

Aaron Rail supports Ukraine with charity delivery

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Aaron Rail and sister company Aaron Guard recently joined other members of the Transpennine Route Upgrade (TRU) West Alliance in a remarkable four-day charity mission, helping to collect and deliver several tonnes of donated supplies to the Poland/Ukraine border.

The mission – which involved alliance contractors Aaron Rail, Robinsons/FRG Group, and TXM and its partner company, E. Tupling and Son – saw a convoy team of six drivers deliver supplies to the Polish city of Przemyśl, just 10 kilometre from the border. From there, the essential items will be distributed to refugees and frontline personnel.



Two vans left the Stockport headquarters of civil engineering specialist Aaron Rail on Sunday 6 November for a 2917.6-mile round trip, catching a ferry from Dover to Calais and continuing to Germany.

They reached Przemyśl on Tuesday 8 November, and were able to unload their cargo of bottled water, nappies, sleeping bags, energy bars, torches, first aid kits, blankets, footwear, waterproof coats, soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. Many of these items were donated by Aaron Group's suppliers.

Aaron Rail and Aaron Guard's involvement in the charity mission was coordinated by Aaron Rail managing director Dave Barnett. While the TRU West Alliance had initially planned to collect and send supplies to Ukraine, Aaron Rail was able to provide two vans, ensuring that donations could be driven there directly. It also covered the cost of fuel, ferry crossings, and food for the convoy team.

Dave commented: "We wanted to show our support for Ukraine, and I'm incredibly proud of our team, who worked hard to collect, organise and deliver these essential supplies. I also want to thank the suppliers who so generously donated items."

Aaron Rail and Aaron Guard hope that their donations will go some way to meeting the basic needs of those living and working in Ukraine today.



In a message to Dave, the delivery's Ukrainian organiser wished the TRU West Alliance team a "safe and happy journey home", adding that Ukraine had "forever fallen in love with the British people."

TRU West Alliance member Lee Blissett helped to deliver the supplies, commenting: "It certainly has been an extremely challenging yet emotional four days, but an amazing experience. The effort, determination, teamwork and persistence from the convoy team was exemplary."