

# HOLT & DISTRICT FARMERS' CLUB

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## UKRAINE

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Dear Holt Farmers Club Members

On Saturday night I returned from my 8 days travel to Ukraine.

I stayed in Western Ukraine. Roads blocked off and barricaded entrances to towns and villages were evident everywhere.

I visited the local military hospital. Wounded men and civilians are brought here by train from the east. Everyday the ambulances bring more casualties in.

We are pleased we can help by supplying wounded soldiers and civilians with regular hot meals delivered to the hospital.

From our office if you look across the road to your left there is local authority housing accommodating 60 refugees who had arrived 48 hours earlier from areas under the fiercest Russian shelling. Many individuals were deeply traumatised by their experience and some had arrived with all their belongings in a plastic bag.

We were pleased we could help them immediately. A further 60 refugees will arrive here any day now.

If you look across the road to the right there is a school which the local authority are considering as a location to home 100 orphans from Mariupol. We will now learn the final decision on this in August and look forward to being able to provide help and aid as required.

Graves are appearing in churchyards throughout the region draped in the Ukrainian flag representing men that have paid the ultimate price for freedom.

We know of families who have lost their breadwinner and we will be able to help such families.

One family lost their father who worked a small holding. Three teenage boys were left without a father and we will provide help to his widow to bring their harvest home.

The war promises to carry on and with every passing day more personal tragedies will unfold.

Over the next couple of weeks we hope to set up a webpage that everyone who wishes can follow where the aid will be directed.

Finally I have been asked again to convey the thank you and gratitude of the Ukrainian people.

Your generosity is being translated into vital humanitarian aid for deeply traumatised people.

On the farming front I am able to say that in Western Ukraine there is little evidence of farming being compromised by shortages.

The day I departed we were informed by our broker that they will be in the market for our OSR and that the crop will be exported.

We do not have details of how and where the crop will go but regardless this is welcome news as it will help to keep our cashflow going. Hopefully we will have success with exporting other produce but only time will tell. We are getting ready to store as much of our harvest as possible and we have space reserved in the silos of our local grain merchant.

Thanking all donors and HFC for their generosity.

Kind Regards

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