



Newsletter

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Brightening up the winter months with WoW

Through our [Winter of Wellbeing \(WoW\) grant](#), organisations across Herefordshire are offering a range of free, engaging family activities to beat the winter blues.

The programme is already up and running, with events taking place throughout January, February and March. The WoW sessions are the perfect opportunity to enjoy quality family time in a warm space, with the added bonus of hot food and drink (we've spotted Sunday roasts are on one menu and camp fire pizza on another!)

There are activities running across the county, including some rural locations. Families can enjoy a range of activities, from film sessions, air hockey, board games, cookery, crafting, storytime, forest school and ceramics. To find out more, visit the [WoW page on the Talk Community Directory](#)

All sessions are free to attend and families will be able to access information and advice to support them with the cost of living.



The Winter of Wellbeing programme is supported by the Household Support Fund with funding from the Department for Work and Pensions.

Here for Herefordshire Holidays Family Activity Day

On Saturday 23 December, Talk Community hosted a fun-packed free event for families at Whitecross School in Hereford. The event was organised as part of the Here for Herefordshire Holidays programme and offered children and young people the chance to explore a range of activities, from indoor caving to aerial hoop and beyond.

Guest appearances from a festive Grinch (ahem!) and Olaf provided entertainment, there was free lunch for everyone and the chance to take home a seed kit from Pot Gang, and free tooth brushing kits. Over 250 individuals attended on the day, and much merriment was had!

The event was supported by 18 amazing activity providers and was made possible with funding from the Department for Education. We would like to express our thanks to everyone involved, with special thanks to Whitecross School for the use of their facilities and to Morrisons Hereford, Asda Hereford, and S & A Produce who provided snacks/refreshments on the day.

The next family activity is planned for **Saturday 23 March** – details will be confirmed soon!



Have you been affected by flooding?

Herefordshire Council's [flooding emergency page](#) includes advice and support for 'After a flood', including all the latest official road closures and service updates.

The council is calling for people whose properties or businesses have been flooded recently to get in touch to report your experiences, to help the council and partners to minimise future impacts of flooding problems. [Read more and to report any flooding on the Herefordshire Council News Page.](#)

Or, get in touch via email: floodrisk@herefordshire.gov.uk



Stop Loan Sharks training seminars – New sessions available!

Would you be able to spot a loan shark or help someone report one in your community? With the cost of living crisis, it's increasingly concerning that people might turn to illegal lenders to make ends meet.

Due to popular demand, [Stop Loan Sharks](#) is running more of their free online training sessions to show what they do and how we can all work together to help victims of illegal money lenders.

The live, trainer-led sessions last for an hour and there are some places still available to book throughout the coming months, but they are getting booked up quickly. For further details, visit the [Talk Community Directory website](#).



2024 State of the Sector survey

Attention all local organisations! Herefordshire's State of the Sector research study is here, and aims to assess the size, diversity, and contributions of organisations and community groups in the county. Whether you are a well-established organisation, or a small volunteer-run group, the collected information will highlight the sector's essential role.

Plus, survey participants are eligible to enter a draw to win £500 for their group! The survey, commissioned by Herefordshire Council and HVOSS, encourages widespread participation, and **closes on February 28th**.

[Click here to begin the survey.](#)



Catch up with news from Herefordshire Now

[Download the latest issue of Herefordshire Now](#) from the Herefordshire Council website for free. This bumper winter edition is jam-packed full of local news and includes a special feature from Talk Community!

What's new on the directory?

It's the New Year – so why not try something new in your community? We have all sorts of events and services for you to explore, and as per usual, you can add your own events to the Talk Community Directory, or email us at: talkcommunityengagement@herefordshire.gov.uk

Here's what's new this week:

[Probus club of Ledbury](#)

[Wye Valley Mediation](#)

[Little Pickles Playgroup at Ross Library](#)

Our socials are a great way to keep in touch with what's on too, whether you're

- a [Facebook](#) fan
- tuned in to [Twitter](#)
- or instantly on [Instagram](#).

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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