



Newsletter

5 September 2024

Help spread the word for Pension Credit Week of Action (2- 6 September)

This week is Pension Credit Week of Action; an opportunity to encourage people to check their eligibility and apply.

Pension Credit is worth on average, £3,900 per year and unlocks additional support including Winter Fuel Payment, help with Council tax, NHS dental care and for those over 75, a free TV licence.

Thanks to the Pension Credit backdating rules, it is possible to apply for Pension Credit and have the claim backdated by up to 3 months - so long as there is entitlement during that time. This means that the latest date to apply and still qualify for a Winter Fuel Payment is 21st December 2024.

You can read more about the eligibility for pension credit and find out how to apply on the [Talk Community Directory](#).

Help promote Pension Credit within your local community by downloading posters, flyers and social media assets from the [government's online stakeholder toolkit](#).

Over State Pension age?

You could be entitled to
Pension Credit and get
the **Winter Fuel Payment**.*

Check your eligibility for Pension Credit online.

Eligibility criteria apply
*or the equivalent in Scotland

UKSPF People and Skills Funding Opportunity

Herefordshire Council is seeking proposals from potential delivery partners to deliver high-quality skills programmes across Herefordshire. These programmes will cover a range of provision to support individuals to gain essential skills and to access employment and career progression opportunities.

The funding is available to invest in people and skills (Priority 3) of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. This fund aims to provide general skills and training programmes to meet the needs of Herefordshire residents and employers and provide intensive and wrap-around support to people furthest from the labour market.

The deadline for applications is Thursday 12th September.

Read more about the [UKSPF People and Skills Programme – call for projects on the Herefordshire Council website](#).



Climate Change Adaptation Webinar

Calling all Herefordshire Parish and Town Councils, businesses and community groups! If you missed Herefordshire Council's recent Climate Change Adaptation Webinar, you can now [watch the recording online](#).



Age UK Living Well Roadshows

Don't miss free home energy checks, information and advice or just pop by for a chat and a cuppa on one of the below dates!

Tuesday 10th September – Around and about in Ledbury (10am – 12pm)

Friday 20th September – Leominster Market, HR6 8AE (9am – 12pm)

Friday 27th September – Great Western Court, Hereford (10am – 12pm)

Find out more on the [Age UK Worcester, Malvern Hills and Hereford Localities website](#).



Working Together and Engagement with the VCSE sector in Herefordshire

[The Herefordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership \(HSCP\)](#) will shortly be consulting and agreeing a framework for future engagement with the HSCP and voluntary, charity and social enterprises (VCSEs) in Herefordshire.

The HSCP is responsible for making sure that all agencies work together to safeguard children, and is led by three Safeguarding Partners: Herefordshire Council, the NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care Board, and West Mercia Police.

[New statutory guidance – Working Together 2023](#) – has provided an opportunity to revisit how VCSEs are to be included within the HSCP multi-agency safeguarding arrangements so that there is effective communication and service development.



Electric Vehicle Charging Points in the community: Free Webinar

Is your Herefordshire Parish Council or community building interested in having an Electric Vehicle (EV) charging point for community and visitor use? This Herefordshire Council webinar, on Thursday 12th September, aims to highlight relevant information to help your organisation make informed decisions about installing an EV charging point.

Hear from Herefordshire Council's electric vehicle infrastructure team, and learn how the EV charging infrastructure is expanding across the county, and some of the challenges involved.

[Reserve your spot for free on via Eventbrite.](#)



Moving up to a new school: advice for parents

With the new school year underway, the Solihull Approach are encouraging parents to think about what they can 'pack' into their child's emotional 'kit bag'. If you are in touch with parents of a child that is transitioning into a new year group, it might be that they are struggling to understand their child's emotional health and behaviour.

The 'Moving up' online courses and resources can help parents to find techniques that soothe their child so that the back to school transition can go smoothly.

[Get free access by using the code APPLEHERE.](#)



What's new on the Talk Community Directory?

It's lovely to be returning to our newsletter after a short break, and coming back to see so many new services, groups and events for us to share with you all. Even though summer may be on its way out, there is always something new to discover in your community (or online)! As always, if you host any services, you can create and share listings of your own on our website. This week's selection has plenty of learning opportunities for parents, so please feel free to share our website/links amongst any relevant networks.

Take a look at what's new this week:

[Volunteering with the National Trust countryside team](#)

[Herefordshire Prostate Cancer Support Group](#)

[FREE Standard Triple P Parenting course in Hereford](#)

[FREE Standard Triple P Parenting course in Leominster](#)

[Triple P Fear Less](#) online course

[Triple P Family Transitions](#) online course

[Managing Difficult thoughts and feelings through EFT Tapping Technique](#)

[Volunteering at the Conquest Theatre](#)

[Film Food and Farming – Six inches of Soil](#)

[Herefordshire Rural Hub](#)

[Little Play World at Dinedor Village Hall](#)

[Volunteering at Croft Castle](#)

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](#).



The banner features a dark green background. On the left, the text "TALK COMMUNITY" is written in white, bold, uppercase letters inside a white rounded rectangle. Below this rectangle are three stylized figures: an orange one on the left, a green one in the middle, and a red one on the right. To the right of the figures, the text "BRINGING HEREFORDSHIRE TOGETHER" is written in white, bold, uppercase letters.

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