



Newsletter

19 October 2023

Funding for family friendly fun this winter

We're relaunching the **Winter of Wellbeing (WoW) grant scheme** (hurray). Launched last winter, the Talk Community WoW programme aims to help families who may be feeling the squeeze.

[The grant scheme](#) supports local organisations to deliver a varied programme of activities and warm refreshments for families over the winter months.

The Winter of Wellbeing activities programme will launch with a family open day during the autumn half term (it's that date for your diaries). In partnership with Halo Leisure, **the open day on Friday 3 November, 10am to 2pm**, will offer children and their families an opportunity to try out some **fun, free activities**.

The WoW launch at Hereford Leisure Centre will give families the chance to try out the new cycle track, eco-crafts and much more. Families will be able to access signposting and advice from Talk Community and partners, enjoy a **free** hot drink and **free** parking (people must register at reception for parking).

Businesses, community groups, and organisations are invited to apply for the WoW grant on the [Talk Community website](#). The application process will remain open until all funding is allocated.



The WoW grants are funded through the Household Support Fund by The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).

Defibrillator funding for community spaces

Does your community have a public access defibrillator? If not, this may be of interest to you, for your community centre, local park or post office perhaps.

Applications are open for the £1 million Community Automated External Defibrillators (AED) Fund, which is aimed at increasing the number of AEDs in public places where they are most needed and to help save lives.

The Department for Health and Social Care have launched the fund, to help provide 2,000 new public access defibrillators for communities across England.

100 of these defibrillators will be fully funded. Applications for these are being accepted up until **midnight Friday 20 October** (if interested, apply now!). The remaining 1900 successful applications will receive match funding of £750, and it's on a first come, first served basis.

Check out the frequently asked questions section for practical information about installation and ongoing maintenance (good to be aware of).

Interested organisations are invited to apply now through the [Defibrant website](#).
Grant information hotline: 0300 302 1388

Defibrillator funding for community spaces across England

The Department of Health and Social Care is inviting interested organisations to register expressions of interest for its £1 million Community Automated External Defibrillators Fund, aimed at increasing the number of AEDs in public places **where they are most needed and to help save lives**.



Take a look at the latest SEND newsletter

The SEND newsletters are a brilliant way to keep up-to-date and connected if you, or someone you know, is supporting a child or young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

They provide easy access to key information and updates for families, and the latest edition is packed with information about new resources.

- The new Health and wellbeing zone on the [Herefordshire SEND Local offer](#) is aimed at supporting parents and carers to navigate and discover the different support and services available for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).
- The [Lending library](#) through Parent Carer Voice Herefordshire enables you to find lots of SEND resources to borrow and “try before you buy”, including a variety of sensory focused toys and specialist equipment to help families interact and play together.

There's loads of details in the newsletter too about free training for parents/carers, and did you know that the Cracked Slipper Company run a free drama group for Neurodiverse 16-25 year olds?

[Take a look at the latest edition of the SEND newsletter.](#)

Herefordshire SEND Local Offer



The SEND newsletters are co-produced by Herefordshire Council, Parent Carer Voice Herefordshire and Herefordshire Integrated Care System (ICS).

NEW Trauma-informed practice training

The Herefordshire Safeguarding Partnerships are offering a new free course to staff and volunteers who work with adults and/or children, to support with understanding the principles and foundations of trauma-informed practice.

Trauma-informed practice helps practitioners understand how trauma negatively impacts on individuals and communities, and their ability to feel safe or develop trusting relationships with professionals. This understanding enables professionals to adopt trauma-informed approaches that improve the quality of services and individuals' experiences of using those services, reduces the risk of re-traumatisation, and strengthens relationships, so improving outcomes for people.

The half-day course is delivered virtually (MS Teams) by Safer Together, an expert safeguarding and training organisation. An evening session option is also available.

You'll need an account to book a place, which if you haven't already got, you can easily create on the booking system before you register. Create your account or book your place through the [Herefordshire CPD website](#).

The 2023 course dates and times are:

- Friday 27 October - 9.30am to 1pm
- Monday 13 November – 1pm to 4.30pm

- **Evening options** – Wednesday 29 November & 6 December – 6pm to 8pm
- Tuesday 12 December - 9.30am to 1pm

There will be more dates to follow for 2024. If you have any questions, contact the Herefordshire Safeguarding Business Unit on admin.sbu@herefordshire.gov.uk



What's new on the directory?

We're feeling crafty this week, with spooky sewing and festive flower arranging, adding a flavour of two seasons to our directory. There's also taster sessions at a day centre, and dance classes at a community dance school.

[Art appreciation: Introduction to how modernism works](#) – starts 6 November

[Body Language School of Dance](#)

[Festive wreath making and flower arrangement workshop evenings](#) – 30 November and 14 December

[Free taster sessions, Broomy Hill Day Centre](#) - Mondays to Fridays

[Ross-on-Wye Christmas Fayre on Talk Community Directory](#) - Sunday 26 November

[StitchwithKate sewing workshops](#)

[StitchwithKate Children's Halloween Sewing workshop](#) – Monday 30 October

[StitchwithKate Children's Halloween Sewing Workshop](#) – Sunday 22 October

[StitchwithKate Children's "Squishes" Sewing workshop](#) – Thursday 2 November

[StitchwithKate Children's badge and keyring sewing workshop](#) – Thursday 2 November

Herefordshire Cares

Do you want to make a difference to people's lives every day? Working in social care is a rewarding career – to find out more about a career in adult social care, visit the [Herefordshire Cares website](#).



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