



Newsletter

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Embark on an Extraordinary African Safari Adventure in Leominster and Ross-on-Wye this Summer

Talk Community have partnered with the LoyalFree app to launch an interactive Summer Safari trail which will run from **11th of August until 28th of August**. Experience the wonders of the wild on an exciting and immersive African safari-themed trail in Leominster and Ross this summer.

The free family-friendly trail will feature captivating posters with educational questions about African wildlife. As participants journey along the trail, they can scan the QR codes on each poster to unveil the answers and deepen their knowledge of Africa's magnificent creatures, whilst being in with a chance to win a prize!

Participating in the African safari trail is a breeze! Simply download the LoyalFree app [here](#) for free and navigate to the trails section, where you'll find more information. Alternatively search for 'LoyalFree' in your app store.



A Warm Welcome to a Hub in the Heart of Hereford

We are delighted to announce a new addition to the Talk Community Hubs network, The Aspire Community Hub, tucked away in a quiet spot in the heart of Hereford

The Hub is open Tuesday to Friday 10am – 2pm with a community café, access to computers as well as signposting, information and support. Keep an eye on the Talk Community what's on calendar for details of health and wellbeing activities taking place at the hub and details of an official launch event in September coming soon!



Micro Grants Offering a Helping Hand to Community Projects

If you are an individual, group of residents or an established voluntary group, setting up a new community project, or improve an existing one, the micro grants scheme could be for you.

The scheme can provide small pots of money (up to £250) to help you in the delivery of your project.

To apply, the activity or project must be led and initiated by a community member, or a voluntary community organisation with an annual turnover of £100,000 or less.

If you are interested in making an application, reach out to your local Talk Community Development who can be contacted via TalkCommunityEnquiries@herefordshire.gov.uk



Be a technology tester (and enable living)

Herefordshire council are running some FREE technology trials in people's homes, to learn how to develop new ways to help people who need it most.

If you're at risk of falls, or have found yourself getting confused when you are out and about, or perhaps you're feeling socially isolated, this technology could be for you. Technology Enabled Living can empower people to live the lives they want, increasing the control and confidence they have to achieve everyday tasks.

If you are interested in finding out more about the trials for yourself or someone you care for please contact predict.prevent@herefordshire.gov.uk



A new fund is launched to support community organisations delivering critical services

The Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund is offering between £10,000 and £75,000 for organisations that support people and communities under severe pressure because of the increased cost of living. The fund will prioritise organisations that support low income households and individuals.

To apply, your organisation must run critical services providing food, emergency supplies, emergency shelter, safe spaces, warmth, financial advice or housing advice. Your organisation must also be facing both increased demand for these critical services and increased cost of delivering the services.

Priority will be given to small and medium sized organisations with an annual turnover of between £10,000 and £1 million. Larger organisations who apply will need to show that they work closely and effectively with local communities and fill a gap in essential local services.

The funding can be used to pay for delivering, expanding or adapting your existing critical services and any retrospective costs of running the existing critical services between 24th July and the date you are funded.

For more information on how to apply visit the [National Lottery Community Fund website](#).



An invitation to share your experiences with CarerLinks for the New Autism Strategy (make your voice heard)

CarerLinks are working with Herefordshire and Worcestershire councils, alongside colleagues from West Mercia Police and Health, to write a new autism strategy for our counties.

The strategy will cover a range of themes, one of which is keeping safe. CarerLinks are keen to hear from people with autism, or people who care for people with autism, about their experiences in keeping safe.

The project aims to get an insight into the reasons autistic people may feel unsafe, as well as establishing the support that is currently available, identifying the gaps in support and commission suitable services to improve the safety of those with autism.

CarerLinks are looking to hold a forum on **15th August 2023 11am-1pm at the Fred Bulmer Centre, Wall St, Hereford**. You can also attend virtually if you are unable to make it in person. Booking is essential so if you would like to attend, contact herefordshire@crossroadstogether.org.uk or call 01432 663057 to secure your place before 7th August.



CarerLinks are supporting Herefordshire and Worcestershire councils to write a new Autism Strategy for our counties. This work is also being helped by colleagues from West Mercia Police and Health.

What's new on the directory?

New services added to the directory include [The Home Upgrade Grant](#) providing off gas homes in Herefordshire free energy saving upgrades. We also welcome [Bereaved by Suicide Herefordshire](#) to the directory.

Don't miss the updates on the [Cost of Living Roadshow](#) which now feature the locations that **the Living Well Roadshow** will be visiting throughout August; offering energy saving info, health and wellbeing advice and more!

Read a short article about [Breastfeeding Week 2023](#) which includes details of a **FREE event** celebrating breastfeeding at **The Courtyard this Friday, 4th August**, which will feature a range of information stands as well as a Children's Entertainer!

There's been a few additions to the [Summer Holidays Activities list](#) so well worth a visit if you're on the lookout for ways to entertain the kids in the coming weeks.

It's now that time of the newsletter to take a peek at what's new on our [What's on calendar](#)

[Hereford & District Fuchsia Association's 25th Annual Show](#) – Saturday 5th August

[Midlands Air Ambulance at Pumpkin Pete's](#) – Explore the Maize Maze and support the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity every Friday, Saturday and Sunday throughout August

[Recovering our Rivers – Creative Collaging](#) - Wednesday dates now added for August

[Eczema Support Group](#) - a drop-in for families, on the 4th Thursday of every month

Our newsletter is taking a little summer break of its own next week – we'll return in a fortnights time.

Severn Wye Energy are recruiting a project support officer to support the advocacy team to reduce fuel poverty and work with vulnerable clients across

the city of Hereford and South Herefordshire. For more information visit the [Severn Wye Energy Jobs page](#)



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