



Ukraine appeal: Brackmills businesses show their support for aid initiative

Funding, food, medical supplies and baby clothes... just a few of the items businesses on Brackmills are donating to the Northampton Supports Ukraine appeal.

The appeal, to support people in Ukraine and refugees in Poland, is being led by Northampton-based logistics company Goodwill Solutions and supported by Brackmills Business Improvement District, West Northamptonshire Council and other local organisations.

Brackmills BID chief executive Sara Homer is pictured with John Sheriff, group development director of goodwill Solutions, at the launch of the appeal.

“This is a humanitarian project that we all need to get behind and support,” she says. “Ten trucks have already taken equipment, food and other essentials over to Poland and into areas of Ukraine. We need to do more.

Each journey takes around 31 hours, with each truck making the trip costing €2,000, she adds.

As well as financial donations, the Northampton Supports Ukraine appeal is in need of first aid kits and medical supplies, clothing, tinned food, and baby products, of which the appeal is particularly short.

“Families with young babies are arriving in Poland without clothes, food and even shoes so please donate if you can,” says Mr Sheriff.

- To donate products, visit Goodwill Solutions, 1056 Deer Park Road, NN3 6R between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. Call 01604 422464 on arrival.

- There is a dedicated bank account for financial donations. Name: Goodwill Solutions CIO. Sort code: 20-90-08. Account number: 63993264.



Sara Homer, chief executive of Brackmills BID, launches the Northampton Supports Ukraine Appeal with John Sheriff, of Goodwill Solutions

EVENT FOR BRACKMILLS BUSINESSES

COUNTER TERRORISM BRIEFING

May 19 10am - 2:30pm

Wootton Community & Sports Centre

Brackmills has teamed up with Northamptonshire Police to run this half-day counter terrorism briefing. This is a free event for all Brackmills based businesses.

This informative workshop will outline threats, the importance of protecting sites, security measures for the industry, what to do in the event of an incident and how to respond to an incident.

Topics on the agenda include:

- The threats and mitigation advice;
- Outline of the threats, including those from vehicles’
- Protective security (Speaker: A government security advisor);
- Protecting sites, staff and assets;
- What to do in the event on an incident and how to respond;
- Counter-terrorism awareness advice for staff and contractors;
- The Civil Contingencies Secretariat: How it can support you;

The Cross-sector Safety and Security Communications East Midlands Region was established in December 2017 and covers Northamptonshire and its neighbouring counties of Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

The group works in partnership with key public and private sector organisations in the region to provide local business with proactive security advice, to help improve their business resilience, and reactive security information, when there has been a major incident.

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