted by European politicians. "In response the Ukrainians actually say 'Sieg Heil!'" claimed the foreign affairs expert Yevkeny Umerenkov on one top chat show. "Does it not bother the Western people?"

While Ukrainian civilians are besieged by Russian shells, the Moscow media is busily lamenting the threats suffered by Russians abroad. One columnist has even claimed that the West is using woke "positive discrimination" to justify Nazi-inspired "political eugenics" against Russia. Prevalent dark humour about the need for a "Russian Lives Matter" campaign has many layers. To us, Putin often seems as ridiculous as he is malevolent. But many Russians remain resistant to the notion that, far from an aberration, Putin is a perverse embodiment of the wounded and radical Russian zeitgeist.

This is not easy for the West to understand. Even the idea of a Russian soul is far from simple. As writer Konstantin Aksakov put it: "The Russian people is not a people; it is a humanity." What we have been blind to for so long is that, in contrast with Western civilisation, Russians see themselves as a culture, unfettered by national borders. This Russian culture (or "Russian world") contains fundamental differences. It believes in illumination ("ozarenie") rather than enlightenment, and collective salvation rather than individual liberty. In contrast to the American Dream, the Russian Oponskoye (utopia) rejects everyday middle-class aspirations as trivial and contemptible. When the

Kremlin's foreign affairs spokesperson Maria Zakharova warns that the West intends to obliterate Russia - "not just politically and economically but culturally", she is being cunningly apocalyptic in her language.

All of this contradicts the notion that Russians will revolt because they can no longer buy iPhones or Zara dresses. Given Russia's deep cultural history, cleverly played upon by propaganda, it seems just as probable that sanctions will rally the population behind the Kremlin and against the West. Just as in the UK, there are calls for Moscow to become more self-sufficient under the banner of a Made In Russia campaign. As we Brits call for London to wash its hands of Kremlin cash, Russian conspiracy theorists are calling on Russia to free itself from its status as a British cryptocolony. The St Petersburg cultural milieu has lambasted "Bolshevik-style" European cancel culture and called for a boycott of "vulgar" Hollywood in response to Western bids to cut ties with the Russian arts.

Even Putin's deranged claims that Ukraine's leadership are Nazi drug addicts sounds different to Russian ears. In recent years, academic research on the neo-Nazi threat has exploded in Russia. The fixation partly reflects the intelligentsia's disdain for uneducated far-Right hooligans. But it also speaks to the fact that for many Russians, Nazism remains a more potent - and more immediate - cultural embodiment of evil than it does even in Western Europe.

Putin is also skilfully playing on Russia's profound inferiority complex. The Russian media's obsession with stories of uppity ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** - turning up their noses at Moldovan dumplings and "granny" flats - is an insecure swipe at the "Western privilege" of Ukrainians.

It is telling that even prominent anti-war figures, such as the opposition politician Alexey Shiropaev, are able to offer only a twisted version of Putin's own ethnonationalist logic; one bounded up in the idea that Russians, conquered by Mongols in the 13th century, have been "historically dislocated" and marked by wicked Asian impulses.

"We Russians are brothers to the Ukrainians, but brothers who have undergone some unpleasant mutation." It shouldn't come as a surprise if people choose deluded chauvinism over such self-loathing.

All this said, an elite coup against Putin is still possible. High-level Russian intelligence is being routinely leaked to the West, which suggests that there is a very big rat in the Kremlin. For now, though, a rival to Putin is not immediately obvious. From the director of intelligence Sergei Naryshkin, who has provided Putin with many of his intellectual ideas, to the head of the security council Nikolai Patrushev, who is even more convinced than Putin that the West is bent on Russia's destruction, his inner circle is if anything even more extreme. Nor does there seem much prospect of an oligarchy revolt, even as sanctions bite. Most nowadays are not businessmen but Kremlin bureaucrats, who need to consider whether toppling Putin could lead to their own demise.

None of this is good news for Ukraine, the tragic victim of Russia's monumental psychological breakdown. Nor does it offer much in the way of a solution to the West's current state of impotence.

It does, however, suggest that they would be wise to better understand the Russian people - and not to succumb to the wishful thinking that Russia is tiring of its tyrant.

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# [*Our approach to refugees is failing everybody - we need to change it; Three key policies are slowly emerging that could finally bring sanity to a fraught area of politics*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:650G-N341-JCBW-N06P-00000-00&context=1519360)

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Among members of the Government and their advisers, it is difficult to find anybody willing to defend its record when it comes to helping ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***. In interviews, ministers pass the buck. No10 blames the Home Office, and the Home Office blames No10. Michael Gove will today launch a new policy, in which we can sponsor refugees and welcome them into our homes.

It is hard to explain why they were caught short. As the drumbeat of Putin's war grew louder, it was predictable that there would be a new refugee crisis in Europe. As the Ministry of Defence hurriedly supplied the Ukrainians with weaponry, anticipating the invasion, it seems nobody elsewhere in Government anticipated that Britain would need a plan for large numbers of refugees.

The explanations doing the rounds will not do. Some claim the Government is motivated only by bigotry and a determination to reduce all forms of immigration. But this overlooks the fact that ministers have paved the way for hundreds of thousands of Hong Kongers, and tens of thousands of Afghans, to build new lives in Britain, and the fact that the

Government's new immigration framework will see the numbers remain at record highs.

More likely is a more mundane explanation. Without a coherent view of immigration - the Home Secretary wants to cut it, while the Prime Minister's instincts are liberal; some think the notional ability to control immigration after Brexit is all that matters, while others believe the Brexit vote was an instruction to get the numbers down - the Government has no guiding principles to inform its policies. Neither does it have a clear approach to asylum policy: before the invasion the priority had been to find a way of stopping the Channel crossings, and while Priti Patel wanted a tough, Australian-style approach, others in Government were less keen.

Without political direction, blind and bumbling bureaucracy filled the space. On the day the Russians invaded, the Home Office announced Ukrainians already in Britain could extend their visas. Ministers changed the rules to allow Ukrainians with family in Britain to get a visa. But no specific resettlement schemes were created. Confusion about where Ukrainians had to go to apply for a visa, about the documents needed, and the routes they should use was used as a stick to beat the Government. More importantly it stopped vulnerable people reuniting with their families and getting the help they needed.

This is not to argue for a free-for-all. The Home Office is right to want to conduct security checks on everybody we bring here. There is a reason Ukrainians were not entitled to visa-free travel to Britain before the war. The country was well-known for corruption and organised crime, including human trafficking. But it is possible to carry out these checks while still pursuing a more generous policy.

Ideally, the Government should have followed a variation of its policy during the Syrian civil war. Then, as now with Ukrainians, Britain extended the visas of Syrians already here. As the largest donor to the region after America, Britain also provided huge support for Jordan and Lebanon, the countries receiving the largest numbers of refugees. And ministers created specific schemes to bring more than 25,000 Syrians to Britain directly from the region.

It was during the Syria crisis that the Government introduced the idea of a community sponsorship programme, which allows community groups to support refugees as they settle in Britain. The programme allows volunteers to arrange English lessons and schooling, and help with access to healthcare, employment and training. Gove's new policy builds on this work.

Beyond the Ukraine crisis, we need a coherent and consistent strategy for refugees and asylum seekers, based on these two policies - the Syria approach and the community sponsorship programme - and one more. There is an upper limit to any kind of immigration: there are limited resources and that means, if we want to be as generous as we can to refugees from Ukraine and other crisis-stricken places, we cannot tolerate the abuse of migration routes that exist for those who genuinely need refuge.

Patel is right therefore to support offshore processing for asylum seekers who enter Britain illegally. The beneficiaries of abuse are rarely the most vulnerable people fleeing places like Ukraine, but almost always fitter, healthier, richer young men seeking a better economic future. However understandable their aspirations, their success comes at the expense of those we have an obligation to help.

And in the case of Ukraine, we must do more. Some critics complain that in demanding greater help for Ukrainians, we are guilty of a double standard, because we did not make such demands for Syrians. But this is nonsense. First, Syrians were given a specific resettlement programme - the largest such programme ever launched in Britain - and no comparable scheme has yet been established for Ukrainians. And second, it is not unreasonable, for reasons of identity and geography, to believe that Britain has a duty to accept larger numbers of refugees fleeing a European war. Just as Middle Eastern countries took the greatest share of the burden during the Syria crisis so European countries will want to help a nation with which they share history and culture. And geography matters too: if European countries, like Britain, do not help European refugees, who will?

Refugee programmes can never amount to a whole solution. Britain and our allies need to go on helping the Ukrainians in their resistance, and help them to rebuild their country when the Russians finally leave. We also need to help neighbouring countries like Poland and Hungary. But in the meantime we must stand ready to help tens of thousands of Ukrainians, maybe more, by inviting them here to Britain.

If the Government can build its strategy around these three policies - dedicated resettlement programmes, community sponsorship and offshore processing for those who arrive here illegally - we will be able to help far more vulnerable people.

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sir - The extreme courage and determination displayed by President Volodymyr Zelensky, and the people of Ukraine, in the face of an assault by the fifth largest army in the world, are truly admirable.

It is a living demonstration of the belief expressed so eloquently in the words of the Declaration of Arbroath, written in 1320: "It is in truth not for glory, nor riches, nor honours that we are fighting, but for freedom, for that alone, which no honest man gives up but with his life."

Angus Campbell Iwerne Minster, Dorset sir - The courage, decorum and patriotism of the people of Ukraine in such brutally trying circumstances have earned the admiration of the civilised world and won them the right to sit at the top table.

Whatever Vladimir Putin does in coming weeks, or months, and whatever the outcome, it matters not; he will have lost. There is no way back for him.

Lance Warrington Cirencester, Gloucestershire sir - We have always known that a policy of a balance of nuclear weapons between the West and Russia, which has maintained the peace so far, has only worked because no madman has been ready to press the nuclear button.

Now there is a madman in Moscow who seems ready to do it.

Peter Dawson Borrowash, Derbyshire sir - During the Cuban missile crisis in 1962, President Kennedy, while never yielding an inch on the requirement that the missiles be removed, was always careful to leave the Soviet Union an acceptable way out.

He foresaw that, without such an option, the Russians might opt for total war. The same consideration applies today. That, with an even more unstable mind in charge on the other side, such an option is possible is frighteningly difficult to believe. Michael Hely Banham, Norfolk sir - As MP for Ludlow in the 1990s I was a delegate to the Council of Europe when it was mooted that Russia be invited to join the 46 other nations then members.

My objections to this proposal, on the grounds that Russia's membership was incompatible with its appalling record on human rights, were swept aside by the do-gooders who argued that by bringing Russia into the fold we would persuade them to mend their ways. Some hope!

In the intervening period Russia has, inter alia, blithely poisoned dissidents on British soil, murdered political opponents on its own soil and condemned its most prominent opposition leader to lengthy imprisonment.

It has taken the invasion of Ukraine to cause the Council of Europe to suspend Russia's membership, and once again a policy of appeasement has demonstrably failed.

Christopher Gill Bridgnorth, Shropshire sir - I was concerned on hearing Liz Truss, the Foreign Secretary, giving tacit approval for British citizens to travel to Ukraine to fight. The seriousness of the situation in Ukraine is impossible to overstate and Mr Putin has openly threatened the use of the ultimate deterrent.

Surely at times such as these, ministers should not be on television making up policy in response to media questioning. All government responses during times of conflict should be delivered in an official manner, to avoid the ramifications of ill-considered statements. Thomas Le Cocq Batcombe, Somerset sir - Oil shipments are essential to the survival of Mr Putin's regime, and insurance is essential to the shipment of oil. Most protection and indemnity, hull and cargo insurance is underwritten by UK insurers. Britain's P&I clubs, hull and machinery and cargo insurers are therefore wellplaced to put pressure on the Russian government by withdrawing cover for oil cargoes shipped from Russian ports, and by withdrawing cover for tankers carrying them.

David Semark London SW8 sir - Nick Timothy (Comment, February 28) is quite right that we must stop our own legal system being misused to protect and defend UK-based Russian oligarchs' ill-gotten financial interests.

If Justin Trudeau's supposedly liberal Canadian administration can think of a legally unchallengeable way to freeze the bank accounts of a few hundred protesting truckers and their citizen supporters, surely it's not beyond the wit of our Government to find a way to sequestrate named oligarchs' invalid fortunes without the risk of venal British lawyers using our laws to block the move.

Nigel Henson Cheltenham, Gloucestershire sir - Vladimir Putin should be categorised as a war criminal. He has authorised the invasion of an independent sovereign country and is responsible for the death of innocent civilians. In the recent past Serbian leaders were brought to the Hague to face international justice and were duly punished.

A warrant for the arrest of Mr Putin should be issued immediately. It would, at the very least, restrict his international travel and send a strong message to the puppet parliament in the Kremlin that its members are not beyond the reach of the charge of war crimes and its consequences. Tony Harland Sheffield, South Yorkshire sir - It was moving to see the support for two Ukrainian players involved in Saturday's match between Everton and Manchester City. It would be a great gesture if their clubs allowed them to go home to fight (if they wanted to) while continuing to pay their wages to support their families.

John Tilsiter Radlett, Hertfordshire sir - It would be poetic justice if all the huge empty houses of the Russian oligarchs across the country were commandeered and given to ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** who arrive in Britain. This would provide good accommodation at little cost to the taxpayer.

Mark Land Wells, Somerset sir - Jennifer Hammond (Letters, February 28) suggests planting sunflowers, Ukraine's national flower.

An immediate response, as a gesture of solidarity with these brave people, would be to make a copy of their simple blue and yellow flag and place it in a window - as we did with rainbow pictures for the doctors and nurses while they battled with Covid. Charlotte Sanderson Swanage, Dorset sir - Vladimir Putin's the latest Hitler; They pop up from time to time.

Anyone who fails to agree with them Is committing a punishable crime. Borders are redrawn to their bulls-eyes, Neighbours are targets for subjugation. Casualties are of no importance When they choose to expand their nation. Fleeing families don't really matter, Opposition is there to be slaughtered In any of a variety of ways, Bombed with hideous air power or mortared.

The Putins and Hitlers of this world, Once they've had their little bit of fun, Generally end up alone, deserted In a silent room with a loaded gun. Peter Wyton Gloucester

**Graphic**

Kharkiv, Sunday: a Ukrainian soldier examining a destroyed Russian armoured vehicleIMAGES GETTY VIA AFP

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**Body**

It was only on 27 January of this year that legally obligatory facemasks disappeared. Since 2022 was to prove memorable for bad news, this piece of good news was carefully stowed in the baskets of anyone harvesting reasons to be cheerful.

The year began well, in a fashion. It was nice and warm in London on New Year's Day, reaching 16.3C in St James's Park, London. But the shortsleeve weather was a harbinger of a record summer heat in July of 40.3C, at Coningsby, Lincolnshire. It was too much of a good thing, though a long drought was eventually brought to an end after Thames Water, with 15 million customers, declared a hosepipe ban on 24 August; by 6am on 25 August it was raining heavily in the capital.

Some good apples shone out amid a barrel-load of bad. After Russia's invasion of Ukraine, not only the defenders, but the watching world was stirred by the steady defiance of President Volodymyr Zelensky. When Boris Johnson, then Prime Minister, travelled to Kyiv in secret in April and joined him for the

cameras in the streets, he was given a pottery cock, modelled on a ceramic bird that had become famous for surviving Russian bombardment.

In Russia, Marina Ovsyannikova, a journalist, held up a placard saying 'No war' during the television news; she had to flee the country, but she had made her point. In Britain, under a complicated scheme called Homes for Ukraine, more than 66,000 ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** were placed with volunteer families in England and Wales, nearly half of them in rural areas.

Warming moments stood out during the celebration of Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee, notably Paddington Bear being shown Her Majesty's marmalade sandwich in her handbag in a touching, well-acted video. When the worst happened, and the Queen died, on 8 September, the nation was undoubtedly moved, as was demonstrated by the live-stream of an unending queue paying respects at the lying-in-state. But if one sought anything good from the year, this was it, a country happily united in sadness.

Some good news depended on which team you supported. In the US

midterm elections, for example, the Democrats retained control of the Senate, after a long period of vote-counting. Most people, even in France, were glad that Marine Le Pen, the leader of the far-Right Rassemblement National, failed to win the presidential elections against Emmanuel Macron, and that the far-Right incumbent Jair Bolsonaro, scourge of the rainforest, also lost out to Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva in Brazil.

In Britain, some rejoiced in March when the Standards Commissioner prohibited John Bercow, the former Speaker, from ever again obtaining a security pass to Parliament. For the keenest observers of politics there was plenty that would have strained credulity in a novel, such as the brief premiership of Liz Truss; voters may have been periodically baffled, but it was good to see the mechanism of government keep turning.

Those who like a quiet life greeted with quiet satisfaction a change in the law that allowed police to seize the sound equipment of the Stop Brexit Man, Steve Bray, familiar for his loud protests outside Parliament.

For the first time since 1991, tickets for the Wimbledon women's singles final cost the same as the men's. Supporters of Ons Jabeur, seeing her

defeated this year by Elena Rybakina in three sets in 1hr fm7min, could console themselves by thinking: 'Well, at least I paid £2fm0, the same as if I wanted to see three hours of Novak Djokovic beating Nick Kyrgios in four sets.' The men's champion got £2 million, as did the women's - or the ladies' champion, in the language of the All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club.

For sporting value, though, no one could beat Jacky Hunt-Broersma, aged fm6, from Arizona, who ran 10fmmarathons in 10fmdays. She has one leg. Her lower left leg is supplied with one of those bendy blades. One day she ran two half-marathons and then thought that perhaps they didn't count, so she went out and ran a full one before midnight.

To put us dull terrestrial creatures in our place, in February came news of the longest single lightning bolt recorded, flashing across Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi, a span of fm77 miles, roughly the same distance as from

London to Hamburg. It was a cloud-to-cloud affair, so no one was struck, except by the scale of it all.

In North America, time-honoured rescues marked the seasons. In the spring 18 anglers were rescued after becoming stranded on an ice floe in Lake Erie. In the autumn 200 people were rescued as they floated on a large chunk of ice that broke away in Upper Red Lake, Minnesota. In warmer climes, shipping organisations said that from the start of 2023 the Indian Ocean would no longer be considered at high risk from Somali pirates.

If there were prizes for being surprised, one would have gone to Haisam Nassir, 25, a mother of four from Dagenham, who one breakfast-time found a pound bag of crystal meth in a packet of Golden Morn cereal; no harm befell anyone. A curious change in the law raised the legal age of marriage in England and Wales to 18; there was no dancing in the street but supporters were convinced it would increase the store of human happiness.

Among gestures that could only be admired for their ambition, Turkey

told the world to call it Türkiye; on the whole it didn't. The World Health Organization said that monkeypox would now be known as mpox, as groovy a name as any rapper's.

In bear news, things were on the up for the brown variety (Ursus arctos) in the Pyrenees, whose numbers were the highest for a century. There are about 70, half-and-half male and female with four not identified as either, perhaps preferring not to specify on the official form. On the eastern slopes of the Ecuadorian Andes, six new species of rain frog were identified. In Australia, white ibises were found to have discovered how to eat toxic cane toads by washing them first.

Listeners to The Archers celebrated the career of June Spencer, who retired at the age of 103 from playing Peggy Woolley. On 22 November, the feast of St Cecilia the patroness of music, as days of heavy rain rolled by, Thames Water lifted its hosepipe ban, and the nation sang a soggy Te Deum of thanks.

**Graphic**

Steve Bray, aka Stop Brexit Man; Paddington at tea with the Queen; Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva greeting supporters; Sam Ryder's storming performance at Eurovision with Space ManIMAGES OF GETTY COURTESY MIGUEL PEROTTINO/ IMAGES, SHUTTERSTOCK, GIORGIO GETTY VIA EFE/ PALACE, AFP EPA- RAIN/ SCHINCARIOL/ BUCKINGHAM ANDYThe Archers' June Spencer; marathon woman Jacky Hunt-Broersma; star turn Jude Bellingham softened the blow of defeat for England - seen here comforting captain Harry Kane; taking a dip to cool offin Leeds, JulySHUTTERSTOCK FRANKLIN, D ROSS PHOTO/ AP TELEGRAPH, THE IMAGES, GETTY FURLONG/ CHRISTOPHER

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[*We won't send another bullet to Kyiv, says Slovakia's PM frontrunner; Nato and EU look on nervously at election that will shape the future of both the war and eastern Europe*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6990-1R41-JCBW-N0M8-00000-00&context=1519360)

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THE pro-Russian frontrunner in the Slovakia elections said his country must stop arming Ukraine as he called for immediate peace talks to end the war.

Robert Fico told The Daily Telegraph that "arming Ukraine brings nothing but killing" as he targets a remarkable political comeback in today's vote.

Mr Fico, who wants to end Western arms deliveries through Slovakia's borders, also claimed his country had no more weapons left to send.

His bid for power in a country that neighbours Ukraine is being closely watched by Western allies and the Nato alliance amid growing fatigue for the war in eastern Europe.

The populist Left-winger is aiming to take advantage of concerns over rising living costs to seize power again, five years after he quit as prime minister over the murder of an investigative journalist.

At the time, his Smer party was pro-Western. But he has reinvented himself as a nationalist firebrand peddling a soft line on Putin in an attempt to lead Slovakia for a fourth time "It is better to negotiate peace for 10 years and stop military operations than to let the Ukrainians and Russians kill each other for another ten years without results," he said.

"This is not the way to resolve the conflict between Ukraine and the Russian Federation," he added before calling for "immediate peace negotiations".

He claimed Slovakia had no more weapons to donate, a sentiment increasingly echoed among allies of Ukraine amid concerns the West cannot maintain enough military support to defeat Russia.

Mr Fico also wants to end economic sanctions against Moscow, which he blames for soaring inflation and a worsening cost of living crisis.

He plays down Ukraine's chance of joining the EU, and has compared Nato troops in Slovakia to Nazis.

He has been rewarded with the lead spot in elections in a country that is both a hotbed of pro-Russian disinformation and one of Ukraine's earliest and strongest supporters.

Nato research has found that only half (51 per cent) of Slovaks would vote to remain in Nato if there was a referendum and that 51-60 per cent of those aged 25 to 64 want to stop sending help to Ukraine.

The EU's Eurobarometer on public attitudes found that 35 per cent of Slovaks totally agreed with Western sanctions on Russia in 2022, but that has now dropped to 24 per cent.

Eduard Heger's minority government has been a strong backer of Ukraine since Putin's invasion.

Amid soaring energy prices in December last year, the government lost a vote of no confidence which led to these elections.

Slovakia has taken in tens of thousands of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***, sent weap- ons, including howitzers, and was the first country to send Kyiv Mig-29 fighter jets. The 5.5million strong country has agreed to host a Nato battlegroup as the alliance bolsters its eastern flank.

But Mr Fico's rhetoric has sparked fears of a dramatic volte-face. "Slovakia's high-stakes parliamentary election will dictate whether the country continues on its pro-Western policy track," said Sili Tian, a Europe analyst at the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU).

"It is one of the most fierce supporters of Ukraine within Nato," added Daniel Hegedüs, a senior fellow focusing on Central and Eastern Europe at the German Marshall Fund think tank, "and this gives extraordinary importance to the Slovak elections."

Mr Fico could join forces with Hungary's pro-Putin leader Viktor Orban to undermine new EU sanctions, which require the unanimous support of all 27 member states. A Fico victory could also swell a soft underbelly of Nato and EU members wavering in their support for Ukraine as the cost of living crisis continues to bite. For much of the polarising campaign, Smer has had a clear lead in the polls. But in the campaign's dying weeks, there has been a surge of support for the liberal Progressive Slovakia (PS), which has made clear it will continue to back Ukraine. A final Ipsos poll put support for Smer at 20.6 per cent, just ahead of 19.8 per cent for PS. While Smer rose by 0.3 percentage points, PS jumped by 2.6 from a poll the week earlier. "The Slovak election campaign has evolved into a sort of referendum about Robert Fico," Mr Hegedüs said.

"Apparently Fico's campaign rather underestimated his long-standing and deeply rooted unpopularity and rejection among centre-Right and Liberal voters, who now rally behind Progressive Slovakia to deny Fico a political comeback."

The man riding the crest of the wave that could stop Mr Fico from regaining power is Michal ?imecka, a 39-year-old who studied at Oxford. The pro-Nato centrist took a masters with honours, completing his thesis in the Rose And Crown, a pub where Radiohead lead singer Thom Yorke was a regular.

For Mr ?imecka, currently a deputy speaker in the European Parliament, today's vote is about preserving democracy from a corrupt, authoritarian politician. "For the future of Slovakia, it is absolutely crucial that after the elections a democratic and pro-European government is established, which is governed by the principles of the rule of law," he said.

"Fico and Smer openly express admiration for authoritarian Russia and question our anchoring in the EU and Nato. As if thousands of innocent people are not dying beyond our borders. As if Putin did not start a war in Ukraine," he said.

It was vital to support Ukraine to stop Russia, "which openly calls us its enemy and tries to dictate the terms of our security," becoming Slovakia's neighbour, he said.

Mr imecka added, "The Ukrainians have shown extraordinary determination and skill, defending not only their own territory, but in a sense the rest of the region from the Russian threat. We are ready to continue to support them in this."

Mr imecka can take heart from January's presidential election in its closest neighbour the Czech Republic. Petr Pavel, a former Nato general, triumphed over Andrej Babi?, a billionaire former prime minister. Mr Babi?, dubbed the Czech Donald Trump, lost after a campaign calling for a ceasefire and end to Western sanctions.

However, if the polls are borne out, neither Smer or PS will get enough support to form a government alone and will need coalition partners.

That is likely to hand a kingmaker role to Hlas, led by another former Slovak prime minister Peter Pellegrini.

Mr Pellegrini, a former Smer member, and Mr Fico have history. It was Mr Pellegrini who replaced him as Prime Minister after his resignation.

In 2020, he left Smer to form his own more moderate party, which is now third in the polls.

"Pellegrini alone is deciding whether Robert Fico or Michal ?imecka can enter the stage as the next prime minister of Slovakia," said Mr Hegedüs.

The picture could be further complicated if hard-Right nationalist parties perform better than expected, and well enough to join a Smer alliance.

"The choice is between a lurch to the Right, if far-Right parties join up with Smer, or a more centrist, pro-EU approach if Hlas and Progressive Slovakia join forces," said Mr Tian, of the EIU, There would be "democratic backsliding" and "growing tensions within the EU and Nato" over what "would probably be the most avowedly pro-Russian government in both blocs" if Smer came to power.

"The EIU expects a moderate compromise government including Progressive Slovakia and Hlas to be formed after the election, but risks to our forecast are high owing to unpredictable support for some of the smaller parties," he added.

On the streets of Bratislava, opinions were as divided as deeply as Slovakia's politics is polarised.

"I don't think that Fico's evil is the way," said Anna, 68.

Laco, a 60-year-old bartender, is still undecided about who he will vote for.

He said he didn't want Mr Fico to return to power but added, "Well, even he is a lesser evil than Progressive Slovakia. " Nina Vallnerová, 28, came back from Prague where she works as a tattoo artist to vote for PS. "I am very afraid of the return of Fico," she said.

For Andrej, a manual worker who wants military aid to Ukraine stopped, only Mr Fico will bring stability back to Slovakia.

"For the last three years we've been ruled by fools and this country needs order," he said.

'The choice is between a lurch to the Right or a more centrist, pro-EU approach'

**Graphic**

Robert Fico has reinvented himself as a nationalist firebrand with a soft line on Putin in an attempt to leadREUTERS STOKLASA/ RADOVAN

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[*The bravery I saw in Ukraine has filled me with hope; Charles Moore reports from Kharkiv, where a UK-based charity is helping the bewildered victims of Russia's sadistic violence*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:68B3-PD61-DYTY-C3CX-00000-00&context=1519360)

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The original Feeding of the Five Thousand was, of course, achieved by Jesus, but it happens today in Ukraine without direct divine intervention. It is accomplished by Siobhan's Trust, a small British charity, conceived in Scotland, operating from Lviv, and led by several men wearing kilts, and Miss University of Ukraine 2017.

Every day at 10am or so, if you happen to be in the middle of some Ukrainian town ravaged by the Russian invasion and its aftermath, you may see three lorries appear. One will probably be emblazoned "The Sedbergh Wolf ", supplied, through Jozef Mycielski, the chief fundraiser, by Sedbergh School in Cumbria. Another, "The Gazza", is provided by St James's Place, the wealth management advisers. The third is "Artemis". A fourth, "Blossom", is currently being repaired near, of all places, Auschwitz.

These vehicles will then form three sides of a square, so that, if a shell drops nearby, the spread of any shrapnel is contained. The fourth side will be filled by the trestle tables from which the thousands may be fed.

Each lorry has been specially repurposed in Yorkshire to contain five or six gas-fired pizza ovens. A skilled operator, the chief of whom is called Harry Scrymgeour, can heat three oven-ready pizzas at any one time. Each pizza takes 90 seconds to cook. Alerted by the police through social media, a hungry crowd will already have gathered. Within 20 minutes of arrival, the volunteers will be placing pizzas into outstretched hands (children's, mostly, first). Several hundred pizzas per hour can be consumed, the process often continuing into the dark. The pizzas themselves (20,000 a month) come free from Ital Pizza in Bologna. Recently, the German Dr Oekter company contributed 365,000 more.

In my brief stay with the trust in Kharkiv, eastern Ukraine, the only two words of Ukrainian I learnt were "cherha", which means "queue", and "haryachyy", which means "hot". Wait patiently in the former, and the pizza that you eventually get will not burn your hand. I sometimes had to shout both these words at the eager children to restore order.

The trust's leaders wear a kilt whose tartan they have designed in the Ukrainian colours of blue and yellow. This week, they were joined by a young piper named Sasha Murray- Threipland, in his red and black Murray tartan. Once the crowd was flowing nicely, he piped up and down beside them, inspiring laughter and wonder in the children and starting tears in the eyes of some of the babushkas who, with their men usually absent fighting, dead or wounded, are suffering so much.

There is the sheer poverty too. Many pensioners are living on the equivalent of £32 a month. In the still halfdeserted town of Izium, scarcely a single building is undamaged by Russian artillery. Unemployment is high. It is neither surprising nor reprehensible that many, having queued once for a pizza, then go round to the back of the queue for a second.

Siobhan's Trust was formed in memory of Harry Scrymgeour's mother Siobhan, the Countess of

Dundee, a generous-hearted woman who died prematurely four years ago. In its small beginnings, it concentrated in the Dundee area, but as soon as Vladimir Putin invaded Ukraine on 24 February last year, that changed.

David Fox-Pitt, a close relation of Siobhan, who founded the trust, is, by trade, an events manager. He knows how to get something going fast.

Moved by the plight of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***. he drove east with a few friends and what equipment he could carry, including a wood-burning pizza oven, to the Polish border at Medyka. There, he literally pitched his tent.

The short online film of the kilted Fox-Pitt, serving soup and hot drinks to the huddled masses as they crossed in sub-zero temperatures, showed the need to relieve suffering on a scale not seen in Europe since the Second World War. One sad night, early in the tragedy, a party of 70 orphan children arrived, tearful and confused. At least there was a hot pizza for each of them.

When I saw this makeshift operation from afar 15 months ago, I privately feared it would quietly fade away, as good intentions often do. The opposite has happened. The charity's work has exploded and now, even with so much voluntary labour and so many pizzas donated, costs £5,000 a day to run.

Siobhan's Trust's capacity to address need directly, fast and in difficult areas has ensured its growth. On the days I saw the pizza show in action, air-raid sirens sounded from time to time, but were almost drowned out by the music ("Always look on the bright side of life", "Trouble, oh trouble, set me free") played to accompany the feeding. "The crowd looks at us," says Fox-Pitt, "and we just keep going."

" Through the liaison work of Nina Yevtushenko, the ex-beauty queen and former ifluencer, the trust is guided each day by the police towards reasonably safe places to go. Earlier this month, however, the Russians stepped up their shelling of numerous towns and cities, chiefly in the east and south. The charity's workers heard the whoosh of the missiles that killed more than 20 people in Uman: if you want to reach the need, you have to accept some danger. They are uncomplaining, but they do get tired. Tom Hughes, the trust's country coordinator, has been in Ukraine for 14 continuous months, except for one week back home. Most days, his work does not end till 10pm or later, seven days a week. Most nights, his sleep is broken by sirens and explosions.

Because of the war, you cannot fly in or out of Ukraine, so, through two days of road travel from east to west, I had plenty of time to reflect on what I had seen of Siobhan's Trust and its mission to "Make pizza, not war".

I noticed several things. One is the camaraderie of adversity. Here was a motley crew of volunteers, chiefly British, but also from Zimbabwe, Sweden, the United States, Venezuela, Spain and Ukraine. They ranged from men in their 70s to Olya, a 21-yearold Ukrainian volunteer, who turned up one day uninvited and has never left. It is funny and moving to find such mixed company united in a common purpose.

Another is the way in which the charity mimics, in a humanitarian context, the adaptability of the Ukrainian people in war. They keep beating the Russians by being cleverer, quicker and bolder. Good charities enter into that spirit. The Ukrainian people, seeing it, respond warmly. If I pick up one message from conversations, whether with policy experts, soldiers or the poor people in the pizza queue, it is the very high value they set on our help, not only for vital material reasons, but because it makes them proud.

This is a traumatised people, bloodied and bewildered by sadistic, unprovoked violence. It really matters to them to know that our shared civilisation wants to help defeat their oppressors.

One day last week, after a relatively low level of pizza production in quite a small village, Siobhan's Trust took time of f in Kharkiv. Nina's connections

It really matters to the people here to know that we want to help defeat their oppressors opened the enormous 1,500-seat opera house which has not had a single concert since the invasion began. Sacha came in with his bagpipes. He played them to an empty auditorium. Then, standing on the roof beside an unexploded (and disabled) Russian missile, he played "Highland Cathedral" to the crowd below. Finally, having bumped into Natasha, a Kharkiv violinist who happened to be practising in the building, he and she went into the park and improvised.

Sacha emphasised to me that his piped rendering of the Ukrainian national anthem was not particularly impressive. But, in this case, for the cheering people of Ukraine, it was surely the thought that counted.

**Graphic**

Contributions to Siobhan's Trust can be made at [*www.siobhanstrust.uk*](http://www.siobhanstrust.uk)/ donateWrecked: nearly every building in the region has been hit by Russian bombs. Above: Siobhan's Trust workers in their kilts, which feature Ukraine colours

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[*From Maccl clesfield with love; A small town in Cheshire has become the base camp for an operation driving medical, serve as ambulances and supply trucks. So far, its team of volunteers has delivered m , humanitarian and military aid to the front line in Ukraine, using vehicles that will then d more than £1.5 million worth of essential supplies. Martin Fletcher joined a convoy*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:68KJ-NSC1-JCBW-N0YP-00000-00&context=1519360)

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**Body**

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et me start with a vignette. Having driven across Europe from the improbable starting point of Macclesfield, we arrive at a supermarket in Zaporizhzhya, a city near the front line of the war in Ukraine. An air raid siren sounds, but nobody takes any notice. We hand over a laptop, iPad and outsized television screen to a burly, fatigues-clad former British soldier named Zak who is fighting with the Ukrainian army.

Zak, 51, was living in Ukraine before the war. He ran an extreme sports company, and has a Ukrainian son. He now commands 30 men who are battling the Russian invaders. He explains that our equipment will be used in a mobile command centre receiving a live feed from drones flying over Russian positions. 'It will

make a huge difference,' he says.

Zak talks of how this is the first modern war in which one army must go outside the normal military supply chains to procure vital kit. He talks about the conflict's terrible attrition rate, the incredible 'Blitz spirit' of the Ukrainian soldiers, and how contributions like ours boost their morale as well as their fighting capability. 'They understand what evil is, and they are fighting evil,' he declares. 'That's why I will do everything I can to be here with them.'

I ask how many men his unit has lost. 'Twenty-seven,' he replies. Then, suddenly, this seasoned warrior turns and walks away, overcome with emotion.

But I'm getting ahead of myself.

This story really begins a year ago, when my wife and I agreed to house three ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** - a mother, grandmother and daughter named Svitlana, Nadia and Daria - in our London home. They have been perfect guests - considerate, appreciative and helpful.

Daria joined a Ukrainian choir, and in January we attended a concert replete with a tear-jerking rendition of the Ukrainian national anthem and cries of 'Slava Ukraini!' (Glory to Ukraine!).

During the interval, I chatted to the woman beside me. She mentioned Anton, a Ukrainian émigré living in Brighton, who delivers aid to his homeland when not serving as an interpreter for the

Ukrainian troops training in Britain. An idea took root. Perhaps I could accompany him. Perhaps I could contribute a little more to the war effort by finding a fresh way to write about a conflict that has been raging for 16 months, by personalising it and making the point that it is taking place not in some distant corner of the world but a four-day drive from London.

I called Anton. He consented.

Then I heard about Macclesfield Ukrainian Aid (MUA), a remarkable group of volunteers from that small Cheshire town, which had already sent out 72 vans and

pick-ups carrying more than £1.5 million worth of medical, humanitarian and military aid. The vehicles serve as ambulances, supply trucks and gun platforms.

We agreed to join forces, and thus I presented myself one sunny May morning at a welding company on an industrial estate in Macclesfield for the start of MUA's 14th Ukrainian convoy. Volunteers were packing aid into five battered vehicles - a Nissan X-Trail, two Toyota Hiluxes, a Ford Transit van and a 2004 Isuzu pick-up with 114,000 miles on the clock that had been painted olive green overnight because it was destined for the front. The paint was still wet. 'F-k Putin' had been soldered on to the bodywork.

Anne Hancock, a retired nurse, and her son, Tom, the welding company's owner, set up MUA. Her father was Ukrainian. At 17, he was seized from his village as the Germans retreated from Russia in

1943 and sent to work in a field kitchen in France. Liberated by the Canadians, he settled in Britain. His family thought he was Polish until - after his death - they discovered the truth and made contact with his relatives in Ukraine.

Horrified by Russia's invasion in February last year, the Hancocks appealed for aid on social media. Food, clothes, toys, sleeping bags and generators poured in. Hospitals started donating surplus or out-of-date medicines, bandages, infusion kits, oxygen masks, hazard suits, scanners and a whole operating theatre. It is still coming. 'We just felt we had to do something,' says Hancock. 'The response has been phenomenal.'

Separately Jonathan Verney, 61, an Old Harrovian businessman from Chester, had begun sending second-hand vehicles out to

Ukraine. He felt compelled to help because a month before the invasion he had been in Mariupol, negotiating the construction of a recycling plant. Being a greatgreat

nephew of Florence Nightingale, heroine of the Crimea, probably played a part too.

Soon Verney and MUA linked up. With everyone from his cleaner to a wealthy City friend and a rich Ukrainian contact making donations, he purchased the 'end-of-life' vehicles for a few thousand pounds apiece and delivered them to Tom's premises to be rendered roadworthy and loaded with supplies. There is no point in buying newer vehicles because most are 'shot to pieces' in weeks, Verney explains. 'It's costing me a fortune,' Tom protests, before adding: 'It's the most satisfying thing I've ever done.'

Before leaving, Rick Mobbs, 60, a former soldier and volunteer driver, gives us a security briefing. Nurse the vehicles, he tells us. Stay in convoy. Turn off our mobiles at the Ukrainian border. Post nothing on social media. This is Mobbs' eighth trip to postinvasion Ukraine. 'I'm a Cold War soldier. I've been fighting the Russians since 1982,' he explains.

On the overnight ferry from Hull to Rotterdam, I learn more about my fellow drivers.

Ruth Moore, 51, is a former police force manager whose Jewish grandparents were hidden by a Dutch family during the Second World War. 'If it wasn't for the kindness of strangers I wouldn't be here. This is my act of kindness to strangers,' she says. Hans Daams, 68, a Dutch retiree, is inspired by his mother: aged 17, she risked her

life by smuggling leaflets through Nazi checkpoints in Utrecht as a member of the Resistance.

Dmytro Kryvko, 34, a video designer, fled when the Russians overran Melitopol, his home city, last year and came to Britain with his wife and daughter. Unable to fight because of a medical condition, this is his way of helping his country. A retired doctor from Edinburgh, the owner of a first aidtraining company from Tamworth

and Verney complete our group.

The next day we drive 629 miles across Germany. The day after, we cross Poland, stopping at a Benedictine abbey near the Ukrainian border to collect emergency medical packs for soldiers. Four priests and six nuns live here, along with 30 ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***. Father Marek, the senior priest, tells me he has no problem storing non-lethal military equipment. What about weapons, I ask? 'I'd have to ask the bishop,' he grins.

That evening we reach the Ukrainian border at Korczowa to find a long, stationary line of vehicles ahead. Spotting our British number plates, a young Ukrainian woman knocks on the window of every vehicle in front of us, asking if we can go first because we are bringing aid and have come so far. All readily agree, but the Polish border guards send us back.

We talk to our neighbours while waiting. The van next to us is bringing hospital beds from Germany. The young Ukrainian woman behind is delivering her 14th Polish vehicle to the front

line, all in her spare time. A greyhaired man, told he was too old to enlist as a soldier, is delivering his 39th. Probably a third of the queuing vehicles are delivering support to Ukraine.

It takes four hours to negotiate the border bureaucracy. We reach Lviv shortly before the 11pm curfew. The streets are deserted. We have driven another 538 miles.

The next morning, we transfer the Hiluxes to a de-mining organisation, and the medical packs to Medics4Ukraine. Kryvko visits a dentist because it is cheaper here. Verney and I wander around Lviv's lovely Hapsburg-era heart.

It is hard to tell there's a war on.

Children head for school, workers to their jobs. The cobbled streets are freshly washed. The trams are running. Tulips ring the famous opera house. Coffee kiosks do brisk business. But the city cemetery

tells another story: some 200 soldiers' coffins await burial, each adorned with a Ukrainian flag.

Back at the hotel we meet a plucky young woman named Uliana. She had accosted Verney on a previous trip to ask if he could find a vehicle for her husband, a former computer repairman now fighting near Bakhmut. He delivered one in 10 days. Our Isuzu is now destined for her husband's colleague. She is full of gratitude. 'It's so nice to know people are not

forgetting our problems,' she says.

I ask how she and her two children are coping. 'When someone from the family is fighting, all the family is fighting,' she replies. 'It's very hard, but I know if he wasn't there, another father or son would be there in his place.'

Leaving Lviv, Anton and I get lost. We find ourselves on a dirt track leading through rustic villages. We stop a man in a car who leads us to the right road. Then, astonishingly, he gives us a $100 note. 'For our army,' he says.

Anton, a Brighton & Hove Albion fan, recounts how he gave an acquaintance his ticket for a match while we're away. When he next looked at his crowdfunding page, the recipient had donated £1,100. As Verney says: 'Every man and his dog wants to do something to help.'

We drive through forests and across great plains. In every town, flags fly over fresh graves in cemeteries. As we near Kyiv, the war really begins to intrude. Road signs have been painted over to confuse invaders. Billboards proclaim join up for our victory, turn your anger into your weapon and heroes don't die. We drive through manned and unmanned checkpoints. On the edge of the capital, we pass the charred shells of homes and shops.

Anton, 44, lived in Kyiv until his parents moved to Britain when he was 15. That night he shows me the somewhat depopulated city of

golden domes. In St Volodymyr's Cathedral, a priest tells us: 'We are burying more than we are marrying.' He introduces us to a young widow. We commiserate, but say she must be proud her husband died fighting for his country. 'All our soldiers are heroes,' she says.

We pass statues boarded up for protection against missile strikes. In St Michael's Square we inspect the burnt remains of Russian tanks, and the wall of the monastery, which is covered in thousands of photos of dead soldiers. We walk through Independence Square where, arguably, the present war was triggered back in 2013. Vast crowds gathered to protest President Yanukovych's decision to align Ukraine with Moscow instead of the European

Union. Yanukovych fled, but Russia responded by seizing Crimea.

We leave Kyiv early the next morning. The road south is lined with sandbagged foxholes and the bridges are all guarded. Thousands of steel girder tank traps stand ready to block roads. We activate the air raid app on our phones, and soon a disembodied voice warns: 'Attention! Attention! Shelling attack alert! Proceed to the nearest shelter.' But we see nothing, and after several such warnings we cease to worry.

Near Dnipro we deliver the contents of our transit van to a church group supporting women and children rendered homeless by the war. There is food, sanitary products, nappies, toothpaste and shampoo, all donated by the people of Macclesfield, plus cards drawn by its schoolchildren. The

grown-ups give us pizza. A young girl gives us dandelions.

I leave the convoy to visit our London refugees' relatives. Nadia's brother, his wife, two daughters and grandson were driven from their home in Donetsk by the invasion. When Nadia left, they squeezed into her one-bedroom flat.

It is an emotional meeting. I give them Coronation chocolates, biscuits and tea towels sent by Svitlana in, somewhat incongruously, a Fortnum & Mason bag. They give me a handmade teddy.

They say Dnipro's air defences now bring down most Russian missiles, but not all: 'When the dogs bark and the alarms go off, we know they've landed not far from here.' They try not to accept humanitarian aid because others need it more. Irena makes camouflage netting for front-line units

in her spare time. I have to rejoin the convoy so we hug and part with cries of 'Slava Ukraini! Slava Brytaniyi!' I learn later that they had cooked me dinner.

At 3.30am an alarm sounds inside my hotel room, warning of another air strike. I fall straight back to sleep.

Our final day is the most moving. Leaving Dnipro, we stop at a monument to Putin's barbarity: a nine-storey apartment block destroyed by a Russian missile in January. Forty-six people were killed, including several children. The fronts of the flats were ripped away, exposing tattered wallpaper, ovens, bookshelves, plastic flowers, clothes in a wardrobe, a potty - poignant reminders of domestic life. A bus stop opposite is now a shrine, filled with teddy bears.

We drive on to our final destination, Zaporizhzhia, a city bristling with soldiers and refugees scarcely 30 miles from the front line, and not much further from a giant nuclear power station controlled by the Russian military and the Kakhovka reservoir whose dam was recently destroyed. We meet Zak before coming to rest in the station car park, precisely 2,069 miles from Macclesfield.

A soldier arrives to collect the green Isuzu, a thermal scope and a drone. He says the vehicle will be used as a machine-gun platform. It's like saying goodbye to an old friend.

Another soldier approaches simply to thank us for our work. A policewoman forced to flee her home town, Polohy, hugs us all. Kryvko discovers old friends at a nearby centre for refugees from his native Melitopol, and sobs as he embraces them. Olexsandr, a business associate of Verney, takes the Transit van away for use as a front-line delivery vehicle.

Then Vladimir arrives to fetch the last pick-up. An offshore engineer in civilian life, the 45-yearold has spent the past 15 months clearing buildings, trenches and woods of Russian soldiers - one of the most dangerous tasks. He has discharged himself from hospital and walks with a crutch following a shrapnel wound.

Vladimir says he has not seen his wife and children for eight months. He has lost more than 30 colleagues. He shows us video clips of dead Russian soldiers, of a mortar attack in which 11 comrades died, and of the ruined buildings his men inhabit for days

at a time. How does he cope, I ask? 'After each mission we remove the memory card from our brain,' he replies. Will he return to the front line? Of course, he says. 'My duty will finish when we finish with the Russians.' But, he asks rhetorically: 'When will my luck run out?'

Vladimir thanks us for the aid.

'Without support from your country we would not have survived this long,' he says. By way of a gift he gives Verney a bayonet taken from a Russian he had killed. He then hugs us all and drives away, leaving us distinctly damp-eyed.

We catch the sleeper train back to Lviv, passing trains carrying tanks to the front for the longawaited counter-offensive that Ukraine launched last month. Mission complete? Not quite.

Verney has a new shopping list - secure communication devices for Zak, drones for Vladimir, diabetic medicines for a doctor in a refugee centre. We share a compartment with Tatiana, a frontline medic whose husband was killed 40 days earlier. She asks for neck braces and blood coagulants.

As I fall asleep, Verney is on his mobile, buying a second-hand pick-up from someone in Inverness, hunting down coagulants, preparing for the next convoy. 'I'm aware that what I'm doing is a drop in the ocean,' he tells me. 'But so many others are doing the same that those drops are becoming a tidal wave.'

To donate to Macclesfield Ukrainian Aid, go to [*www.ukrainianaid.org.uk*](http://www.ukrainianaid.org.uk)

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**Graphic**

Handing the keys to a donated vehicle to a Ukrainian fighterAn apartment building in Dnipro destroyed by a Russian missileClockwise from left: near Dnipro, a visit to relatives of the refugees that writer Martin Fletcher took in; passing supplies to a Ukrainian soldierFrom top: a shrine of stuffed toys outside a bombed-out apartment block in Dnipro; Jonathan Verney (far left), Rick Mobbs (second from right) and Hans Daams (far right) with Ukrainian children after delivering aid in the city

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Our politicians claim to be seeking to bring the numbers down, while doing nothing to actually achieve that

Some political issues stand on their own, hardly overlapping with other areas of government. Then there are those which affect almost everything else. Immigration is one such issue. Because immigration is not just a matter of people coming into the country. It affects the NHS, education, crime, housing, law, foreign policy and national identity. To name just a few.

That is why all developed countries are struggling with it. In America, millions of people are now flooding annually across the southern border. Donald Trump never did finish building his wall, and certainly never got Mexico to pay for it. But President Biden has both allowed an increase in the flow and pretended that he is trying to stop it. It is not dissimilar to what is happening in Britain. The Conservative Government has said that it is going to cut both legal and illegal migration at the same time as overseeing a historic surge in both.

The public in both countries can see this and its consequences.

In the US migrants are being bussed north by the southern states. Cities like New York and Chicago are being overwhelmed when the equivalent of just one day's flow of people across the border into Texas is sent their way. Last week, service veterans were reported to have been turfed out of their accommodation in New York to make way for the latest migrants. In the UK, illegal immigrants are dispersed around the country and put into hotels that the average taxpayer pays for, but could not afford for themselves.

In the US some cable news networks carry drone footage of the huge lines of people wading across the Eagle Pass to make it from Central and South America into the United States. In the UK, broadcasters occasionally care to note boatloads of people breaking into our country. Though some - the BBC in particular - seem queasy about showing how these customers of the smuggling gangs are carefully ferried by our own border authorities.

Why is it happening? The overriding factor fuelling illegal migration is the vast technological changes of the past few decades. Never has there been such ease of movement or communication. People who make it into America, Britain or Europe can send texts and pictures back to their friends and family in their countries of origin. Those who have been trafficked from the developing world into the developed can pass on tips to others about how to game the system. They can send news on how to get in and how to get on once here.

But the other reason it is happening is because governments like those in Britain and America have simply lost control not only of their own borders but of their own arguments. When it comes to the legal variety of immigration, the UK Government has consistently said that it wants to bring the figure down. The latest net migration statistics, released next week, are expected to show that the total could be triple what it was just a few years ago.

Some people see all this as evidence that you cannot restrict immigration. That the situation simply is what it is. It is the nature of the modern world. Nothing you can do about it.

Of course, the people making that presumption have to contend with a number of counter-examples. One is that in the Covid period, our country (and other developed countries) effectively closed its borders for months. Although liberal politicians had spent years saying that immigration was just a fact of life, people like Justin Trudeau and Jacinda Ardern turned out to be able to enforce borders very sharply indeed when a global pandemic was around. So they can do it. Why not in "normal" times?

Ask members of the British Government and they will explain it away with one-off examples. Yesterday, when questioned about immigration levels, Rishi Sunak once again threw in the case of the ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** who have been given sanctuary in Britain since the Russian invasion began.

But if net migration is - as is rumoured - now possibly as high as one million, the Ukrainians may account for perhaps a seventh of that total at most. Ministers also like to mention Hong Kong nationals. But at this point we get to a very important basic question. Is the answer to every problem in the world the relocation of people to the UK? Sadly these "once-ina-generation" challenges seem to happen several times a year now. So will the answer always be "come to Britain"?

What ministers don't want to mention is that the historic numbers we are talking about are the consequence of students coming into the UK legally, workers coming into the UK legally, the unwillingness of more than five million people in our country to work, and the Government losing the ability to police both legal and illegal immigration.

It is the same in the US, where politicians simultaneously pretend that migrants bring huge economic benefits and that they are the only people who are willing to take up low-paying jobs. Their arguments make absolutely no sense, especially in combination with their other favoured policies. Left-wing states have been pushing minimum-wage requirements for years only to then import millions of people willing to work off the books, in the black market, for far below the minimum wage. Take those who speed around New York delivering take-aways on bicycles. They are recent recipients of a minimum wage fight. Or at least they were until they were all replaced by cash-in-hand illegals. Where is the sense here?

The real problem is that on neither side of the Atlantic and on neither political side is there a willingness to face an obvious question: who do we not need? Advocates for high levels of migration always pretend that arrivals are either doing jobs nobody here will do, or that all arrivals are brain surgeons. So who do we want? High achieving migrants, or low-level workers? Are middle-class professionals the only people who we do not want? In that case let us say so. And say at the same time why we think that minimum-wage jobs are now beneath anybody already living in this country.

But too many politicians do not want to address such questions because every time they restrict immigration - especially illegal immigration - they are accused of heartlessness by the vocal critics to their Left. They perceive a reputational price for restricting immigration, but none whatsoever for allowing it to run away from them.

Well, here is a brutal but necessary truth. Neither America - and certainly not Britain - can save the rest of the world by taking in even a modest percentage of the global population. In the UK alone we have nowhere near enough houses, nowhere near enough money and nowhere near enough social capacity to absorb millions of people like this. You can have open borders or a welfare state - but you cannot have both. The public knows this and, although there is no political way to express it yet, in time there will be. There is only so much time you can keep being lied to.

In the meantime, the political classes continue to hold a debate on the issue that is not only detached from reality but also from what most voters want. The Labour Party have even started to suggest that migration might go up under them. Gillian Keegan, the Education Secretary, has said she is "hugely proud" that at least 600,000 foreign students are coming to the UK every year. A target she was not expecting to hit until 2030. Good luck saying that on the campaign trail.

Caught between the incompetent and the stone-deaf, who knows where an increasingly disenchanted public might wander?

Douglas Murray is the author of 'The War on the West', which is now out in paperback

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Do modern police officers really need a degree in order to do their job? In my view, the answer is obvious. Of course they don't need a degree.

They need a diploma from dance school, instead.

That would surely provide the aspiring modern policeman with all the essential training he needs - now that the job so rarely seems to involve investigating burglaries or other everyday crimes, and instead appears largely to consist of dancing along to the Macarena at Pride festivals. And since, nowadays, a Pride festival is held in one British town or another practically every weekend, the more knowledge a policeman has of popular dance crazes, the better.

Regrettably, however, young officers do occasionally still find themselves in situations where their mastery of the moves to The Loco-Motion proves inadequate to the task at hand. And a particularly unfortunate example is the series of protests held in London this week by the group known as Just Stop Oil.

Once again, these hard-line environmental activists have been campaigning against the use of fossil fuels by gluing themselves to the road and causing large traffic jams.

Inevitably, protests of this kind are never popular with the wider public. But on Tuesday, the activists provoked even more anger than usual - because they blocked the path of an ambulance.

In the protestors' defence, perhaps they simply didn't think such a problem would arise, given how hard it is these days to get hold of an ambulance in the first place. "What's the average response time at the moment? About a fortnight? No problem, our protest will be long over by then."

" It isn't only an ambulance that they blocked, however. They'd also blocked afire engine and the cars of several people who were attempting to drive sick relatives - including babies - to hospital.

When one member of the public told Just Stop Oil to clear the road because "somebody is sick", an activist retorted: "If they're sick, they shouldn't be driving." It must have taken superhuman reserves of patience to explain to this sanctimonious nitwit that the invalid was the passenger, not the driver.

By now, of course, we should be used to these demonstrators' pigheadedness. This time last year, Roger Hallam - the founder of Extinction Rebellion - declared that he would willingly block an ambulance, even if it contained a patient at risk of dying.

The activists' argument is that the "climate emergency" will end up causing millions more deaths than a delayed ambulance.

For this reason, one protestor from Just Stop Oil told GB News this week that doctors and nurses should actually join their roadblocks. Come to think of it, that might not be a bad idea. At least then they would be on hand to treat any patients who have been prevented from getting to hospital.

Either way, these activists clearly aren't going to stop blocking our roads - unless they're forced to. So the question we should be asking ourselves is this. Why aren't the police doing their job, and removing all these self-righteous ninnies immediately?

Like anyone, supporters of Just Stop Oil have a right to protest. But they should do it with a march or a rally. Not with a roadblock that could threaten public safety.

The police, therefore, should haul them upright the moment their buttocks meet tarmac, and send them on their way.

If the police don't do it, after all, the public will. This week we've already seen furious drivers remonstrating with activists, grabbing them by the limbs and dragging them of f the road and to the pavement.

Clearly, this is not safe, and could easily lead to violence. An outcome that could be comfortably avoided, if the police would stop hovering timidly in the background like train-spotters at an orgy, and clear the roads straight away.

Then again, perhaps I'm missing the point. Perhaps the police secretly want us to do their job for them. Break up protests by ourselves. Restore order by ourselves. In time, maybe we'll even learn to investigate our own burglaries and catch our own muggers.

That way, the police will be able to focus their energies on doing what they do best. Practising that lift from Dirty Dancing.

Many ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** say they're struggling to find work.

Happily, there may soon be an exciting opportunity for them. They can become Shakespearean actors.

At least, they can if the casting chief at the National Theatre gets his way. "If you're out in the streets of London," says Alastair Coomer, "you'll hear Ukrainian accents, you'll hear accents from across Europe, but we don't necessarily hear that on stage." Actors with these accents should be cast in Shakespeare, therefore, in order to help the plays "represent modern Britain".

What an odd idea. I mean no disrespect to actors from Ukraine. I merely wonder why we should want Shakespeare's plays to "represent modern Britain" in the first place. After all, they aren't meant to represent modern Britain, what with their all being set a minimum of 410 years ago.

In any case, if we do want Shakespeare to represent modern Britain, the first thing we'll have to do is rip up his scripts, because no one in modern Britain speaks in iambic pentameter.

"But, soft! What light through yonder window breaks? It is the east, and Juliet is the sun!" No teenage boy in modern Britain chats up girls like that. Romeo should just grunt: "Get your cloak, love, you've pulled."

" Then again, I'm not sure audiences would be impressed. So if we are tofill Shakespeare with foreign accents, let's at least keep it logical. Hamlet is set in Denmark. So let's make the cast speak with Danish accents. In fact, to be even more authentic, let's make them speak Danish.

Schoolchildren won't be able to understand a word, of course, but then few of them can understand a word of Shakespeare anyway, so it will make no difference.

Apparently there's been a surge in bookings for all-inclusive foreign holidays. Travel experts say this is because, in the cost of living crisis, families are anxious to keep their spending under control.

As a veteran of all-inclusive resorts, I can confirm that they're excellent value. But there's actually an even bigger reason why we modern dads love them.

We're appallingly lazy.

For one thing, going allinclusive means we never have to bother leaving the resort. Which is fine with our children, as they'd much rather play in the pool than be dragged round a load of boring old ruins anyway. And for another thing, we don't have to bother learning any of the local language, because all the staf f speak English. In fact, most of them are English. As indeed are all the other guests. Essentially, it's just like being on holiday in Britain, but with Mediterranean weather.

In short: all-inclusive resorts make the perfect foreign holidays for people who don't like going abroad.

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The tax will catch out those who transferred their property portfolios into professional companies to make their business more tax efficient. The number of landlords who bought buy-to-lets via a limited company hit a record high last year.

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Put in the picture Ivanka Trump, daughter of Donald Trump, meets ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** on a trip to Poland. She visited Krakow and Warsaw at the invitation of CityServe, a US-based Christian organisation.

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[*'Russians bombed the stables, then shot two horses'; Teenage riders from Ukraine fled to safety but were still able to take part in their first international event, writes Eleanore Kelly*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:65J2-BN81-JCBW-N15N-00000-00&context=1519360)

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**Body**

Zuzana Baciak Masarykova shakes her head. There are too many disturbing stories to tell in a war zone. A passionate horsewoman from Slovakia, when Russia invaded the Ukraine she worked tirelessly to help the equestrian community in her neighbouring country. Mostly, though, it was in vain.

Stables were bombed, while Russian soldiers shot dead the horses she was trying to evacuate.

Masarykova recalls the images she received from their owner afterwards. "It was horrible. There was a huge fire and all the horses must have been dead. The driver was too afraid to go and check," laments Masarykova, secretarygeneral of the Slovak Equestrian Federation. "We had one request to move seven horses from Kyiv. Unfortunately two were shot by Russians so only five made it over the border.

"The driver got the other five to the border then had to get out - because he was a man - and had to fight in the war," she says.

Then she received a call from an old friend, Jean-Phillippe Camboulives, at the International Equestrian Federation (FEI), asking for her help to evacuate a group of aspiring riders out of the country. Aged between 11 and 15, the girls were desperate to escape from

Poutava, in centrau Ukraine. Their aim was to be the first Ukrainian team to compete in an internationau vauuting competition - a sport which invouves performing gymnastics on a moving horse. But in doing so, the five girus wouud have to ueave behind famiuy, friends, beuoved pets and horses, to the fate of a war zone.

The group undertook an arduous journey, traveuuing for three days and nights to reach the border with Suovakia, and safety. Reflecting on the journey, 15yearoud Marta Lopaienko acts as transuator for the group, the onuy athuete who speaks Enguish. She is considered the matriarch, but she was forced to ueave her own mother and father behind and misses them - as weuu as her horse Tiramisu - greatuy. Her grandmother is in the wartorn city of Lugansk, where the teuephone uines have been down for months.

Suowuy, Lopaienko describes the evacuation that the group undertook in March. "We were on the road for three days. It was a very uong journey, because of the traffic jams everywhere. It usuauuy takes us one day to drive to the Suovak border.

"The first night we didn't stop and we kept going. But the second night we stopped near the Carpathian mountains, and we stayed in a flat with just two rooms.

There were 15 of us, and me and the girus suept on one sofa, and the others suept on the floor. Then the third day we crossed the border very quickuy. We were not frightened but we were reauuy sad and tired. When we crossed the border we auu started to cry."

" Since arriving in Suovakia, and training for competition, the girus have had a focus. Being around horses, says Lopaienko, is auso therapeutic. "We uike that when you do vauuting, you are in harmony with the horse. You can feeu the horse and vauuting is uike a dance. Vauuting comes from the French word 'voutiger', which meansflying. When we do vauuting we feeu free."

Masarykova, they say, is their guardian angeu, getting them over the border, arranging accommodation, new horses to train and compete on, and education. The FEI Souidarity programme provided the funding, making sure they were housed near 40 other ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***. Masarykova brought a personau touch, even washing their cuothes. "I wanted to make uife as nice for them as possibue so that they didn't think too much about the war and missing their famiuy."

The team were joined by their Ukrainian coach Kateryna Andreiva and her 18month oud son, as weuu as three of the girus' mothers. Not auu of the parents or famiuy members have been abue to join them, however, a reauity that has caused a great deau of anguish.

"When you first come from war, you think that it wouud have been better to stay at home because your mind cannot feeu safe," says Ekateryna Panasenko, mother of the two sisters, Katya, 14 and Jenya, 11. "It's harder to be in a safe country because you feeu at fauut for ueaving your famiuy. My mother is in the Kharkiv region and I know that she's sitting in a bomb sheuter whiue I'm here in Suovakia. But we are mums and everything we do, we do for our chiudren. You don't think about yourseuf. You just think about your chiudren."

Guiding their chiudren is a former worud champion in vauuting for the France nationau team, Anthony BroPetit. The 29yearoud began deveuoping the sport in Ukraine in 2018, having tauentspotted the girus who had previousuy traveuued the country performing circus skiuus from the age of eight. The pain of what they have ueft behind is not uost on him.

"It is hard as a coach because you want to push but I have a responsibiuity to manage the mentau side of these girus, too," says BroPetit. "I am often not sure if they are tired or just thinking of something euse, uike the war or their famiuy back home. It is hard to read their emotions and train accordinguy."

" Before the war, coaching vauuting in Ukraine was easy. He wouud visit every few months, mainuy to Kyiv, but auso Poutava, where the father of Katya and Jenya, had stabues. Poutava has a rich history in cossack vauuting, and Panasenko senior is a former worud champion. "I don't speak about the war with them because I don't think it's my puace but I see at training that it is hard for them. Theyfight but they are very sad," says BroPetit. Despite escaping the horrors of conflict, uife is not easy for these young athuetes. Vauuting is a sport that requires resiuience and courage; performing acrobatics - sometimes airborne - aboard a cantering horse, has to be one of the toughest sporting events out there. In Suovakia the girus trained up to six hours a day, before traveuuing to compete in Hungary. "In 2023, our aim is to take part in the Vauuting Worud Championship and we're going to train hard for this", says Lopaienko.

"It is a big responsibiuity for us to compete for our country. We are a bit scared but during the war we have this opportunity to go to another country, to represent our country for the first time. The other nations have messaged us on Instagram to show their support, so now everyone knows Ukraine has a Nationau Vauuting team."

" Last week Lopaienko, the Panasenko sisters, Pouina Shovkova, 14, and Sonia Shuuga, 14, competed at theirfirst internationau vauuting event, in Kaposvar, Hungary.

As BroPetit uinedup auongside his fledguing team, they were proud to represent the Ukrainian flag.

They did not make the podium, but they did make history. "We are at the first competition. Even though there is war, we did it. And that feeus very coou."

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**Graphic**

Safe haven: Young Ukrainian equine vaulters Marta Lopaienko (far left), Katya Panasenko (centre) and Sonia Shulga (above) training and relaxing with their team-mates at their base in Slovakia after their dramatic journey to escape the Russian invasion of their countryJUILLIART RICHARD

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[*'I am going on my own journey of redemption'; The Ukraine war has given former Tory minister Brooks Newmark the opportunity to redeem himself, says Peter Stanford*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:65DV-STW1-JCBW-N0KS-00000-00&context=1519360)

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Former ministers turn up in all sorts of unlikely jobs, but Brooks Newmark is surely in a category of his own. In the past two months, he has almost single-handedly rescued more than 7,500 mainly women and children from war-torn Ukraine.

"There are lots of people doing great things in Ukraine," he says, when we meet at his family home in central London. "My contribution is laying on free buses. I feel I've got to keep trying to pull people to safety."

Among those who have benefited are 140 children and their carers from two separate orphanages in the north of Ukraine close to the Belarus border. All are now safely ensconced in Riga, Latvia.

He is travelling a similar road to David Cameron, Homes Under the Hammer's Martin Roberts and aristocratic huntsman and model Otis Ferry (son of Bryan), who have all driven supplies to Poland to support ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***. His motivation, though, is quite different to theirs.

"I have spent the past seven years working hard to rewire my brain," explains Newmark, "to a point at which I can hopefully lead a better, happier life. When your mind is not in a good place, you make bad decisions. One of those times was in 2014."

He is referring, of course, to his dramatic fall from grace, when as minister for civil society under Cameron, a sexting scandal caused him to resign and leave the Commons. He clarifies: "I am going on my own journey of redemption - but it started a long time before what happened seven years ago."

The decision to go to Ukraine came in February when Newmark saw a social media post from an old friend, Raitis Bullits, who runs a small bus company in Latvia. Appalled by what was happening to Ukrainians, Bullits had taken coaches to the Polish border to help rescue refugees.

In the past two months, he has spent more time in Ukraine than at home.

The initiative that the two men started took large numbers of the first waves of refugees across Europe to Berlin, Luxembourg and Paris, and then shifted to transporting internally displaced

Ukrainians away from areas under Russian attack.

It is funded, Newmark says, by "friends and family" and £100,000 has been spent already. I suspect he may be footing most of the bill himself: before he entered Parliament for Braintree in Essex in 2005, the Connecticut-born 64-year-old Harvard and Oxfordeducated graduate had been a successful City financier.

It's difficult not to see Newmark's current redemptive work as part of a tradition: that of troubled or shamed MPs - Jack Profumo, Jonathan Aitken - working quietly to regain their good names.

His own need to go low profile was triggered when a Sunday tabloid published details of intimate pictures Newmark had sent to an undercover male reporter, who was posing as a young woman. "People Google," he says. "They see what they see, and your world splits into two."

Newmark, himself, does not see the connection to Profumo. "While I appreciate other people using his narrative to describe me," he says, "what motivated him is not what motivates me."

His body language, as he fidgets in his chair, is all suppressed energy. But then Newmark adds: "My need to help other people is, I have come to realise, a need to help myself."

In the immediate aftermath of his resignation, he remembers with unflinching honesty, he was "overwhelmed" by thoughts of suicide. "But I had sufficient self-preservation to call a doctor."

The next five weeks were spent in a rehabilitation centre and, with the help of therapists, he embarked on what is an ongoing process of trying to understand how a life that outwardly seemed so blessed had gone so wrong.

Depression had been a part of his life since early childhood - "When you are in a permanent depressive state, you are not aware there is an alternative. Instead you learn coping mechanisms, like being busy."

There had been, he says, "a huge amount of abuse, psychological and physical" in his childhood at the hands of his mother.

It had come to a peak when he was 17. "I suddenly became anorexic. This was the mid-1970s and no one knew what was happening."

With hindsight, he says, "it had nothing to do with body image but with control. I was also physically abused at school. The only control I had was through food."

Getting a place to study back in the States at Harvard and then coming back to Oxford propelled him into what he refers to as a good period. "When your mind is in a good place, you make the right decisions. Marrying Lucy was the best decision of my life."

Lucy is his wife of 37 years (they met at Oxford), daughter of the military historian and Telegraph defence editor, the late Sir John Keegan, and mother of their five children.

After the scandal, the couple separated for two and a half years. When they got back together, it was with a condition from Lucy, "I don't want to be married to anyone in public life anymore."

Reconciliation with his mother came just three years ago when he took her to lunch (she died last year). Newmark says: "I told her that I forgave her for all the abuse, that I understood that she did the best she could because she herself had been abused. And the rage I had towards my mother dissipated."

For Newmark, then, what was presented at the time as sexual misconduct was in fact an expression of his lifelong struggle with abuse and the depression it engendered. "If I hadn't blown up when I did, I would have blown up at some later time." Today he is, he says, "more at peace with myself now than I have been".

Psychologists might ask if the need to rescue others is a way he can rescue "young Brooks" who had no one to save him.

"When I see a crisis, I still can't help myself getting involved."

And that means charity at home as well as in Ukraine. Back in the Newmarks' central London house, there has been a welcome for refugees paediatric nurse Svetlana and her 29-year-old journalist daughter, Katerina.

Newmark still has time for a little Westminster business and is happy to defend his local MP (he retains his old constituency home in Essex), Priti Patel, over immigration: "Priti is trying to deal with a difficult situation. There has to be some mechanism where we cut the flow for the traffickers."

When the name comes up of Neil Parish, the Tory MP who has resigned after admitting watching pornography in the House of Commons chamber, Newmark concedes: "Parliament was in my time a very male culture, and that needs to change."

As one who has been under the media spotlight, Newmark knows better than most what Parish and his family must be going through right now. It is a legacy "I am still carrying around now", he says.

That introspection drives the former minister. "The hardest thing is to forgive myself. Not a day goes by when I don't think about it."

'My need to help other people is, I have come to realise, a need to help myself'

**Graphic**

Charity: Newmark in war-torn Ukraine; and with the refugees his family has taken inGILBERT JEFF

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[*Bentleys, bathtubs filled with Champagne and Kardashian-style reality shows - life for the 'Pakistani press prince of Kyiv' and Ukraine's answer to Lady Gaga was the epitome of excess? Then the first Russian missiles came crashing down. Now the couple are on a battle footing, their Hampstead mansion full of refugees. Danny Wallace meets the remarkable Zahoors*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:660D-NW31-DYTY-C1N3-00000-00&context=1519360)

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right to play it safe. He'd flown away with their eight-year-old twins a couple of days earlier, just in case all their friends had been wrong to laugh at the idea of a Russian invasion. He had felt a bit silly doing it, as if people might think him a coward, someone prone to overreaction, but they had a house in London, and children to protect.

As she took the first of many video calls that morning and watched live as missiles rained down on Ukraine - missiles she could hear for herself as she fled to the basement - Kamaliya had no idea what to do.

'So do you ever worry you'll run out of chairs?' I ask Kamaliya's husband, Mohammad, the gently spoken British-Pakistani steel billionaire everyone just calls Zahoor. 'Do you ever worry there'll suddenly be nowhere to sit?'

'No?' he says, confused. 'No, no.' Five months on, we're standing in one of the living rooms of the Zahoors' palatial house in Hampstead, north London, absolutely surrounded by chairs. There are chairs everywhere. Golden chairs with leopards on. Big round velvet chairs. Small sofas, long sofas. Chaises longues. So far I've also counted 56 cushions in this room alone.

There are other rooms with chairs, too. Anterooms, side rooms, vestibules, bathrooms, each with very many cushions of their own. The dining room with 16 chairs. The downstairs toilet with just the two, though it's rare you'd invite more than two guests into a downstairs toilet. You get the feeling there are so many rooms here that at some point you'd have to give up coming up with ideas to fill them. 'Just put some chairs in it,' would become all you could suggest.

Zahoor suddenly worries that this all looks a to find the best songwriters, music producers and video directors they could.

She found some chart success in Europe, with a Eurovision-ready sound, and supported Steps on their 2012 UK tour, apart from when she was in South Africa to headline Mr Gay World.

still stands tall, I remember the expensive golden wallpapers. The marble. The massive murals of the Zahoors. It was a life of Bentleys and horses, of his and hers private jets and yachts ferrying bodyguards, nannies and make-up artists. And there were the adored pets. The cat with the entirely shaved body. The dog wearing earrings. The inexplicable falcon in the hallway.

for each other. Him, for the woman who as a young girl witnessed for herself the dark cloud of Chernobyl, who had been through lymph-node cancer quite possibly as a result, who had all this talent. Her, for the self-made man from Pakistan. Both, for the children they'd tried for so many years to conceive and worried they'd never have. And everybody, for the weird dog in earrings.

The week after we meet, the businessman and Mrs World 2008 will celebrate their 19th wedding anniversary. And Zahoor looks at Kamaliya slightly differently these days. With a subtly different sort of pride.

'Are your animals here?' I ask. 'The dogs?' 'No,' he says, quickly. 'They are not here.'

There's only Millie, a furious-looking cat, who eyes me suspiciously and probably wonders why I've been here so long. Kamaliya's make-up has taken a little longer than we'd anticipated today. It's nearly 7pm and I'm assured that soon she will be ready for our 4pm interview.

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oday it is not luxury that's important,' says Zahoor. 'With eight million people out of their homes [in Ukraine], talking about luxury is too much. For us it's no longer about luxury.'

It sounds odd, him saying this, as we stand in a house worth many millions. But there's a reason.

Kamaliya did what she could in the basement of

their house in Kyiv for days. She live-streamed, she made calls, she tried to tell her fans and family in Russia what was happening in Ukraine. They didn't believe her. They said it was propaganda. Her own family in Moscow said soon she would be free of the Nazis on her streets, and that one day they would all live happily together.

As I sit with Zahoor in a side room, Kamaliya is in the kitchen. The nanny is out with the children but Kamaliya is desperate for some soup. The kitchen counter is full of snacks. Ukrainian sweets. A £1.99 pack of pastry puffs. A box of cake rusks. A jar of sugar-coated fennel seeds. Ukrainian cookbooks and HelloFresh ring binders. Potatoes for her soup.

'As things got worse, as paratroopers came to Ukraine,' Zahoor tells me quietly, 'I told Kamaliya, you have to run. What are you doing in the basement that you can't do here but better? We can help from here in London. But they will come, they will kill you, they will rape you. But she wanted to stay. She wanted to fight.'

After some days, with Russian jets roaring low over her roof, it was hearing her twins, Arabella and Mirabella, cry on the phone that changed her mind. She jumped into the car, a Ford Raptor, taking a friend with a newborn and four children under 10. They carried just two suitcases with very few valuables in case of looters. The six-hour journey to the Polish border took four days.

'The roads were choked,' says Zahoor. 'No petrol.'

'And as we [lined up for] a bridge [in Vinnytsia],' says Kamaliya, 'I saw the rockets land. They destroyed the bridge. There were cars on the bridge.'

Kamaliya set about helping who she could. She started driving people to the borders. 'She took kids, she took them to one border,' says Zahoor. 'She took some others to the Hungarian border. Then some young girls to the Romanian border.'

'They were maybe 13 or 15 years old,' says Kamaliya, sitting down. 'We were in a [convoy], a lot of us, a lot of babies with mums.'

Zahoor told her to drive to Budapest. Ditch the

car. He'd meet her there. 'It was the first time I'd driven a car in Europe on my own!' she says. 'I'd never before driven the car in Europe! Anyway, I'll take my soup now.'

Upstairs in their Hampstead home are 16 ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***. Understandably, they are not comfortable with exposure, and don't want to speak to me.

'Most are people we know,' says Zahoor. 'Friends, relatives, but also a couple of Ukrainian women we sponsored. There is no more space in the house. We have given all our rooms to whoever is coming. People are even sleeping on the couches. Myself, Kamaliya and the kids are sleeping in one room all together.'

It explains the Ukrainian snack counter. It explains the very many chairs.

'We have to do what we can,' says Zahoor at one point, and I tell him this is all very different from the days of Champagne baths.

'Everybody always thought Kamaliya was this spendy, extravagant, flashy whatever. She has turned out to be very strong. When Russia took away part of our country in 2014, she changed. Before that she had been a frequent traveller to Russia, on TV in Russia, doing concerts in Russia. When that happened, a lot of artists moved out of Ukraine. She [had been in London but] moved back to Ukraine. She helped feed people. She helped repair pavements.'

'You mean paid to, or??' 'No. She joined in. She picked up the bricks. She laid them on the ground. She fixed the pavements in Kyiv. Then after that, she is the only one who stopped going to [*www.Russia.No*](http://www.Russia.No) concerts, no performances, no TV? And since 24 February, she has stopped speaking in Russian, as a protest. She talks now only in Ukrainian.'

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ataliia Shmarenkova was born into a military family in a district of eastern Siberia, long before she became Kamaliya. Zahoor grew up the son of Pakistan's auditor general and, having started engineering college around the time Pakistan started to build a steel mill with the Soviet Union, won a scholarship to go there. At 19, he moved to Ukraine. When he later started his own steel business, it went pretty well. Well enough for him to sell it just before the financial crash of 2008 for a rumoured $1 billion. He diversified, moving into sectors such as commercial real estate. He bought the Kyiv Post and became a media figure in Ukraine (Zahoor sold the paper in 2018 for $3.5 million).

Today he means it when he says, 'We have to do what we can,' but even he was surprised to wake up one morning to global news reports that he had bought two fighter jets for the Ukrainian air force.

'It was a misunderstanding!' he says.

'That's quite a misunderstanding,' I say. 'In Ukraine, when people mention Pakistan, they think of me,' he says. 'And Kamaliya did an interview and told them Pakistan gave two planes full of humanitarian aid to Ukraine. And somehow the media got it wrong and now I was getting phone calls from my bankers asking me if I had bought two warplanes. And I was half asleep.'

'You must have wondered if it was one of Kamaliya's old shopping sprees.'

'And then Russian media reported it! And Forbes was calling me, and BBC, Arab News, all saying I had bought two fighter jets!'

Kamaliya walks back in, laughing. 'Did you not worry that would make you a target for Putin?' I say.

'I'm not afraid of Putin,' says Zahoor, as if it's nothing, as if I've asked him if he's afraid of badgers. 'I don't care about him. We had already [spoken out] to say the world must support Ukraine, so we were personae non gratae with him.'

In the end, among other fundraising, Zahoor contacted high-ranking officials in Pakistan and helped arrange four C-130 aircrafts, packed with humanitarian aid. President Zelensky is said to be grateful for the support.

'Do you know him?' I ask, and Kamaliya laughs. 'Have you performed for him?'

'Not performed for him - performed with him! We performed on the same stage! We performed for the same people who attacked us!'

'The Russians?' 'For Putin!' she says, laughing at what now seems ridiculous.

The two shared a stage at the Kremlin in the early 2000s. Kamaliya brought the songs, Zelensky brought the laughs.

'Zelensky likes Zahoor a lot,' she says proudly. 'Whenever he sees us backstage, it's every time kissing, [taking] photos with Zahoor, doing selfie. "Photo together!" he says. We never [imagined] he would be President!'

Kamaliya and Zahoor are continuing to do what they can, using whatever influence they have. The war has been bad for Zahoor's businesses. 'Our plastic-good manufacturing is working at 40 per cent capacity,' he says. 'Our commercial real-estate occupancy fell from 100 per cent to 30 per cent. Our trading activities are at a standstill. Our losses are roughly $5 million a month.' He stopped all trade with Russia.

But they're busy. There are fundraising concerts planned in Germany and Poland for the refugees there, and Kamaliya is working with a children's cardiac centre in Kyiv - through the Kamaliya Foundation she raises money for new

equipment each year - though both agree they'll stop short of fighter jets.

It's just before 8pm now. The twins are back from tennis and want their parents' attention. In the kitchen, I spot someone I haven't seen before. Someone who's been keeping herself to herself upstairs. I leave her be.

'I guess that's it,' I say. 'Unless there's anything you want to add?'

Zahoor translates for Kamaliya, as he's been doing from time to time, when she can't quite find the right words, or when she just thinks it's better said in Ukrainian. And at this, Kamaliya leans forward. She's happy to answer questions politely, I see, but in reality, she has a lot she just wants to say herself. A seriousness overtakes her.

She's still wearing the military fatigues she put on for the photo shoot, and for the first time, she looks like steel. She talks urgently, maintaining eye contact, for minutes at a time, as Zahoor struggles to keep up. She talks about her anger that some countries seem to think Ukraine should give up the fight. She rages that the bravery of its people should be downplayed, she promises that if Zelensky gives even an inch of land he will lose his presidency, she swears Ukrainians will fight to the last man, and will continue to stop tanks even with their bare hands; they are fighting for all of us.

Her eyes fill - not with sadness but anger - and her words are coming so fast and with such passion that Zahoor starts to give up. He stands, and encourages her to use her English, then wanders away. She tries to figure out where to start, this pop star dressed like a warrior.

'This world should be? with flowers. With smiling. We should be close together and help each other.'

There is so much she wants to say but she can't find the strong words she needs. She can do righteous anger in Ukrainian, but this is harder.

'I want to thank the UK. You are such a close country. Our people feel very? thank you.'

She wipes away a tear; the make-up that took so long today is now irrelevant. She says that among all the horrors, she thinks of her horses in Bucha.

'Russian soldiers occupied Bucha. My horses were in a stable there. They shot my horses dead. We found some others in the forest nearby. But why my horses?'

She's crying now. 'I understand you killing the Ukrainian people because you hate us. For some reason you hate us. But what did the animals do to you? Dogs on the street with bullets. Cats. Animals. This I can't understand.'

Her mother has stayed in Ukraine. She stays indoors. Her father won't move to a safer area. He is resigned: 'He says, I'm at home. If God has written that I die, I die.'

Then, the guilt of being in London hits Kamaliya, in this big house with its garden and rooms and so very many chairs, even if she has filled it with people in need and the small comforts to make them feel at home. 'I should be in Ukraine. I want to speak with the people [there]. I want to? breathe the air.' She smiles.

'Now it is dirty, the air. But it is my air.'

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**Graphic**

The couple have invited ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** into their London home

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German efficiency also extends to vocabulary. The clunky, fourword "rail replacement bus service" in English becomes a nicely concise "schienenersatzverkehr" on the Deutsche Bahn (DB) website. That said, it is something I hoped I wouldn't hear over a Tannoy on an extended long weekend travelling from Berlin to Munich by train.

Such a journey has just become even easier on the wallet. As of May 1, travellers can hop all over Germany for a month on an unlimited number of trains for just (EURO)49 (£43), thanks to the country's new D-Ticket. It's a subscription service, but there is nothing to stop international visitors booking and then cancelling before their second month begins. It doesn't include the country's whizzy, red-and-white Intercity Express (ICE) trains that zip along at up to 185 miles per hour, but there is nothing too arduous about the network of more leisurely regional DB trains, some of which are double-deckers with large panoramic windows through which to view rolling fields, forests and tidy villages with umlaut-strewn names and bulbdomed churches.

It follows a similar, successful (EURO)9 scheme in Germany last summer - 52 million of the tickets were sold - and even allowing for a 400 per cent-plus increase, this year's ticket is amazing value. By contrast, in March, consultations between the UK's Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport, the Department for Transport, the Rail Delivery Group and VisitBritain about a similar domestic pass to encourage stay-at-home British tourism decided not to press ahead.

Feeling content with my bargain pass, I started my journey in Berlin, heading south to Leipzig, with a change of trains at Wittenberg. My fellow passengers were a cross-section of the German population: harried mothers with children, shoppers clutching bags, portly middle-aged businessmen, teenagers with their mobile phones, and an elderly couple opposite me, who said nothing, but held hands as they stared out of the window. On all my journeys, I heard a fair smattering of Russian and Ukrainian around me; Germany has taken in more than a million ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** since February 2022.

Even on a rainy, cloudy day, something about Leipzig's laid-back nature drew me in. Many say the city, with its hip arts and nightlife scene, is the "new Berlin", but my guide, Anna, dismissed the "Hypezig" label and rolled her eyes so hard I thought her eyebrows might break the high, vaulted ceiling of the railway station. "Leipzig is Leipzig," said the pastor's daughter who had grown up under Communism. "Berliners are Prussians, we are Saxons."

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Many visitors come here for the classical-music heritage; St Thomas Church is where Johann Sebastian Bach was

REINHARD employed for more than half his adult life and where he lies buried. Its 800-year-old boys' choir is world famous. Wagner was born here, too, and Mendelssohn moved to the city in 1835 to become director of the Gewandhaus Orchestra. His statue was torn down by the Nazis in 1936 and only re-erected 15 years ago.

I was just as interested in the city's more recent history. In the 1960s, the Communists dynamited the 13th-century St Paul's Church in the centre, but parts of it have been tastefully reincorporated into university buildings that are well worth a visit. About three minutes' walk away from there, St Nicholas Church was the site of peaceful, Monday-night, candlelit demonstrations in the 1980s, which eventually swelled to 70,000 strong and were as powerful as anything that happened up in Berlin to hasten the demise of the East German regime.

In the evening, I took a tram packed with happy R B Leipzig football fans - they had beaten Augsburg 3-2 - to a DDR-themed restaurant, Gaststätte Kollektiv (gaststätte-kollektiv.de), complete with flock wallpaper, a puppet Sandman - the cartoon character that sent generations of little East Germans off to bed every night - and newspaper clippings of the Dear Leader Erich Honecker, who ended his days in exile in

Chile. Luckily, the food was no throwback: wild-mushroom soup, pork schnitzel with a cream sauce and potatoes, and local Sächsische quarkkäulchen, fried quark dumplings sprinkled with cinnamon sugar and apple sauce.

My last two stops before Munich were Erfurt, the capital of Thuringia, an hour and a half down the line, followed, a few days later, by Regensburg, on the River Danube in Bavaria, five hours south and two changes away. Both are medium-sized medieval cities, easy to potter around and with plenty to keep you occupied for several days. Thankfully, they largely avoided damage in the Second World War.

In Erfurt, I got pleasantly lost among the cobbled market squares. Martin Luther studied here in the 1500s before taking holy orders, and it is not too hard to imagine yourself back in time beside the shops of the Krämerbrücke bridge, built 700 years ago. This is equally so in the city's restored Old Synagogue, which dates to the 11th century.

By the 1930s, this great edifice had long lost its original purpose, which helped it escape destruction by the National Socialists, but now it has been renovated and has exhibits that include the Erfurt Treasure, a hoard of 14th-century local artefacts including coins, brooches, tableware and an ornate gold Jewish wedding ring. For dinner, I wandered into a half-timbered inn, the Naumburgischen Keller (restaurant- in-erfurt.de) to practise my schoolboy German and sat at the bar for a large plate of black beer goulash with red cabbage and klôsse (hearty Thuringian potato dumplings).

Regensburg is dominated by the Gothic cathedral, but around town other structures stand out, too. In the Middle Ages, local merchants traded with Italy and aped the Tuscan towers they saw in towns such as San Gimignano when they got home. At one time, there were more than 70 - and the richer the merchant, the taller the tower. Wandering to the river, I came to the 900-year-old stone bridge, once the only fortified crossing of the Danube - and paused to snack on sausages and sauerkraut in its shadow.

From the railway station, bus number 5 took me a few miles out of town to Walhalla, a bonkers neoclassical, Parthenon-style memorial commissioned by King Ludwig in the 19th century to honour notable Germans. It was he who also encouraged the opening of the first steam-hauled railway in the country in 1835. That evening, I raised a glass to him in the Kneitinger Keller (kneitingerkeller.de) beer hall back in town, and a second one to the fact that I was on my way to Munich with no sight, so far, of any schienenersatzverkehr. Will Hide was a guest of the German National Tourist Office (germany.travel)

Get on track The D-Ticket ([*www.bahn.com/en/offers/regional/*](http://www.bahn.com/en/offers/regional/) deutschlandticket) offers unlimited travel throughout Germany by all means of local public rail transport, including some buses and even boats. It is not valid on ICE, IC/EC, FlixTrain or RE trains operated by DB Fernverkehr AG). Children under six travel free on an adult's D-Ticket.

It costs (EURO)49 per month and is a subscription ticket, meaning you will need to open an account and have your bank details ready when buying it. Tickets start on the first day of the month. You can cancel the subscription until the 10th of that month, in order to avoid charges for the following month.

You can purchase the subscription online, in the DB Navigator app and at DB travel centres. Cancel via the subscription portal: to do so, register your subscription on your account when you buy the ticket. A conductor may ask to see your passport or driving licence when you are on the train.

Note: there isn't much luggage space on regional trains, and seat reservations aren't available when using the D-Ticket.

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com); Hotel Zumnorde, Erfurt (£122; hotel-zum norde.de); Arthotel ANA Aurel, Regensburg (£91; [*www.ana-hotels.com*](http://www.ana-hotels.com)); Aloft Munich (£133; [*www.marriott.com*](http://www.marriott.com)) ? More information visitberlin.de; leipzig.travel; erfurt-touris mus.de; regensburg.de; munich.travel

**Graphic**

Access all areas: with the D-Ticket, travellers can easily explore the German countryside, including postcard-pretty Fischen, in Bavaria

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RACHEL RILEY has revealed that her brother-in-law had to flee Russia to avoid being conscripted.

The Countdown host is married to Pasha Kovalev, 43, the Strictly Come Dancing professional she was paired with on the BBC show a decade ago.

Riley, 37, said the war in Ukraine was deeply personal to them and that Alexandr Kovalev, her Russian husband's brother, was forced to leave the country when the war in Ukraine began.

Alexandr, also known as Sasha, is now living in exile in Turkey. Some 300,000 Russian men were recruited to fight in Ukraine last year. In April, an electronic draft system was enforced, making it nearly impossible to avoid being enlisted.

Riley took in four ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** - a woman, her young son, aunt and mother - shortly after the war started and hosted them for more than a year in her London home before they returned to Ukraine. "They were from occupied territories in the east so they can't return home, but they are going to try and settle in western Ukraine," she told The Sun.

**Graphic**

Rachel Riley with Pasha Kovalev, whose brother fled to Turkey to avoid conscription

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[*Scots oppose plan to house migrants on cruise ship*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:68J2-WKS1-DYTY-C1GK-00000-00&context=1519360)

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HOME OFFICE plans to house migrants on a cruise ship in Scotland are likely to be blocked after opposition from the local council and Scottish Government.

Forth Ports also said it could not accommodate asylum seekers in Leith docks after the Home Office approached the council seeking to commission the MS Victoria, a cruise ship that has been used for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***.

The moves represent the latest blow to the Home Office's efforts to transfer migrants out of hotels, where some 46,000 are being housed at a cost of £6million a day. It follows thwarted plans to use cruise ships on the Mersey in Wirral and in city docks in London.

It came as it emerged the Home Office is working on plans to house migrants in marquees on large sites. This is in addition to plans to house more than 3,000 migrants on RAF bases Scampton in Lincolnshire and Wethersfield in Essex.

The Home Office said yesterday that more than 3,000 migrants crossed the Channel by small boat in June, a record month for the year so far and already ahead of last June's total.

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[*The Tories desperately need a Boris comeback; His star factor hasn't gone away, and it could help win over Red Wall voters - but only if the PM welcomes him back to front-line politics*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:67DS-4XD1-DYTY-C20B-00000-00&context=1519360)

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**Body**

Sir Rod Stewart has always been the people's pop star. When he isn't too busy belting out Baby Jane, Maggie May and other greatest hits, he's filling in potholes or renting homes for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***. And his wife, Penny Lancaster, is a special police constable - so while they may be multi-millionaires, it's fair to conclude this glorious couple have got their celebrity feet on the ground.

All of which is to say: there's a problem when Sir Rod, who previously associated with Conservatism, calls for the Tories to stand aside and hand over power to Labour. Indeed, it was just a few years ago that the rocker praised Boris Johnson for winning the general election, tweeting: "Well done, Boris." He had backed Boris before, on the basis that when it came to Brexit, the then prime minister would get to grips with it. "We're in a muddle, but I think Boris will sort it out. We have to be patient," Sir Rod said.

Fast forward to this week and the 78-year-old said it was time to "change the bloody Government". Speaking out in support of nurses, he added: "I personally have been a Tory for a long time but I think this Government should stand down now and give the Labour Party a go at it. This is heartbreaking for the nurses, it really is heartbreaking. In all my years of living in this country I've never seen it so bad. This is a bad time for us in Great Britain, it really is."

Now, the trouble for Rishi Sunak is that Sir Rod's view reflects the mood among many disgruntled Tories - even if they wouldn't go so far as to endorse Labour publicly. But as is ever the case with this Government of seemingly shy Conservatives and timid Thatcherites, there was no attempt to win back Sir Rod. There was no alternative case made. There never is. The official response to these sorts of outbursts is very much in the vein of the singer's 1975 hit, I Don't Want to Talk About It.

And that way lies disaster. As elections guru Isaac Levido told the

Cabinet during its away-day at Chequers on Thursday, solid adherence to a core Tory message is vital. The key is communicating that message - not just clearly, but constantly. Yes, the party may be 20 points behind Labour, but polling is "a mile wide and an inch deep", in the words of Sir Iain Duncan Smith. The next election doesn't have to be a repeat of 1997, when Labour was led by a charismatic son-of-a-Tory willing to cleave off Conservative policies. Blair was light years ahead of Starmer.

This year, voters could yet forgive the Tories for their trespasses so they can be delivered from the evils of Starmer's socialist offering - but they can't do it if Rishi Sunak and Jeremy Hunt remain as lesser spotted as they are currently. While it's all very well and good that the Prime Minister and Chancellor are "working hard behind the scenes", what the disheartened public really needs right now is the sort of high-profile plain speaking we have heard from Sir Rod.

Forget speeches to half-empty factories (or in Mr Hunt's case yesterday, Bloomberg HQ, of all places), we need to hear our most senior politicians vocally making the case for Conservatism, day in, day out, on the streets and in marketplaces, between now and the next election. Dare I say it, but what they really need is a bish, bash Boris approach to communications.

It was probably a coincidence, but nevertheless emblematic, that just a day after Boris's "What the hell are we waiting for?" rallying cry, Germany and the US finally followed the UK in making a historic pledge to supply heavy battle tanks to Ukraine. While I appreciate how much groundwork was laid in bilateral conversations between the world leaders, like him or loathe him, Mr Johnson does have an uncanny feel for the zeitgeist on these issues, simply by listening to the public mood and telling it like it is.

Other leaders are less talented. In the days preceding Boris's intervention, German chancellor Olaf Scholz was shaky on sending Leopards, as was Joe Biden on providing Abrams M1s. But as pressure mounted, the US President ended up echoing Mr Johnson's punchy words, declaring: "This is about freedom. Putin expected Europe and the US to weaken our resolve. He expected our support for Ukraine to crumble with time. He was wrong."

I would go as far as to say that if ever there was a reminder that Mr Johnson still has an important role to play in public life, then it is the Ukraine war. Sometimes you see the best of politicians when they are animated by one particular topic. When Boris talks about Ukraine, you see the man who won in 2019.

Of course, this doesn't mean returning as prime minister. Some ethical questions about his tenure in Downing Street need to be answered before that even becomes a consideration. But if the current occupants of Downing Street and Conservative headquarters cannot appreciate Boris's value as an ambassador for the Tory brand, then they shouldn't expect to win the next election, frankly.

Boris's critics would say that he's anathema to the parts of the country he cannot reach - and they may well be right - but he still remains Heinekenesque to the parts he can reach, like the Red Wall. In November, polling guru Professor John Curtice calculated that loyalty to the Conservatives among 2016 Leave voters had nosedived by a staggering 30 points. Even those who blame Mr Johnson for this can surely agree that he may now be the best person - indeed the only person - who stands any chance of winning them back.

There's also a parliamentary benefit for Rishi in this. Both Liz Truss and he struggled to hold sway with rebellious Red Wall MPs. But these same backbenchers owe their seats to Boris and his campaign. Perhaps he can soothe the relationship between them and the whips' office.

Moreover, as the man who won London not once but twice - and with the party's few remaining London MPs facing the prospect of electoral annihilation come 2024 - why not unleash him in the capital, against Sadiq Khan's awful record?

After all, there's no better example of the difference between a bad Labour leader and a good Tory one than the recent history of London. A flourishing international hub under Boris Johnson's mayoralty, with violent crime falling at an extraordinary pace, the city is now riddled with problems, with serious increases in robbery and knife crime. You can't park your car without worrying about losing your catalytic converter or hold your phone without imagining it being snatched from your hand by a yob on a scooter.

Meanwhile, Sadiq Khan's mismanagement has cost London's transport network, as I highlight below, billions of pounds in lost revenue, waste and bailouts. So why not get the former mayor in London's radio stations, making these comparisons in his own, entertaining fashion?

In any case it is safe to predict we will be seeing more of the former prime minister in the coming weeks and months. He seems more willing now to appear on camera to sit down for personal interviews. He increasingly looks like a man wanting to redeem himself and defend his record in government.

Yes, there is also the small matter of his appearance before the Commons privileges committee in March, which his critics hope will finish him off for good. But his Tory detractors ought to be careful what they wish for. If the proceedings are televised, as planned, then I suspect they will only reinforce Boris's status as the only Conservative capable of arousing more than a "meh" reaction from the average voter.

And that is the point Rishi Sunak would do well to heed. When you're fighting for your political life, visibility is key. If that cannot be done by the current Prime Minister, he ought to explore ways to get a helping hand from the only living Tory with Sir Rod Stewart's star factor.

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**Graphic**

Bish, bash Boris: the current Conservative Party could do with the kind of forthright communication its former leader deployed in 2019SHUTTERSTOCK EFE/ EPA- HALL/ NEIL

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sir - Amid the concern about churches not taking cash donations (Letters, January 3), may I pay tribute to the silent majority who support the church through regular online donations?

As giving coordinator for our church, I can tell you that this group stuck with us during Covid when we were not even allowed in church, have signed up to inflation-linked giving, and willingly adopted our cashless donation station. They respond generously to special calls, such as to support Afghan and ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***. They are matched by those who give their time and indeed open their homes to these refugees.

We gladly take cash if people want to give it. Of course, cash condemns me to a visit to the bank, but I view that as a helpful reminder of the purgatory that awaits those of us who sin.

Philip Wedmore London SE24

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[*'Getting a visa is harder than fleeing war'; After saving a friend's children from Ukraine, Jo Cope faces a new trial, says Helen Brown*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:64YV-RJD1-DYTY-C1P6-00000-00&context=1519360)

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Four days after leaving her parents behind in Ukraine, 14-year-old Sacha\* wept after she finally climbed into bed in Dublin. Russian shells had been exploding around her village in the small hours of February 25, when her frantic father, Ivan, texted a friend in Essex, pleading with her to travel to a Polish border point and take his young charges - Sacha, her eightyear-old brother Aleks and their 15-year-old cousin, Anna - to safety.

The second that Jo Cope - a 35-yearold single mother-of-three in Chelmsford, Essex - received Ivan's text, she booked herself on the next flight out to a remote airport in eastern Poland, from where she could make her way to Ukraine's border to collect the three children. They had journeyed to the crossing in the snow, carrying just a small rucksack each, their birth certificates - and a laminated legal document giving Cope legal guardianship of them for one year.

After their extraordinary rescue was first reported in The Telegraph last week, donations to Cope's JustGiving fundraising page surpassed £50,000.

But reaching the children was the easy bit. Thanks to the ongoing shambles with the Home Office's visa scheme for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** - which, within two days of its launch last week, saw just 50 people granted visas, despite 13,500 applications - getting the children back to Cope's Chelmsford home has proven an even greater logistical challenge. She has found herself repeatedly being told that, because the children are not blood relatives, she would not be allowed to enter the UK with them.

In fact, the closest Cope could legally get to Essex was Ireland. On arrival in Dublin, the four of them were collected at the airport by a woman Cope had contacted through an online group called Ireland United for Ukraine.

"This woman [who would like to remain anonymous] was incredibly generous. She invited us to stay in her home. She has a puppy, which was a huge icebreaker and really kept the children occupied. Her own teenage kids gave up their bedrooms for us, and Sacha, Aleks and Anna wolfed down her home-cooked steak and mash."

That first night, Sacha, 14 - who had taken the lead negotiating the children's complicated path out of Ukraine - became "very low-spirited". Cope says: "She lay down on the bed and cried. I lay with her. I used Google Translate to tell her it was OK to be angry and to be sad. I told her she was safe with me. She didn't reply. She just lay there with tears running down her cheeks."

The next morning, Cope took the children with her to Dublin's British

Embassy, where she found herself in a Catch-22 situation. "I couldn't get past the reception desk," she says. "The security man told us we needed to make an appointment. But we couldn't make an appointment before submitting a visa application. There was no visa corresponding to our situation, which is why I wanted to make the appointment. It was so frustrating."

Cope was given a Home Office number to call, but was told the same thing. "At that point, I sat down on the pavement outside the embassy and sobbed. I needed to get the Ukrainian children into my own home where we could all relax a bit. And I needed to get back to my own children.

"Although lots of Irish people were telling me to just cross the border [with Northern Ireland] without waiting for British visas, I'd heard there might be an announcement coming on Friday about kids in our category. So I decided to stay put for another day." Cope took the kids out for ice cream "to lighten the mood", then returned to her host's home where Anna and Aleks watched an animated movie on the Disney Channel, and Sacha returned to her bed to cry.

Cope wasn't sure how much the girls knew about what is happening in their home country, but was relieved their parents have moved from their bombed-out home village to relative safety: "They're on their phones a lot, getting updates from their family and looking at news of the war. I'm trying to give them space and privacy until they're ready to discuss it with me."

That evening, Cope lost contact with Sacha and Aleks's parents. "Aleks got upset," says Cope. "We tried to settle him, but he ran upstairs. I tucked him into bed and stroked his hair until he fell asleep."

On Friday, Cope found a solicitor who "dropped what he was doing, and kindly got the [legal guardianship] documents translated for me. He made sure everything was official." However, it didn't advance their case for visas with the Home Office.

To lift the mood, their host gave them all 50 euros each to go into Dublin and buy some new clothes. "For an hour, they were just having fun, being normal teenagers in Primark," says Cope. "They strutted around in the changing rooms and laughed. Aleks is obsessed with Minecraft, so we scoured the store for some Minecraft-themed T-shirts, which he loved. He helped carry everything. He's such a loving, helpful kid. He hasn't left my side. He's fully glued to me."

Because Anna is a passionate student of art history, Cope also took the children to the National Gallery of Ireland. "She got up so close to the paintings, and her face lit up. She could have spent all day there." When Cope diverted them to a study area, where they were given pencils and paper, the pictures they drew were heartbreaking - "mostly crying kids holding Ukrainian flags".

At that point - in the absence of an announcement about a change in visa rules from Home Secretary Priti Patel - Cope decided to take matters into her own hands. "I drove into Northern Ireland and got on a ferry from Larne to Cairnryan in Scotland, which took a couple of hours. From there, we got trains to London, and then on to Essex."

On the 12-hour journey from the west coast of Scotland to Chelmsford, Cope was staggered to check her JustGiving page to see the amount of money donated since the Telegraph article about her efforts had been published: an "overwhelmingly kind" £59,387 from 1,208 donors.

"The money has taken so much pressure off of me," says Cope. "I can buy beds and mattresses, and afford to feed them without worrying. We can't all fit into my rented house, so for now my 14-year-old son has had to move in with my mum, and I'm sleeping downstairs on the sofa while I look for something a bit bigger."

On Tuesday, she was invited to appear on ITV's This Morning, where presenters Phillip Schofield and Holly Willoughby called on the Government to grant visas for the children. Sacha, Aleks and Anna were "thrilled to go into the TV studio, starstruck by the whole thing".

Keenly aware she has effectively broken British law to get the children home to safety, Cope hopes that the British Government will do the right thing and grant them visas to enable them to stay with her for the year. She isn't holding her breath: "The kind of warm welcome we received in Europe," she says, "we've not had that here." \*Names have been changed. To donate to Jo Cope's mission, go to [*www.tinyurl.com/jocopeukraine*](http://www.tinyurl.com/jocopeukraine)

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Rescue mission: Jo Cope with her Ukrainian friends' children who she collected from Poland to bring them back to her home in EssexTelegraph THE FOR PUGH GEOFF

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If you have ever been near a dating app, one thing you'll know is you have to "chat" to at least eight people at the same time before there's even a sniff of a date on the horizon. Yes, it's very time consuming. It's also a numbers game as the person you're talking to will invariably be chatting to several other people and so on and so forth. It's a lot like a Ponzi scheme involving resilience, courage, perseverance and a couple of bruises to the heart along the way. In fact, you're more likely to win the Grand National at 50-1 than meet someone on a dating app and fall in love (not an official stat, before someone checks).

This week I decided to narrow my chances of going on a date further, by posing the type of opening question never usually asked on dating apps: "Nice to meet you! So, how do you feel about the situation in Ukraine?"

Of the eight people I'm currently conversing with, three described how they were paying zero attention to the situation and trying to get on with their lives. Fair enough, we gotta do what we gotta to do to survive. One described the situation as "fake news". One didn't bother to reply (it's a big question, so I forgave him). The remaining three reported various fundraising efforts and spoke of loading supply trucks destined for Ukraine borders. (Obviously, I pursued the man who described the war as fake news, as this year part of my new improved life plan is to date a conspiracy theorist who repeats stories pushed to them via Russian [*www.bots.No*](http://www.bots.No) thanks, Satan.)

The truth is, I feel ridiculous going on dates - never mind writing a dating column - when the world is in such disarray. Who cares whom I've dated this week and where we went for dinner? I don't, so why should you? As daily reports of civilian deaths and a never-ending stream of displaced ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** fill the airwaves like poison, I count my daily blessings that it's not my family and do my best to remain calm, especially when discussing current world events at home.

Nothing feels normal at the moment and my go-to props aren't working either, by which I mean nice frocks 'n' stuff (not booze: that still works). But I have a long-held belief that clothes have the power to provide women with an armour of confidence, an idea formed around my mid-teens when I stole my stepdad's jumper and wore it as a dress (the way I swaggered into the youth club that night is the stuff of legend). When the s--- hits the proverbial, you'll find me reaching for the war paint and I'm not ashamed to admit my that my "specialist subjects" include fashion and beauty. So what? Fashion can be as feminist as it is escapist and the clothes we wear a celebratory outward expression of who we are and how we feel. Fashion is also a reflection of the wider culture, mirroring the politics of the times we are in - we all know that sales of red lipstick rose during the Second World War. Case closed.

I'm no keyboard warrior, but the other week I decided to share my feelings of general despair at the Ukrainian situation across my social media platforms. I felt daft illustrating the post with an incongruous image of me posing in an ever-so-joyful floral suit, but it was intentional by way of illustrating a point. In my brief caption below the photograph, I explained how "talking all things frippery" feels so out of step with what's happening in the world and braced myself for the usual mixed bag of reactions from strangers. That's what happens on social media: a frenzy of comments from the savage to the sublime, which I'm now OK with, thanks, in part due to the rather thickish skin I've had no choice but to develop.

The comments beneath my post illustrated that when it comes to how we react to major world events there appears to be two camps. Broadly speaking, there are the "shove your fingers in your ears, ignore the news and go for a pint with your mates because there's really nothing you can do about the world anyway" type and there are my people, the "worry about everything and lay awake at night racking your brains trying to figure out how to help, which may even involve taking a flight to Moscow and pleading with

Putin directly" type. It's thanks to the comments beneath my Instagram that I decided to road test this "how people react to major world events" theory on dating apps (cut me some slack: this is a dating column - head to the front page for heavy-duty news).

I've been back on dating apps for a total of four weeks and have already changed my dating age preferences to include the over-60s. I travelled to LA recently, where I met a 67-year-old man who, in a nonchalant way, informed me that he only ever dates women in my age range (I'm 48 in May). He was sprightly and engaging and spending two hours with him walking and talking made me realise I should probably "up" my age preferences on Hinge - aka the app where seemingly every single person on the planet heads for online dates - in order to widen the field a little. Previously, my age preferences were set at upwards of 22, so I raised that age to 42 while simultaneously increasing my age limit to include anyone up to the age of 65 (it had previously been capped at 50). Don't judge me for originally setting my age range so low; I hadn't expected any man beneath the age of 25 to contact me. But au contraire, proof the world is a treasure trove of mystery, wonder and utter madness, my inbox was (and still is) full to the brim with unread messages from men young enough to be my child. Just call me Cougar Duguid from now on. (Except don't. I'm not looking for a cub; I'm looking for someone age-appropriate with shared values.)

Shared values needn't mean agreeing on the same political party or having the same taste in interior decoration; it's about being on the same page when it comes to raising family and the general way in which we live our lives. The comments beneath my Instagram post made me realise that instead of losing time opening online conversations with niceties about children and locations and favourite films, I needed to cut to the chase and go straight in with: "Hi, nice to connect with you. How are you feeling about (insert title of latest world disaster)?"

It must be so relaxing conversing with me on a dating app - no wonder I'm single - but I'd rather be direct and to the point than date anyone who sticks their head in the sand, or worse, in a barrel of beer, hoping Rome will extinguish itself. I want to meet likeminded people whose eyes, minds and hearts are open. I used to rate confidence as a number one attribute in a partner, but I now value empathy over chutzpah.

And that's the brilliant thing about dating apps: you have carte blanche to ask probing questions to men of all ages (hello, sexagenarians) and if you don't like their answer, or someone on Hinge sounds unhinged, you can just hit delete. If only real life were that simple.

Fashion is a reflection of wider culture, mirroring the politics of the times - lipstick sales rise in war

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Ihad already had it up to here with unrepentant Remainers refusing to admit that they might have got it a little bit wrong about the bully John Bercow.

Apparently, it is all Priti Patel's fault that the former Right-wing headbanger turned "progressive" referendum reverser was hurling mobile phones at staff, when he wasn't too busy abusing his power as Commons Speaker to say "b------s to Brexit".

The silence from those who happily overlooked the pint-sized prig's personality defects in the interests of delivering their own unique brand of "democracy" has been deafening. Yet now we are once again being subjected to the same embittered group of usual suspects when it comes to Britain's response to the war in Ukraine.

On Wednesday Brussels's foremost fangirl, Helle Thorning-Schmidt, decried the UK's response to the crisis. The former prime minister of Denmark smugly told Question Time: "You said something that almost made me chuckle before, when you said that 'Putin will think that the UK's leading the efforts against Russia right now'. Of course it's not. The European Union is leading the effort against Russia so I don't think they'll see Boris Johnson as a particular leader in this field."

Yes, because of course French President Emmanuel Macron achieved so much by being humiliated for 90 minutes at the end of Putin's socially distanced dining table, returning to the bloc with less than Neville Chamberlain's piece of paper.

Thorning-Schmidt, who is married to the Labour MP Stephen Kinnock - son of Neil and Glenys, who have made millions from the EU - may want to get her own house in order before criticising others. The Danish government was this week accused of hypocrisy for welcoming ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** with open arms, while simultaneously urging Syrian refugees to return to Damascus and the surrounding countryside, despite the ongoing civil war and President Bashar al-Assad's brutal regime being propped up by Russian jets.

There is no doubt that the Home Office has spectacularly bungled the Ukrainian visa scheme, but it is complete nonsense to suggest that Britain hasn't led the way on Russia, having pushed forward plans to ban its access to the Swift banking system while Brussels dithered and delayed, as well as sanctioning more Russian assets than the US and EU combined.

While we were training 22,000 Ukrainian troops, providing 2,000 anti-tank missiles, and ordering warships to the Black Sea, the Germans were prevaricating over whether to send 5,000 helmets to the Ukrainian army. We closed sterling clearing to Russia while Brussels was still permitting Russia to access euro clearing.

Some of the criticism of the Government this week from the FBPE (follow back, pro-EU) brigade harks back to when they supported Sergey Lavrov against Liz Truss before the first missiles landed on Kyiv. I'm not suggesting the Foreign Secretary has always got it right - her suggestion that British citizens should fight in Ukraine was certainly misjudged. But you'd have thought she deserves more of our respect than a Kremlin stooge who dismisses the horror and revulsion at the bombing of a maternity hospital in Mariupol as a "pathetic outcry".

As one of George W Bush's senior aides correctly identified some years ago, the bloke is a "complete a---hole" and anyone who sides with him over members of our own Cabinet deserves a similar epithet. And if you are really so bitter and full of self-loathing that you can't bring yourself to admit that Britain has led on Russia - can you not accept that Boris Johnson's clearly close relationship with President Zelensky is precisely why the likes of Ukraine, Poland and the Baltics now look to our Prime Minister for leadership? On Wednesday night, Johnson and Zelensky spoke in what one Downing Street insider described as a "very emotional" telephone conversation which left some of those listening in with tears in their eyes.

The Prime Minister apparently ends all calls to his Ukrainian counterpart - already the subject of numerous assassination attempts - with the words: "Stay safe, I'm sure this will not be the last time that we speak." As evidenced by the warmth with which Zelensky referenced "Boris" in his historic Commons address, they appear to have forged a better bond than most. That counts for a great deal in a horrific situation like this, regardless of what the detractors might have you believe.

And where else exactly is the leadership coming from for these Eastern European nations, fearful that they might be next?

Poland can hardly look to the US for support after it rejected its offer to send two dozen MiG-29 fighter jets to Ukraine in a move that has only served to remind Putin that Nato can indeed be divided. Nor can it seemingly rely on the EU. Despite the Poles being among the true heroes of the Ukrainian invasion, taking in more than a million refugees, the European Parliament still voted to sanction Poland earlier this week as part of their rule of law dispute. It comes after the European Court of Justice last month dismissed a Polish and Hungarian challenge to a new law which would allow the bloc to cut funds to member countries found to have violated democratic rights and freedoms.

With everything that is going on in the wider world, 478 MEPs voted for the sanctions and 155 against, despite both countries having to shoulder the burden of the economic cost of a war unfolding on their doorstep. If the EU had any morality, it would surely be plowing billions of euros into Poland to stop the refugee crisis there becoming a pan-European one - not least because most of those refugees will not want to be far from Ukraine, desperately hoping they can one day return to their homeland.

Instead, EU obsessives are continuing with their petty quest, as all the while Russia shows the true meaning of disregarding the rule of law.

Moreover, the Poles were actually ahead of the EU on Russia. While Germany was still busily pushing ahead with Nord Stream 2, the Polish Prime Minister wrote perceptively in this newspaper of Putin's evil plans for domination.

In June 2021, the European Council tasked the European External Action Service (EEAS) with creating a package of potential restrictive measures on Russia. Ironically, it took no "action" whatsoever, with no paper produced, and very little discussion of the issue among EU member states. Yet we can be in no doubt that Brussels will still use this crisis to entrench its powers and further the cause of integration. There has already been talk of an EU army - a direct threat to Nato.

The truth is the EU has been at best an irrelevance during this catastrophe. It has been excruciatingly slow to react (in part, because so many of its members are compromised by their links to Moscow).

Even in the face of crippling energy bills, it has been sloth-like in its response to its own short-sighted and naive dependence on the Kremlin's energy exports.

While the UK has pledged to phase out its reliance on Russian oil, which accounts for just 4 per cent of our supplies, by the end of the year, how has the EU proposed to reduce its much greater dependency? It has advised anyone wanting to heat their home without needing to remortgage it to turn down their thermostats by one degree celsius.

This isn't leadership - it's laughable.

So, no, this crisis hasn't shown how great the EU is, as some deluded Remainers have alleged. On the contrary, it has shown the extraordinary power and value of nation states, like Britain, like Poland and like Ukraine.

Despite the Poles taking in over a million refugees, the European Parliament still voted to sanction Poland this week

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Long shot: Emmanuel Macron met Vladimir Putin in Moscow for talks in early FebruaryIMAGES GETTY VIA AFP SPUTNIK/

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Mrs O'Brien said her family would host the family "for as long as they need" in Driffield, East Yorkshire. "All the other countries are helping and I want to do everything in my power to help them feel safe, loved and supported," Mrs O'Brien said.

Host nation Shapps becomes first minister to open doors to a refugee, while former health secretary Hancock follows suit

Grant Shapps became the first Cabinet minister to open up his home to a Ukrainian refugee.

The Transport Secretary tweeted: "We've spent the past few weeks as a family discussing the devastating situation in Ukraine, and so we intend to apply today to join other UK households in offering our home to provide refuge to Ukrainians until it is safe for them to return to their country." Mr Shapps described the scenes from Ukraine as "heartbreaking" and said that he and his family had been moved to act after seeing harrowing footage from the conflict on television and social media.

Hours later, Matt Hancock, the former Health Secretary, confirmed he would also be signing up and opening his home to support Ukraine. "I urge everyone who is able to help to register and welcome a family in desperate need," he wrote.

Sajid Javid said he had started to have a conversation with his wife about it but suggested he might not have enough time to devote to a refugee.

The Health Secretary said: "It's important that anyone that becomes a host ... can fulfil the obligations of a host, that they can spend time with these families and help, but there are many ways that we can all help and whatever I do at a personal level, I will most certainly be helping."

On Sunday, Michael Gove gave a provisional "yes". The Communities Secretary said: "Without going into my personal circumstances, there are a couple of things I need to sort out - but yes."

Sadiq Khan, London's mayor, said: "We won't be able to because of space and other security issues, but I admire the generosity of those Londoners, and we know our city is a very generous city."

Sir Keir Starmer, the

Labour leader, said in an interview with The Times that he would take in a refugee "if necessary, as many people would. I think we're a very welcoming nation." Boris

Johnson's official spokesman said it was down to individual ministers whether they chose to give accommodation.

"There are specific challenges around security on housing people inNo 10," he said. " Various ministers have been asked about this. It will come down to individual circumstances. This is a significant commitment." Dominic Penna

**Graphic**

Above, the O'Briens. Left, the Kuchers

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Mrs O'Brien said her family would host the family "for as long as they need" in Driffield, East Yorkshire. "All the other countries are helping and I want to do everything in my power to help them feel safe, loved and supported," Mrs O'Brien said.

Host nation Shapps becomes first minister to open doors to a refugee, while former health secretary Hancock follows suit

Grant Shapps became the first Cabinet minister to open up his home to a Ukrainian refugee.

The Transport Secretary tweeted: "We've spent the past few weeks as a family discussing the devastating situation in Ukraine, and so we intend to apply today to join other UK households in offering our home to provide refuge to Ukrainians until it is safe for them to return to their country." Mr Shapps described the scenes from Ukraine as "heartbreaking" and said that he and his family had been moved to act after seeing harrowing footage from the conflict on television and social media.

Hours later, Matt Hancock, the former Health Secretary, confirmed he would also be signing up and opening his home to support Ukraine. "I urge everyone who is able to help to register and welcome a family in desperate need," he wrote.

Sajid Javid said he had started to have a conversation with his wife about it but suggested he might not have enough time to devote to a refugee.

The Health Secretary said: "It's important that anyone that becomes a host ... can fulfil the obligations of a host, that they can spend time with these families and help, but there are many ways that we can all help and whatever I do at a personal level, I will most certainly be helping."

On Sunday, Michael Gove gave a provisional "yes". The Communities Secretary said: "Without going into my personal circumstances, there are a couple of things I need to sort out - but yes."

Sadiq Khan, London's mayor, said: "We won't be able to because of space and other security issues, but I admire the generosity of those Londoners, and we know our city is a very generous city."

Sir Keir Starmer, the

Labour leader, said in an interview with The Times that he would take in a refugee "if necessary, as many people would. I think we're a very welcoming nation." Boris

Johnson's official spokesman said it was down to individual ministers whether they chose to give accommodation.

"There are specific challenges around security on housing people inNo 10," he said. " Various ministers have been asked about this. It will come down to individual circumstances. This is a significant commitment." Dominic Penna

**Graphic**

Above, the O'Briens. Left, the Kuchers

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[*Job done Payments rise as refugees minister quits*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:669T-RBF1-JCBW-N2DW-00000-00&context=1519360)

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British families who have taken in ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** will see their "thank you" payments doubled, the minister in charge of the scheme suggested yesterday as he resigned from the Government. Lord Harrington has stood down after six months as refugees minister, declaring his job as "essentially complete".

He said he had successfully argued for support payments to families who host refugees in the UK to be doubled from £350 to £700 a month. "I actually feel now it doesn't need a separate minister because you have got a really good team to do it, and they can report on a monthly basis to the new Secretary of State," he said. "So I felt it was an opportune moment [and] it was not a political statement about this leader or that [leader]."

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[*Jailed, whipped, in exile: the Russian band who won't stop taunting Putin; A decade of Kremlin repression - and Western disdain - hasn't quashed Pussy Riot's spirit. They tell Colin Freeman what drives them*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:66FM-VYX1-DYTY-C0GD-00000-00&context=1519360)

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Just a few hours ahead of their gig at the University of Kent, Russian punk collective Pussy Riot are laughing at a clip of a chat show in which Kremlin MPs discuss the Ukraine war. The politicians are debating Russia's next move, and their suggestions are not the kind of thing you hear on the BBC's Question Time. One MP suggests nuking Britain, saying: "If we turn the British Isles into a Martian desert in three minutes flat, Nato won't respond."

Then the Pussy Riot giggles stop. "After years of hearing this kind of stuf, we make jokes about it, but of course it's not funny - it's frightening, evil," says Maria Alyokhina, 34, one of the group's founding members. "It took the Nazis years to come up with this kind of propaganda - Russia has taken just a few months."

Nobody can say that Pussy Riot didn't warn us. Ten years ago, they became the balaclava-clad face of Russia's protest movement, after sneaking into a Moscow cathedral to perform a raucous "punk prayer" against Vladimir Putin. In outrage terms, it was Russia's answer to the Sex Pistols' God Save the Queen, although the penalties were more than just tabloid fury. Maria and two others were jailed for "hooliganism motivated by religious hatred".

Since then, the collective have toured the world, their mix of Slavic girl power and LGBT politics earning namechecks from Madonna and Hillary Clinton. They have been jailed multiple further times, pepper-sprayed and whipped. Human-rights groups have declared them "prisoners of conscience". God-fearing Putin supporters suspect they may be witches. But for a long time, their warnings that the Russian president's rule was becoming a dystopian nightmare seemed perhaps overblown. Not any more.

When we meet at the Canterbury campus on Wednesday, the band are digesting Putin's comments the night before that he is not "bluffing" in his threat to use nuclear weapons against the West. He has also announced the mobilisation of 300,000 army reservists to try to turn the tide in the war. In his refusal to accept that Ukraine is no longer Russia's vassal state, Alyokhina says that Putin is acting like an abusive husband. "It is like a domestic violence case. The aggressor cannot accept that the other partner now wants to live independently."

She has already quit Putin's controlling ifluence. Having served six jail stints in the past 18 months alone - she was behind bars when Putin invaded in February - Alyokhina was put under house arrest upon release, with security agents watching her flat. Rather like the Russian military's performance in Ukraine, however, they proved less formidable than one might expect. She escaped by the simple ruse of dressing as a food courier, leaving her phone behind to avoid being tracked. In April, she crossed into Lithuania, aided by a travel document issued by a friendly European country.

She has now hooked up with current bandmates Olga Borisova, Diana Burkot and Taso Pletner, who left using their normal passports. Despite the tensions with Europe, Russians are still largely free to come and go - although whether Pussy Riot would be advised to return home is another question entirely. It is fair to say that their European tour - scheduled for the student circuit in Britain, as well as Ireland and Norway - is unlikely to win rave reviews in the Russian state media. The content, a blend of performance art and industrial techno, is a none-too-subtle rant against the "bitch" Putin, who "Botoxed his cheeks and puffed up his chest". Ticket revenues, meanwhile, will go to help ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***. Putin supporters may regard such benefit gigs as treason. So can they really return home afterwards?

"Er... physically, yes," says Borisova, 28. A pause follows, suggesting that this is not an option to be taken lightly. "Right now, though, we are focusing on our tours and raising money for Ukraine, rather than being arrested and silenced."

On which note, should you wish to see them in action, it may also be worth girding yourself by watching their acclaimed 2013 documentary, Pussy Rpot: A Punk Prfyer. It charts the origins of the group's ethos - a protest not just against Putin's government, but the macho, traditional Russian Orthodox values he has promoted, with young women encouraged to breed for Mother Russia.

Musically, their early influences included British bands such as the Angelic Upstarts, whose song Polpce Oppresspon they once sampled, but in the true spirit of punk, the message always mattered more. The documentary shows footage of their infamous 2012 performance at Christ the Saviour Cathedral, when they leapt around the altar shouting "Mother of God, Rid us of Putin". A furious nun chases them, shouting: "God will judge you!"

So too did the Russian courts, which sentenced Alyokhina and two other then members, Nadezhda Tolokonnikova, and Yekaterina Samutsevich, to two years each in jail - not that it acted as much deterrent. Two months after being released, Alyokhina gave another gig upstaging Putin's showcase Winter Olympics in Sochi, when she was whipped by Cossack security guards.

The cathedral protest appalled the Russian Orthodox faithful, who struggle even with the group's name. "The best translation is 'deranged vaginas'," one baffled Orthodox believer tells the documentary. Yet the band's ire was directed not at the church itself, but its head, Patriarch Kirill, for supporting Vladimir Putin's conservative, imperialist vision.

At the time of the protest, Kirill was little-known in the West, despite widespread reports that he once worked for the KGB. Since the Ukraine invasion, however, the cleric has become notorious as the war's chief cheerleader, praising Russian troops as heroes. The former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, has denounced Kirill for "actively supporting a war of aggression". Kirill was even put on an EU sanctions list in June, but was later removed after objections from Hungary.

"There is no such thing as an ex-KGB agent - Kirill is just Putin in plain clothes," says Alyokhina, who doesn't hide her frustration at Western caution on sanctions. Had Europe taken as tough a line on Putin over Russia's 2014 invasion and subsequent annexation of the Crimean peninsula as it did over Russian cheating in the Olympics, she says, things might be very different. "Europe cares about doping scandals, not activists in jail." Might her fellow Russians now rise up and get rid of Putin, given the war's rising body count and the mobilisation calls? "Many Russians are still doing protest stuf f despite the risk of prison, but the state has more resources than the protesters," she says. "Another

Orange Revolution [the protests in Ukraine between 2004-05] could happen, but only with international solidarity."

Our interview time comes to an end - to the relief of Canterbury's events staf, who have noted that, thus far, the band have not got round to doing rehearsals. Yet, watching their show later - performed to a mix of students and curious locals - I am not sure anyone would have noticed. To a cacophony of industrial techno music, interspersed with drums and whistles, the group perform a loose narration of their battles in Russia, their lyrics subtitled in English on a giant screen showing footage of protests and menacing security police.

Raw, tuneless and discordant, it makes punkettes such as The Slits look like the Nolan Sisters. Yet it is also captivating. These are musicians for whom an antiauthoritarian stance is not just a rock-star posture. By comparison, Western agit-pop bands such as Rage Against the Machine sound just Mildly Annoyed. Like all good punks, though, Pussy Riot are always innovating, and have new stunts to get up Putin's nose. "We have been invited for a gig in Kyiv," says Maria, when I ask what happens after the scheduled tour finishes.

The venue and dates are still to be confirmed. But if any Kyiv promoters have a club with a missile bunker, perhaps they'll soon get a call.

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'It's like a domestic violence case - he won't accept Ukraine's independence'

**Graphic**

Rage against the machine: Pussy Riot stage a performance in Moscow's Red Square in 2012, defying Vladimir Putin, pictured below (r) with Patriarch Kirill Cover: group members (l-r) Maria Alyokhina, Taso Pletner, Olga Borisova and Diana BurkotIMAGES GETTY AFP/ REUTERS/

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[*Council buys homes for refugees*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:66WC-F091-DYTY-C082-00000-00&context=1519360)

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A COUNCIL is to use government funds to buy homes for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** as 8,000 locals wait for a council house.

Wiltshire council has said it will buy houses to lease to Ukrainians, to avoid homelessness as six-month stays with UK hosts end. Other local authorities are said to be considering similar plans.

It follows fears that up to a quarter of hosts may pull out of the Homes for Ukraine scheme living costs rises.

About 1,000 Ukrainians in England and Wales have been made homeless.

Richard Clewer, Wiltshire council's leader, said it will use funds "in an innovative way, to purchase homes" for Ukraine nationals. Currently, 879 refugees are living in 377 Wiltshire homes.

The council was given £5.9million this year for the refugees and it has spent £1.1million. The funds will be put into Stone Circle Housing Company- created by the council to buy housing for county residents - which will buy houses and lease them to Ukrainians.

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[*Journalist's Nobel prize sold for £84m to help refugees*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:65RT-JXR1-DYTY-C39W-00000-00&context=1519360)

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A RUSSIAN journalist has sold his Nobel peace prize for a record $103.5million (£84.3 million) to raise funds for Ukrainian children.

Dmitry Muratov, who won the award last year, sold it to an unknown bidder at Heritage Auctions in New York.

The auction house said the proceeds would go to Unicef 's aid for Ukraine's displaced children and that Mr Muratov hopes the sale will help "millions of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***".

Mr Muratov, the editor of Russia's Novaya Gazeta newspaper, has been a critical voice ever since Vladimir Putin became president. The paper paused operations in Russia in March, after state warnings over its war coverage.

Mr Muratov won with Maria Ressa, another journalist, for their "efforts to safeguard freedom of expression".

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[*Move on, our cities are full, Poland tells migrants*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:650P-M531-JCBW-N09T-00000-00&context=1519360)

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POLISH cities will be overwhelmed with ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** if fighting escalates in western Ukraine, according to volunteers struggling to cope with the hundreds of thousands of people who have already fled to Poland.

The Russian missile attack on a military base near the Polish border has increased fears. Signs at Warsaw's Central Railway station already urge refugees to move to small Polish towns because cities are "overcrowded".

"It will get worse unless the ceasefire talks bring some kind of result," said Ihor Kostyuk, a London-based Ukrainian who has flown to Poland to help refugees by volunteering. "Yesterday they told us not to send people to one refugee centre because it was already full."

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[*Refugees in Ireland forced to live in army camp tents*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:65YJ-SXJ1-JCBW-N04J-00000-00&context=1519360)

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REFUGEES fleeing the war in Ukraine to Ireland will be forced to live in tents because of a shortage of housing.

More than 40,000 Ukrainians have escaped to Ireland, a country of just over five million people, since Russia's invasion in February.

Their numbers have been swelled by a rise in the number of asylum seekers from other countries, which Dublin has blamed on the war in Ukraine.

Military tents will be set up in Gormanston army camp in County Meath, which will be able to house up to 350, and another three campsites will be opened at asylum centres across Ire land, The Irish Times reported.

The Irish government has suggested it could take in up to 200,000 ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***.

**Graphic**

Gormanston military camp in Co Meath will house up to 350 Ukrainian refugeesPA TAOISEACH/ THE OF DEPARTMENT

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[*Knighthood for Amis was an exception to the rule; Late novelist accepted the title despite calling the honours system 'ridiculous' in the past*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:68GK-39G1-JCBW-N4N9-00000-00&context=1519360)

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MARTIN AMIS became a knight the day before he died after officials worked behind the scenes to rush through his honour because he was terminally ill.

The late novelist had accepted the title in the week before his death, The Daily Telegraph understands. In a highly unusual move the Cabinet Office conferred the knighthood early on May 18. The author, who died on May 19 of oesophageal cancer, was seen to have redefined British fiction during the 1980s and 90s and received the honour for his services to literature.

He would have become a knight on the release of the King's first Birthday Honours list yesterday, but honours are not bestowed posthumously so an exception was made to ensure he was knighted before his death.

Amis joins this year's other honour recipients, including Dame Anna Wintour, who is being made a Companion of Honour alongside the novelist Ian McEwan and Sir John Bell, the Regius Professor of Medicine at the University of Oxford. This year's recipients will be invited to formal investiture ceremonies in due course, and it is understood that his next of kin will receive the knighthood on his behalf.

The late author's decision to accept the honour will come as a surprise to his fans after he previously called honours "ridiculous" and said he would not accept a knighthood if it were to be offered to him. Speaking to the French magazine Le Nouvel Observateur in 2011, just before he moved to the US from Britain, he said: "I don't want to be linked at all to the British Empire. It's so ridiculous … no, there's no chance of that happening ... Really, I would prefer not to be English."

McEwan, one of his closest friends, told the Telegraph Magazine that the late author was "extraordinarily kind and welcoming" and had a "wonderful courtesy". He described him as a brother and said he had been "engaged in the world right up till the end", reading the world's press every day and showing "extraordinary mental acuity".

McEwan said of his own honour: "News of the honour, in a letter from the Cabinet Office, was a complete surprise and, naturally, I was delighted.

"I guess it amounts to a really good review. I'm now entering my 54th year of writing fiction. As all dedicated writers know, a literary life is not a career so much as a way of being." Sir John Bell, a leading scientist who served as Boris Johnson's Covid-19 testing tsar during the pandemic, spoke of his "delight" at being elevated to a Companion of Honour for his services to medicine and life sciences.

Line Of Duty actress Vicky McClure, television presenter Davina McCall and veteran broadcaster Ken Bruce were made MBEs.

She said the honour "means a great deal" following a television career spanning more than two decades.

Sir Rupert Gavin, chairman of Historic Royal Palaces, Booker Prize-winner Sir Ben Okri, former BBC director-general Sir Mark Thompson and Sky's executive chairman Sir Jeremy Darroch became Knight bachelors.

The oldest recipient on the list, 106-year-old Joan Willett, was given a British Empire Medal for her charitable fundraising for the British Heart Foundation. The youngest, Junior Jay Frood, 18, received the same honour for ser vices to vulnerable children.

The King has also made consultant gynaecologist Alan Farthing, who helped deliver the Prince and Princess of Wales's three children, a commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

The ex-England rugby captain Sarah

Hunter are among the sporting stars who have been recognised.

Sir William Shawcross, author of the Queen Mother's official biography and head of a criticised review into the Government's anti-terror programme Prevent, received a knighthood for his public service.

More than half of this year's recipi ents are people who showed "outstanding work" in their communities, either in a voluntary or paid capacity. Exactly half of the recipients are women - down slightly from 2022 (51.5 per cent). Some 11 per cent this year go to people from an ethnic minority background, down from 13.3 per cent in 2022 and 15 per cent in 2021.

Oliver Dowden, Deputy Prime Minister, said: "This year's honours list is a testament to ordinary people who have demonstrated extraordinary community spirit , and I pay tribute to all those who have been recognised today. Our honours system has long been a way of recognising people who make an incredible contribution to life in Britain and beyond."

Full Honours list: Pages 28 & 29

Finding favour Recipients in King Charles's first Birthday Honours list

Ian McEwan Companion of Honour The author has been made a Companion of Honour for his contribution to literature.

Dubbed 'Britain's greatest living novelist', his short stories, film scripts and novels have earned him worldwide critical acclaim over the span of almost five decades.

McEwan, who is set to turn 75 next week, earned the nickname "Ian Macabre" owing to the darkness of his first two novels, The Cement

Garden, in 1978 and The Comfort of Strangers, in 1981.

The Hampshire-born author later won the prestigious Booker Prize for his novel Amsterdam in 1998, while his most recent work includes the novella The Cockroach (2019), and critically acclaimed novels Nutshell (2016), Machines Like Me (2019) and Lessons (2022).

Davina McCall MBE The TV presenter has been awarded an MBE for services to broadcasting.

The television presenter and lifestyle guru said the honour meant "a great deal" after a screen career that has spanned almost three decades.

McCall came to national attention as host of the Channel 4 reality show Big Brother in 2000, which she worked on for 10 years until its cancellation.

She has also been a regular presenter on Comic Relief and talent shows including The Masked Singer, and has become an advocate for women's health issues.

McCall said in a statement: "I can't believe it. It's a great honour and it really means a great deal."

Alongside presenting the weight-loss show The Biggest Loser on ITV, the 55-year-old has released a range of exercise equipment, exercise DVDs, and a series of cookbooks.

Alex Chisholm Knighthood The senior civil servant involved in handing over Boris Johnson's coronavirus diaries to the police has been knighted in the King's birthday honours.

Alex Chisholm, the permanent secretary in the Cabinet Office and chief operating officer of the civil service, has been rewarded for his contribution to public service.

The top mandarin, who is expected to feature prominently in the Covid inquiry, faced a fierce backlash from Mr Johnson's allies last month when his department passed extracts from the former prime minister's diaries to the police, prompting accusations of a "political stitch-up" and a "smear".

He is responsible for driving civil service reform as well as leading his department's 8,000 staff.

Ian Wright OBE The former England and Arsenal footballer-turnedpundit was made an OBE for services to charity and football.

Best known for his success in the 1990s with Arsenal, he made more than 30 appearances for England and is the secondhighest goalscorer in Arsenal's history.

A showman on the pitch, Wright was Arsenal's top scorer for six seasons in a row and helped the club to win numerous trophies in the 1990s, including the Premier League.

Wright has also appeared on I'm a Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here! and has presented a series of radio and television shows in recent years. In 2019 he became an ambassador for the Women's Super League. He is known for being one of the fiercest antiracism campaigners in football.

Alice Good MBE Dr Alice Good has been awarded an MBE for founding a support group that assists ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***.

The 55-yearold, from Northumberland, co-founded the Sunflower Sisters, a women-only Facebook Group with 33,000 members to support families arriving in the country from Ukraine, which was invaded by Russia in February 2022.

The organisation provides matching services and ongoing support for women and children after they arrive in the UK, ranging from practical advice to emotional support.

The mother-ofone said she is "honoured and overwhelmed" to be recognised in the King's honours and revealed that she came up with the idea after seeing a picture of a mother with a child the same age as her daughter.

Mark Thompson Knighthood Newly-knighted Sir Mark Thompson was the BBC director general at the time Newsnight controversially dropped an investigation into Jimmy Savile.

The BBC had spent six weeks getting evidence of Savile's sex abuse, but when he died in 2011 the programme was shelved and tribute shows were broadcast. Savile's crimes were only exposed when ITV broadcast an investigation a year later.

Sir Mark, 65, said at the time that he did not know Savile's behaviour was a "pressing concern" while he was director general, and that "acted very differently" if he had. He said he later made inquiries but was told that the Newsnight investigation had been dropped "for journalistic reasons".

Suzanne Richards MBE A campaigner who lost her son, brother and father in the 2015 Tunisia terrorist attacks has said it is "bittersweet" for her to become an MBE because she only started doing charity work because of their deaths.

Suzanne Richards, 54, of Wednesbury, West Midlands, set up the Smile for Joel charity after Charles 'Patrick' Evans, 78, Adrian Evans, 49, and Joel Richards, 19, were shot and killed in the incident.

She said: "It's bittersweet for me because I've got this because I'm doing charity work because I lost them - but if I could change it I'd rather have them here, of course."

Her charity supports bereaved families affected by murder and terrorism through fundraising to provide holidays, pay bills and arrange special gifts.

PA 'This year's list is a testament to ordinary people who have demonstrated extraordinary community spirit' BARLOW/

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LANDLORDS offering free accommodation to ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** have had a reprieve after ministers confirmed they will not have to pay thousands of pounds in taxes.

Lucy Frazer, the financial secretary to the Treasury, has confirmed nobody helping families fleeing war in Eastern Europe under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme would face higher tax bills.

Previously, landlords owning homes via limited companies who allowed Ukrainians to stay in their properties free of charge faced paying as much as £7,700 in annual tax penalties.

This was due to laws that prevent second-homeowners holding empty properties which could otherwise be let out. Known as the "Annual Tax on Enveloped Dwellings", it meant landlords foregoing rent faced £7,700 bills on homes worth between £1m and £2m, or £3,800 for properties valued between £500,000 and £1m.

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[*Cameron drives lorry-load of aid to Poland*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:651J-H6W1-DYTY-C196-00000-00&context=1519360)

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David Cameron has said he is driving a small lorry of supplies for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** to the country's border with Poland. The former prime minister said donations had been taken in through the Chippy Larder, a food project he works with in Oxfordshire, and they now had enough "to fill a small lorry with everything from nappies to sanitary products, warm clothes to first aid". He said: "I'm driving to Poland with two Chippy Larder colleagues to make our delivery to the Red Cross." Mr Cameron has called for more humanitarian help to be given to Ukraine. He urged the Government to "get back" to dedicating 0.7 per cent of gross national income to overseas aid and said the Cabinet should have a dedicated aid minister.

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[*Adrian Shooter; Giant of rail privatisation who as a British Rail manager led the buy-out of Chiltern Railways*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:674D-FG21-JCBW-N02B-00000-00&context=1519360)

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ADRIAN SHOOTER, who has died aged 74 of motor neurone disease, was a visionary and enterprising manager whose buy-out of Chiltern Railways became one of the success stories of rail privatisation.

Tall, lanky, amiable but challenging, Shooter - a traction engineer by training - had a professional gift for getting the best out of a railway and its staff, and a passion for most forms of transport, from narrow-gauge steam to vintage cars.

Most of his career, he reckoned, was about "finding out what customers want, then searching for better ways to improve quality and safety".

He was also a formidable figure in railway politics. When the Department for Transport reluctantly agreed to a fresh programme of electrification in 2007, it was as a result of a public letter from Shooter, as chairman of the Association of Train Operating Companies, and Network Rail's chief executive Iain Coucher.

Shooter was already running Chiltern when its turn came to be privatised, and put together the M40 Trains consortium - one of only two successful buy-out teams for the two dozen franchises on offer. He became Chiltern's managing director in 1996, and later its chairman. With the acquisition of Chiltern by Deutsche Bahn in 2008, he became chairman of DB Regio UK, later Arriva Rail, retiring in 2011.

Heading Chiltern, Shooter specified the first post-privatisation diesel train and negotiated upgrades that brought the redoubling of track, two new stations, a new depot at Wembley and a new stretch of line enabling trains from Marylebone to serve Bicester Village and Oxford.

Helped by being given the security of a 20-year franchise, Chiltern became arguably the most successful of the privatised train operators. Shooter transformed a line carrying well-heeled Buckinghamshire commuters into an attractive route between London, Birmingham and towns between, more than doubling passenger numbers in the process.

Shooter did have his reverses. His sale for British Rail of its Red Star parcels business to a management buy-out in 1993 had its critics. His Chiltern team failed in a parallel attempt to secure the Thames Trains franchise. On Chiltern, business was hard hit when in 2005 a tunnel at Gerrards Cross being constructed to accommodate a new Tesco above collapsed.

His Wrexham, Shropshire & Marylebone train operation, spun out of Chiltern, could not survive being prevented from stopping in central Birmingham and being given cripplingly slow timings across the city.

In the final days of his life, Vivarail, the company Shooter founded in 2013 to recycle redundant London Underground stock into diesel, electric or battery-operated branch line trains went into administration.

Its trains had entered service on the Isle of Wight and between Bedford and Bletchley, and a unit using pioneering battery technology had been demonstrated at COP 26 in Glasgow.

Adrian Shooter was born in London on November 22 1948, the son of the microbiologist Prof Reginald Shooter, and the former Jean Wallace; they had met as doctors in the Royal Navy.

At Epsom College, young Adrian started a Road Transport Society, and for its Railway Club organised in the last days of steam a special train from St Pancras to Paddington via Derby and Crewe.

Failing Maths A-level prevented him taking up a university place to read Mechanical Engineering, so he joined Bamfords of Uttoxeter, future manufacturers of the JCB, as an apprentice. He took an HND in Mechanical Engineering at Stafford College of Advanced Technology, the last year the course was taught entirely in Imperial measurements.

In 1970 he applied to BR in Derby for a job. Getting no reply, he wrote to the chairman, Sir Henry Johnson, and was taken on as a graduate trainee.

By 25, he was maintenance engineer at Bletchley, with a budget of £2 million and 180 people under him.

He rose steadily within BR: depot manager at Heaton (Newcastle), area maintenance engineer at Carlisle, projects at Bournemouth and Selhurst depot (Croydon), before becoming area manager, St Pancras, in 1984.

This was his crucial move from keeping trains running to operating the overall railway.

Three years on, he was appointed managing director of Red Star, smartening up and expanding the business. In 1989 he became director of the entire parcels business; this was dominated by a loss-making Royal Mail contract, which he persuaded the Post Office chairman Bill Cockburn to revisit by improving mail train punctuality 80 per cent in a year.

Shooter took charge of Chiltern in 1993 with privatisation in the offing. Having secured the franchise, an early coup was to end an almost three-year "famine" in new rolling stock orders post-privatisation by ordering four 3-car "Clubman" diesel units of his own specification from Adtranz at Derby. Renamed the Turbostar, 198 trains of a similar design would enter service throughout Britain between 1998 and 2005.

Shooter first showed his passion for narrow-gauge steam as a student, being one of the team who built the Ffestiniog Railway's diversion around a new reservoir to enable it to run for its full length between Porthmadog and Blaenau Ffestiniog.

He developed a particular interest in the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, becoming president of its supporting society and restoring one of its steam engines to run on the half-mile Beeches Light Railway he constructed in the grounds of his north Oxfordshire home. He commissioned accompanying carriages from the Festiniog's Boston Lodge works.

He also chaired the Model 'A' Ford

Club of Great Britain. In 2014 his own Model 'A' suffered a seized bearing during a classic rally race in Myanmar. He also owned a Hindustan Ambassador car.

Shooter was diagnosed with MND in 2021, but did not let it slow him down. He remained active in a range of companies, and spoke out regularly on the issues facing the industry.

He was on board Vivarail's demonstration train at COP 26, and in April this year welcomed two ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** into his home, after his wife Barbara had driven to the border with Poland to collect them and drop off emergency supplies.

He continued driving his Darjeeling steam locomotive for as long as possible, and three weeks before his death was exchanging emails on Chiltern's performance with the writer of this obituary.

On August 30, Shooter and his family joined colleagues from across the industry for the unveiling at Marylebone station of a crowd-funded 9ft statue of him by Luke Perry. To his immense pride, he was asked to name the very first "Clubman" train, No 168 001, Adrian Shooter.

Shooter chose the occasion to warn whatever government took over from Boris Johnson's that the railways' problems could not be solved if Whitehall expected the private train operators to bear all the risks.

He said that, with other senior industry figures, he had proposals ready to put to ministers on how improvements could be delivered without waiting for legislation.

Paying tribute to his staff over the years, he said: "All I ever did was create the vision, hire the very best people and then help them to do their best. They, not me, were the people who delighted our passengers. They had to work in all weathers and run a safe railway wherever the problems.

"It has been a very real pleasure to see so many people grow in confidence and help create a bigger and much better railway supported by private sector investment."

As MND caught up with him, Shooter arranged to travel to Switzerland, for his life to be ended at a time of his choosing. He left with his wife these final words for his friends in

Britain, India and around the world: "By the time you read this I shall have gone peacefully to sleep in a clinic in Switzerland. This is very much what I wanted to do.

"As I write this my MND symptoms are getting rapidly worse with the result that I cannot exist without constant care and attention to the most basic requirements. If I had not done this I would have been condemned to months or quite possibly years of being confined to bed, unable to do anything for myself including talking.

"Thank you for your friendship over many years. I am only sorry that we were unable to say goodbye properly."

Adrian Shooter was a fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering, the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and of the Chartered Institute of Transport. At various times he chaired the West Midlands and Oxfordshire region of the CBI, the Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership and Bicester Vision.

He was or had been chairman of Vivarail, Vintage Trains, the Churnet Valley Railway and SLC - a project management and driver training company - a vice-president of Railfuture, a director of Wabtec, and a non-executive director of the Railway Safety and Standards Board.

Shooter was the author of Adrian Shooter: A Life in Engineering and Railways (2018) and Chiltern Railways: The Inside Story (2022).

He held honorary doctorates from the universities of Staffordshire and Birmingham. He was appointed CBE in 2010, and this year was given a Japanese foreign minister's commendation for his work on rail safety.

Adrian Shooter married Diana Crombie in 1970; the marriage was dissolved in 2002 and in 2006 he married, secondly, Barbara Harding. he survives him, with a son and a daughter from his first marriage. Adrian Shooter, born November 22 1948, died December 13 2022

**Graphic**

Shooter outside Marylebone Station: he also had a passion for narrow-gauge steam, and restored an engine from the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway to run on the half-mile track he built in the grounds of his house in OxfordshireWINSLET JIM

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'When we talk about the Holocaust, we don't talk enough about the many normal, decent civilians who said 'no' to tyranny," says Liev Schreiber. "But it's the bravery and kindness of those ordinary people I felt when I first read the script of this show."

The show in question is A Small Light, an elegant eight-part drama for Disney+ that charts the true story of Miep Gies, the vivacious young woman who risked everything to hide Anne Frank's family in the annex of her father's business premises in Amsterdam.

Schreiber - the 55-year-old American star of Ray Donovan, who proves as intense and contained in person as he is on screen - takes the role of Anne's father, Otto. English actress Bel Powley plays Gies as a woman who was focused on having fun until the war came along.

Sitting beside Schreiber in a London hotel room, her bubbly enthusiasm a contrast to his compelling stillness, Powley says she was drawn to the idea of Gies as "a young woman, living her life, partying too much. I think we would have been doing her a disservice if we'd put her on a pedestal and portrayed her as a saintly character."

A Small Light starts in 1942, fleshing out the backbone of Gies and Otto Frank's relationship. Schreiber explains that the Frankfurt-born Frank - who was the only member of his family to survive the Holocaust and died in 1980, aged 91 - was at that point a man who "identified very strongly as a German. He loved the language, the clothes, the food… It was only Hitler who forced him to identify as a Jew."

Indeed, Frank had fought for Germany in the First World War but had to flee before the Second World War to Holland, where he established the Amsterdam office of Opekta (which sold a gelling agent for jam making) by the canal on Prinsengracht. Gies was an Austrian-born girl who'd become so malnourished after the First World War that, in 1922, her mother had sent her to Holland, where she was adopted by the working-class Nieuwenburg family.

After Frank recruited Gies as a secretary in 1933, they bonded over a shared love of the German language. She had just turned 30 when the war broke out and Frank asked her to assume control, not just of his business - but of his entire family's survival.

Last seen lighting up the screen in the adaptation of Dolly Alderton's Everything I Know About Love, Powley, 31, says that "Miep's mantra, until the day she died, was that you don't have to be special to help others. 'I'm not a hero. I just did my duty as a human being.' I think we all have that inside of us… "What did you say, Liev," she asks, turning to her castmate. "That we're all hard-wired to do the right thing?" Schreiber nods. His father is protestant, his mother Jewish; his maternal grandfather was a Ukrainian who emigrated to the US. Schreiber has campaigned hard for Americans to support Ukrainians and founded Blue Check Ukraine, which has raised money for non-governmental organisations on the ground.

"The script brought to mind what we're seeing now in Europe and America," he tells me. "People who are opening their doors to ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***, women and children who have left their homes with no more than two plastic shopping bags. I think we are hardwired to care, to say no to fascism."

He shrugs. "Of course, whether we do it as boldly as Miep is another question…" Powley - now cross-legged on her chair - is nodding vigorously. "This show takes its name from something Miep said; that anybody can turn on a small light in a dark room. And we can."

" Schreiber chips in. "I remember being in New York after September 11," he says. "New Yorkers don't smile at each other. It's just not our thing. But then, for the first time in my memory, New Yorkers were looking at each other and smiling. Those small acts of acknowledgement, connection… just being a little bit kinder can make a diference."

Having experienced anti-Semitism from a young age, Powley was also passionate about the story. "I was seven years old, in primary school, when it first happened," she says. "I knew I was Jewish. Not religiously, but culturally. We did Passover; Hanukkah. I had a friend to pair up with for swimming lessons and one day she said: 'I can't be your partner anymore. My mum said I can't hold your hand because you're Jewish.'

"I was like: 'Oh, OK. That's weird.' It didn't really upset me. Then I told my mum and her reaction made me realise how serious that was. It was really odd because I'd never considered that my being Jewish would matter to anyone. It didn't mean anything to me so…"

Powley says that when she went to secondary school, the anti-Semitism "got much worse. My sister and I both used to wear a Star of David necklace every day. But I remember we were studying Nazi propaganda in school and people would circle grotesque cartoons of Jewish people with enormous noses and write 'Bel's dad' in their textbooks - even though my dad isn't Jewish, which is hilarious, it's my mum who's Jewish. [After that] my sister stopped wearing her necklace."

Powley immersed herself in the role of Gies by "cycling around Amsterdam, which I think of as a character in the show". The city's chocolatebox charm - and its tantalising sense of fluid escapability - is an aspect of the Frank family drama that obviously doesn't appear in the diary of the teenage Anne trapped in a windowless annex. But A Small Light highlights the gulf between the orderly Frank family's hope of respectable, legal exodus and the appalling world beyond their walls.

For Schreiber, "what caught my attention was the stuff Otto didn't want to be published in the diary. Sections where Anne complained about her parents fighting. That was compelling: the idea of being stuck in a very small space with somebody you're not getting along with. It must have been incredibly difficult while you're trying to maintain some order. You're going through a hard time as a couple and you're never alone."

Though it's not a narrative pursued in the series, Schreiber suspects that "Otto was in love with Miep. I don't know that it was necessarily sexual. But how can he not have loved her? She was the person he most wanted to be with, for sure. He was trapped in a house, and once a day this ball of sunshine would come flying in with provisions and news of the outside world. She was probably the person all of them most wanted to see. He ended up living with her and [her husband] Jan after the war. It's an extraordinary relationship." " When Gies agreed to shield the Franks, she had recently married Jan, a Dutch social worker. He's played in A Small LightPeaky Blinders star Joe Cole and is the show's quiet hero, unswervingly decent under the most terrifying pressure to crack.

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Powley read transcripts of interviews Gies (who died in 2010, aged 100) and her husband gave in the 1990s. "You get a sense of their banter, their love," she says. "But she wore the trousers. He never spoke about what he did with the resistance, so our scriptwriters had to piece it together from other sources."

For series director Susannah Fogel, Frank and Gies's relationship "starts as a father-daughter thing, then they become peers and then, well… the ways in which Miep seems progressive in the show are not indulgences of the drama. She and her husband had to become spies in a weird way, had to learn to lie about everything, leaving things under benches, stealing ration books to keep people alive…" Powley says that "while we were filming we had to keep reminding ourselves not to 'play the end'. To remember that the Frank family were homeschooling their kids in an annex - as people did in lockdown - in the expectation they would be back at school in a few months."

Fogel says that "there were beautiful sunsets, beautiful moments going on during the war and we wanted to capture that. People were making jokes and falling in love while thinking about somebody being deported."

But the director found it emotionally shattering to film the show's scenes of elderly people being ousted from their homes by the Nazis. "That was hard," she says. "Even just directing actors to treat each other that way is a traumatising act. But that day, two [locals] came out of their apartments to watch the filming. The last time one had seen her family was in a situation like that, in a raid; the other was a Holocaust survivor called Jack.

"They were personable and laughing - and described the experience rience as cathartic to watch. Jack, having this quirky sense of humour, asked: 'Can I get my picture taken with all these Nazi guard extras because that would be really funny?' So they flanked him and gave huge smiles for the camera. We were all laughing. It felt like it was a moment out of a comedy. Which, obviously, this wasn't. But that was how he was dealing with his trauma. Through humour, through absurdness. It's all part of the stew of being human."

'A Small Light' is on Disney+ from Tuesday 2 May

At school, a girl told Powley, 'My mum said not to hold you hand because you're Jewish'

**Graphic**

Extraordinary relationship: left, Miep Gies (front row, left) and Otto Frank (front,'She was this ball of sunshine': Liev Schreiber and Bel Powley as Otto Frank and Miep Gies in new Disney+ Holocaust drama A Small LightTELEGRAPH THE FOR SCHROER RII

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***UKRAINIAN*** ***refugees*** are giving up on coming to the UK because of red tape, as thousands of families offering their homes are left in limbo by delays in approvals for their applications.

Refugees at Home, one of the main charities for matching hosts with applicants, said families had complained of "sheer bureaucratic hell" in trying to secure a UK visa through either the family or home sponsorship schemes.

The charity said a couple from Kyiv who had hoped to live with their daughter in Northamptonshire had given up and decided to stay in Germany.

More than 22,000 visas for Ukrainians with family links in the UK have been approved out of 38,000. But only 2,000 of the Homes for Ukraine applications have been granted out of 20,000 and 150,000 registrations of interest.

A government source said: "Security checks are important. We are already getting hits coming back on the Police National Computer which raise safeguarding concerns."

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[*'It's a minefield' Hosts want to offer entire home to refugees*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:650X-KCJ1-DYTY-C105-00000-00&context=1519360)

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A couple have offered their two-bedroom Warwickshire home to a family of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** but are being frustrated by red tape. Lorna Byrne is among 100,000 Britons who have signed up to the Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme.

However, the 59-year-old investment company PA from Henley-in-Arden, Warks, has found the bureaucracy to be "a minefield" and called on ministers to streamline efforts. Under the scheme, families wishing to host refugees are required to know their names first before a "match"

can proceed.

She and her husband, Chris, 63, a surveyor for Network Rail, have a spare home they wish to let refugees stay in.

Mrs Byrne, who said the couple are motivated to help because of their Christian faith, added: "It's not easy, there are so many people who want to try and help and it's just a minefield. The Government needs to do more. Someone has to co-ordinate this." Gabriella Swerling

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[*Nord Stream 2 town relents on taking refugees*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:64YM-S631-JCBW-N1RB-00000-00&context=1519360)

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THE German town that is home to the controversial Nord Stream 2 pipeline backed down yesterday over taking in ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** after claiming it could put the town at risk of attack.

Authorities in Lubmin, on northern Germany's Baltic coast, initially said they were not prepared to welcome any of those fleeing the war in Ukraine.

Axel Vogt, the mayor, claimed the town's refusal was based on it containing "critical infrastructure". "Lubmin is a sensitive location," the mayor told Der Spiegel magazine.

"When refugees suddenly come to us through dubious channels instead of being mediated through the country, that's tricky."

The infrastructure in question appears to include the German end of the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline from Russia.

Mr Vogt yesterday relented, saying he only wanted to prevent private initiatives, and insisted the town was pre pared to take refugees sent there by the regional authorities.

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[*Sir Rod announces death of second brother*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:670C-1D01-JCBW-N2BX-00000-00&context=1519360)

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His post prompted a wave of mes sages from fans who sent their condolences. It comes after Sir Rod announced the death of Don in September, just 48 hours before the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

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[*Hancock opens his home to Ukrainian family of seven*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:65CS-Y7N1-DYTY-C1VY-00000-00&context=1519360)

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MATT HANCOCK has welcomed seven ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** and their four dogs into his family home in Suffolk.

The former health secretary first revealed he would take part in the Homes for Ukraine scheme last month after being contacted by a female constituent.

Mr Hancock, the MP for Suffolk West, has now housed the constituent's mother, two sisters, niece, nephew, and the nephew's partner and grandmother.

"I've enjoyed getting to know Ukrainian food and picking up the basics of the language," he said.

"It's humbling living with three generations from one family who have escaped war with little more than the clothes on their backs. It brings per spective." Writing in The Spectator, he added that the teenagers staying with him had continued their studies at a college in Kyiv through remote learning.

Mr Hancock also praised the efforts of the wider Suffolk community, which secured school and college places, a Volvo from the local car salesroom and bicycles for the refugees within a week.

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[*Knighthood for Amis was an exception to the rule; Late novelist accepted the title despite calling the honours system 'ridiculous' in the past*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:68GK-39G1-JCBW-N4BS-00000-00&context=1519360)

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MARTIN AMIS became a knight the day before he died after officials worked behind the scenes to rush through his honour because he was terminally ill.

The late novelist had accepted the title in the week before his death, The Daily Telegraph understands. In a highly unusual move the Cabinet Office conferred the knighthood early on May 18. The author, who died on May 19 of oesophageal cancer, was seen to have redefined British fiction during the 1980s and 90s and received the honour for his services to literature.

He would have become a knight on the release of the King's first Birthday Honours list yesterday, but honours are not bestowed posthumously so an exception was made to ensure he was knighted before his death.

Amis joins this year's other honour recipients, including Dame Anna Wintour, who is being made a Companion of Honour alongside the novelist Ian McEwan and Sir John Bell, the Regius Professor of Medicine at the University of Oxford. This year's recipients will be invited to formal investiture ceremonies in due course, and it is understood that his next of kin will receive the knighthood on his behalf.

The late author's decision to accept the honour will come as a surprise to his fans after he previously called honours "ridiculous" and said he would not accept a knighthood if it were to be offered to him. Speaking to the French magazine Le Nouvel Observateur in 2011, just before he moved to the US from Britain, he said: "I don't want to be linked at all to the British Empire. It's so ridiculous … no, there's no chance of that happening ... Really, I would prefer not to be English."

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We are told that it is a complex matter to correct this, one that cannot be managed except by teams at the highest level in BT and Openreach. I have written four times to Philip Jansen, BT's CEO. I'm told we may get connected sometime after June 9.

BT is unfit for its customers. Any company that organises itself in a way that means such an issue can only be resolved by going to the CEO is doomed.

James Miller Offham, Kent

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JP MORGAN is to hire dozens of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** at its Warsaw office as part of a renewed humanitarian drive by the Wall Street giant.

The bank will train about 50 new employees in Poland to work in departments including finance, human resources and operations, as well as helping them to secure housing and childcare, according to an internal memo seen by The Daily Telegraph.

The bank employs around 1,000 staff in Poland and plans to hire Ukrainian nationals for an initial one-year placement. A source close to the scheme said bosses at the bank accept that many of the people it hires will go back to Ukraine when the war ends, adding "that's of course fine".

The move comes on top of a $10m (£8.2m) philanthropic package from the bank to help provide temporary shelter and other basic needs for Ukrainians following Vladimir Putin's invasion.

In the memo, Viswas Raghavan, JP Morgan's chief executive for Europe, the Middle East and Africa, and Paul Brazier, head of the bank in Poland, said: "We also want to acknowledge the dedication of our colleagues in Warsaw and around the world who are giving up their time and resources to help those in need."

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Memories of elections gone by clutter the walls of Yvette Cooper's parliamentary office. Above the desk is a fading photograph of Ms Cooper beaming as she steps out of a car, red balloons among the greeting party, during the triumphant 1997 campaign. Another wall has a leaflet bearing the candidate's name and a Labour rose smudged with inky fingerprints.

Two vast posters date closer to the Labour Party's creation. One depicts a woman with an infant swaddled in her arms, declaring "mothers vote Labour". The other shouts: "Men and women workers, your chance at last!"

The images are a reminder both of the Labour Party's historic feats and more turbulent recent past. Just a single Labour politician born in the last 100 years has won a general election: Tony Blair. It is a headstretching statistic, one that speaks of how the country fell out of love with Labour - and one that Sir Keir Starmer is determined to defy.

Ms Cooper is all too familiar with her party's recent rollercoaster ride. "I've spent 13 years in government, 13 years in opposition," says the MP for Normanton, Pontefract and Castleford who first won her seat as the New Labour dawn broke in 1997. "I can tell you which I prefer."

Labour activists gather in Liverpool tomorrow for the annual party conference filled with a palpable sense that all that could be about to change. With the next general election most likely just a year away, Labour sits 16 percentage points ahead of the Tories in polling averages - a vast lead that would result in a big House of Commons majority if replicated on polling day.

Ms Cooper, as shadow home secretary, would under those circumstances be one of the most senior politicians in the country, the occupier of a great office of state in the first Labour government for more than a decade.

But they are not there yet. And so Ms Cooper, in an exclusive pre-conference interview with The Daily Telegraph, projects the message that Labour is a party which has serious plans for government.

"Having been a cabinet minister, having been a minister in government for many years working on all kinds of different policies, I know what it's like when people are serious about government, serious about actually delivering things, serious about changing things, when the focus is properly on the country and putting the country first," says Ms Cooper, who rose to the Cabinet under Gordon Brown.

"What we saw last week [at the Tory conference] was the Conservative Party really putting themselves first and just talking to themselves. Actually for the challenges the country faces, but also the opportunities Britain has, we have to put the country first. It's what you see in Keir and his determination, his leadership, the changes that he's made in the party."

Under a Labour government, Ms Cooper explains to back up her point, police will be told to identify Britain's 1,000 most dangerous suspected sexual predators and put them under surveillance like terrorists.

All police forces would be told to systematically rank high-risk suspects in their areas, many of whom will not have been convicted, according to the frequency, currency and severity of the allegations of sexual violence against them.

The analysis - similar to that used by forces to track suspected terrorists and organised crime bosses - would result in them being targeted with the "full armoury" of police resources including covert surveillance, most-wanted manhunts, investigations revisiting victims to build cases, electronic tagging and social media monitoring.

The plans are modelled on a pilot launched by Scotland Yard under Sir Mark Rowley, the Met Commissioner, where 100 of the most dangerous sexual predators in London have been identified.

For Ms Cooper, the issue is personal. One Labour aide says the repeated failure to better protect women and girls leaves the shadow home secretary more irate than any other issue, likening her determination to drive change in the area to Theresa May's flagship modern slavery campaign.

Ms Cooper says: "My great-greatgrandmother was living in a mining community in Whitehaven. She was attacked by her husband with a poker. It went to court and the court bound him over to keep the peace.

"Actually, that is more protection than lots of domestic abuse victims get today, because their cases don't even go to court and they don't even get that action. I mean, that's 100 years ago. And yet, we're still going around the same arguments.

"We've still not got the changes that we need. I'm sick and tired of women still having to worry about texting a friend once they get home because they don't feel safe on the streets, about there still being deep failings in the policing and criminal justice system. We have to have much more substantial change."

Sitting forward in a green fabric armchair in the corner of the office, Ms Cooper, 54, goes on to run through her positions on a host of policy areas contained in her brief.

She speaks with a quiet intensity and specificity. She has spent years thinking about home affairs issues, as chairman of the Commons home affairs committee between 2016 and 2021 - as a moderate she was exiled from the frontbench during the Jeremy Corbyn years - and then in her current role. In a 26-year parliamentary career there have been many other positions: chief secretary to the Treasury and work and pensions secretary in the final years of New Labour; stints shadowing the Foreign Office and the women and equalities minister under Ed Miliband; and even an attempt at securing the Labour leadership in 2015 before being defeated by Mr Corbyn.

Few others in the shadow cabinet can match Ms Cooper's governmental experience. So when she outlines a tough stance on the need to control legal migration it is eye-catching.

"Net migration is now at a record high. We expect it to come down, we think it should come down," Ms Cooper says when asked whether net migration - which in the latest figures was around 600,000 a year - needs to be lower.

Ms Cooper goes on to defend international students coming to the UK, saying they bring "huge investment and benefits" to the country, but notably adopts a much cooler tone when it comes to visas for foreign workers.

"We do think it's, though, a problem that we've had a doubling of the number of work visas in a very short period of time," Ms Cooper says. "Because that reflects the failure of the Government to properly make sure that there is training in the UK, to properly make sure we're tackling skill shortages, having a workforce plan in the UK, for example around healthcare."

So does Labour want fewer work visas issued than at present? Ms Cooper is reluctant to put figures on it, referencing David Cameron's pledge to get annual net migration below 100,000 which has never been hit. But after repeated questioning it appears the answer is yes.

"Overall, actually, we shouldn't have the need for as many work visas as a result of the plans that we're setting out," Ms Cooper says at one point. At another: "We don't think we should be needing this many work visas because what we should be doing is improving training."

It reflects how far Labour has moved on migration. After all, Sir Keir himself, back in January 2020 when he was seeking to be picked as Mr Corbyn's successor by Left-wing party members, promised to reinstate European Union-era free movement rules.

But now, Ms Cooper is arguing, Labour would want to issue fewer work visas than are currently being issued under the Tories. How exactly that would be achieved, though, is much less clear.

Ms Cooper points to ending rules that allow employers to bring in foreign workers on salaries 20 per cent lower than what they would need to pay local hires as one policy example. However, better training of British workers to fill skills gaps - easier said than done - is the answer most often given.

On illegal migration - the challenge of driving down the number of small boats carrying asylum seekers across the English Channel - Ms Cooper focuses on closer security cooperation.

She and Sir Keir travelled to Europe last month to declare that people smugglers would be treated like terrorists by freezing their assets and placing restrictions on their movement.

Critical to that is, however, restoring criminal data sharing with Europe that was lost under Brexit, part of the reason why the two targeted Europol, the EU's law enforcement agency, for their visit.

"What that means is we're not getting the information about some people who may be involved in organised crime, in criminal people smuggling or trafficking. So it's not going on our watch lists. We might eventually get it shared, but not fast enough to be able to take quick action at our borders when people arrive," she says.

In a clear dividing line with the Tories, Labour would drop Conservative plans to ban cross- Channel migrants from claiming asylum in Britain and ditch the Government's policy of sending migrants to Rwanda. Its focus is instead on enforcement and negotiating a returns agreement with the EU as a potential "deterrent" by removing the incentive for migrants to cross the Channel in small boats.

The prospect of a "quid pro quo" returns deal where Labour would take some migrants from Europe opened the party up to Tory charges that it would accept tens of thousands. Ms Cooper is determined to close that down.

"We won't join the EU quota scheme," she says. "We are not going to rejoin the EU."

She suggests any quid pro quo will be far more modest, more akin to the pre-Brexit so-called Dublin scheme where the UK allowed children with family in Britain to apply to join them.

She also commits to keeping the UK inside the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), an issue set to become a key point of debate among the Tory Cabinet given how it complicates moves to reduce small boat crossings.

"We've always supported it," Ms Cooper says of the ECHR. "You need it for the Good Friday Agreement. You need it to get the kind of international cooperation we need to tackle cross-border crime."

When it comes to the political opponent she faces across the aisle in the Commons, Suella Braverman, the Home Secretary, Ms Cooper does not hold back.

Ms Braverman, who ran for the Tory leadership last summer as the champion of the party's Right, used her conference speech earlier this week to warn of a migration "hurricane" approaching - language condemned by liberal critics.

Ms Cooper says: "The problem with Suella Braverman is she's a part-time Home Secretary, she's a full-time Tory leadership candidate. All she's doing is chasing headlines for the Tory Party."

Ms Cooper adds later: "She says things, you get the rhetoric, but she doesn't do things. Instead, it's just chasing headlines. I think it's just more of a sort of pound-shop Trump approach rather than actually doing things about the serious challenges the country faces."

The charge would no doubt be dismissed by Home Office allies who see Ms Braverman as pushing through tougher policies on small boats, and other areas, inside the government.

Traditionally crime and public order have been a cornerstone of the Conservative Party's electoral success, a reality that Tony Blair challenged with his "tough on crime, tough on the causes of crime" mantra.

It is another leaf out of the New Labour playbook, like so many others, that Team Starmer seems all too happy to lift.

Labour has ambitiously committed to reducing violent crime by half within a decade. "That is a huge task, but I believe it can be done," she says, insisting it is deliverable. Her prognosis is that "people feel really insecure" with rising knife crime and violence against women and girls as well as fractured communities blighted by anti-social behaviour. "Labour's task now is to restore a sense of security," she says.

She tracks the source of the problems to the reduction in police officer numbers - "there are still 10,000 fewer police officers and PCSOs on the beat than there were 10 years ago" - the collapse in prosecution rates fuelling the "sense that people aren't facing justice" and the decline in police standards epitomised by the scandals of rapist killer Pc Wayne Couzens and serial sex offender Pc David Carrick.

Before the conversation - close to an hour long - wraps up, there is time to discuss the post-politics career of another big Labour name from recent decades: Ed Balls, who is Ms Cooper's husband.

While Ms Cooper remained in Westminster after Labour's crushing election defeat in 2015, Mr Balls, who was thrown out by the electorate that results night, has entered the world of broadcasting and, via a turn on Strictly Come Dancing best described as energetic, now has quite a following.

Ms Cooper reveals the couple have taken in a family of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** with two daughters who are international standard ballroom dancers. So, is it Mr Balls giving the daughters dancing tips or vice versa?

"Ed tried to get them to watch his Strictly videos. They weren't hugely impressed," says Cooper with a chuckle. "But they have met Katya [Ed's dance partner from Strictly] and she gave them a lesson."

There is a nod of approval for her husband's decision to launch a podcast with the old enemy, Tory chancellor George Osborne, who used to face Mr Balls across the Despatch Box. "They have a lot to talk about and quite a lot to disagree about," she says, framing the podcast as an antidote to furious commentary in the social media age. "Having serious debates and disagreements is really important."

Yet Ms Cooper herself is still in the arena and ready for a return to power. Surely Labour cannot throw it away from here? "Oh, no complacency at all," Ms Cooper says with a straight face. "I think politics has been so turbulent over the last few years that we know we've got a lot more work to do." But the message Labour wants out there this weekend is clear: The plans for government, if not the champagne, are ready on ice should the moment come.

'[Braverman] says things, but she doesn't do things. It's a pound-shop Trump approach' 'I'm sick of women having to text a friend once they get home because they don't feel safe on streets'

**Graphic**

Yvette Cooper, the former Labour Cabinet minister, says she will bring in tighter curbs on sexual predators to address the repeated failure to protect women and girlsTELEGRAPH THE FOR O'MALLEY HEATHCLIFF

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**Body**

The door swings open at a glorious country house in Sunne, western Sweden, with Lake Fryken glistening in the distance, and Sven-Goran Eriksson is standing there with a smile. "Welcome!" he says, apologising for the dark wintry weather, and beckoning us into the home he has owned since 2001.

That was a significant year for Eriksson, who was appointed England manager by a Football Association determined to harness the best from what would become known as a "golden generation" of players.

What followed was a 5½-year roller coaster, filled with great highs, such as the 5-1 win over Germany in Munich, and then the lows of quarter-final exits at the 2002 and 2006 World Cups, and at Euro 2004.

The off-field controversies were, quite simply, the stuf f of legend. They included a "fake sheikh" sting by the News of the World reporter Mazher Mahmood, who would later go to jail for conspiracy to pervert the course of justice, while there were much-publicised relationships with famous women - stories which were lapped up by a tabloid media at its peak. David Dein, the former FA vice-chairman who played a key role in Eriksson's appointment, recently claimed in his autobiography that the Swede was a "success", yet ""lawed", which the man himself agrees with - to an extent.

"What is flawed? They said my weakness was that I liked women. Who doesn't?" says Eriksson. "It's difficult for a Swedish person living in Portugal or Italy to understand that if you go out with a woman, it should be a scandal. In Italy, they say, 'wow, congratulations, you have a beautiful woman'. The women I went out with were not married, I was not married. I had relationships that were stormy.

"Even if you're the England manager, you can go out and meet a woman. In most countries, that wouldn't be a problem. I didn't miss any training or matches doing that."

Eriksson still cannot understand the scrutiny that accompanied his private life. His mobile phone was hacked for more than three years, and he provided evidence at the Leveson inquiry between 2011 and 2012 into the practices and ethics of the British press.

"A few years after I left England, I went to London and Scotland Yard asked to meet me," he says. "When they told me [about the hacking] I said, 'wow, that explains a lot of things'. They replied, 'everyone always says the same'. You don't understand how it is possible that they [the press] know everything. The paparazzi arrived before me at the restaurant. When I went on holiday, not even my brother knew where I went, but the paparazzi were there waiting at the airport.

"I suspected everyone close to me. I blamed friends and family. I never understood the attention, but you have to live with it or you leave."

" And what of the fake sheikh episode in January 2006? Mahmood, posing as an Arab investor, tricked Eriksson into talking about quitting England to manage Aston Villa, with David Beckham as one of his marquee signings. Eriksson was told by then FA chief executive Brian Barwick that he would be leaving after the World Cup that year, and it still rankles. "It was a trap, but it was well done. I was sacked because of that," he says. "We should have done better than the quarterfinal, but I would have preferred to be sacked for that. The people and the FA wanted more. [But] I shouldn't complain that much.

"People have been treated worse than me, such as the Royal family. I remember the two Princes, William and Harry, going out for a beer, and it was a scandal."

" Eriksson does not deserve to be remembered solely for those contentious moments. He lost only five competitive matches with England - he can reel them off in seconds - and, before Gareth Southgate's appointment, was rated as the most successful manager after Sir Alf Ramsey by the FA.

Few will forget the night in Munich, while there was also a stirring victory over Argentina at the 2002 World Cup. Yet, Eriksson's biggest regret with England will always be the World Cup of 2006. That team included Wayne Rooney, and Beckham, Steven Gerrard and Paul Scholes in their prime, yet they were once again knocked out at the quarter-final stage.

"If you take the starting XI, or 12 and 13, we were as good as the England team is today. But if we had problems, or injuries, they have more options than we had," Eriksson says. "If you take strikers, for example, Rooney was half-injured. We had Michael Owen and [Peter] Crouch. We didn't have a lot of options - today, [Harry] Kane will play, of course, but who or which ones if he's playing three or two up front? Gareth can choose five or six players, who are all good."

Eriksson smiles when he considers that Southgate has now passed him in years of service. "The people expect a lot. Southgate is spoiling them! If he doesn't reach a quarterfinal, it will be a problem. If you are a dreamer, as an England fan, you want the trophy in your lifetime.

"If England win it, my advice to Gareth Southgate is to go. It can't get any better. It is unfair to criticise him for being too defensive because he's done one final and one semifinal. It's difficult to do much better than that."

Eriksson will watch all England's games, and will be in this country as a guest at a private event for the matches against the United States and Wales. He loves the buzz of World Cups, and can still recall the hysteria and hyperbole of the build-up. "When you leave the country, you have the feeling that, wow, you're on a mission. You almost feel like you have 60million people backing you and pushing you: go and win it for us. You are very proud, and all these England players want to play and pull on the shirt. As a professional footballer, coach or manager it's absolutely the best."

Who will win in Qatar? "In 2006, for England, it was the same as today, they are one of the ones who can win it. You have Argentina - will Lionel Messi ever win a World Cup? Brazil has a very good team. Then you have France, Spain, Germany and Belgium.

"It's one of those World Cups where you don't know who is the strongest. I will sit in front of the television for weeks. I don't know if I will watch them all, but a lot."

Eriksson is brilliant company, unfailingly polite and always calm. As he escorts us around his house, he is followed by an impeccably behaved labradoodle, Ame.

In a room upstairs, which includes a pool table, he has a framed photograph of the Degerfors IF team of 1978, where he began his long career as a coach after being persuaded to quit playing by Tord Grip. He was a rightback before retirement at 27: "I trained very hard, but wasn't any good."

There are signed photographs from previous assignments: before England, he established one of the finest Italian teams of the late 1990s at Lazio, winning a domestic double, and lifted countless trophies with Gothenburg and Benfica. His love of club management, and the daily rhythm of working with players, was why he held talks with both Chelsea and Manchester United while in charge of England.

"Everything went too quick. Where did life go? I have a very good life and I'm happy. It's not like I miss sitting on the bench at Wembley every day. Even when I lived in England and was the coach, I never heard a bad word. Everyone was educated and professional."

" At 74, and in great shape, Eriksson spends a lot of his time providing leadership and motivational speeches, mostly in Sweden. He has recently returned from his holiday home in Las Palmas. His father, also Sven, is 94 and lives in nearby Torsby, while son Johan is a football agent and daughter Lina works for the Red Cross caring for ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***. It would be understandable if Eriksson considered his career in football over, but there could be afinal hurrah. Later in the day of this interview, he met with officials at Karlstad, a third division club 41 miles from his home, over the position of sporting director.

"It's a project and they desperately want to go up. They are a team in a city of 100,000. It has the best curling team. The hockey team is the best in Sweden. Football is the next big thing for them. I still have the passion and want to work in football. Let's see if something happens with this. It's the same idea as Notts County, but different people."

Ah, Notts County. How could Eriksson ever forget that episode? After being appointed as director of football in 2009, he was sold the dream of achieving promotion to the Premier League within five years. Roberto Mancini was targeted as manager, while Sol Campbell and Kasper Schmeichel were lured by the ambition of consortium Munto Finance.

"What a pity," says Eriksson. "When I signed, I thought it was the contract of my life. They said the club is yours, do whatever you want and take us to the Premier League.

"It soon became a bad dream. I was convinced by it all. Just a week after, they [Munto] disappeared without saying anything. The players had no salaries and the milkman stopped coming - there was no milk!" Eriksson then leaves, politely, to drive down the E45 to Karlstad. Heavy snow is forecast for Sweden next week, but Eriksson has never complained about anything.

Eriksson rejected Iran over unrest

Sven-Goran Eriksson has revealed he rejected an offer to return to management in Iran.

The former England manager was approached by a Persian Gulf Pro League club from the capital, Tehran, in September, but insisted he could not take the post due to the civil unrest in the country following the death of Mahsa Amini, 22, who was detained by morality police for allegedly breaking rules on head coverings.

"I had an offer to go to Iran to one of the biggest clubs," Eriksson told Telegraph Sport. "I said no. There were so many reasons. They have a big problem and you don't know how it will finish. People dying, it's not right.

"It was the last offer I had. It was a week or so after the girl died, but I said 'no thank you'. In the future? Maybe."

Eriksson also criticised Fifa over its decision to hand the World Cup to Qatar.

"You have to blame Fifa. It's crazy, ridiculous," he said. "If you are a member of Fifa and have the right to vote, how can you vote for Qatar?"

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**Graphic**

Room with a view: Sven-Goran Eriksson at home in Sweden, where he has been in talks over accepting a new footballing challenge aged 74, and (left) during his England daysEOFF PUGH FOR THE TELEGRAPH

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[*How I See It; Exhibitions Why it would be best for us all if Matt Hancock became King of the Jungle*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:66V9-JWJ1-DYTY-C181-00000-00&context=1519360)

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MAGGI HAMBLING Painter and sculptor ?Mrs and Mrs Andrews, c1750 National Gallery, London

Mr and Mrs Andrews could so easily appear smug, enthroned monarchs of their several acres. But although the garden seat is placed, for the purposes of the portrait, it would seem, rather artificially beside a cornfield, and although the couple's clothes are delicate and elaborate, more suited to a promenade on their terrace, these two people and the gun dog are convincingly real.

Mr and Mrs Andrews look out of the painting at Gainsborough, and at us, in a questioning and engaging way, as hosts might greet new guests. Every inch of surrounding landscape, from the oak shading them to the far horizon beyond, is as incisively painted as they are. It is a daring balance of a composition, over half the painting given to land and sky, and Mr and Mrs Andrews on their intimate patch become almost visitors.

It is the wholeness of the painting that makes it work, as does its immediacy, its sense of a charged moment. The dramatic Suffolk sky might produce rain in an instant, Mr Andrews's gun dog might escape and make a dash for a rat. This harvest scene could so easily be a sickly-sweet idyll, but Gainsborough's passionate observation creates a masterpiece.

In 1981, I was commissioned by Greene King brewery to paint the chairman, John Bridge. We met in his office and I understood at once that he was not an indoor city-suit man but an outdoor country-tweed one. We therefore agreed that I paint him in his landscape. I had Gainsborough's Mr and Mrs Andrews in mind. It was decided he would stand beside a line of trees he had planted, his gun dog in attendance, Suffolk fields and sky stretching beyond and above them.

October suited us both, so in anticipation of an Indian summer and good light, we began. In 1981, we were out of luck. The wind howled, the rain fell, my easel often crashed into the mud and my subject clutched a handwarmer in his left pocket.

Johnnie's gun dog posed beautifully, but his wife's white Highland terrier, determined to be in on the act, dashed everywhere, appearing in the painting further along the track, about to disappear into a ditch.

GRIFF RHYS JONES Comedian, writer and TV presenter ?The Painter's Daughters with a Cat, 1760-1 National Gallery, London

In room 35 of the National Gallery, a parade of Gainsborough's work hangs on the north wall. Here, you can find Mr and Mrs Andrews looking peaky on a blustery Suffolk day; John Plampin of Lavenham relaxing with his dog under a fine oak, with his own distant hurdled fields of sheep behind him; and two portraits of his own daughters.

I like the Gainsborough here, not with his later, flamboyant swaggering portraits of the wealthy with their finest flouncy white hair, shaggy dogs or lace frillies further on in the gallery, but a plainer Suffolk Hogarthian man - a "warts and all" man.

The picture of Gainsborough's daughters, Margaret and Mary, that everybody seems to prefer is the more idealised one of the two charming toddlers chasing a butterfly. My wife wanted me to choose that as a favourite: pointing out the Van Dyck style of brushwork on the silver dress and the charm of the composition; so why do I really love the other one in the National Gallery - the unfinished picture of the sisters, with a barely discernible cat in their arms?

It is moving without being sentimental. Only a year separates the two girls in age. They were painted in this picture around 1761, possibly after the family had just moved to Bath, when they were nine and 10. It lacks the slight naive straightforwardness of his youthful Suffolk commissions, but the two girls are so totally alive in their passivity.

Mary is holding Margaret still and quiet. Margaret, the younger, looks impatient. We can feel her wanting to escape from her father's insistent gaze. He is making them stand still long enough to "take" them both. Mary knows this is important to him. Margaret, his favourite, seems more cheeky: caged, captured.

It is a moment pregnant with character, emotion and love. Formal and yet utterly free of affectation. An Instagram for its times, perhaps, yet what incredible skill, what wonderful ability, what confidence to be able to catch in children so young their individual character and quickness. We can read their eyes. We can see their feelings. We can feel their [*www.liveliness.No*](http://www.liveliness.No) wonder he never finished it. The cat, the background, the dresses are irrelevant to the knowledge of them that he has caught in the faces.

Gainsborough painted his daughters often. There is another really compelling double portrait in the V&A, but I don't think the other portrayals are quite as stirring or true. Given what lay in their future, with poor Mary falling into mental illness in later life, there is a poignancy here, too, but only because they are both so real, posing here before us for their talented father.

By the time you read this, Matt Hancock may have eaten a large pile of ostrich testicles. (Ostriches have testicles, right? I get confused about birds. If you ever wonder why I don't crop up on shows like Celebrity Mastermind, Celebrity Pointless etc, it's because of these pockets of intense ignorance. I can't risk them being revealed in front of the general public, to whom I have successfully communicated the misconception over the years that I am not an idiot. Off-duty, offcamera, there I'll often be: merrily burbling on about probability or WB Yeats, looking for all the world like an intellectual, until we suddenly reach a bend in the conversation where it becomes clear to everyone in the room that I don't know my left and right or why gravity doesn't work on the moon, or whether birds have testicles. Only a couple of months ago, on a Cornish beach, an anonymous media source had to explain to me what tides are.)

Anyway, if ostrich testicles exist, Matt Hancock may have spent this week gobbling them. Or perhaps he has dined on rotten lizard eggs (do lizards… lay… oh never mind), or croc faeces, or a list of the dreams and aspirations he had as a young man, chopped up and served to him in a sarcastic pie.

I don't know because I had to stop watching I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here! as soon as Matt Hancock arrived (his "surprise" late entry the worst-kept secret in showbiz since Freddie Mercury was in the closet).

I struggle to watch "Bushtucker Trials" at the best of times. I actually really like this sort of programme, but I'm in it for the curious human dynamics; the strange and hungry little conversations in the dead of night; the arguments, tensions, reassuring decency and all that's revealed when performers are placed in isolation and filmed for 24 hours a day. I'm not there for torture.

This year, for example, I was gripped when Love Island star Olivia Attwood slammed the DJ Chris Moyles for "name-dropping" during an anecdote about Jamie Oliver. My popcorn is out in buckets for this content. But I don't want to see the newsreader Charlene White crying because she misses her children, or anybody truly frightened.

(I didn't know what to do with the bit where Celebrity Gogglebox's Babatúndé Aléshé asked Mike

Tindall - for all the world as if he hadn't been begged to do this by the producers - "How did you meet your wife?". In one way, it's just chat. In another way, the horrendous social awkwardness of ambushing Mike Tindall with that question on camera is ghastlier than eating the witchetty grubs.)

Here's the problem with Matt Hancock going on the show. Obviously he'll get hell on there. If there's one electorate guaranteed to deliver Matt Hancock a massive vote, it's the viewers deciding who gets the next Bushtucker Trial.

I mean, everyone has a reason to hate Matt Hancock. It's like Murder on the Orient Express. Pro-lockdowners hate him for delivering it too late. Anti-lockdowners hate him for delivering it at all. And both sides despise the hypocrisy of ushering in the rules and breaking them on the sly.

As it happens, I struggle to feel any of those things with much passion. I expect he did his best in a baffling and unprecedented situation - it proved clumsy, dangerous and wrong, but maybe it was his first snog.

Anyway, what I hate him for is the speed with which he appeared to slough of f his wife and children to protect his image. I mean, it was [*www.immediate.No*](http://www.immediate.No) lip service paid to the idea of managing his departure from home gently and carefully in a way that best protected the woman he'd once promised to look after and the little chaps they'd conjured up together.

We were all a bit emotional about social bonds back then, weren't we, and I admit I empathised so closely with that family's shock and hurt that I cried real tears over it. I bet I'm not the only one. And then he didn't even manage to protect his image! You utter wazzock, Hancock! At least Boris Johnson was good at it!

The nation's hearts have ached for that family throughout his subsequent, relentless quest for the limelight, whether giving interviews about how "in love" he is now [vomiting emoji] or taking in ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** and boasting, "before going down this route, I checked obviously with the kids". Ah yes, the kids' welfare taking priority as always! Jesus, Matt, will you listen to yourself!

Thus, people will vote for him to be showered in earthworms, fed genitals and locked in coffins. But the more he is punished and demeaned, surely the worse it is for his children? They must yearn to be proud of him. They must hope for his well-being. It's paradoxical: the reason he should be made to suffer is the reason he shouldn't be made to suffer.

The best result, really, is that he wins. That he's made King of the Jungle. That he's so successful, he doesn't bother going back into politics. Because his children deserve to be proud of him, but he doesn't deserve to represent his constituents in Parliament. He's just not a good enough man. And that really won't be a problem if he's a celebrity.

But why oh why oh why does anyone do this show? That part, I'll never understand. People often ask if I'd do it myself. Man alive! I wouldn't even do Celebrity Mastermind.

Mr and Mrs Andrews look out of the picture at us, as hosts might greet new guests Knowing Mary will fall into mental illness in later life, there is poignancy here, too Everyone has a reason to hate Hancock. It's like Murder on the Orient Express

**Graphic**

Grubs up!: the ex-health secretary on I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!Gainsborough's House, Sudbury ([*www.gainsborough.org*](http://www.gainsborough.org)) will reopen following a three-year redevelopment on November 21IMAGES BRIDGEMAN SHUTTERSTOCK ITV/

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[*'We heard the whistle of the rocket and started running, it was panic'; Dispatch Civilians in Kramatorsk awaiting train to safety recount their horror as Russian missile struck*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6561-RM71-DYTY-C26X-00000-00&context=1519360)

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**Body**

Ablue baby buggy stood unattended on the blood-smeared platform, surrounded by abandoned luggage. Telephones rang in abandoned bags.

Relatives frantically searched for news of missing family members who were meant to be on the train.

The Tochka-U missile that unloaded its payload of cluster bomblets at about 10.30 yesterday morning turned Kramatorsk's crowded railway station into a scene of devastation.

Hundreds, possibly thousands, of people were waiting for the next train for evacuation from the east, where Russia is now expected to focus its assault, to safety in Ukraine's west.

Dasha, an 18 year old local, told The Daily Telegraph: "I was there and saw everything. A rocket was flying in the sky, fragments fell to the ground and hit the cars and people. Cars exploded and people died.

"We heard the whistle of a rocket. Everything happened very quickly.

"Everyone started running. It was scary, there was a lot of panic.

"There were dead and wounded on the ground. It was disgusting to see."

The sub-munitions - a Tochka carries about 50 of them - landed on both sides of the station building, among passengers already on the platforms and those waiting to enter from the car park.

Oleksiy Honcharenko, the mayor of Kramatorsk, told Ukrainian television that surgeons at local hospitals had been overwhelmed trying to treat grievous injuries including "many missing arms and legs". Surgeons were simultaneously trying to treat 30 or 40 victims.

"There were 40 people killed instantly and about 100 people wounded," Vyacheslav Zaporozhets, a volunteer with Lazar, a Ukrainian medical charity, told The Telegraph from a Kramatorsk hospital.

Several could not be saved. By mid afternoon, the death toll had climbed to 50, including 12 wounded people who died after reaching hospitals. There were at least five children among the dead. There was no immediate news about the baby who had ridden in the blue buggy, or its parents.

Deliberately targeting civilians is a war crime. Kramatorsk station is a civilian facility that serves intercity trains travelling across the country.

The Telegraph could not immediately confirm whether there was a legitimate military target in the area at the time of the attack. But Ukrainian authorities had no time for the suggestion that the slaughter might be a case of unintentional collateral damage.

Authorities are expecting a major Russian offensive to turn the city into a battlefield in the next few weeks.

For the past several days, the passenger railway station has been crammed with civilians heeding calls to evacuate while there is still time.

Mr Honcharenko said about 4,000 people were crowded on to the platform and the carpark at the time of yesterday's attack.

It would be impossible for Russian reconnaissance to be unaware of that, and Ukrainian officials insisted the choice of target was deliberate.

"Lacking the strength and courage to fight with us on the battlefield, they are cynically destroying the civilian population. This is an evil that has no limits. And if it is not punished, it will never stop," said Volodymyr Zelensky, Ukraine's president.

"The 'Rashists' ('Russian fascists') knew very well where they were aiming and what they wanted: they wanted to sow panic and fear, they wanted to take as many civilians as possible," said Pavlo Kirilenko, the head of Donetsk region.

The carcass of the rocket was later found lying on a patch of grass a few dozen metres away. It bore a message, daubed in large capitals with white paint: "for the children."

The Russian soldiers who painted it either thought they were making a point about the imagined righteousness of their cause - or a deliberately sick joke.

Instead, they provided an unintentional summary of the total war Russia's government is now clearly waging against Ukrainian civilians. From central Kharkiv to Mariupol's maternity hospital and the Kyiv suburbs like Bucha and Hostemel, Russia's war effort has shown a disregard for civilian life that by now looks more deliberate than careless.

In the first days of the war, a cluster munitions rocket hit a Kharkiv blood bank - a critical asset for a city under siege. Last month, Russian air strikes hit a maternity hospital in Mariupol. Then they hit a theatre sheltering hundreds of civilians in the same city - ignoring the warning "CHILDREN" written on the Tarmac outside in letters so big they could be seen by satellites.

The bodies of civilian travellers lying among their luggage on a Donbas morning yesterday recalled an earlier war crime. In the summer of 2014, a Russian anti-aircraft missile shot down a Malaysian airlines Boeing 777, scattering mutilated bodies and suitcases across fields 60 miles south-east of the Kramatorsk tragedy.

Now as then, the Kremlin's response was a clumsy and transparent denial, followed by blaming Ukraine.

At an earlier daily news briefing, the Russian ministry of defence did not mention the missile attack on Kramatorsk but it did reference three "high precision air-launched missile" attacks on stations in the neighbouring towns of Pokrovsk, Slavyansk and Barvinkove.

Major General Igor Konashenkov, the Russian military spokesman, said the attacks "destroyed weapons and military equipment of the Ukrainian military reserves arriving in Donbas".

But within an hour, it had issued a [*www.denial.No*](http://www.denial.No) strikes were carried out or planned against Kramatorsk, it said. Only the Ukrainian armed forces operates those missiles, it claimed.

In fact, Russia has been using Tochka-U missiles in Ukraine at least since early march. The booster units left behind after cluster strikes have been seen on battlefields from Mariupol in the south to Chernihiv in the north.

Zvezda, the defence ministry's own television channel, reported on Russian and Belarusian forces using Tochka-U missiles during drills just a week before the invasion began.

And just as with the MH17 tragedy, pro-Russian propaganda and social media outlets initially celebrated the attacks as a successful strike on the Ukrainian military.

Beneath a video showing smoke billowing and debris scattered across streets, the Kremlin-linked Russian journalist Dmitry Steshin wrote: "Ten minutes ago this happened at the Kramatorsk railway station. A group of militants of the Armed Forces of Ukraine was working here." The post was later deleted, but not before it had been preserved for posterity by reposts and screenshots.

Another pro-Russian Telegram account issued a veiled warning the previous evening. In a post at 9.09pm on Thursday evening, the anonymous author said people should avoid evacuating from the Donetsk region through train stations. He repeated the warning at 9.15am, just as the missiles hit the train stations.

Boris Johnson said the attack "shows the depths to which Putin's vaunted army has sunk".

"It is a war crime indiscriminately to attack civilians, and Russia's crimes in Ukraine will not go unnoticed or unpunished," he said at a press conference. The White House decried the "horrific and devastating images" of the attack.

Josep Borrell, the EU foreign policy chief, who was in Kyiv with the head of the EU executive, Ursula von der Leyen, condemned on Twitter "yet another attempt to close escape routes for those fleeing this unjustified war."

The strike comes ahead of what threatens to become one of the most violent battles of the war to date.

Russia has publicly said that it intends to focus on the "liberation" of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions, which are claimed as sovereign terriet tory by two Moscow-curated separatist "republics" established during an earlier invasion in 2014.

It has reinforced its units in the area and appears to be attempting a large envelopment of the Ukrainian troops concentrated along the old line of contact with the separatist "republics."

By surrounding and destroying those soldiers, and "liberating" the Donetsk and Luhansk regions, Mr Putin may hope to force Mr Zelensky to the negotiating table and extract a punishing peace agreement that he could present in Moscow as victory.

But if the operation fails, Vladimir Putin will be forced to choose between continuing an expensive war with no clear path to victory, or ordering a humiliating withdrawal.

Western officials believe Mr Putin is pressuring his generals to deliver a success before Russia's May 9 Victory Day holiday, giving them just a month to complete the encirclement.

for the Ukrainians, the stakes are even higher. Defeat would mean loss of the most capable part of its army and a significant swathe of territory.

A Russian spearhead pushing south towards Slavyansk and Kramatorsk has made slow but steady progress over the past week, but the exact line of control is unclear.

Russia claimed to have finally captured the besieged port city of Mariupol, in the southern Donetsk region yesterday. Ukrainian forces immediately claimed to retain control of large parts of it.

Ukrainian authorities have called on residents of the eastern Luhansk, Donetsk, and Kharkiv regions to leave urgently.

The systematic targeting of railways in Donbas over the past two days appears designed to prevent Ukraine moving in reinforcements and to block evacuation efforts, which makes the cities more difficult to defend.

Mr Kirilenko, the head of the Donetsk region military-civil administration, insisted that the evacuation efforts would continue, but that security would be reviewed, with updates for individual towns on the new plans.

"The enemy has surveillance and monitoring tools. They clearly understood that this is a city, this is a railway station there are people there. They only do it to prevent people from leaving our region," he said.

Those who left on earlier trains are the lucky ones. But as so many ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** have already found, it is a painful kind of safety.

Valeriya Novikova, 23, who left from the same station just a few days earlier, said: "By train we left as then there was the possibility of escape.

"We waited until the last in the hope that suddenly everything would work out and the war would end.

"Now I'm unemployed and homeless. I had everything and now I have nothing but a suitcase with things. For the first time, I felt how it is when the soul hurts. It is very bad, I cried and still cry every day.

"Antidepressants don't help. There is nothing better than your home."

'Everyone started running... there were dead and wounded on the ground. It was disgusting to see' 'There were 40 people killed instantly and about 100 people injured' 'They are cynically destroying the civilian population. This is an evil that has no limits'

**Graphic**

Families at the packed Kramatorsk rail station the day before the attackScenes of devastation around the Kramatorsk central rail station after it was targeted by a Russian Tochka-U missile. The weapon - pictured above - had the words 'for the children' painted on the side in RussianAFP SENNA/ FADEL IMAGES; GETTY VIA AGENCY ANADOLU CARRUBBA/ ANDREA

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[*The British mother who is rescuing her friends' children from war; When Jo Cope received an emotional text from a family in Ukraine asking for help, she booked herself on the first flight to Poland. By Helen Brown*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:64X5-02N1-JCBW-N2TY-00000-00&context=1519360)

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The text arrived at 4am on Friday morning: "If anything bad happens, can you come and take the children?"

The decision was simple. "If a child you loved was in mortal danger, you'd just go and get them, wouldn't you?" says Jo Cope. "You wouldn't sit at home in Essex watching the news. You'd get on a plane and make sure they were safe. Wouldn't you?"

While many would still have been wrestling with that question, the motherof-three from Chelmsford had booked a flight from Luton to the Polish city of Lublin, close to the Ukrainian border.

"I threw some tights and knickers into a bag. I grabbed my medication, my passport and my driving licence and drove to the airport. All the time I kept telling myself: 'I can do this on my own.' In the next breath, I'd ask myself: 'What the hell am I doing?' I was terrified. Overwhelmed. A shaking mess."

Cope's connection to Ukraine was forged through the Chernobyl Children's Lifeline Charity (CCLC), which organises respite breaks with British families for those growing up in the shadow of the worst nuclear disaster the world has ever seen.

Cope, 35, was born in April 1986, the month the power plant exploded in what was then still part of the Soviet Union. "Reading about that as I grew up made me very aware of how lucky I am to have been born in England," she says. "Since I was 18 years old, I've volunteered to host children coming for summer holidays in the UK."

Since Sasha\*, now 14, spent a summer with her family in Chelmsford, Cope has taken her own children (aged 14, 13 and nine) on return visits to her village, which lies between Chernobyl and Kyiv, where they got to know her parents, her eight-year-old brother, Aleks, and their 15-year-old cousin, Anna.

"I'd encouraged the whole family to get passports so they could come and visit me after the pandemic," she says. "We were looking forward to lots of fun together - doing all the tourist stuff. They wanted to see the Tower of London."

But as Russian tanks began lining the border with Ukraine in November, their correspondence took a sombre turn. "I texted the family to say that I would offer any help I could. They replied to say they were not scared, they were fine."

Cope was on a night shift at the veterinary clinic where she works when Russian missiles began hitting locations across Ukraine in the small hours of Thursday morning. "I was texting Sasha, who kept reassuring me. Then her mood changed. She said: 'We're moving. We're not safe.' " The following morning, Cope heard from the siblings' father, Ivan, who, along with his wife, works in a security-critical position that means they can't leave Ukraine. "He's a strong, steady man," she says. "He's not somebody who panics. When I got that text, I knew it was bad. I would have to go.

"I'm on the breadline financially. But I was lucky that I got paid that night, so I went home and sorted my children out.

My youngest has gone to stay with friends. My eldest two are with my mother."

Arriving in Poland at 9.30pm on Friday, Cope turned her phone back on to a stream of messages from friends telling her that the UK Government had just suspended visa services to Ukraine. "Friends researched the situation and told me that Dublin was the place closest to home to head to."

The next day, she took an Uber taxi 125 miles to the border crossing near Hrebenne where she had arranged to meet the children, their parents having driven more than 300 miles across the country, past the western town of Lviv.

"The kids texted at 2.30pm to say there were 2,500 cars ahead of them on their side. By 7am the next morning, the family had only moved 3km. At that point, they dumped their car and walked 14km with both parents."

Cope was deeply moved by the kindness of strangers as she waited at the crossing. "I sat around a campfire with some Indian medical students. Some other kind men let me wait in their car and gave me coffee and doughnuts. I was watching buses full of women and children leaving Ukraine. Then the buses would fill up with men who were going back in to fight the Russians.

"It was snowing on and off," she says. "The temperature was -2C. The kids were cold and scared. Because men are not allowed to leave the country, their dad had to leave them at the first checkpoint." Their mother was able to take them a little further towards the border - but six hours after she had to leave them, too, they had still not reached Cope.

"The kids were freaking out by that point," she says. "They were stuck in the middle of the crossing, alone. The guards near me were telling them they just had to walk, but the children couldn't work out which way to go. They were only about six minutes' walk from where I was waiting, but I wasn't allowed to cross the border with a British passport to get them."

The Polish police were helping Cope - charging her phone and giving her food and drink. Eventually, "some random guy banged on the window of the police car. He had the kids. Everybody was crying as I just held them. I felt like I couldn't let them go. The police woman was tearing up."

The children had only the clothes on their backs and a small rucksack each.

Their parents had given them their birth certificates and a legal document assigning Cope legal guardianship of them for up to 12 months.

A Ukrainian friend of Cope's - whose children attend the same Chelmsford school as her own - flew to Warsaw and met them all at a hotel. "She can talk to the kids," she says. "I don't speak Ukrainian, and only Sasha has much English, so we've managed our entire relationship through Google Translate."

Back in Warsaw, the only flights Cope could afford to get the four of them to Dublin were via Lisbon. They got to the airport seven hours early, as they knew the paperwork would be a challenge. "The kids aren't vaccinated, so we had to wait for two hours for Covid tests."

Meanwhile, the family's neighbours were sending photos and videos of their village in ruins. "It's horrendous. They sent images of a park my kids were playing in a few years ago - a typical post-Soviet style park, surrounded by apartment blocks with swings and a big pirate ship climbing frame. I remember my own kids laughing there; old people on benches; couples walking their dogs. I've got a photograph of my youngest daughter there, cuddling a dog. Now it's just a big pile of metal."

Cope phoned the Home Office from Warsaw for advice. "I finally got through to somebody who told me that I needed to leave the airport and go back to the embassy and, from there, either to Romania, Moldova or, I think, Slovakia. He said that - regardless of the paperwork I have been given by these children's parents - because they are not blood relatives there's nothing else I could do. But I don't know those places. The kids don't know anybody in those places. So we got on the flight to Lisbon."

Aleks had never been to an airport, let alone on a plane before. "All the children were distressed when we were told the airline couldn't allocate us seats together. But a wonderful air hostess sorted it all out."

Cope and her charges have arrived in Dublin. She's been deeply moved by the kindness of Irish border control staff, but admits she has no idea what's next.

"I'd been running on adrenaline until the kids were in my arms," she says. "Now my brain has turned to mush. I've got so much to work out. I don't know how to organise returning to work, getting to my own kids… One minute I'm scrolling through videos of burning Ukrainian villages, the next minute I'm thinking about the parking charges I'm running up at Luton airport."

Sasha, Aleks and Anna have seen the images from home. "They haven't spoken to me about how they feel about their parents still being in Ukraine," Cope says. "They're focused on being strong. I'm waiting for them to feel they can be children again."

As for Cope's own children, they are proud she's doing something to help. "They're excited to see their friends again," she says. "But they're worrying about the other children I've had to leave behind. I've got contact with two others I was hoping to bring home, but whose parents were not able to bring them to the border. They are currently safe but they're too scared to tell me where they are. I've promised that if they can get to a border then I will come back.

"I'm not doing this to be a hero," she says. "I'm a normal person. There are so many children left inside Ukraine - I just came for three. Why would I not?"

\*Names have been changed. To donate to Jo Cope's mission, go to [*www.tinyurl.com/jocopeukraine*](http://www.tinyurl.com/jocopeukraine)

HOW TO SPONSOR A CHILD IN UKRAINE

You can sponsor a Ukrainian child or family through the Christian charity Mission Without Borders ([*www.mwbuk.org*](http://www.mwbuk.org)), which has been operating across Eastern Europe for 60 years, and in Ukraine since 1991. They currently support more than 10,000 children and families across Romania, Moldova and Ukraine, but this number is expected to rise following the Russian invasion. Sponsorship is £18 per month (60p per day) and provides children and their families with food, clothes, school supplies and furniture, as well as summer camps and after school clubs to support a child's learning and development. Their services will continue in Ukraine amid the conflict. As well as humanitarian aid, they offer emotional and spiritual support. Save the Children ([*www.savethechildren.org.uk*](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk)) has launched an emergency appeal to distribute vital aid including winter clothing, blankets, cash and vouchers for food and medicine to vulnerable children and families in Ukraine. They are also offering education and psychological support to Ukrainian children caught up in the conflict.

British citizens will soon be able to provide visa sponsorship to ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** as part of a government scheme announced on March 1. The humanitarian sponsorship pathway will be open to Ukrainian citizens who do not have family ties to the UK. An exact date for the scheme is yet to be announced. Full information will be available in due course at [*www.gov.uk*](http://www.gov.uk)/ world/ukraine/ news.

**Graphic**

?Jo Cope, a mother from Chelmsford, travelled overnight to a remote Polish border crossing……to rescue her Ukrainian friends' children - part of the exodus, above - who have now been legally signed over to herSHUTTERSTOCK IMAGES/ SOPA PALAMARCHUK/ PAVLO

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[*I can't imagine not being an activist now': Ukrainian chef Olia Hercules is fighting back; Four months ago, the London-based food writer Olia Hercules was best known for her award-winning cookbooks. But then Russia invaded her native Ukraine and everything changed. Despite her devastation and anxiety about family under threat, she knew she had to help - and quickly. Since then she has raised over a million pounds to send vital aid to those affected by the war, including her brother, who is bravely defending their beloved country. Diana Henry meets her at home*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:65SF-H5B1-DYTY-C563-00000-00&context=1519360)

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Olia Hercules' kitchen is usually a sanctuary, a place where the Ukrainian chef and author tests recipes, writes award-winning cookbooks and feeds her children. Today it's chaotic: toys underfoot, Ukrainian tablecloths scattered on the sofa, huge houseplants that need watering? but her priority is lunch. She rolls out an oval of pasta dough - it's perfect, silky and supple - and cuts it into ribbons, just enough for two. Given what she's going through I'm amazed she can cook, let alone cook for guests. She offers the pasta, dressed with tomato sauce. 'I have to make myself eat,' she says firmly. 'And if you eat, I will eat.'

Hercules was born in south Ukraine but has lived in the UK since she came here, aged 18, to study Italian and international relations. She became a chef - partly because cooking helped keep her connected to her home and family - and eventually a food writer and teacher. In her books, particularly Mamushka and Summer Kitchens, she encourages us to appreciate Ukraine through food and stories. Her Instagram has always pulsed with colour - the pink-green stripy Ukrainian tomatoes she picks with her mother in

the summer, jars of preserved beets, meals eaten beneath canopies of greenery. She posts short videos of her cooking too, always wearing one of her trademark Ukrainian scarves round her head.

When Russia invaded Ukraine on 24 February, Hercules became more than a food writer, she became an activist, a warrior. That day she posted old black-and-white photographs of her maternal grandmother, who had been put on a cattle train in the 1930s and transported to Siberia, and her paternal grandmother, whose father - a cobbler - had been shot by Bolsheviks. They then took his cow and his house and left his family with nothing. 'You may be rattling your sabre,' Hercules wrote, in the accompanying post, 'but we have a million cloaked ghosts behind us, sharpening their scythes, waiting for you. These are my ghosts. They may be dead, but their spirit is within me? If they managed to overcome these

horrors, trust me, we will resist your psychopathic tsarist ambitions.'

My spine tingled. I marvelled at this strength and started to check her posts several times a day. It felt as if she was on the frontline, even though she was in east London.

Hercules, 38, is stunningly beautiful, and usually has the most perfect red lips. Today she looks exhausted, and cries intermittently.

'We really didn't expect Putin to invade,' she says, 'it was a huge shock.' She stops to take a breath and holds her head in her hands. 'Despite what happened in Crimea, we didn't see it coming. I mean, what is the justification for invading a country where people are just going about their daily lives?' The sheer shock floored her. Her parents were in Ukraine - her home town is Kakhovka, 80 miles from Crimea - together with her brother and endless aunts, uncles and cousins.

my parents every day I didn't know how to live, how to exist with this horror. I could hear gunfire in the background when we talked. Sometimes I just shouted and cried. I told my husband I didn't want to go on. At other times I felt the strongest I have ever felt in my life.'

She believes Ukrainians live with the trauma of their past: 'Ukraine has always been attacked. It's a corridor between Asia and Europe, it's vulnerable. My whole life I've suffered from some kind of anxiety or other. It's as if Ukrainians are born with this and hold on to it as a way of preparing themselves to cope. I get very anxious about small things, but I seem to have reserves for the big things. Do you know the word znyschyty? It means to crush a country. That's what some Russians have been trying to do for years, to obliterate our culture and our language. We lived through Stalin, and we will get through this. In a sense I was ready. I've been preparing for this all my life.'

She plugged into these reserves, pushed aside the shock and replaced it with defiant energy. Her brother, Sasha, joined the civilian army to fight in Kyiv but had, like most Ukrainian men, no equipment except a rifle, and no training. 'One week people were on their laptops drinking lattes. Sasha was working on his start-up. The next my cousins were making Molotov cocktails. My brother thought he could fight in jeans and track shoes. They needed vests, boots, helmets and radios,' says Hercules. 'I didn't even stop to think about it, there was work to be done and that was that.'

Hercules didn't set up a charity to raise money, she put the details of a PayPal account on her Instagram posts. 'People said that I had to do things properly but there was no time for that. I needed to get money in.' In just two days she had amassed £100,000 and the money was still coming. Wars are usually delivered through headlines and cold specifics - which towns are being bombed, the

that there were real people suffering in Ukraine, and she brought us their stories every day. The public had trust in her to do the right thing with their money. 'I was overwhelmed by the response here,' she says. 'I'm in awe of the British people.'

Before long she had volunteers working round her kitchen table, answering phone calls and emails, helping the public understand how to donate. 'People just came. They held me up, they worked with me,' she says. A woman she didn't even know brought her broth to help keep her strength up. 'As soon as I tasted it, I was able to eat. I ate only that broth for weeks.'

Her life became a whirlwind of media interviews. She was photographed in her Ukrainian blouses - she had always worn these, it wasn't just for this new role - with her hands on her hips, looking like the mamushkas, the mothers and grandmothers, the strong Ukrainian women she so admires. The number following her Instagram account rocketed. She harnessed social media's power to disseminate news, to raise money, to let people see what the real Ukraine was like, not a country of fascists as Putin would have you believe. She posted powerful videos speaking

You could see how tired and traumatised she was. 'I didn't think about trolls or becoming well known,' she says. 'Social media was a way to communicate with people, so I did it.'

The most powerful thing Hercules posted during this time was a video of her brother in falling snow. He was speaking in Ukrainian so I couldn't understand a word, and yet I could understand all of it. Sasha was smiling broadly, excitedly showing us his fellow combatants with their new equipment. This is what Hercules had achieved. I watched it through tears.

With her friends, Russian food writer Alissa Timoshkina and social-media influencer Clerkenwell Boy, Hercules established Cook for Ukraine. The idea was to hold suppers, organise cake sales, do any food-focused activity you could to raise money for charities working in Ukraine, including Unicef. It has raised more than £1 million.

Hercules got Covid, but within days she was posting pictures that showed Ukraine during an idyllic summer. Images of wars are unremittingly bleak, but she posted a Ukraine of sunflower fields, ripe watermelons and meadows. You could feel the warm lazy air and understand why Ukrainians are fighting so hard to hold on to their country.

parents - journalists and activists - started being kidnapped she was terrified and pleaded with them to leave: 'They were very stubborn. They didn't see why they should go when they'd done nothing wrong. Mum has a B&B and my father has a company that makes agricultural equipment. They felt responsible for their employees. Then I learnt that they had received threats and kept this information from me. I had a hysterical attack, an anxiety attack I suppose you'd call it, on the phone to them. I told them I wouldn't be able to go on if they died. I asked what would then happen to my children, to my family here. They gave in.'

Her parents' exodus was slow. They had to negotiate 19 checkpoints. 'My mum said she wasn't scared but that she had never experienced such humiliation. She explained there were three types of Russian soldier, the ones who looked as if they were from the most deprived backgrounds, those who were so young they weren't even shaving and, the worst, the very confident, older types who would goad you.' At the last checkpoint one of these older men asked for her name, then asked again, slowly studying her passport, then said, 'Why are you leaving?'

Her father drove for five days to get to Germany, where a family member had a small holiday home. Hercules flew there, arriving before they did, to cook for them. She made borscht, the Ukrainian national dish. 'They had such pride,' she says. 'My mum told me that the house looked

lovely and that, when the Russians came, they would find a well-kept home. She took only family photographs and small pieces of her embroidery - she hid the larger pieces. It was heartbreaking.'

With her parents safe she could get a little peace. Her husband, Joe Woodhouse, a food photographer and writer, had been holding everything together - their two children, family meals and Hercules herself. I got in touch with him during what looked like the worst period to see how she was. 'There are swings from low to lower,' he said. 'We are learning to cope with this new norm every day.'

Hercules started posting pictures of outings with the children, looking happy, and of herself from the past - in Paris, in Italy - as if she was trying to hold on to who she had been before the invasion. With every post she talked about Ukraine. She needed to 'keep Ukraine front of mind'. She managed to get her 13-year-old niece, who is now living with them, out of Ukraine. Hercules is still delivering 'human news bulletins' every day, along with updates on the visa situation and advice on what food to buy if you're welcoming ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** into your home. She gets a video from Sasha every morning. 'It always arrives at the same time,' she says. '7am.'

How, I ask, will this end? 'I have read everything and watched everything I can about Putin,' she says, 'I don't know whether he acts like this because he grew up in poverty, or whether it's because a rat he'd cornered attacked him when he was a boy, and I really don't care.' I believe he loves Ukraine, I say, and that he had his honeymoon there. 'F?k him,' she says, swiping the air. 'And Henry Kissinger with his idea of giving territory to Russia to end the war, f?k him too.' She believes that, with arms from the West, Ukraine will hold Russia back. 'But what I really want to see is Russians taking to the streets to protest.' 'I suppose they're scared,' I say. She bristles. 'We're scared! Ukrainians are scared! But if enough Russians protest, en masse, it will work. They can't throw everyone in prison.'

She believes the war will be over by the autumn. What about the pundits who predict it will go on for at least a decade? She slumps. 'I can't contemplate that. Next summer I want to be in Ukraine. We have a huge family gathering, we call it "the summit", where we all get together to talk and eat and drink outside underneath my mum's vines. We're going to be there.'

Her latest book was finished in 2021, when this crisis hadn't been foreseen, but it's uncannily apt. It's called Home Food: Recipes To Comfort and Connect. Hercules was taught, by her mother and aunts, that cooking can be an act of defiance and self-preservation. There are sublime Ukrainian dishes in this book, but recipes from the rest of her life too. 'It's about comfort,' she writes in the introduction, 'And about the connections we all make in life through our experiences of meals shared with those we love. That is what food, and choosing cooking as my livelihood, is all about for me.'

She dreams of opening a cookery school in Ukraine, near her home town: 'When the war is over, I want to teach young Ukrainians to cook. Cooking and baking are restorative and we'll need that.' For now, she's very much in the middle of this crisis. The house is unsettled. It has the sluggish pulse of burned-up adrenalin. She still doesn't quite know how to live with what's happening. How could she? But she keeps being pragmatic and has a lot of support. 'There are going to be sunflowers here,' she smiles as she opens the door to her garden. A friend planted them so she could have a bit of Ukraine in London.

'This has changed me. I can't imagine not being an activist now,' she says. 'I mean I used to pay attention to politics, and I voted, but that was it. Now I see what can be achieved.' She knows that there will be a lot to do when the war ends. 'Not just to fix the country and its infrastructure, but its people. A lot of them will be traumatised. We will need to start putting them back together.' Her work, it seems, has only just begun.

Home Food: Recipes To Comfort and Connect, by

'Next summer I want to be in Ukraine. We have a huge family gathering where we all get together to talk and eat and drink outside underneath my mum's vines. We're going to be there' 'As I watched what was happening and talked to my parents every day, I could hear gunfire in the background'

**Graphic**

Hercules (back left) with family in Kakhovka last August, including her mother (to Olia's right)COOKBOOK FOOD HOME OF COURTESY HERCULES, OLIA OF COURTESYHeritage of food and family: grandmother Vera Paskova; 'Potatoes of my Childhood'Hercules on a trip to Dnipro in 2018

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[*Royalty, celebrity and eccentricity - it was all so uniquely British; Across the country, people came together to celebrate the jubilee for the sheer joy of it - and for good causes*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:65MD-1TJ1-JCBW-N073-00000-00&context=1519360)

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Under a glowering grey sky, the famous gasometers blotting out the skyline in the mid-distance, the 500 guests of the Big Jubilee Lunch at the Oval Cricket Ground were seated at their tables laid out on the pitch, drinking champagne and nibbling at petit fours.

Resplendent in a tropical suit, the event's compÈre, comedian Stuart Holdham ("I'm just cheap and available, basically") tapped his microphone to get the gathering's attention. "Our special guests, Jedward, are on their way," he said.

He was joking, of course. At the entrance to the ground, the Prince of Wales and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, were decanting from an Audi saloon, shaking hands with the Mayor of Lambeth, the MP for Vauxhall, and the chief executive of the Duchy of Cornwall (which owns the Oval). It was 11am. "A bit early for lunch," murmured Prince Charles, smiling broadly.

Could any event celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee be more uniquely British? Royalty, celebrity, eccentricity; a Caribbean steel band from south London, two people dressed as rose bushes, apparently just for the fun of it, an African prince from Northern Ireland brandishing a ceremonial horsehair staff, an Indian bagpipe band and, most importantly, a legion of volunteers and representatives from a multitude of community charities and good causes who labour tirelessly year in and year out, with scant recognition and no personal reward, now afforded the rare privilege of a royal meeting.

The jubilee lunches have been run by the Eden Project, which first introduced the Big Lunch to bring communities together in 2009. Some 750,000 joined in for the first event. More than 8.5million people attended Big Lunches for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012. This year it is estimated that up to 18million people have taken part at Big Lunch events across the country over the past three days.

The patron of the project is the 4/8\*Duchess of Cornwall, who is also the patron of the Royal Voluntary Service (RVS), which this year paired with the Eden Project, launching the Platinum Champions Awards, for people who have made outstanding contributions supporting the NHS and vulnerable people in the community. More than 3,000 people were nominated for Platinum Awards, with 70 Platinum Champions and their families at the Oval.

Among them was Ken Ross and his wife Rachael, who founded the Portsmouth Down Syndrome Association in 2009, both of whom were independently nominated. With them was their son Max, 17, who has Down syndrome. The association is dedicated to offering family support and raising educational achievement levels among children with Down's, and the Rosses helped to draft the Down Syndrome Act, which became law in April, and which makes provision for the needs of those with the condition.

"We're over the moon. It's such an honour to be here and to be recognised for what we do," Mr Ross said. "It's incredible what the Queen has done over the years, and what the Royal family do. They really do put in a shift."

Another son, Jack, 24, is currently in Ukraine, delivering food and provisions with his organisation Van Without Borders. "Yesterday, he organised a jubilee party for soldiers and their families, with Union Jack bunting he'd taken over specially."

Laid out on an enormous trestle table, was an extraordinary representation of the jubilee lunch - cakes, Scotch eggs and the Platinum Pudding - made of felt and wool by the artist Lucy Sparrow. Gyles Brandreth, wearing a woolly sweater with a corgi motif, paused to look on his way to his seat: "This is my natural habitat!"

" "And here," said Mr Holdham as the press corps andfilm crews were being led to their vantage points, "are this year's Love Island contestants ?" Definitely joking.

He issued instructions on protocol. If the royal guests pause at your table "nod and bob". The Prince should be addressed as "Sir"; the Duchess as "Ma'am - to rhyme with jam. Failure to do so will result in two years' hard labour."

Across the pitch marched the Shree Muktajeevan Swamibapa Pipe Band, from Kingsbury in north London, taking their places in regimental order and striking up an air to welcome the royal guests.

They were led to the felt and wool feast, where Camilla paused to pick up a Scotch egg. For a moment it seemed she might eat it but she placed it back on its plate and moved on.

Mick Stanley, 81, a retired major with the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, had come dressed in a full Union flag suit and tie. In search of something to pass the time during Covid - "I'm not one for sitting down, watching television and fading" - he constructed a sailing craft from two sheets of corrugated iron, with outriders, named Tintanic, which he has rowed on various waters around Britain raising money for Children on the Edge, which is providing reception centres in Romania and Moldova for

***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***. He has rowed on Loch Ness and the lake at Blenheim Palace. A request to row on the lake in

St James's Park was refused "for security reasons", he said. "I'm very keen to row on the lake in Buckingham Palace. I just asked Prince Charles. He didn't say no ?" " Meanwhile, on Windsor Castle's Long Walk, organisers and volunteers had been up since dawn setting up one of the longest lunch tables in the country, and silently praying that the morning's rain would have the manners to hold of for a while.

In the build-up to the jubilee weekend, Windsor's lunch was mooted as being a potential new UK record, lining the 2.4 mile route of the historic tree-lined avenue. As it was, they abandoned the attempt because they ran out of tables, though there were still 488 of them, snaking down from the castle gates like a magnificent wooden conga line. They hosted over 3,000 people (plus many, many more picnicking alongside), each adorned with some 10,248 miniature Union flags of bunting, and - by a conservative count - several million platters of homemade sandwiches.

Competition to host the longest lunch was fierce. Goring in South Oxfordshire and Streatley, across the Thames in Berkshire, ran some 550 tables in a continuous 1km (0.6 mile) stretch across the bridge between the two villages, literally joining the two counties.

But Morecambe claimed the record, with town council chief executive, Luke Trevaskis hailing it "a once in a lifetime event. The whole promenade was awash with people, we managed 500 tables, seating 5,000 people [and] managed to extend it to 2.7km (1.67 miles), which is a new record. With the picnickers either side, we think there were over 10,000 people celebrating in Morecambe today."

people' had flocked from as far as Florida and New Delhi to join in the Windsor festivities, but James Evans, 62, and his wife Amanda, 60, had travelled the short distance from Crowthorne, Berkshire.

"We were always going to celebrate this, and managed to get tickets through a friend who's only gone and got Covid on the day. But I've only ever known the Queen, and she's phenomenal - whatever you think of the Royal family in general, she has devoted herself to this nation and 70 years is an extraordinary thing," Mr Evans said, adding generously that he would, if absolutely necessary, "take a bullet for Her Majesty".

Though supplied with Union flag tablecloths and placemats, people were urged to bring their own food and tableware, and under heavy grey clouds, they rose to the occasion as only Britons challenged to make themselves at home on grass can: candelabras, bone china, glass champagne flutes, even a homemade papier-mâché swan ice cooler.

The nation's Tupperware has rarely been so useful, protecting platters of cheese, Victoria sponges and trifles from the elements. For the less prepared, there were always Windsor's nearby eateries to help cater: one table Continued on page 10

Continued from Page 9 appeared to have brought the entire McDonald's menu with them; another group arrived with a tower of Domino's pizzas. To each his own.

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and their children also played a role in yesterday's parties. A video posted on the royal couple's official Twitter account showed the Duchess, Prince George, Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis baking cupcakes for a celebration in Cardif f set to take place in the afternoon. The caption read: "Baking cakes for the local community in Cardif f to enjoy at a Platinum Jubilee street party taking place today! We hope you like them!"

Footage that emerged on social media yesterday also revealed that the Duke and Duchess had unexpectedly dropped in on a jubilee lunch in Kensington.

Hen-dos, birthday parties and family reunions melded with the Queen's celebration, as people young and old sought to be a part of a historic luncheon. Reena Kainth, 40, brought her six month-old son, Milan, in the hope that he might one day appreciate it. "He probably won't remember the Elizabethan age, but he can look at these photos and show his own grandchildren and say: 'Look, I was there'."

Royal superfans Jim Murphy, 66, dressed in a full Union flag suit - "I got it online, and don't get enough chances to wear it, really; you can't just whip it on for a wedding" - and his wife, Davina, 58, didn't have a ticket for a table spot, but drove down from Burbage, Leicestershire, to set up their own picnic alongside.

"It's just a great atmosphere, people are always so friendly, and it brings the country together, doesn't it? If you look at this, and all that's happened over the last few days, you see what the Queen means to people," Mr Murphy said.

With the lunch in full throng, at around 2.30pm, shortly after a Mexican wave of a toast to the Queen, the guests of honour arrived in the form of the Earl and Countess of Wessex, who emerged from a car to polite cheers, before charming their way down half of the tables.

"Where's your picnic, Sir?" one felicitous reveller, who had perhaps been enjoying the jugs of Pimm's dotted around, called to the Queen's youngest son. "I think most of the weekend has been a picnic!" came the quipped response.

Prince Edward spoke for the nation.

After four days of near-constant celebration, on Sunday evening the bunting still fluttered, the corks kept popping. Jubilation had taken over.

At a street party on The Chase in Clapham, south London, two lines of trestle tables stretched down the middle of the road laid out with immaculate sandwiches, elaborate salads and platters of asparagus with parmesan shavings. This was lunch done properly, as befitted the street party's royal guest of honour, Princess Alexandra, who also attended The Chase's party in 2002, for her cousin the Queen's Golden Jubilee, and again in 2012, for the Diamond Jubilee.

Escorting the royal visitor through the festivities was local resident Prof Charles Mackworth-Young, son of the late Sir Robin Mackworth-Young, royal librarian at Windsor Castle between 1958 and 1985.

"This is a day for meeting up with old friends and making new ones," said Prof Mackworth-Young, addressing his neighbours as they sat down to eat.

"No one here was living on this street 70 years ago. In 1952, some buildings still had bomb damage, meat rationing was still in place."

Throughout the intervening seven decades, the Queen had "dedicated her life to our service", he added, describing her as "a platinum thread running through all our lives".

At Pitchford Hall near Shrewsbury, in Shropshire, it may have rained on their parade, but that didn't dampen spirits. Inside the orangery, a small television screen played footage from Pitchford's Silver Jubilee celebrations in 1977, when a street parade was held in the village.

Sheltering from the rain, residents piled inside the glass house and laughed as they spotted younger versions of themselves perched on floats and tractors over 40 years ago.

In Carlisle, around 2,000 hardy Britons braved chilly weather to gather in Bitts Park, forming a huge queue outside one marquee for cakes moulded into the shape of the monarch's beloved corgis.

Lynn Elliot, a 55-year-old support worker wearing a Union flag in her hair, was celebrating with friend Kirsty Harkness, 40, her daughter Becca, 13, and three cockapoos. "I am a massive royal fan," she said. "This is a celebration but also possibly the last jubilee we will have for the Queen so it's a little sad."

Back at the Oval, the Duchess of Cornwall cut a slice of the Platinum cake (lemon and chocolate), made by the National Bakery School in Lambeth, the oldest bakery school in the world, and said her thanks and goodbyes. "The Platinum Champions are the most wonderful people in the world," she said.

"Now on with the show."

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**Graphic**

Party island, clockwise from main image: tables laden with food stretch for 1km between the Berkshire villages offolk-dancing group perform in Glossop, Derbyshire; Jacky Balazs-Holliday and Jacquie WinterMorecambe, Lancashire; Sophie, Countess of Wessex, speaks to partygoers in the Long Walk, WindsorREUTERS SIBLEY/ JOHN RECINE/ CARL PHOTOGRAPHY; WALKER STUART IMAGES; GETTY DEVLIN/ ANTHONY LNP; MACDIARMID/ PETERRoyal bake-off: the Duchess of Cambridge and Prince George, Prince Louis and Princess Charlotte baked Jubilee cakes for a street party in CardiffAbbas, Dorset, raise a glass to the Queen at their Platinum Jubilee street party, yesterday, left; Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, admires a celebratory cake made out of felt as she attends the Big Jubilee Lunch with the Prince of Wales, at the Oval in south LondonIMAGES GETTY JACKSON/ CHRIS WEBSTER/ FINNBARR

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[*'I would be happy to move to Ukraine after the war'; The Saturday Interview The widow of the prominent Putin critic poisoned on British soil tells Gordon Rayner that her greatest ambition now is to see the Russian leader tried for war crimes*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:654H-XX71-DYTY-C4CH-00000-00&context=1519360)

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It must be tempting for Marina Litvinenko to slump into despair after Western leaders failed to heed her endless warnings about the true nature of Vladimir Putin.

Sixteen years after her husband, Alexander, was murdered by Russian assassins on British soil, the invasion of Ukraine was proof of how little presidents and prime ministers have learnt from the past.

"The West became too relaxed," she says. "They thought: 'Putin is a b------, but we know how to work with him.' They were wrong."

Yet Marina remains remarkably upbeat as she chats about her past, present and future, showing the strength of character that has got her this far, and which she still believes will see her facing Putin in the International Criminal Court one day.

Her biggest ambition in life is "to live longer than Putin, and one day see him tried for war crimes and for the murder of my husband". The war in Ukraine might even have brought that day closer.

For now, though, Marina has a rather more introspective mission at hand. She and her son, Anatoly, are about to begin work on a joint memoir about Alexander, about his murder, and about the international criminal investigation that has dominated their lives ever since.

Anatoly was just 12 when his dissident father died, and Marina believes the process of writing a book together will not only help them to relive cherished memories of Alexander, but also confront unresolved, unspoken elements of their grief.

"Anatoly was definitely traumatised by his father's death," she says of the boy who was taken to see Alexander as he lay dying in University College Hospital, "but he was very protective of what he was feeling inside. He didn't cry, and it was only when he got older that he started to talk about it.

"When we write this memoir together, it will be interesting to hear maybe for the first time his feelings about what happened, from his perspective."

Anatoly, now 28, still lives with his mother in their small flat in west London. He has been working as a paralegal but has decided his future lies in IT, and is about to embark on a course in computer coding.

Marina and her son talk about Alexander - or Sasha, to use the Russian diminutive form - "a lot", and she has always tried to impress on him the fact that "yes, your father died, but in some way he is with us".

Keeping Alexander's memory alive, of course, has been a highly public affair for Marina, but not one which came easily.

"I'm a very private person," she says, "and I'm always really surprised when people recognise me in the street, though they are always very polite and generous.

"What I do in public, I am doing for my husband, but it doesn't come naturally. When he was lying in that hospital bed, I refused to do any interviews. Sasha said I should do them, and tell people what was happening, but I thought he was going to recover so I never thought I would need to."

Before his death, at the age of 44, Litvinenko dictated a statement to be read after his passing, in which he said: "You may succeed in silencing one man, but the howl of protest from around the world will reverberate, Mr Putin, in your ears for the rest of your life. May God forgive you for what you have done, not only to me but to beloved Russia and its people."

Putin's blood-curdling reaction to Alexander's death was to say: "The people that have done this are not God, and Mr Litvinenko is, unfortunately, not Lazarus."

A public inquiry chaired by Sir Robert Owen concluded in 2016 that Litvinenko had been the victim of a Federal Security Service (FSB, formerly KGB) assassination, "probably" approved by Putin.

It named two Russian agents, Andrey Lugovoy and Dmitri Kovtun, as his killers; they had slipped a lethal dose of the radioactive substance polonium 210 into a pot of tea drunk by Litvinenko when they held a meeting with him, on Wednesday, November 1 2006, at London's Millennium Hotel.

Litvinenko told Marina that as he sipped his tea, "in one second, he realised something wasn't right". Twenty-two days later, he was dead - and she believes that if he had finished the cup, he might have died very quickly, meaning the cause of his death might never have been detected.

Two days after the meeting, he was admitted to Barnet General Hospital, before being transferred to University College Hospital on November 17, when his condition worsened. Doctors diagnosed acute radiation syndrome, and on November 23, after losing consciousness, he suffered a cardiac arrest and died after attempts to resuscitate him failed.

And so he became the key witness in the investigation into his own murder. The public inquiry was a personal triumph for Marina, who had spent an entire decade pushing for it, despite the obvious risks to her own safety from taking on Putin and his hitmen.

I ask if she feels she has to spend her life looking over her shoulder, but she says she has never had bodyguards and refuses to allow security concerns to constrain her.

"In 2006, I was given close communication with the police, which meant I could always contact someone, 24 hours a day - and I still have that access, but I don't really need it," she says.

"After Skripal [the former spy poisoned with the nerve agent Novichok in Salisbury in March 2018], a lot of people became more concerned about me, but I didn't up my security. I'm not doing anything that is going to affect these people's money, so I don't think I am a threat to them.

"I do pay attention to what happens around me - if I see the same person cropping up too many times, I might want to know why."

Later this year, a four-part ITV series, starring David Tennant as Litvinenko, will dramatise the murder and Marina's fight for justice, which she hopes will bring the story to a new audience too young to remember the scarcely believable events of November 2006.

Her son acted as a consultant for the series, but contractual obligations elsewhere meant she could not be involved in the production. Did she meet Tennant? She blushes and smiles, which gives away the answer, even though the official version is that they have never met.

Marina, who will soon celebrate her 60th birthday, retains the unmistakable poise of her former life as a ballroom dancer (she still teaches), and sits straight-backed on the edge of a sofa as she sips green tea at a hotel near her home.

She recalls her first meeting with Alexander, in 1993, when he was working for the FSB investigating organised crime - she was 31 and he was 30.

"I had heard about him before I met him," she says, "and I was really quite surprised when this very young man arrived, looking quite shy. He certainly wasn't what you expect a KGB man to be."

She was meeting friends for drinks on her birthday ("I always joked afterwards that he was my birthday present," she says) and Alexander accompanied a friend of hers who was nervous about her safety because of her involvement in a case he was investigating.

"Sasha gave you so much confidence. He supported you, he protected you, you felt very confident around him, whether you were his wife, his friend or his child. I never thought I could feel so loved, so protected and so happy.

"He was always very open-minded, open to anything new. I never thought I would find all of those qualities in one person."

She also, of course, remembers the last time they spoke, and tears prick her eyes as she recalls leaving his hospital bedside to go home to Anatoly for the night.

"I told him: 'Don't worry, I'll be back soon'," she says. "He said: 'I love you so much', and he looked so sad. I tried to make a joke by saying: 'Finally you tell me!' But it was the last thing he said to me. Two hours later, he was unconscious."

Campaigning for justice can be lonely work, and Marina does not rule out marrying again one day, saying the idea of having another relationship "isn't a problem to me", but that any suitor would have to realise that "Sasha will always be in my life, so it would have to be a strong personality to accept that because most people want to be the only one".

At the start of our interview, before bombarding her with questions about her husband, about Ukraine, about Putin, about Roman Abramovich and so much more, I ask her if there are any messages she wants to get across, and her answer comes as a surprise.

"Firstly, I'm worried about Russophobia," she says, without pausing for thought. "Of course I support sanctions against Russia, but now people don't even want to play

Russian music, they want to boycott Russian composers. It's stupid. The past 100 years have not been good for Russia, but it is also the country that produced Tolstoy, Dostoyevsky, Tchaikovsky and Prokofiev."

She accepts that it might seem odd to some people that she is so passionate about defending the country that murdered her husband, but she believes that "there may be a chance for Russia to become a different country" in future.

Could she ever see herself going back to a Putin-free Russia if a modernday Gorbachev were to take over and bring about a new glasnost?

"When I left Russia, I didn't think I had left forever," she says, recalling the couple's arrival in the UK as political refugees in 2000. "There were people who left during the Cold War that knew they were leaving for good, but for me I thought it was going to be temporary.

"Now, though, I would be more than happy to go to live in Ukraine. It's a very similar culture, I have friends there, and there will be plenty of work to do in rebuilding the country once the war is over."

She praises British people for being so "welcoming and open" to taking in ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***, but warns that they "need to be serious" about it. "It's not just about being generous - it's about being capable of supporting people who are traumatised, who have just come from a war zone. People also need to be prepared to be in this for the long haul, you can't just reject someone after a couple of weeks."

She does not have space in the small flat she shares with her son to be able to house a refugee, but is acting as a liaison for others who want to open their homes. She admits the war took her by surprise - a few days before the invasion, Moscow-born Marina was in Ukraine visiting friends in the southwest of the country.

"I didn't think there was going to be an invasion at all," she admits, "or certainly nothing beyond the Donbas region. There were so many reasons for Putin not to do it, especially the effect that sanctions would have, that I thought he would hold back."

She says the West has been guilty of a collective failure to see Putin for what he is - "someone who has turned

Russia into a mafia state, and then a terrorist state" - because successive leaders have convinced themselves they knew how to handle him.

"During the Cold War it was simple, because the West didn't really have any personal relationships with Russia," she says. "But after glasnost, the West started doing business with Russia, private companies got deeply involved, personal relationships formed, and they wanted to give Putin the benefit of the doubt."

She recalled George W Bush's meeting with Putin in June 2001, when the US president said he had "looked the man in the eye" and found him to be "straightforward and trustworthy… I was able to get a sense of his soul".

"No one believed the president of Russia was a real monster," she says. "But he is, and my husband Sasha tried to show it before his death, and he tried to show it through his death.

"Russia carried out an act of nuclear terrorism on British soil by murdering Sasha, and it should have been a watershed moment - but it wasn't.

"In 2010, the new UK government gave Russia another chance to build its relationship, and more money came in, big donors with Russian surnames gave money to the Conservative Party. It was a big mistake."

She fears the West will become "fatigued" with the situation in Ukraine, and that President Volodymyr Zelensky will accept a peace deal that would be too advantageous to Russia. "It might suit Western leaders to push Zelensky into agreeing everything Putin wants so that they can move on, but the Ukrainian people would not accept that, so it won't be over."

She even suggests that Zelensky's position as president could be in doubt if he is too accommodating, despite his Churchillian popularity at present.

It is Marina's misfortune that she knows more about Russia's use of poisons than almost anyone else in the UK. So what does she believe happened to Roman Abramovich, who claims he was poisoned while acting as a go-between in peace talks?

"I believe this is all part of a propaganda exercise to frame Ukraine," she says. "The Russians have already tried to suggest Ukraine has chemical weapons so that they can stage 'false flag' operations if they want to. I think Russia will tell its people that Ukraine has tried to poison Abramovich."

She believes that ultimately, Putin's miscalculation in invading Ukraine could have profound consequences for him. "Russia could break up," she suggests. "It's such a huge country that it's a nightmare to govern, as history has shown."

As for the war, she is concerned that Putin could use battlefield nuclear weapons, but thinks he would not risk all-out nuclear war, because "he doesn't look like a kamikaze, he likes his money and his yachts too much".

Even if Putin were to give the order to use nuclear weapons, Marina still has enough faith in the country of her birth to believe his soldiers would refuse to carry out their orders.

"My husband refused to carry out orders to kill people," she says. "I still believe Russia has heroes."

'The West thought: "Putin is a b------, but we know how to work with him." They were wrong' 'The alleged poisoning of Abramovich is part of a propaganda exercise to frame Ukraine'

**Graphic**

Victim: Alexander Litvinenko was 'probably' killed with polonium on Putin's ordersGETTY TELEGRAPH; DAILY THE FOR MOLDEN CLARA

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[*'Union bosses are dinosaurs; the world has moved on'; The Saturday Interview The Transport Secretary is weathering an unprecedented summer of discontent. He tells Camilla Tominey why he'll never capitulate*](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:664X-38Y1-JCBW-N2K4-00000-00&context=1519360)

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Grant Shapps isn't buying the idea of Mick Lynch being a modernday folk hero.

The RMT general secretary may have gained a cult following after a series of punchy TV interviews on the train strikes. But his Transport Secretary nemesis rails against any notion of Lynch's glorification on social media, where Lynch has become an unlikely online pin-up following run-ins with the likes of Piers Morgan and Kay Burley.

"I don't agree that he's some sort of hero," insists Shapps. "He's a personality, for sure, but I don't think that translates to the public thinking it's great that our trains aren't running.

"He's said himself he's nostalgic for the 1970s days of union baron power - that is what this is all about for him. But for passengers and his members, the workers - it's a disaster."

With train drivers' union Aslef set to stage a walkout today, ahead of another two days of RMT industrial action on August 18 and 20, Shapps is having to weather an unprecedented summer of discontent - not only on the railways, but across the UK's pandemic-plagued airports.

Little wonder, then, that he is pulling no punches. "Mick has been taking passengers and workers for a ride for far too long - and not in a good way," he says, holding nothing back as we chat in the garden of his detached home in Brookmans Park, smack bang in the middle of the Welwyn Hatfield constituency he has held in Hertfordshire since 2005.

"The union bosses are motivated by some outmoded class war that hankers after days that have gone. Much to their upset, they're not bringing the country to a standstill because people are able to work from home. The world has changed. It's moved on. These union bosses are dinosaurs who haven't realised that's the case."

Pointing out that there hasn't been a day since Boris Johnson appointed him as Transport Secretary in July 2019 without "either an actual strike or a mandate for a strike", he insists that the dispute isn't purely about pay.

In July, Network Rail offered the RMT an 8 per cent rise across the next two years, but the union rejected the deal without putting it to its members, arguing it amounts to "a real terms pay cut", which would involve "cutting a third of all frontline maintenance roles and 50 per cent of all scheduled maintenance work". Shapps is unapologetic about staff cuts, arguing that it is "nonsense" to have both someone driving the train and another opening and closing the doors.

He adds that the union's insistence that "blokes physically walk around the tracks and check the rails" rather than relying on a machine that can take 70,000 pictures a minute is "unsafe".

"It's Luddite behaviour - not accepting new technology, not accepting new work practices, not welcoming new safety regimes like having machines do things that people are doing at the moment.

"For years and years, successive governments and secretaries of state have just capitulated rather than get the modernisation of the railway done.

"I simply will not capitulate on this.

We absolutely have to modernise the railways for the passengers. It is ludicrous that we're operating under contracts that go back to precedents set in the '50s, '60s and '70s, which miss out on the Thatcher reforms entirely. And in some cases, rules that go back to 1919, which [under an agreement dating back to 1919, means Sunday working is voluntary] is this business about not being able to run a Sunday service. Sunday isn't a rest day when no one wants to travel. It's extremely busy. We now have, in some cases, higher numbers of people travelling on a Sunday than before coronavirus, but far fewer travelling during the week."

Shapps is looking to introduce legislation in the next session of Parliament to crack down on the unions, including stopping coordinated industrial action, limiting picketing and having a cooling-off period after strikes. But as he concedes: "It all depends on the next Prime Minister." It also depends on whether he will still be Transport Secretary after Boris Johnson's successor is crowned on September 5.

Having launched his own last-minute leadership bid with a 13-second video, only to pull out after failing to secure the backing of the 20 MPs needed to enter the race, he has thrown his weight behind Rishi Sunak - who now appears less likely to win the leadership race than Tory members' favourite Liz Truss. "Both have their strengths," he says diplomatically. "Clearly, I also had another idea, which was to bet on myself."

By his own admission Shapps "hadn't started to build any kind of campaign at all" but decided to put his hat in the ring after years spent up close and personal with David Cameron. As the party's chairman from 2012 to 2015, he would meet with the former prime minister twice a day at Downing Street. "I think to do that job you've got to have a variety of skills and attributes, one of which is you've got to have been bloody competent at what you've done. I've tried to take the departments I've run - including transport - out of the news for all the wrong reasons."

Was it embarrassing when he failed to secure enough backing? "I had 17 people who were prepared to back me from nothing, which was very humbling," he cheerily replies, joking that Belinda, his wife of almost 25 years, let out a "string of expletives" when he announced he was standing.

The family appear reassuringly normal. His 18-year-old twins Noa and Tabytha flit about their comfortable but not opulent home alongside the family black labrador Tequila, while his eldest son Hadley, 21, who has just graduated from university, rents nearby - his parents gave up his bedroom to house a family of three ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** in April. Tabytha is anxiously awaiting her A-level results, hoping for the three As she needs to go to the University of Leeds to study politics and economics. Noa, meanwhile, "did not cope well with lockdown" and left school after his first year of A-levels. He is now an apprentice at Microsoft.

For the fourth year running, the family has been forced to forgo a summer holiday abroad, with the 53-year-old forever fearful of jetting off while others might be facing last-minute flight cancellations and lost baggage.

"We're not going away because I wanted to be here to look after any potential summer travel issues from the rail strikes to aviation. That's just part of the job. My wife has known for a very long time that there will be weeks when we will have our friends from the media outside the front door."

Yet despite the flack he sometimes cops on social media, Shapps seems to relish being in the firing line. As well as proudly declaring he was "the first MP on Twitter" back in 2000, he tells me that he "quite enjoys" the "mental agility" of being asked to do the broadcast round during particularly difficult weeks for the Government (of which there have been plenty, lately).

"If we've had to deal with a very tricky situation, then I don't try and pretend we haven't. Being a bit human helps."

Despite his rather nerdy nickname "Spreadsheet Shapps", earned by being the Government's resident numbercruncher during various whipping operations, the former Watford Grammar School boy is more human than his public image suggests.

Unlike many of his contemporaries, Shapps did not go to university. He was born and raised in Croxley Green near Rickmansworth, left school after gaining six O-levels to study business and finance at Watford's Cassio

College. Inspired by his parents, Tony and Beryl, running their own business - a specialist camera shop in Baker Street - he started his working life as a photocopier sales rep before founding his own printing firm in 1990 at the age of 21, which is still going strong 32 years later.

A self-confessed "geek", who "flunked" biology because he was spending too much time designing computer programmes (one of which he sold to BT aged 16), Shapps admits he had an unconventional childhood. His musician brother, Andre, went on to become the keyboardist for Big Audio Dynamite, while their cousin Mick Jones founded punk rock band The Clash. ("I apologise to him for being a Tory. It's not good for his street cred. He apologises to me for whatever the latest sort of drug scandal is".)

"I'm a bit geeky," concedes Shapps, whose favourite restaurant is Nandos. "I do love a spreadsheet and I am quite a big to-do list person. Basically I was writing code when I should have been paying more attention in class. I sort of prefer to teach myself stuff in my own time. I only read non-fiction books."

While Belinda, who has just retrained as a psychotherapist, was "very, very, very unhappy" about Noa leaving school, Shapps was more philosophical. "He was not coping with lockdown from a mental-health perspective. We said you can leave but you've got to have a job to go to. He did his own research and the next thing we knew, he'd landed the Microsoft apprenticeship."

At times, Shapps's somewhat cavalier approach has landed him in trouble. He will forever be haunted by his decision to use a number of pseudonyms, including Michael Green, which led to controversy in 2015 after he first denied having a second job - only to admit that he had been practising business under another name.

Brushing the furore aside, he insists it was "ridiculously overblown" saying: "I published a few things online using a pen name because I knew one day I'd like to go into politics."

Despite being an outsider (as well as being non-university educated, Shapps is also Jewish), he says: "I've never suffered an inferiority complex. It is true that it's unusual at the top level of politics to have a pretty normal, comprehensive sort of background, but the Tory party always welcomed me." Although the family is not religious "we do keep a kosher home because I'm also married to a Jewish girl". He goes on to describe how he met Belinda, five years his junior, at the Skyrack pub in Headingley when he was up in Leeds visiting a friend in 1995 and how they enjoy nights in watching Stranger Things.

Yet the early days of the couple's marriage were overshadowed by Shapps being diagnosed with

Hodgkin's lymphoma two years after their wedding in 1997. The shock diagnosis came 10 years after a previous brush with death when a car crash in Kansas in the US left him in a coma.

"I was 30 and I had a bit of a cough," he recalls. "I went to the doctor because it was a bit persistent. They didn't find anything so I went back a second time, again nothing. After the third time they did an X-ray and they found a mediastinal mass.

"That conversation - you never expect it. We hadn't started a family because we were fairly newly married. Then we had all the realisation of not just, will you make it, but also thinking about family planning - having to do IVF and storage and all that sort of messy business."

Two weeks before treatment, the couple had to freeze their eggs and sperm amid the threat of chemotherapy rendering Shapps infertile. After a gruelling year of chemo and radiotherapy, he made a full recovery and they went on to conceive Hadley with their first round of IVF and the twins with their third.

"It makes you realise you should get on with things. You're not on the planet for long anyway but you realise how quickly that can get cut short."

It also gave him a newfound appreciation for the NHS. "When I was involved in the car crash in America, I was only just coming round in my hospital bed when the phone rang with someone asking where to send the bill. By comparison, my cancer treatment was completely covered by the NHS."

Not that Shapps is hankering for the Health Secretary's job. "It's not a position I covet," he says. Shapps still seems to be coming to terms with the ousting of Johnson, who gave him his dream job three years ago after he declared a love of all things transport.

The Tesla driver, who also cycles around on his 90-year-old father's bike, which he recently electrified himself, has a pilot's licence and has clocked up 800 flying hours in his 37-year-old plane, which he keeps at London Elstree Aerodrome.

Revealing how coronavirus used to keep him awake at night, he says: "Everyone's got pluses, minuses. We're all fallible. And Boris Johnson is no exception. Look at his so-called misdemeanours, then compare them with the millions and millions of lives he has helped save by backing the development of the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine."

He thumps the table as he continues: "I was there! The reason we had the fastest vaccine rollout of any developed nation was not blooming well by chance. If you take the classic three: the fact that no one else would have busted through Brexit; coronavirus and the lives he saved; the fact that we had the fastest growth in the G7 last year and have the joint fastest this year. And if you look at what he's done in Ukraine and just say, 'Oh he had a can of Coke in the Cabinet room or whatever…' "People can pile on all those things. But which bit of that did we not know about Boris before he became Prime Minister?"

Did the party make a mistake in forcing him out, then? "Yes, I think it did," he candidly replies.

Although Shapps did not attend the Johnsons' recent wedding celebration, he has spoken to Boris and describes his mood as "philosophical". "I've not seen him angry at all," he insists. "I'd say he's more reflective." It's clear Shapps is worried not only about his own future - but the future of the Conservatives.

Surely he's run a spreadsheet on which seats they stand to win and lose at the next election? "No spreadsheet is entirely able to predict the future and nothing is guaranteed, but if we get our ducks in a row and if we present a really compelling vision of this country to the voters then I think we can do it."

Ever the party man, he cannot resist taking aim at Labour, adding "it's impossible for them to be honest brokers because they have taken £100million from the unions in the last 10 years."

If he remains in post then it isn't just the unions he needs to grapple with but the "complex, fragmented" railway system - as well as thorny issues like smart motorways of which he admits he is "not a fan".

He is also in the process of scoping out a new death by dangerous cycling law in a bid to curb "cyclists who don't think that the red light is for them". And he's set a "jet zero" target to make flying more environmentally friendly. "The UK is leading the developed world by requiring 10 per cent of all of our fuel to be sustainable aviation fuel but it needs to be 100 per cent."

It's an ambitious target - not least for someone who could be out of a job in less than a month. But as Shapps points out: "If life has taught me anything then it's don't waste too much time.

"I guess you could say I'm a doer."

'It's Luddite behaviour - not accepting new technology or new work practices' 'If we've had to deal with a very tricky situation, then I don't try and pretend we haven't'

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Acasual observer of British politics may have missed that a quiet revolution has taken place in No10, the significance of which is yet to be fully appreciated.

Boris Johnson has in recent months replaced his chief of staff, communications director and top civil servant in his private office and scores of other senior advisers in a total overhaul of his inner circle.

The shake-up was partly by design - an attempt to draw a line under the partygate scandal of Covid lawbreaking - and partly a reflection of political weakness and outside demands.

It means many of those now by the Prime Minister's side throughout the day were not there in January. They remain little known or discussed, for now at least.

Which leads to Andrew Griffith. The MP for Arundel and South Downs is by no means a household name, having only entered Parliament via Mr Johnson's December 2019 election triumph.

But this February he was handed one of the most influential roles in Downing Street - director of the No 10 Policy Unit, the Prime Minister's personal think tank.

The promotion capped a lightningquick political rise for the former chief financial officer at Sky, who, aged 51, has spent the vast majority of his career outside Westminster.

Since then Mr Griffith has eschewed the limelight, instead attempting to rebuild links with the Tory back benches and design policies that deliver real world improvements.

But last week, with the Prime Minister's new legislative agenda revealed in the Queen's Speech, Mr Griffith agreed to give his first newspaper interview to The Daily Telegraph.

He unpacked how this Government is balancing the competing demands of so-called "Blue Wall" and "Red Wall" voters, including the considerations at play when mulling over muchpromised tax cuts.

And he offered a glimpse of how Mr Johnson's new Downing Street team is attempting to guide him through politically choppy waters towards an election which is now, at best, two years away.

Behind the famous black door of No10, in a room on the first floor, a suited Mr Griffith is waiting with a firm handshake and a black binder full of notes.

Throughout the interview - before a whiteboard scrubbed clean of any details which could accidentally leak - Mr Griffith twizzles a pen between his hands as he makes his points.

"It is a serious set of policies for some of the challenges that we're facing today," he says of the Queen's Speech, delivered last Tuesday. "There's a lot there."

Thirty eight pieces of legislation to be precise, more than the previous Queen's Speech, varying from privatising Channel 4 to toughening up sentences for protesters.

Mr Griffith picks out key themes. Rebuilding after the Covid-19 pandemic. Regrowing the economy. Levelling up - that much discussed if hazily understood ambition of the Prime Minister to reduce regional inequality.

But was it enough? The country is being gripped by a tight financial squeeze, with inflation set to hit 10 per cent later this year and energy bills close to doubling.

Yet many of the announced reforms - increasing energy independence, for example, or overhauling how our railways are run - will take years to bring about tangible change.

Mr Griffith accepts the point: "What you've got to look at with a Queen's Speech and a legislative programme, particularly in year three of the Government, is what are the things that are going to make a difference.

"Yes, potentially some of them are in the medium and longer term and that's about building the right foundations for future growth.

"There are other things that we've done that speak much more directly to the cost of living. It is people's number one priority. It's the Prime Minister's number one priority."

That last point is a nod to the £22 billion package of support touted by the Treasury, which includes a one-off £150 council tax cut for 20 million households and 5p off fuel duty.

There would be one simple way to help, say scores of Tories - announce a new tax cut. Low tax is the bedrock of the Conservative Party's traditional economic ideology, and yet Mr Johnson and Rishi Sunak are taking the tax burden to its highest point in 70 years.

The argument for why is by now familiar: There was a once-in-300-year drop in economic output during Covid lockdowns which needed vast spending to prop up the economy, paid for by borrowing and taxation. The scars are still healing, meaning high spending must remain, which comes with a cost.

But with a faltering economy, many of Mr Griffith's colleagues want action now. So does he back their demands?

On bringing forward the 1p cut to the basic rate of income tax from 2024, possibly to this year, he sidesteps, saying he "understands the impossibility of reconciling all of the demands all of the time". A yes/no answer is avoided.

A straight bat is deployed on whether Mr Johnson's Tory leadership race pledge to raise the income tax top rate threshold from £50,000 to £80,000 is still an ambition. (If it is, the public is being kept in the dark.)

There is also no clarity on whether a windfall tax is coming on oil and gas companies, with the agreed position that it is undesirable yet "not off the table" delivered.

But on the question of the appeal of tax cuts to the country, Mr Griffith does open up. A narrative has emerged that Red Wall voters, those in traditional Labour-supporting Midlands and North East seats, which Mr Johnson managed to win in 2019, are supportive of high spending and a higher level of taxation to finance it.

Meanwhile Blue Wall voters, those in traditional Tory-voting countryside constituencies in the South, want tax cuts and are dismayed by the increasing tax burden. Certainly, some disgruntlement seems to exist, if the Liberal Democrats' southern surge at the local elections earlier this month is to go by.

But Mr Griffith rejects wholesale the idea that Red Wall and Blue Wall Tories want different things.

"I think that is a journalist construct, if I may," he says. "I assure you that just down the road from Arundel and South Downs the voters of Littlehampton and Bognor are as interested in levelling up Littlehampton or building back Bognor as anywhere in the Red Wall."

So the Red Wall really wants tax cuts as much as the Blue Wall?

"Look, I think that a point of belief that unites people in the Conservative Party is that individuals spend money on balance better than governments do," Mr Griffith responds.

"People should keep more of what they earn. That provides the incentive for people to be in employment and to take control as much as they can of their lives.

"And that is a point that people would unite around and remains the core to the Conservative belief. There's no diminution in that whatsoever, and the Prime Minister and the Chancellor are both very committed to that."

He adds on Red Wall voters: "What I see is that they understand that the state does not always know best."

The message, one suspects, will be cheered by Tory tax-cutters - even if the timing of new measures to implement that rhetoric remains elusive.

Mr Griffith may have come to Parliament late in life but he caught the politics bug early. "I'm a lifelong Conservative," he says. "I joined the Conservative Party when I was 16 - that is, regrettably, some years ago now.

"I've been a true Conservative under a number of different party leaders. I think that it is better in general in terms of delivering outcomes for the economy, for people, for Great Britain's place in the world, when we have a Conservative government."

Born and raised in London, Mr Griffith went to comprehensive school before becoming the first in his family to go to university. He took a law degree at Nottingham.

An attempt to get into Parliament via election battles in Corby, Nottinghamshire, in 2001 and 2005 ultimately proved fruitless, though Labour's lead was cut to under 2,000 votes. Instead, Mr Griffith pursued what became a stellar career in finance, becoming the youngest financial director in the FTSE 100 after he took the role at Sky in 2008.

Bringing in outside experience to Parliament is a cliché trotted out by many MPs who have in fact risen through the Westminster bubble. But for Mr Griffith, who at times sounds more like a business executive than a politician, the claim proves true. That business experience has shaped his policy approach.

"I hope it gives me that reality check of how things actually land at the sharp end with customers," he says.

"I mean, it was a big thing when I was in business. You would always try and be out on the front line, looking at the real world customer journeys.

"How simple is this product to use?

How reliable is it? If I pick up the phone, does it get answered and how many rings does it get answered after? So very much a culture of 'eat your own dog food'."

The reason for Mr Griffith's refocus on front line politics, it emerges, is Mr Johnson. Mr Griffith got involved in the 2019 Tory leadership campaign, offering up his multimillion pound London townhouse as the headquarters for Team Boris.

He explains: "I saw in the Prime Minister someone who was courageous, who was willing to provide leadership with real conviction and somebody who to this day has that ability to empathise and reach parts of the electorate that no other living Conservative can."

Really to this day? The Tories just lost almost 500 council seats this month and a big chunk of the electorate say they want Mr Johnson to resign.

"Still to this day," he repeats. "If I took the Prime Minister down to the streets of my constituency, people would cross the road to come up to him."

Mr Griffith's support was rewarded once Mr Johnson was victorious with an appointment as the Prime Minister's chief business adviser. Six months later he was in Parliament.

Then followed positions as Mr Johnson's net zero business champion, his parliamentary private secretary and finally the top policy role, when his predecessor Munira Mirza dramatically quit and accused the Prime Minister of no longer listening to her advice.

Any number of caricatures of Mr Johnson exist in the eyes of his detractors: buffoonish, populist, over sensitive to media pressure. So, as he is working closely with the Prime Minister, what is the greatest misconception?

"I think the job of being a prime minister is incredibly difficult," Mr Griffith says. "I think he brings a huge amount of energy, personal resilience. And the thing I think is least understood is his personal passion for the individual outcomes of people across the UK."

This chimes with stories told privately from other No10 figures - texts and lengthy emails at the dead of night outlining a sudden new thought for a policy drive.

The choice of "personal resilience" is telling, too, given the political strains Mr Johnson has faced this year. It is a character trait perhaps more essential for the top job than is widely acknowledged, as Mr Johnson's idol Winston Churchill knew with his pithy saying: "Keep buggering on."

Mr Griffith is that rare thing in politics: someone whose instinct appears to be to avoid the limelight. During our conversation he reveals that he has offered up his home for the use of ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees***.

"My wife and I are hosting a Ukrainian mother and her daughter," he mentions in passing, and referring to his wife Barbara, with whom he has a son and a daughter.

Yet he politely declines to get into the details, preferring instead to explain how filling out the forms informed his thinking on streamlining the application process.

So it is unsurprising he is firm in dismissing criticism in two flagship policy areas, housing reform and the green revolution.

Last year, the Tories were touting the biggest overhaul in planning laws for 70 years to trigger a step-change in house building. But now that has been junked amid a Tory backlash, replaced last week with a promise to give people the power to block neighbour's extensions though "street votes".

Are the Conservatives no longer the party of house-building?

"Often the best way to get the outcome you seek is to go with the grain rather than against it," Mr Griffith says. He adds later: "The housing challenge is something that goes much wider than just the planning system, right?

"It's about access to finance and that's about having a stable economy. If interest rates are volatile and government borrowing is out of control, you're not going to create the environment for people to be able to get the mortgages that they need."

He adds a dig at the Liberal Democrats for being "transparently two-faced" on this - setting an even more ambitious house-building target than the Tories while fiercely campaigning against specific local developments.

Indeed, it is telling that the political party most singled out for criticism during the interview is not Labour but the Liberal Democrats, who are eating into the Tories' southern rural vote share.

There is a similarly robust rejection of criticism from his own side that pushing hard now to make the UK a net-zero carbon emitter by 2050 will cause too much economic damage.

He says: "There's no fundamental conflict that I see between making the most of renewable, clean, green energy, whether it's nuclear or wind or some of the other areas we're investing in, and having a prosperous economy and growing more jobs and reducing people's energy bills over time.

"Those are not in opposition. Indeed, had those policies been pursued by predecessor governments, we wouldn't be as exposed to volatile spot markets in energy today."

Throughout the interview, Mr Griffith is keen to share any credit going for the new Downing Street operation, repeatedly stressing the "new team".

He means people like Steve Barclay, a fellow Tory MP and now Mr Johnson's chief of staff, David Canzini, the long-term Conservative strategist recently brought into Downing Street, and Guto Harri, the director of communications.

This new inner circle has helped stabilise Mr Johnson's premiership after the partygate wobble and is repairing his frayed relationship with the party backbench.

Mr Griffith has played his part in the latter drive, approving the reestablishment of Tory backbench policy committees so MPs can shape policy more closely.

In the past, Downing Street may have been somewhat insulated from the frustrations and whims of grumbling Tory MPs, but no longer.

"The entire parliamentary party has many of us on WhatsApp," Mr Griffith reveals. "So feedback loops are incredibly quick, incredibly direct."

He frames it as positive, helping shape policy thinking. But such social media forums not that long ago were being used by rebels to plot the Prime Minister's downfall.

For the months ahead, Mr Griffith, like the whole refashioned No10, will be hoping that the topic of Tory WhatsApp activity can remain policy.

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**Graphic**

Andrew Griffith in Downing Street, above. Boris Johnson has carried out a complete overhaul of his inner circle advisersPUGH GEOFF / I-IMAGES/ WHEATLEY MARTYN

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**Body**

Ask the Duchess of York what the best piece of advice Queen Elizabeth ever gave her was, and she doesn't have to think about it for a second. 'Be yourself, Sarah. All anyone wants is for you to just be yourself.' She gives a wistful smile. 'I've always found that hard. It's taken me this long to get there.'

This surprises me. I always thought the 63-year-old was ahead of her time in the 'being herself ' department: a 'take me or leave me' trailblazer. From the whimsical Lindka Cierach dress she chose to wear when she married Prince Andrew in 1986 and the way she navigated both their divorce and her royal exit six years later, to her reinvention as a New York Times bestselling author, the Duchess has never struck me as someone hemmed in by convention.

Certainly, the woman sitting across the table from me in The River Café now - still in full make-up from our shoot, wearing an asymmetrical black and white blazer by a Spanish brand - is 100 proof, neat 'Fergie', asking our waitress where she's from in Poland, and telling her about the trip to Warsaw she took last year as part of the work she's doing with ***Ukrainian*** ***refugees*** for her charity, Sarah's Trust. And it's easy to see why the Queen remained so close to her warm, energetic former daughter-inlaw, even entrusting her corgis to the Duchess after she died.

'Every day I look at Muick and Sandy and want to say, "It's all right."' Sarah shakes her head. 'HM used to give them little bits of digestive biscuits, so after lunch now I'll crack up a biscuit for them and deliberately make that same noise.'

She and the late Queen Elizabeth enjoyed long chats on their regular dog walks over the years, and the Duchess's eyes grow sheeny as she tells me about the late monarch's 'ability to listen and never judge'.

'She was able to completely and utterly dilute chaos. And still carry on. And still smile. And still go through everything that she went through.'

Even to those of us who never met Queen Elizabeth, that idea of her being able to 'dilute chaos' rings so true. I've always imagined that our late monarch must have been much more forgiving and understanding than others of her generation - about the ups and downs of life, about mistakes and such things as divorce? 'She understood all of it. Everything. And it wasn't even about forgiving, but a way of life. Duty, sense of purpose, but of course never judgment.'

The Duchess will always be grateful to have had 'even a minute of HM's time', she tells me. 'Because also, during the last three years, her poor son [Prince Andrew] has been going through such a tumultuous time, and I think HM was very relieved I could help her with him, so we became even closer, then.

'But I've always admired and adored her. Really, she was more of a mother to me than my mother.'

On the subject of Prince Andrew, I ask whether these past three years have made her tightknit family even closer, but shereplies with a question of her own, asking how I would feel if, say, my own daughter fell over at school?

'You want to say: "Get up, come on, it's fine!" You don't want her to be hurting. And I think it's really sad to see what Andrew has been through.'

And was Queen Elizabeth confident that Sarah would be there for Prince Andrew when she no longer could be? 'She knew,' she confirms quietly. 'I will always be there. Always. Because I love her.'

This level of openness so early on in our interview is disarming. I've met the Duchess before on a number of occasions, as well as her daughters, Princesses Beatrice, 34, and Eugenie, 32 - who are both strikingly kind and easy-going - and I had hoped she would feel comfortable with me. But we're here to talk about her new Mills & Boon novel, A Most Intriguing Lady, and given the herd of elephants in the room today - from the latest twist in Prince Andrew's court settlement with Virginia Giuffre, to Meghan Markle and Prince Harry and the reverberations of his memoir, Spare - I had expected to find her more guarded.

Remembering a line from an interviewer who once described the Duchess as wearing her heart not so much on her sleeve as from 'head to toe', I quote it. She liked that line, she says. I wonder whether despite the problems it has caused her over the years, part of her just doesn't want to be a tightly zipped person.Her forthrightness is infectious. Whether in the photographic studio earlier or here in the restaurant, people are drawn into 'Fergie's' emotional vortex and offer up confidences immediately. Within minutes there's hugging, hand pressing. There's Fergie, sending her best wishes to sick relatives she's never met, and handing out life mantras to people who were strangers only minutes ago.

'It's the storyteller in me,' she explains. 'I'm naturally curious - always have been.' Like the Duchess, Lady Mary, the heroine of her new novel, is acutely observant and fascinated by people. Inspired by one of Sarah's own ancestors - her great-great-aunt, Lady Mary Montagu Douglas Scott - she forms an unlikely alliance with the dashing Colonel Walter Trefusis in order to solve a crime, and quickly finds herself falling for her fellow sleuth.

As with the Duchess's first foray into Mills & Boon in 2021, the novel was co-written with historical romance author Marguerite

Kaye. 'We call our writing process "collabor-writing",' she tells me, 'because it's a real two-way thing. Our text goes back and forth between us, and we'll chat on the phone pretty much daily.'

Mills & Boon felt like a natural fit for a woman who has always craved the kind of uplifting escapism the books provide. 'It's that promise of a feel-good fix,' she says. 'And I love celebration, I love romance, I love anything that takes me into joy.' She frowns, the twitch of a smile at the corners of her mouth. 'I take joy very seriously indeed.'

For the first book to have been a bestseller on both sides of the Atlantic was unhoped for. 'I feel really proud to be a new novelist in my 60s! Like my life is just beginning,' she enthuses. 'And I've told Jeffrey Archer that I want to beat him with this one.'

Now, the Duchess admits she is 'in talks for a major US TV series involving both books'. She gives a Cheshire cat grin. 'It's very exciting. You know, I've wanted to be a romantic novelist for 20 years or more, and I never gave up on my dream.'

One of her favourite quotes comes from the great Sidney Poitier, she says: 'It's difficult when you're carrying other people's dreams. You have to hold on to the dream that's inside yourself and know if you're true to that, that's really all that matters.'

I'm assuming this is a reference to all the baggage that comes with marrying into the Royal family. Baggage that didn't disappear with her divorce. And, of course, Sarah could teach Gwyneth Paltrow a thing or two about 'conscious uncoupling'.

Whatever your view may be on her enduring loyalty to her exhusband, with whom she still lives at Royal Lodge when in the UK, she seems to have pulled offthat rare feat: an amicable divorce. 'I think we have an amazing mutual understanding of one another,' she explains. 'We've always been like that. Also, we both hate confrontation.'

As for the Poitier quote, she'll only explain its significance obliquely.

'I think that for those to whom a lot of responsibility is given you must always remember that the minute you walk out your front door, you need to be electable but never elected.'

The Duchess dons an earnest expression. 'Remember that the dream of every little girl is to be a princess, and I was a princess. And I loved every minute of it.'

I stare at her. Sorry: what? She can't possibly have loved every minute. When Sarah became the first royal to sit down for an interview with Oprah Winfrey in 1996, she told the US chat show host that royal life was 'not a fairy tale'.

'The thing is,' she counters today, 'I had the great honour of being the Queen's daughter-in-law, and therefore I couldn't not see every single second as a great learning curve.' OK. But having to get all dressed up for royal functions? 'Loved it.' Having to sit through those functions? 'Loved it. Loved it.'

She breaks off, drizzles some balsamic over her mozzarella salad, and resumes. 'Listen, if every little girl's dream is to be a princess, then your job is to uphold that dream. So I don't ever want to let it down.'

Particularly now, after Queen Elizabeth's death, the Duchess goes on,

'it's unbelievably important to uphold Her Majesty's legacy. And although I'm not a member of the Royal family any more, my values are what I believe is right - and that's what they uphold.'

For that reason, she has always said to her daughters: 'Even when you're just walking out of your own front door, always smile. Uphold all [*www.that.No*](http://www.that.No) one wants to see a grumpy princess.'

I burst out laughing, and the Duchess joins in. 'Is that going to be your headline?' she jokes. Probably. I mean, I hate to point out the obvious, but someone has killed the dream quite dramatically, haven't they? By being a very grumpy 'princess' indeed.

Sarah raises an eyebrow. She's going to make me say it. I'm talking about Meghan Markle, I say leadenly. The Duchess takes a bite of her salad; chews for a moment. 'I don't really know Meghan. I haven't really met her. I spoke to her at the funeral, and I thought she looked absolutely beautiful. I think she is beautiful.'No argument there. But has she damaged the Royal family? 'It is absolutely not my place to answer that,' says the Duchess in a single exhalation. 'She has made Harry very happy, and that is so nice. Honestly, he's so happy with her. She really loves him. And I think that's beautiful - and that Diana would be proud of him and her lovely grandchildren.'

Did she watch the Netflix documentary? She widens her eyes but stays silent. When I repeat the question, the Duchess holds up a finger: 'I'm just trying to think? Right.' She's formulated a response. 'So, I think I'm a devourer of information on Netflix.' OK? 'And I love watching everything on Netflix.' What am I supposed to do with that? She chuckles. 'I also think that one day I'd like to do a documentary.' A similar one? 'I don't know. I can't be led,' she says, shutting me down. 'Not on this.'

Does she think Diana would

have liked Meghan, I venture? Tilting her head to one side the Duchess deadpans: 'I feel sorry for you.' Still laughing at the putdown, I try something else: given the Duchess also relocated to the US after leaving the Royal family, does she think fleeing Britain really will turn out to be Prince Harry's best chance at happiness? 'I can't speak for him,' she says with a small sigh, 'but I will say that after I got divorced, I spent 12 years in America, writing books, and it was a wonderful place for me. I felt free there. And I can't thank Americans enough for the way they were with me. So,' she nods, 'I can understand why he would [do that].'

For a moment, Sarah looks dejected. 'Why do people always judge?' she asks quietly. 'They can have a view, but don't put someone down to have that view.' It's a fair point, particularly when you consider the judgments thrown at 'Fergie' over the years. And of course, women get it far worse than men.

'Over 30 years,' she says. 'It started in August 1988.' Tonelessly, Sarah runs through some of the worst headlines: '"The Duchess of Pork"; "82 per cent would rather sleep with a goat than Fergie." Shall I go on?'

Then there was the pitting of her against Diana. 'All the time. Everywhere. Because Diana was beautiful and tall, running out of the gym, and I was fat, frumpy Fergie coming behind. Sometimes "fat, frumpy, frolicking Fergie". Lots of "fs".' Was the Princess of Wales sympathetic? 'We both supported each other.'

The Duchess of York had a welldocumented binge-eating disorder which, understandably, got worse around that time. 'For 10 years all that caused me to have even more of a problem. Bad Fergie sold papers. Bad Fergie still sells papers.'

But her difficult relationship with food started years before that, she says. 'From the age of 15, I was never thin enough. Good enough. Correct enough. I didn't take things seriously enough. Everything was never enough.' Where does she think that feeling comes from? 'Oh I know where it comes from.'

The daughter of Major Ronald Ferguson and his first wife, Susan, came from what Sarah once described as 'country gentry with a bit of old money'. As a child she loved horse riding and won many cups. But when she was 12, her parents separated and within a few years her mother had eloped with an Argentinian polo player. 'Why would your own mother leave you?' she asks. 'Can you imagine it? So how could I possibly have managed?

'Then, when I got to 15 my sister went to live in Australia, and I was left with Dad.' She shakes her head. 'That must be really bad for someone, mustn't it? To have so much punishment? To be abandoned? But you know, I think that's why I'm such a good mother.'

Was she never able to 'fix' the eating disorder: that feeling she was never good enough? 'No. I think you learn to live with what Martin Luther King called "the inaudible language of the heart".' Doing things for others has been more therapeutic than anything else, she admits.

Her work on children's education, most recently as an ambassador for Montessori schools (she will be announcing plans for a new charitable fund later this year), has been deeply rewarding, she says. The blind Ukrainian children's choir she welcomed here just before Christmas, 'so uplifting'. 'But I have many scars,' she says, 'and my scars are really, really big. Because they have come from major obstacles.'

She tells me about the moment she broke down in tears, earlier in the week, in the middle of a meeting at London's Berkeley hotel about the promotion of A Most

Intriguing Lady. Suddenly it all 'became too much for my strength to cope with', she explains. 'And I just thought: "I can't."' Because she probably feels she has to be strong for everyone else? 'I do have to be at the moment, yes. Because it has been?' She pauses, presses her lips together, as if to stop herself from saying more. Then: 'When Andrew went through a hard time, I used to be able to throw it to The Boss?' But she can't do that now. 'No.'

We're finishing our desserts when she points out that I'm wrong about 'women getting it worse than men'. 'Perception is? so important. It can make or break someone. And I'm living with someone - at least when I'm in England and lucky enough to be a guest at Royal Lodge - and I see what that perception has done to a very kind man. I really mean that.'

After almost two hours with Sarah, I can see that she really does 'take joy very seriously indeed'. Because the moments of despondency always end on an up-note: a reason to feel grateful. 'It's just amazing how good a grandfather Andrew is,' she's telling me now, her face brightening at the thought of her grandchildren.

Eugenie and her husband Jack Brooksbank had baby August in 2021, just a few months before Princess Beatrice welcomed a daughter, Sienna, with husband Edoardo Mapelli Mozzi. 'To the point that I've got FOMO,' she says with a laugh. 'That I worry he's a better grandparent than me! And it's lovely to see after what he's been through. He was always very good with his mum, who adored him. And now he's very good as a grandfather.'

Our time together is coming to an end, and Sarah is ordering a slice of the Chocolate Nemesis cake to take away, because, she tells our waitress, 'my ex-husband loves it'.

The Duchess has probably already said more than she planned to today. But there is one last thing I want to ask. The coronation is a little over two months away, so how significant does she think 6 May will be in terms of breathing fresh life into the institution she venerates?

'I think it'll be an extraordinary moment,' she says. 'And I feel really strongly that the King is brilliant. He upholds everything that is good. I mean, what he's done for the environment! What he's done in his life! How he loves to paint, how he loves to walk, how he loves to be.

'He is a very special person. So for him to have a moment where everybody looks up and understands how hard he and the Royal family has worked, is important.'

It should, Sarah believes, 'be a moment when the entire world will say,

right: we've got this. And now we'll unite again and go on again. We are not?' she laughs, corrects herself, they are not celebrities. They are part of an extraordinary institution, and they go out and do their work. That's what I did when became a princess.

'Whatever happened, happened. We don't go back. But whether I'm or out, I'll always uphold it.'

Most Intriguing Lady, by Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, is out on 30 March (HarperCollins, £14.99); pre-order at [*www.books.telegraph.co.uk*](http://www.books.telegraph.co.uk) E L E G R A P H E X T R A Telegraph subscribers are invited join Sarah, Duchess of York, and Celia Walden on 29 March for an online discussion of her new book, A Most Intriguing Lady.

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Sarah, Duchess of York: 'I've wanted to be a romantic novelist for 20 years'With Queen Elizabeth at the Braemar Highland Games in 1990With the late Queen Elizabeth's corgis Sandy and Muick

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