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Dear town and parish councils,
Please find below a message from Cornwall Council's resettlement service.
Kind regards,
Steve

Cornwall communities welcome Afghan refugee families

Over the coming weeks, Afghan families will be welcomed into communities across Cornwall. You will remember the shocking scenes at Kabul airport in 2021 as families desperately tried to leave the country after standing up for values such as democracy, women's rights, freedom of speech, and rule of law.

Many who failed then fled to neighbouring countries, including Pakistan. However, policy changes in the country mean it is now no longer possible for Afghans to remain there.

The UK government has committed to resettle these families across the UK with all local authorities involved in this humanitarian response.

Cornwall has received specific funding from the Home Office to allow refugees from Afghanistan to rebuild their lives in a place of safety.

The council is required to provide 15 homes for Afghan refugees, all of which will become part of its housing stock once they are no longer required for use by refugee families. Community groups across Cornwall continue to support the integration of refugees. If you would like to get involved where you live, please email the Cornwall Voluntary Sector Forum at refugees@cornwallvsf.org and they will try to connect you with your local group.

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