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Robert Marshall

The mangled front door from a destroyed house in eastern Ukraine has a gapping hole through it

An artist who has created a sculpture using the door of a bombed home in Ukraine is appealing for places to display it.

Robert Marshall from Wareham, Dorset, salvaged the door, which is covered in scorch marks from the heat of a blast and has a hole blown through it, from Toretsk.

The conceptual and environmental sculptor said he chose the door as it represents the "safety and security" people have at home, and he wanted to draw attention to the fact that families had lost this during Russia's full-scale invasion.

Mr Marshall is looking for venues or outside spaces around the UK to display the sculpture, which has been mounted on a pile of rubble.



The door was pulled from the rubble of a home in Toretsk, a city in eastern Ukraine where about 30,000 people lived. He said: "I had the idea to try and get a door three years ago to tell the plight of all the people that are suffering".

Unable to travel to the war zone himself, Mr Marshall got in touch with soldiers in Toretsk, via a Ukrainian refugee in Swanage.

He said the door was pulled from the rubble of the city home where 30,000 people used to live during a lull in the fighting "now there is no one left it is a complete bomb site."

After getting a courier to ship the door, he said when it arrived at his home he decided to leave it just as it is.

He said: "This door just said everything... to do anything to it would detract from its message."

When it goes on show to the public, Mr Marshall said he planned to add stories of Ukrainian families to the artwork.

"I wish it to be a monument to all the innocent casualties of war. I hope it to be a voice for all the refugees," he said.

Tens of thousands of soldiers and civilians have died since Russia launched its full-scale invasion three years ago, while large swathes of Ukraine have been destroyed.

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