



Newsletter

28 November 2024

WOW Grant now open (bring warmth and wellbeing to your community)

As part of the Household Support Fund, applications are now open for the WOW Grant. The aim of the WOW Grant is to enable organisations to provide a warm, welcoming space with activities, provide a meal and a drink to residents and offer signposting and information to anyone struggling with the cost of living.

The sessions should be free of charge and open to everyone, with the aim of supporting anyone feeling the pinch this winter. This could be a pensioner's lunch with board games, a family circus session followed by hot meal, whatever meets the need of your community in these difficult times.

If your organisation runs community activities, we are inviting you to extend your current offer, to bring warmth and wellbeing to your community.

Visit the [Talk Community Directory](#) for more information and details of how to apply.



This initiative is funded by UK Government.

Important Website Update

Our website has decided to be a bit temperamental lately (technology, eh?). While we're busy fixing things, you can still find all our fantastic resources using our old URL: www.talkcommunitydirectory.org (if this doesn't work, you may need to clear your browser's cache).

Alternatively, please try: www.talkcommunitydirectory.org/hubs.

If you need to reach us directly, drop us an email at:
TalkCommunityEnquiries@herefordshire.gov.uk.

We would appreciate if you could share our temporary link with any organisations or people that might need to access our website. Thanks for your patience and for sticking with us—we're still here, just a little harder to find!



Here for Herefordshire Holidays

Children and young people (school aged 5 to 16) who receive benefits-related free school meals are invited to sign up and enjoy up to 4 free activity sessions throughout the Christmas holidays. The countywide programme will offer activities between 21st December and 3rd January, with a free, healthy meal on offer at each session (so no need to bring a packed lunch).

The Here for Herefordshire Holidays programme, which is funded by the Department for Education, aims to get young people involved with new, fun activities. This Christmas, activities include inflatables, crafts, drama, football and much more!

Eligible families can book their places on [Herefordshire Council website](#). For more information on the programme contact HAF@herefordshire.gov.uk



Working Together community event – details of venue change

Herefordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (HSCP) is running a consultation to capture the views of parents and carers to help ensure that local families receive the ‘right help at the right time’. Parents and carers are invited to join HSCP representatives at the final engagement event on **Wednesday 4th December, from 10:30am-12:30pm.**

Please note there has been a change of venue. The event will now be held in the Community Room at Riverside Primary School, Belmont Avenue, Hereford. HR2 7JF

To book a place, please email admin.sbu@herefordshire.gov.uk or call 01432 260100

For more information please visit The [Herefordshire Safeguarding Partnership website](#), or to learn more about the ‘right help at the right time’ visit the HSCP [Threshold Guidance webpage](#).

You can read more about Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023 [here](#).

Safeguarding

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Festive planning? (Tell us more)

Are you planning any festive events, or get-togethers in your local community? If so, we would love to hear from you.

You can upload your events directly, by heading over to our [what's on calendar](#) and click on the 'Add an event' button.

There's a short form to complete, where you can describe what your event/activity involves, and add contact details, venue and cost. Be sure to click on "Set date", to include the date(s) of your event/activity.

Once the Talk Community Directory team receive your form, we'll add the event to the calendar or contact you if we need any further details. Alternatively, you can email us on Talkcommunityengagement@herefordshire.gov.uk



Stay informed with Community Information Sessions for Pensioners

Age UK Wyvern, in partnership with Talk Community, invites you to Community Information Sessions to help pensioners improve and sustain their financial wellbeing. Funded through the Household Support Fund, these free sessions provide advice on local support, energy efficiency, and keeping warm this winter. Pop in for a warm welcome, a chat, and an information pack filled with helpful resources.

Upcoming sessions:

Weobley - Burton Gardens: 4th December, 11am–1pm

Hereford - First Light Trust: 5th December, 11am–1pm

Ledbury - St Katherine's Almshouses: 11th December, 11am–1pm

Burley Gate - Village Hall: 12th December, 10:30am–12pm

Leominster - Morrisons: 13th December, 9am–11am

Hereford - Revive Café: 17th December, 11am–1pm

Hereford - HSVC: 19th December, 11am–1pm

For more details, please visit the [Age UK Wyvern website](#).



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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