



Newsletter

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Summer Holiday Activities in Herefordshire

If you're looking for ideas to help you and your family stay active and entertained during the summer holidays there are lots of different activities and events taking place across Herefordshire, from a family fete, an archaeology adventure, a graffiti workshop and lots more! We've been sure to include some free and low cost activities too (sounds good!).

Find activities for you and your family on the [Talk Community Directory](#) and don't forget to check out the [what's on calendar](#) for even more inspiration! Remember to keep checking the page, as we will continue to add to the list over the coming weeks.



If you're running holiday activities or events that you would like to promote, please do get in touch by emailing us: talkcommunityengagement@herefordshire.gov.uk

Summer Reading Challenge 2024: Marvellous Makers

Saturday 6 July is the official launch of the [Summer Reading Challenge 2024: Marvellous Makers](#), so make sure you visit your local library to collect your FREE Summer Reading Challenge pack and pick your books (let's get started!). The Summer Reading Challenge is all about capturing children's imaginations and encouraging them to discover the joy of reading. As children make their way through the challenge they can receive stickers and medals to mark their achievements (all totally free!).

This year's theme Marvellous Makers is all about creativity and Herefordshire Libraries have free drop in events this Saturday. There's lots going on around the county from rocket building and science experiments, to mini zine making and more! To find out more visit the [Herefordshire Libraries Eventbrite](#) page.



The Summer Reading Challenge 2024: Marvellous Makers is presented by the Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with libraries.

Book a stand at Hereford's Dementia Festival!

We have a date for your calendars for the autumn. On Sunday 13th October Dementia Matters Here is coming together with organisations from across the county to present an array of information, live entertainment and shopping at Maylord Orchards. If you are interested in booking a stall please contact:

Leah.Edmonds@dementiamattershere.org.uk or Martin.Steer@dementiamatters.org.uk



Your Repair Café needs you!

A new Repair Café is opening in Hereford and is on the lookout for volunteers. Maybe you want to save things from going to landfill, you enjoy sewing or fixing things; or perhaps you could help to meet and greet? Find out more as Hereford Repair Café hosts a [public meeting on Tuesday 9th July](#) at 7pm at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Hereford.



SEND Sessions at Halo

Halo have announced the launch of their SEND swimming sessions **at Hereford Leisure Pool**, specially designed to cater to individuals with special educational needs and disabilities.

These inclusive sessions will be held every **Wednesday from 1pm to 2pm** in the Leisure Pool. Open to both adults and children, members and non-members, these sessions aim to provide a calm and supportive environment for all. The sensory-friendly environment includes easy pool access, with reduced capacity and restrictions on noise to ensure a more relaxed experience.

For more information, or to book your spot, call **01432 272512**, or [visit the Halo website](#).



School's out - take an emotional health check

Parent-child relationships are among the most important for children's development, their resilience, confidence and future success. Talking to your child about how they are feeling can make a really big difference to their mental health.

If you are interested in learning more about talking to your child and understanding their changing behaviour, the Solihull Approach provide a range of online resources. For free access, use the code: APPLEHERE.

To find out more, and to get access, [visit the Talk Community Website](#).

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What's new on the Talk Community Directory?

Every week we love to receive your additions to our website. Whether you've started a new community group, run a kids club, or offer a bespoke service, you can advertise it for free on the Talk Community Directory. To add your service or event, go to the [Services and Groups page](#), or the [What's On page](#) (depending on what you're adding), and click the green 'add...' box.

Remember, bookings for this summer's [Here For Herefordshire Holidays](#) went live last week, so please feel free to take a look at what's on offer, and spread the word to eligible families!

Here's what's new this week:

[Wheeling with wildlife](#)

[Hereford Repair Café public meeting](#)

[Halla's Haven - Single Parent Meet-up Group](#)

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](#).

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