

# Herefordshire Community Network

## Support for Ukraine – information for guests

In the UK, if you watch any live TV you need to have a TV licence.

### What does 'live TV' mean?

**Live TV** means any programme you watch or record as it's being shown on any channel, TV service or streaming service **no matter where it is being distributed from**. It's not just live events like sport, news and music. It also covers soaps, series, documentaries and even movies. For example, if Channel 4 is showing Friends and you are watching it, this would be classified as live tv.

If you record a programme to watch later, this is also classified as live TV.

### What can I watch if I have a TV licence?


Your TV Licence covers you for:

- All TV channels, like BBC, ITV, Channel 4, Dave and **international channels**
- Pay TV services, like Sky, Virgin Media and BT
- Watching Live TV on streaming services, like YouTube and Amazon Prime Video (you can watch anything that is not being broadcast at that time.)
- Everything on BBC iPlayer. (A licence is not needed to watch S4C programmes on demand)

### But I haven't got a TV.


You can watch TV in lots of different ways:


 On a TV

 On a mobile phone or a tablet (like an iPad or a Samsung Galaxy)

 Using a Blu-ray, DVD or video recorder

 On a computer or laptop

 Using a digital box with your TV (like Sky or Virgin)

 With a games console (like a PlayStation or Xbox)

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### How do I get a TV licence?

A standard TV Licence costs £159. This can be paid in one go, or you could choose to spread the cost by paying by direct debit.

#### Monthly - from £13.25

To start with the cost of your first Direct Debit licence is spread over six months, at around £26.50 a month. From then on you'll pay around £13.25 a month.

#### Quarterly - from £41

We'll take four payments throughout the year. Each payment will include a £1.25 charge.

Click on the arrow, scan the QR code or go to this web address to pay the fee.

<https://www.tvlicensing.co.uk/cs/pay-for-your-tv-licence/index.app>

Pay for your TV



### Do I need a licence?

The good news is that only one licence is required per household, so everybody living in one home can watch live TV as long as someone has a valid one.

Ukrainians staying with a host family can check if the homeowner has a TV licence, and then use this to watch live programmes.

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If you only watch videos that non-live subscription services such as Netflix, YouTube, Amazon Prime (not anything that is being broadcast live such as the sport) you do not need a TV Licence. You will need to tell the TV Licence company that you do not need one.

This link will help you to declare you do not need a TV licence. (Remember what Live TV means when answering questions 4 and 5)

<https://www.tvlicensing.co.uk/check-if-you-need-one/topics/telling-us-you-dont-need-a-tv-licence>

### What happens if I get caught watching a live broadcast on my TV without a licence?

TV Licencing has a database of addresses that allows them to know if a licence has been paid for or not. Until a licence is bought or a declaration that a licence is not needed has been made, they will send reminder letters to the properties.

A visiting officer may visit your address to confirm if you need a TV Licence or not. If they find that you have been watching, recording or streaming programmes illegally, you risk prosecution and a fine for not having a TV Licence of up to £1,000 plus any legal costs and/or compensation you may be ordered to pay.

Occasionally vans patrol areas to see if a TV is receiving any live broadcast programmes.

### What if I move?

Use this link to report the change of address <https://www.tvlicensing.co.uk/cs/update/multiple-changes/index.app>

For lots more information about TV Licences go to:

<https://www.tvlicensing.co.uk/>



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