



Newsletter

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Fun, free activities for the family this half term (and beyond!)

Through our [Winter of Wellbeing \(WoW\) grant](#), organisations across Herefordshire are holding fun and free activities for families in a warm space throughout half term (and beyond!).

From roller skating to ceramics, cheerleading and tennis. Or perhaps you'd rather sit and get your craft on and make a memory book? There's something for everyone, and the good news is that all sessions include free hot food and drinks - we've spotted curry on the menu, as well as campfire pizza (sounds good!). Families will also be able to access information and advice to support them around the cost of living.

For information about the different activities taking place, visit the [WoW page on the Talk Community Directory](#)

And if all that wasn't enough! We have also put together a handy list of activities taking place across Herefordshire this half term which you can find on the [Talk Community Directory](#).



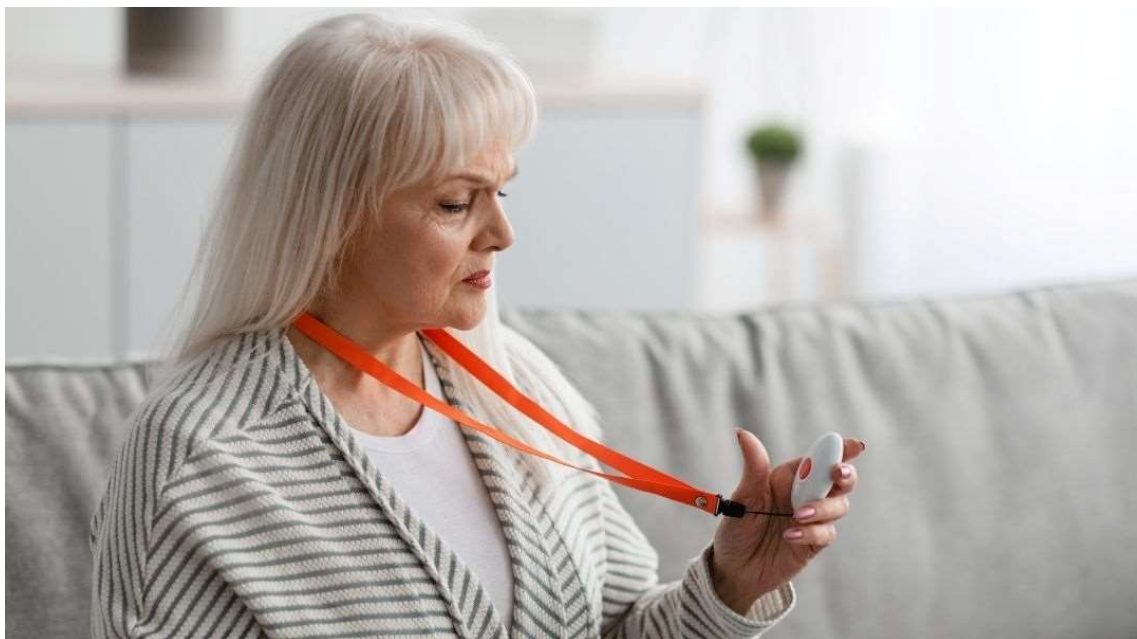
Discover new technologies to support Herefordshire residents to stay safe at home

On Friday 16th February 2024 Herefordshire Council will be hosting a 'drop in' event at the Plough Lane office. The event will showcase equipment that is available to help elderly and vulnerable residents stay safe at home.

From detecting falls to predicting and preventing incidents, the event will demonstrate more traditional equipment alongside new technologies. These new technologies will enable Herefordshire Council to not only better support vulnerable people, but also to support those who care for vulnerable people.

This is a "drop in" event that is open to the public, carers and professionals. There will be opportunities to see and interact with the equipment as well as talk to the manufacturers and installers of the equipment.

[Read more about the TECS Marketplace Event](#), Plough Lane, Hereford HR4 0LE between 10 AM and 3 PM.



Take part in the Talk Community Review!

We are holding a number of workshops to gather your insights, experience and perceptions of Talk Community.

So why not come along and tell us what you think!

The sessions will be led by Lesli Good, Service Director for Communities.
Please book your place using the links below.

[Hereford Rugby Club, 13th February, 2pm-4pm](#)

[The Kindle Centre, 15th Feb, 11:30am – 1pm](#)

[The Kindle Centre, 15th Feb, 3:30pm-5pm](#)



Household Support Fund

The Household Support Fund, funded by the Department of Work and Pensions, is open for applications until 31st March 2024. Support is available for various low income groups and vulnerable households/individuals.

To learn more about the Household Support Fund, eligibility, and application details, visit the [Herefordshire Council website](#).

For more information and advice around the Cost of Living, visit the **Money on Your Mind** pages of the [Talk Community website](#).



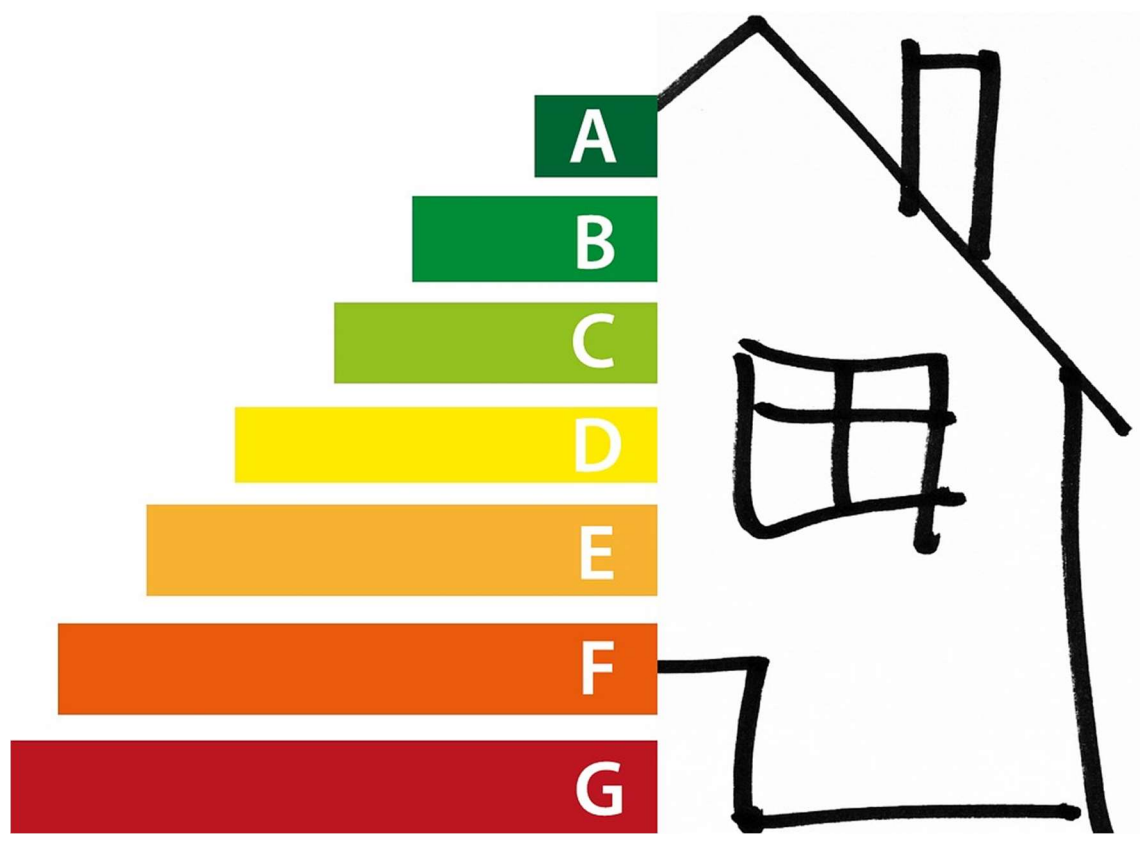
VCSE Energy Efficient Scheme

The VCSE (voluntary, community and social enterprise) Energy Efficiency Scheme offers independent energy assessments to identify energy-saving opportunities in buildings, and provides capital grants to implement recommended measures.

Part of a £100 million government support package to address rising costs, the scheme targets voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations in England that deliver frontline services, and are able to demonstrate financial sustainability and a need for energy support.

Applications for the current round of funding are open until February 29.

To check eligibility, and for more information, visit the [Groundwork](#) website.



Unlock projects with the Community Energy Fund

The Community Energy Fund offers up to £100,000 to community groups for local energy projects.

Supported by a £10 million grant from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, the fund aims to help communities develop clean energy initiatives such as wind farms, solar partnerships, heat networks, and electric vehicle

charging, as well as increase community-owned low-carbon energy assets, reduce energy costs, attract private investment, and support local green jobs and volunteering.

Grants are available for feasibility studies (up to £40,000) and project development (up to £100,000).

Community organisations in the Midlands can apply, and get more info, on the [Midlands Net Zero Hub website](#).



What's new on the Talk Community directory?

With Half Term only a couple of days away, there's no better time to take a look at what's on in your community! The Talk Community Directory contains all sorts of services and events for you to discover (and you can even add your own)! Take a look at what has been added this week:

[WyePlay SEND Sessions at Walford Village Hall](#)

[Drama4Change](#)

[Legotastic Ledbury](#)

[Little Slippers](#)

[Wild Adventure Club](#)

[Specialist Cleaning Services](#)

[Free training - Introduction to energy use in the home, and fuel poverty awareness](#)

[Express Yourself this Children's Mental Health Week – TAKING PLACE TODAY in Leominster!!](#)

[Children's Art Drop in](#)

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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