



Newsletter

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Talk Community Champions

We are excited to announce Talk Community Champions!

If you have a passion for helping others and want to support your local community then this opportunity could be for you. We are looking for caring and confident community minded individuals who are interested in boosting the wellbeing of those around them. Talk Community Champions support people by connecting them with information and advice, to help them live healthier and happier lives.

Find out more on the [Talk Community Directory](#) .



Eligible families can now book their places on the Here for Herefordshire Holidays activity programme.

Book your place today! Children and young people (aged 5 to 16) in Herefordshire who receive benefits-related free school meals can now sign up and book up to 20 free activity sessions (that's a lot of fun!) between 20th July and 18th August.

This summer activities include sports, drama workshops, pottery, parkour and much more! Each session includes a free meal.

For the first time, there is now a specific booking portal featuring SEND specific sessions. In addition to this, some providers on the Here for Herefordshire booking portal may be able to offer provision for children with SEND or additional needs. Please explore the activities listed and contact the providers directly to discuss.

Eligible families can book their places through the holiday activities page on the [Talk Community website](#).

For more information on the programme contact HAF@herefordshire.gov.uk



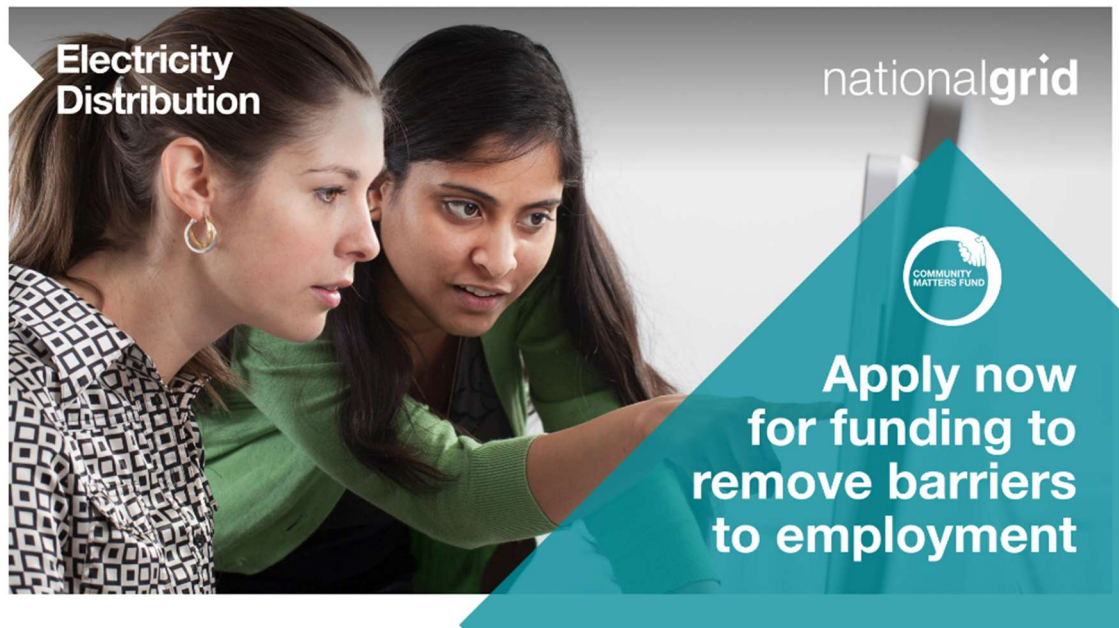
Grants of up to £5,000 for groups that support employability

National Grid Electricity Distribution has teamed up with Localgiving to launch the **Community Matters Fund**. Grants of up to £5,000 are available for charities and community groups dedicated to breaking down employment barriers for underrepresented groups.

Eligible projects include skills development, networking opportunities and employability support. Applications are especially encouraged from organisations aiding young adults not in education, ethnic minorities, people with disabilities, and ex-offenders.

Applications are open until 12th July.

To find out more information, check eligibility and apply, [visit the Localgiving website](#).



Cut It Out training to help spot the signs of domestic abuse

Herefordshire Community Safety Partnership have launched free domestic abuse awareness training for all professionals who have one-on-one trusting relationships with their clients, such as hair & beauty professionals, physiotherapists, chiropractors, tattooists, cleaners, and more.

The next session will be on Monday 1st July (10am to 12pm), at Hereford Town Hall.

For more info or to book on the FREE course, [visit the Herefordshire Safeguarding Boards website](#). Or, if you have any questions about these events, please contact admin.sbu@herefordshire.gov.uk.



Healthwatch Co-Production week

Healthwatch Herefordshire are celebrating Co-Production Week (1st – 5th July) with a series of events planned with health, volunteers, charities, local groups and organisations. These include a number of public events, so why not come along:

Wednesday 3rd July 11am – 3pm at the Kindle Centre, Hereford – to discuss Revitalising the Carers Charter

Thursday 4th July 1-7pm at Castle Green, Hereford – to discuss the use of local community facilities

Friday 5th July lunchtime South Wye, Hereford - join the Healthwatch team in their Chatty Van

CO-PRODUCTION WEEK

1st - 5th July 2024

What's happening in Herefordshire
For more information call 01432 274044

Monday

- Lunchtime -

Talk Wellbeing Hub, Hereford
Non Public Event
Co-producing a 'Wellspace' drop in with
Herefordshire Mind, Talk Wellbeing,
Turning Point & Herefordshire Council -
Making Every Adult Matter Team

- Early Evening -

Talk Wellbeing Hub, Hereford
Non Public Event
Talk Wellbeing volunteer celebration
event, co-designing volunteer roles with
Healthwatch, Taurus Healthcare & Age UK

Tuesday

- Morning -
Hereford
Non Public Event

Agreement and sign up to a
Herefordshire Homelessness
Charter across the Homeless
partnership of agencies, charities
and volunteer groups in
Herefordshire

Wednesday

- 11.00am - 3.00pm -
The Kindle Centre, Hereford
Everyone welcome

Revitalising the Carers Charter
with Carers, Wye Valley Trust
& Healthwatch
Free Lunch Included

Thursday

- 1.00pm - 7.00pm -
Castle Green, Hereford
Everyone welcome

Local listening and engagement
Shaping the use of local community facilities
with Healthwatch & Friends of Castle Green
Launching the first public living room in
Herefordshire in partnership with Camarados

- Afternoon -

Non Public Event
Co-production course hosted by Healthwatch &
MIND for Herefordshire Council
Community Wellbeing Directorate

Friday

- Lunchtime -
South Wye, Hereford
Everyone welcome

10,000 Stories launch

Come and join us in our Chatty Van

Chat, drink tea & enjoy a free ice
cream with staff from Healthwatch,
local charities and organisations

Herefordshire Shared Lives is celebrating Shared Lives Carers and the people who they support.

Shared Lives carers come from a range of backgrounds and are carefully matched with people they support. They encourage and help individuals develop practical skills, build self-esteem and establish new friendships and social networks in their own neighbourhood, which provides them with a sense of belonging and community. Training and support networks are provided to all Shared Lives carers.

To become a Shared Lives carer, you must be over 18 years of age, you don't need specific qualifications, just the right values and commitment. You can read more about Shared Lives on the [Herefordshire Council website](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/shared-lives).



What's new on the Talk Community Directory?

It's really felt like summer has arrived this week – the perfect weather for the launch of Talk Community Champions and the Here for Herefordshire Holidays Summer Activities bookings! We're also working hard behind the scenes to put together a list of summer holiday activities, so keep an eye out in next week's newsletter, or on our website. Remember, we are always happy to receive new events, services and groups to feature in our newsletter and don't forget you can upload your offerings, by heading over to the What's On & Services and Groups pages on the Talk Community website.

Here's what's new this week:

[Ledbury Carers Group](#) – second Thursday of every month

[Wild Adventure Club](#)

[Free guided wellbeing walks](#) with Herefordshire Wildlife Trust in Hereford, throughout July and August

Dementia Matters Here – Carers Groups in [Hereford](#), [Kington](#) and [Leominster](#)

[Autism West Midlands at Fred Bulmer Centre](#) – 18th July

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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HEREFORDSHIRE
TOGETHER**

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