



# Plant and Hire Aid Alliance Annual Report 2024/25

April 2025





Plant & Hire  
Aid Alliance

*Dear Plant and Hire Aid Alliance Member*

*As we enter our fourth year of providing humanitarian support to the people of Ukraine, there are glimmers of hope emerging, with both sides engaging in discussions on how to bring the war to an end. In the meantime, however, the devastation and human suffering continue, with millions displaced or affected by the ongoing conflict.*

*One of the key highlights this year was the charity lunch hosted by JCB at the JCB Golf and Country Club. It was attended by 100 people and together we raised enough funds to purchase 80 generators for community shelters, medical centres, schools and public buildings, all of which have been impacted by frequent power outages caused by Russian attacks on energy infrastructure. I'd like to express my sincere thanks to JCB for supporting this event, and also to Genpower for supplying the generators.*

*Another highlight was the despatch of 255 pallets of hospital-grade Clinell wipes, which were used not only in hospitals but also served troops on the front line. In addition, 12 artic loads of Astroturf, amounting to nearly 200,000 square metres, were sent to reinforce frontline trenches against missile attacks and to refurbish school playgrounds damaged by drone strikes.*

*Our Christmas appeal was another resounding success, involving four 'wrapathons' held in Ipswich, Bedford, Swindon and Bath. During these events, 14,000 gifts were wrapped by nearly 300 volunteers as part of a consignment totalling 20,000 gifts, bringing our three-year total to 65,000.*

*This Christmas, once again, we will be sending wrapped gifts to displaced children living in the war zone or in orphanages, whose parents are either fighting for their country's freedom or have tragically been lost due to the war. Wrapped gifts should be sent to Ardent Hire by close of business on Friday, 5th December. The trucks will depart for Ukraine the following week.*

*At the time of writing, the value of goods in kind co-ordinated and shipped by the plant and plant hire industry now stands at £10 million. Now is not the time to lose heart—especially when so many are weary of the conflict and support may not feel as fashionable as it once did.*

*Thank you, once again, for your continued support.*

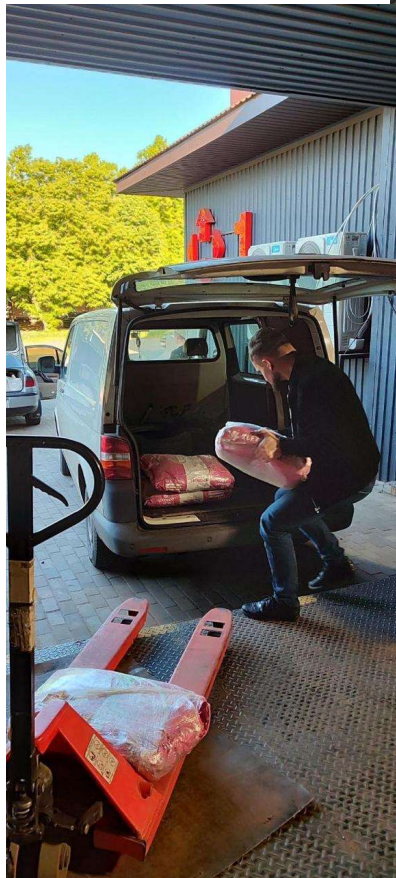
*Best Regards*

Jeremy Fish  
Plant & Hire Aid Alliance



## **Flour Donation** **March 2024**

Westmill Foods donates 11 tonnes of flour which are delivered to Ipswich and forwarded to Ukrainian towns on the front line.





## **Astroturf Appeal** **March 2024 – March 2025**

- Donations from Astroturf suppliers fund 12 x 40 foot articles of Astroturf to reinforce defences on the front line and repair school playgrounds that have been damaged by missile attacks. Members of the PHA fund the transport to Ukraine.
- Each load consisted of 16,000 sq m of turf. At an average of £25 per sq m this amounts to £4.8m of value-in-kind. Thanks to [www.tacklingmatters.com](http://www.tacklingmatters.com) for their donation of turf.



Wall Completed









## **Clinell Hospital Wipes** **April 2024**

- 255 pallets of hospital grade Clinell wipes are despatched to hospitals across the front line. The wipes are donated by Gama Healthcare and the PHA funds transport which requires 6 x 40' artic trucks









## **200kVA Generator** **November 2024**

The Plant and Hire Alliance purchases a 200kVA generator for an outpatient building in Oleksandria using funds raised by Friends of Oleksandriya. The generator is shipped to Ardent's Ipswich depot and shipped to Ukraine as part of the consignment of Christmas gifts.



## Charity Lunch November 2024

- A charity lunch at the JCB Golf and Country Club raises funds to buy 80 x 8kVA generators at cost for Ukrainian schools, community shelters and hospitals close to the front line



**Plant & Hire Alliance Charity Lunch**

Golf Activities, Lunch & Charity Auction

Thursday 17th October

1230 – 1600

JCB Golf & Country Club

Tickets £200 per person [available here](#)













## Children's Christmas Present Appeal

- The Plant and Hire Aid Alliance despatches 20,000 wrapped gifts
- Supported by the Rotary Club of Middle England and the Rotary Club of Uzhhorod, Ukraine



**Wrapathon**  
**Ipswich, UK**  
23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2024

5,000 gifts wrapped by 100 volunteers





## Wrapathon Bath, UK

23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2024

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**Rotary**



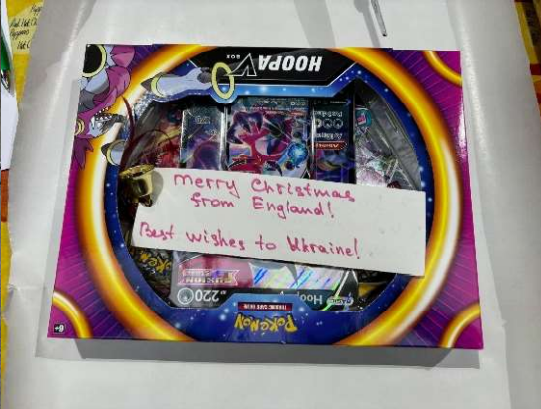
**Swindon  
Humanitarian  
Aid Partnership**

## Wrapathon Swindon, UK

23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2024

2,000 gifts wrapped by 35 volunteers

We were saddened to hear that Mike Bowden, founder of SHAP and a passionate supporter of Ukrainian humanitarian efforts and the PHA, passed away earlier this year. Our condolences to Mike's family and friends.





## **Bedford, UK**

23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2024

1,650 gifts wrapped by 30 volunteers







73 окремі батальйон Територіальної оборони  
Закарпаття у Державний Кордон України







## **Bath Abbey Concert** **February 2025**

The Plant and Hire Aid Alliance supports a recital at Bath Abbey by Mariia Yaremak, called “Together We Stand”. The event is attended by 500 people and raises £10k to buy medical supplies for war veterans in Oleksandriya, South East Ukraine





**- Programme -**

A prayer of welcome by **Rev Ken Madden**  
Hosted by **Ali Vowles**

**Voices for Life**

- Podolianochka arr Mariia Yaremak
- Voices For Life Song by Jools Scott and Sue Curtis

**Aaliyah Absiye** (Royal High School Bath)

- Alinka Ukrainka

**Mariia Yaremak & The Argyle String Orchestra**

- Cloud by Mariia Yaremak
- Cherry Orchard arr Mariia Yaremak
- Legend by Mariia Yaremak

**Liz Wilson, Bryan Mulry and Mayur Bhatt**

- My son – an Anglo Saxon from Ukraine

**Mariia Yaremak & The Argyle String Orchestra**

- Childhood Memories by Mariia Yaremak
- The Grey Cat arr Mariia Yaremak

**Liz Wilson & Vanessa Bishop**

- Her Body Double

**Mariia Yaremak & The Argyle String Orchestra**

- Podolianochka arr Mariia Yaremak
- Ivanko arr Mariia Yaremak

**Nicole Medin & Everton Hartley**

- Obijmy (Hold Me) by Okean Elzy
- Please stand for 1 minute's silence -
- Mum Don't Cry by Mykhailo Herts

**Actors, Mariia Yaremak, Anastasia Kosishcheva & The Argyle String Orchestra**

- Reading about Mariupol (Part 1)
- Plyve Kacha arr. Mariia Yaremak
- Unity by Maryna Fleur and Mariia Yaremak
- Reading about Mariupol (Part 2)
- War by Anastasia Kosishcheva and Mariia Yaremak
- Hope by Anastasia Kosishcheva and Mariia Yaremak
- Lullaby of Eternal Love by Mariia Yaremak
- Reading about Mariupol (Part 3)

**Skyler Vittorini (vocal), Mariia Yaremak & The Argyle String Orchestra**

- I still love you by Skyler Vittorini and Mariia Yaremak

**Mariia Yaremak & The Argyle String Orchestra**

- Carol of the Bells arr Mariia Yaremak

Auction of the painting by **Alexandra Dikaia**

- Ukraine National Anthem arr Mariia Yaremak

All readings written by **Justin Robinson** in collaboration with Ukrainian refugees.

Costumes by **Nicole Medin**. Directed by **Zhenya Shkil**.

With special thanks to **Marian McNeir MBE** for her ongoing support and help in organizing the concert. Also, thanks to **Tryna Malenko** for honey cakes.

**- Interval -**

Please pre-order your drinks if possible



Concert at Bath Abbey | 24.02.2025 | 7PM to 9PM with an interval

**TOGETHER WE STAND**

A CONCERT IN SUPPORT OF UKRAINE, FEATURING:



NICOLE MEDIN  
SINGER



MARIAA YAREMAK  
COMPOSER



ALEXANDRA DIKAI  
ARTIST

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ARGYLE STRING ORCHESTRA

VOICES FOR LIFE CHILDREN'S CHOIR (OPENING PERFORMANCE)

ORGANIZED BY FRIENDS OF OLEKSANDRIYA

SUPPORTED BY BATH ABBEY

VOICES FOR LIFE | FRIENDS OF OLEKSANDRIYA | Bath Abbey



**BOOK YOUR TICKET NOW!**

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bathboxoffice.org.uk





## Value-in-kind Donations

