

The Borough of Havant stands together with our friends in Ukraine.

From the darkest moments of the war we have supported the Ukrainian people as they fight against the illegal and unjustified invasion of Ukraine by Russia. This Council has been moved by the strength of feeling in this country to support Ukraine and has previously passed a motion in March 2022 in support of Ukraine.

Many people from our Borough have given aid to Ukraine and have supported the humanitarian effort.

We have opened our doors to Ukrainian people through the Homes for Ukraine scheme and seen their wonderful culture first hand.

After the Second World War, the last time that Europe was ravaged by needless war, towns and communities across Europe twinned.

It was done to share cultural ties and further express our shared European culture.

Havant was proud to be twinned with Landkreis Wesermarsch in Northern Germany. We now stand with the spirit of twinning and exchanging culture across Europe, which is ever more important since the Russian full scale invasion of Ukraine.

The Leader of the Council has already had initial positive agreement regarding the possibility of twinning with Yavoriv Raion (Council), a similar sized Council in Western Ukraine. This is a District level council with about 150,000 residents near to the border with Poland.

Therefore, this Council resolves that:

1 Havant Borough Council resolves to seek to twin with a town in Ukraine to highlight the Borough's strength of support for Ukraine.

2 The Council requests that officers come back to the next Full Council with a report on a formal twinning with a town in Ukraine and the next steps in a creation of a Havant – Ukraine Twinning Association.

Proposed by: Councillor Rennie

Seconded by: Councillor Paul Gray