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Kingswood Trust has now made these contacts with families in Staffordshire and increased its reach into the county through partner organisation such as the Ukraine Support Network. These Forest Fun Days brought the wider community together for Ukrainian families to experience integrated and nature-based events. This community integration helped to raise awareness of the needs and challenges faced by Ukrainian families trying to resettle in the UK.

Our volunteers and staff acted as companions where appropriate and this provided valuable social time and opportunities to develop language skills and for people to converse, learn about each other and the environment. The project has highlighted the needs of the Ukrainian families and we have been pleased to be able to contribute in supporting the Resettlement programme.

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Ukrainian Families Forest Fun Days



**Benefiting from nature,
creativity and being together.**



The Project

This project aimed to support Ukrainian families living in Staffordshire to help them take part in forest fun mornings. This was done via a resettlement grant by providing a variety of outdoor activities and with transport to and from the local area, free of charge.

Our key objectives were to:

- Improve emotional health and well being by providing a welcoming environment where everyone feels safe and valued. – *they benefitted by engaging with each other and connecting with nature through animal encounters, craft activities, sensory activities and being outside in the fresh air.*
- Improve physical health – *they benefitted from nature trails, woodland adventure play and soft archery.*
- Support positive parenting – *they benefitted from learning about services available from other support agencies within their community and observed positive interactions from other adults, including staff and volunteers.*
- Provide children and young people activities – *they benefitted through nature-based activities and experiences that help to improve confidence, independence and, help them join in with others to create a feeling of belonging.*
- Support understanding and life in the UK – *they benefitted from meeting other people within their local community and made friends!*

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100 % satisfaction reported



Getting Here

A local transport company and our inhouse minibuses provided the coaches minibuses and taxis required for over 30 families to be transported to Kingswood Trust from the following locations:

Ukrainian families joined in the fun from Lichfield and Burton-On-Trent, Kinver, Cannock, Stafford, Featherstone, Brewood and Codsall.

Some families came for more than one event and in addition, people arrived via their own transport from other villages in Staffordshire.

The natural backdrop and Kingswood environment was described as “calming, “safe” and “restful.” Support staff and volunteers noted confidence levels rising amongst our guests as interactions increased between everyone.



“This is great place, and it is good for me here.” Teenage Ukrainian boy visiting with his family.

Forest Fun Days



Ukrainian families enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities including meeting our animals and pets, campfire cooking, den building and being together with others and having fun outdoors.

All the families who attended these events reported 100% satisfaction.

More than 90 people benefitted from the funding supported by a total of 10 volunteers and staff.