



**TUXFORD**

**CLARION**

**18<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Motion to the annual conference of the National Clarion CC**

The current tragedies in Ukraine leave us all feeling sad and helpless towards the plight of families having to flee their homes to other parts of Europe and attempt to rebuild some resemblance of life and normality. It is hard to imagine the devastation of homes and families, but it is heart-warming to hear of the generosity and welcoming into private homes throughout neighbouring countries, and most likely many tens of thousands will arrive here in the UK.

Not everyone in the country has spare bedrooms or empty second houses to give up, and we are sure that most people would like to help as much as they can.

A cycling club is a strange place to turn to in desperate needs, but there may come a time when refugees (temporarily or permanently settling) in the UK will be looking for ways to integrate into their new or temporary communities, and their physical and mental health could benefit from joining a cycling club.

Tuxford Clarion's proposal to the annual conference is to place on the agenda, an item for debate and discussion, titled:

**'how the National Clarion CC can extend the hand of fellowship to Ukrainian refugees settling temporarily or permanently in the UK'.**

Ideas could be around preferential or free membership to the Clarion (and participating sections), or providing a number of free bikes pledged by members, or creating a Ukrainian section of the Clarion.

We believe that the National Clarion Cycling Club is ideally placed to provide a form of Nationwide support for Ukrainian refugees. The phrase 'fellowship is life' could never be more fitting.

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