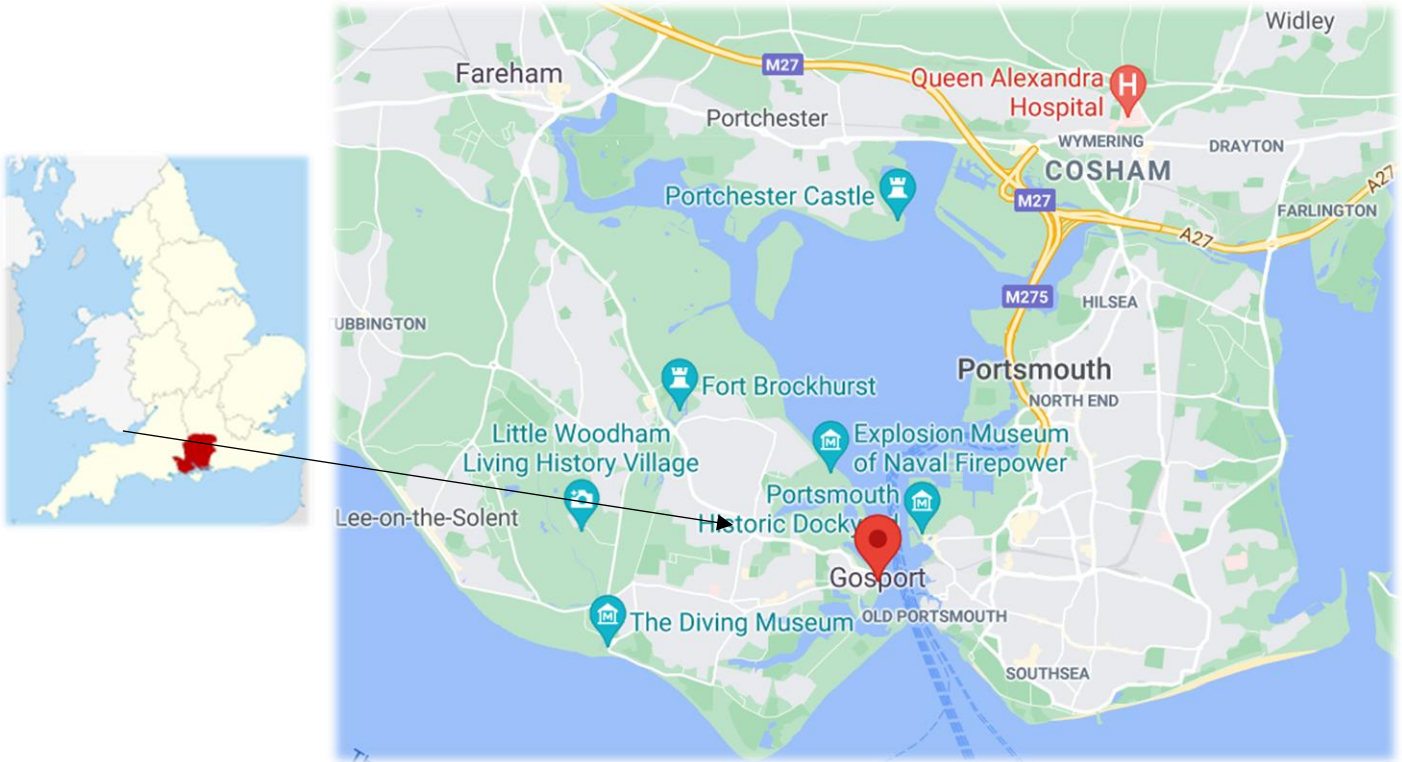


WELCOME TO GOSPORT



Gosport is a town in South East England, on the south coast of the County of Hampshire. It is opposite the city of Portsmouth, linked by Gosport Ferry, and lies south-east of Fareham, linked by the A32 and a Bus Rapid Transit route.

Gosport has a population of around 88,000 people and transport connections to Portsmouth, London, Brighton and Wales. Joint bus and ferry tickets may provide you and your family with greater value and more flexible travel options. Gosport is a popular place to live because it has lots of local leisure and recreation facilities and green spaces, plus local schools, health facilities and other community amenities.

Every Tuesday (9am till 3pm) and Saturday (9am till 4pm) there is a lively Gosport market and 5 minutes' walk from the town centre is Stoke road, where a variety of shops can be found.

Gosport's most popular attractions include the Wild Grounds Nature Reserve and The Alver Valley Country Park - a great family day out for nature walks. There is also the Gosport leisure centre, which has a gym, swimming pool, fitness classes and sports activities.

About Gosport Borough Council

Located in the Town Centre of Gosport, the Council is responsible for most of the day-to-day public services in Gosport. It serves a population of around 78,000 and is responsible for services such as:

- Managing council owned housing
- Planning applications and control
- Refuse collection and recycling
- Street cleaning, public toilets, litter collection
- Housing benefits, council tax and business rates collection
- Electoral register and elections
- Car parks and residents' parking permits
- Leisure activities - museums, sports pitches, sports development, parks and open spaces
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The Town Hall is open to the public between 9am -5pm Monday to Friday, closed on bank holidays. Telephone 02392 584242 <https://www.gosport.gov.uk/> Ukraine@gosport.gov.uk

Education in Gosport

There are primary schools (ages 4 – 11) in all of the districts in Gosport and secondary schools (ages 11-16). Notably, there is a major college called Havant and South Downs College (HSDC) that offers further education for 16 – 18 year olds and adults. Advice for Ukrainian families seeking school places can be found by visiting the following website -

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/ukrainian-school-places>

Healthcare in and around Gosport

There are General Practice and dental surgeries in different neighbourhoods around Gosport which you will be able to register with for your day to day healthcare needs. The area's major hospital is Gosport War Memorial Hospital, Bury Rd, Gosport, PO12 3PW. For more information about finding a GP practice please visit the following website – <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/gps/how-to-register-with-a-gp-surgery/>

Community services

Gosport Discovery Centre

The Gosport Discovery Centre is located in the Gosport High Street PO12 1BT in the Town Centre and is part of the Hampshire County Library Service. It is a Community Hub including Library Services, Café and meeting space for several local groups. It offers a special membership card for Ukrainian Refugees and a free app to access a range of free reading, listening, learning and entertainment material for both children and adults in Ukrainian, English and other languages.

Call 300 555 1387 or contact Gosport.dc@hants.gov.uk

Gosport Voluntary Action

Gosport Voluntary Action (GVA) provides help and support to over 200 local, voluntary and community groups in the Borough and can direct people to the right group or organisation that can provide the support needed. Go Volunteer is its volunteering service providing opportunities for volunteering and taking part in a range of community activities. It is located in the Town Centre, Martin Snape House, and 96 Pavilion Way, Gosport PO12 1FG. Call 02392583836 or contact officesupervisor@gva.org.uk

Citizens Advice

Citizens Advice is a national organisation with local offices. Visit the national website at www.adviceguide.org.uk to find information about immigration, legal and financial issues and a range of other topics. The Gosport Citizens Advice office is located in the Town Centre in, Martin Snape House 96 Pavilion Way, PO12 1GE behind Morrison's supermarket. The office has a drop-in and appointment service on certain days. For appointments call 02392 520112. For telephone advice from the national advice line call 0800 1448848.

Information from JobCentre Plus

www.gov.uk/universalcredit or telephone 0800 328 5644.

How to jobsearch- it guides them to www.gov.uk/find-a-job

National Careers Service and also www.gov.uk/apprenticeships

Local travel connections

The main connection is to Portsmouth, which is easily accessible by the Gosport Passenger Ferry found at the end of South Street PO12 1EP. The ferry operates a quarter hourly service across Portsmouth Harbour between Gosport and Portsmouth, offering easy links to rail services and cross-channel ferries from Portsmouth. Crossings take about seven minutes and run from early morning until late at night, weather permitting. Portsmouth is the nearest city to Gosport offering a diverse range of historic and modern attractions and shops and restaurants.

The nearest rail station is Portsmouth Harbour which offers a fast train service to London as well as connections to other destinations. First Bus operates bus routes throughout the Borough and the main bus terminal is located at the harbour near the Gosport Ferry entrance. Gosport has a large cycling network offering an easy way to travel by bicycle across the Borough.

The nearest airport is Southampton, which has rail and coach links from the Portsmouth Hard interchange, this is a short ferry ride across from Gosport and is located immediately as you depart the ferry.

Ukrainian Refugee Support Services Available in Gosport

Organisation	Details of Support
Red Cross Emergency Support Fund	<p>There are conditions in that they need to have arrived within the last 14 days and be on an eligible visa</p> <p>Support line – 0808 196 3651</p>
Fareham and Gosport Homes for Ukraine support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternate Weekly coffee morning at Christ Church Held on Sunday 1:30 – 3:30pm, Stoke Road, Gosport, PO12 1JQ Gosport to enable Ukrainian families to meet and identify needs. <p>Vodafone SIM cards Support and advice for guests and hosts Food bank/clothes/toy referrals Weekly meetings Free hairdressers Free live football viewing (Gosport Borough) Free football sessions for youths Free football sessions at little kickers Translators (Russian and Ukrainian)</p>
Hampshire Library Services	<p>Ukraine Connections Group –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A social group for Ukrainian refugees in the Stubbington Library. Open to Gosport families - Held weekly, Saturday from 10 – 12 noon
Gosport Discovery Centre	<p>Membership Card for Ukrainian Refugees: We are pleased to let you know that as part of our continued work to support refugees we have set up a new membership card category 'Emergency Refugee Membership Card' This will allow our refugees a longer loan period 56 days, free reservations and will not incur any fines, included in this membership is,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borrow up to 60 items (normally 30 items) • Make up to 30 free reservations • Loans for up to 56 days and up to 5 renewals (exception is for an eBook or an eAudiobook which have standard loan policies of 2 weeks for each item and a maximum of 5 loans per format. • Reservations can be placed either by the customer or staff, which will trigger no fee when placing the request. • Access to free computers in libraries • Free Wi-Fi <p>New customers who are eligible for this membership can join in branch only – staff will be aware and can help. Call 0300 555 1387 or email Gosport.dc@hants.gov.uk</p>

	<p>Free app for both Android and iOS. Available across Europe, the app includes 3000 e-books and audiobooks in a variety of genres, including 1,700 Ukrainian titles and 500 in English. There is material for both children and adults. Kraal: 'We hope that everyone – from social workers to host families – will draw the attention of the refugees to this app. To offer them the support, pleasure or comfort of reading, learning and listening in these difficult and uncertain times.'</p> <p>Links to the app:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=es.odilo.ukraine • iOS: https://apps.apple.com/us/app/ukraine-unlimited-learning/id1615037168 • tel 0300 555 1387
Venue for social groups/ education support	Gosport Community Hub at GFMAT have offered to host social groups – Executive Head teacher Chris Willis also offered to support on education advice and places if HCC are unavailable.
ESOL classes – English as a second language	<p>Our Learning in Library Team have the following on offer including access to free on line classes</p> <p>Online ESOL class – starts 28/04 - English for Speakers of Other Languages - Online course - Thursday 28t – Hampshire County Council Shop (hants.gov.uk)</p> <p>Eastleigh ESOL – starts -3/05 - https://shop.hants.gov.uk/products/english-for-speakers-of-other-languages-eastleigh-library-tuesday-3rd-10th-17th-24th-may-7th-14th-21st-and-28th-june-2022</p> <p>Online and other useful library resources: Home Hampshire Libraries (spydus.co.uk)</p>
Faith Connections	<p>Connection to local Faith Organisations - Mike has contact with over 27 churches in the locality and can assist in linking people up.</p> <p>Tel: Mr Critchley 07977534949</p>
Financial support for small local needs	<p>Fareham Lions Club offered financial support as they have been actively fundraising – this may help support Host Families or smaller organisations delivering social activities and support to refugees.</p> <p>Contact Christine Asquith on 01329 663883 email chris@xtremity.net</p>
Jacobs Well	<p>Food bank clothing and furniture, help with initial clothing boxes and school uniforms, Toronto Place Gosport Po12 4UZ</p> <p>Telephone 02392 583050</p>
Gosport Leisure Centre	<p>Offering a 3 month premium pass to Ukrainian refugees. This gives full access to all their facilities and classes (subject to availability). Any Ukrainian citizen can register by visiting the leisure centre in person and showing their passport/ID. With any adult, 4 children can go free (up to aged 16). Email enquiries@gosportleisurecentre.co.uk</p>