

## 90,000 parcels and letters safely delivered to Ukraine by An Post this year

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Ukrposhta, the Ukrainian postal service thanks An Post and Ireland for their support.

An Post's special service for letters and parcels from Ireland to Ukraine has safely delivered 90,000 parcels and letters weighing more than 600 tonnes since March, all free of charge to the senders in Ireland.

In addition, more than 3,000 An Post Money Current Accounts were provided to Ukrainian refugees fee-free while An Post Mobile issued 15,600 UKR SIM cards with three months' free credit, as well as free calls and texts to the Ukraine for people arriving into Ireland since the Russian invasion.

€1.25m was donated through Post Offices for the Irish Red Cross and UNICEF Ukraine Support Appeals, for which An Post waived its handling fees, and its Address Point service designed for people who are homeless is also being utilised by those in temporary accommodation until they have a more permanent address. Ukrposhta, the Ukrainian Postal Service sent a heartfelt thanks to An Post saying "This year has been tough but with your support we could adjust to our new reality and stand up to the challenges. Your hearts have been beating in one rhythm with Ukrposhta, for which we are endlessly grateful."

An Post put in place a secure route for letters and parcels from Ireland via its own UK logistics subsidiary, Air Business, and on through the Polish postal service to Ukrposhta, which continues to operate despite the massive challenges facing its staff and distribution systems.

"Putting practical supports in place for the people of Ukraine and our colleagues in Ukrposhta were among the most important pieces of work we did this year", said An Post CEO, David McRedmond.

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