



Newsletter

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Here for Herefordshire Holidays – eligible families can book today!

The summer holidays are now in full swing and there's just over two weeks left for eligible families to book onto the Here for Herefordshire Holidays programme! Children and young people (aged 5 to 16) who receive benefits-related free school meals can book up to 20 free activity sessions before 18th August.

Young people have an array of activities to choose, from workouts and gym sessions at 21 Wellbeing to inflatable fun at Flip Out (with plenty in between!). Also on offer is a creative writing class led by a professional writer, martial arts, drama workshops and much more! All sessions include a free healthy meal so there's no need to bring a packed lunch (sounds like a win!)

Families can find out more about the scheme and book activities on the [Talk Community website](#). Don't miss out, book today!

We do ask that if you are booked onto a session and can no longer make it, to please contact the provider directly.

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



The Here for Herefordshire programme is fully funded by the Department for Education.

Council offers interpreter training

The Herefordshire Language Network is seeking new interpreters! They manage over 500 assignments monthly across public services, schools, and voluntary organisations across Herefordshire, covering more than 40 languages.

The “Foundation Training for Interpreters” course will be held across 2 days on Saturday 5th October and Saturday 12th October 2024, from 9 am to 5 pm. This 14-hour introductory course costs £30 and is open to speakers of any language, with a special interest in Lithuanian, Tamil, Nepali, Slovak, Dari, Arabic, Bengali, and Thai. Completing the course can lead to paid interpreting work in the county.

The deadline for applications is Friday 20th September 2024.

For more details, [visit Herefordshire Council's website](#) or call 01432 260216.



Two new films celebrate over 650 people becoming Orange Button wearers

More than 650 people have been trained to wear the Orange Button and support people who are having suicidal thoughts across Herefordshire and Worcestershire. Keen to encourage others to join the scheme, Orange Button wearers, Katrina and Euan have shared their stories in two new videos.

The Orange Button is worn by people who have relevant training in suicide prevention. They are there to listen, signpost to local support and help reduce stigma by talking openly about suicide. If you have completed suicide prevention training and want to get involved you can apply for your Orange Button or [find out more on the Talk Community website.](#)

[Click here to watch Kat's story.](#)

[Click here to watch Euan's story.](#)

Join the Orange Button Community Scheme

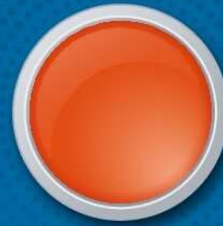
The Orange Button Community Scheme is a way of identifying people that have undertaken a half day or more suicide prevention training.

Orange Button Wearers have the skills and confidence to

- hear and use the word suicide
- support people with signposting
- listen without judgement



The Orange Button Scheme is now open for anyone with relevant training to register their interest at healthyminds.whct.nhs.uk/nwt-suicideprevention



The Orange Button Community Scheme is promoted by Worcestershire County Council and Herefordshire Council together with the local NHS partners.

Boost Numeracy Skills with the Herefordshire Multiply Grant

Are you a local organisation interested in inspiring and motivating adults to develop their maths skills and knowledge? The Herefordshire Multiply Grant is a fantastic opportunity that provides funding for projects aimed at adults aged 19 and older who have not yet achieved a Level 2 qualification in maths.

With grants available from £5,000 to £24,500, this program supports a wide range of costs, including training, staff salaries, participant support, and more. Whether you're a charity, further education college, or independent training provider, this grant can make a real difference.

Applications are open now, with a deadline of August 28, 2024.

For more details and to apply, [visit the Herefordshire Council website.](#)



New RSV Vaccine Rollout in the UK

Starting this September, the UK will launch a ground-breaking vaccination program to protect against Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV). The program, the first of its kind globally, will provide vaccinations for both pregnant women and older adults.

RSV is a serious respiratory virus that can lead to severe lung infections, particularly in infants and the elderly. This new vaccination aims to reduce hospitalisations and save lives, and help ease the pressure on the NHS during the winter months.

Expectant mothers from 28 weeks onwards can receive the vaccine to safeguard their babies, and those aged 75 and over will also be eligible for the vaccine.

For more details, [please view the UKHSA's press release](#), or consult with your GP to check your eligibility and schedule your vaccination.



Ledbury Swimming Pool 50th Birthday

Ledbury Swimming Pool are marking its 50th birthday on Saturday 3rd August.

It will be a day of celebrations and activities for the community, with games and competitions (with prizes to be won!). Refreshments will be available and you can meet the Ledbury Halo team.

Halo are offering access to a Swim, Gym or Group Exercise Class Session for just 25p on this day.

Next door, Ledbury Fire Station are also holding their Open Day, so there will be lots for families to enjoy.

The celebrations will take place on Saturday 3rd August between 10.30am - 3pm. To join in the fun, turn up on the day, pre-book on the Halo Leisure app, or call 01432 842075.



Community Funding Support Survey

Talk Community's Grant Finder tool is a one stop shop for funding information. The grant finder enables you to browse available grants and offers access to thousands of funds available on a European, national and regional basis. If you have a specific project in mind, you can search for those funding opportunities which may be the most relevant to you, and once you are signed up, you can receive updates of new funding opportunities. [Explore the grant finding tool now.](#)

If you are benefiting from using the grant finder tool the Community Funding Support team would like to hear about your experience in a short survey. [Take survey now.](#)



What's new on the Talk Community Directory?

It feels like summer is finally here! Whether you're feeling inspired to take on some new training opportunities, discover local services, or come along to local events, there's no better time to get out into your community. Remember, if you provide a service or host events of your own, you can add them to our website free of charge!

Here are some of this week's recent additions:

[Toros FC Summer Holiday Football Camp](#)

[Peterchurch Memory Café](#)

[Garway Fun Day](#)

[Meet at the Gate](#)

[Sibling Group Leader Training](#)

[Confident Caring Programme](#)

[Free Outdoor Bowling Sessions for kids and teens](#)

[Woodland Wellbeing Herefordshire](#)

[Join Lynhales Memory Walk](#)

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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