



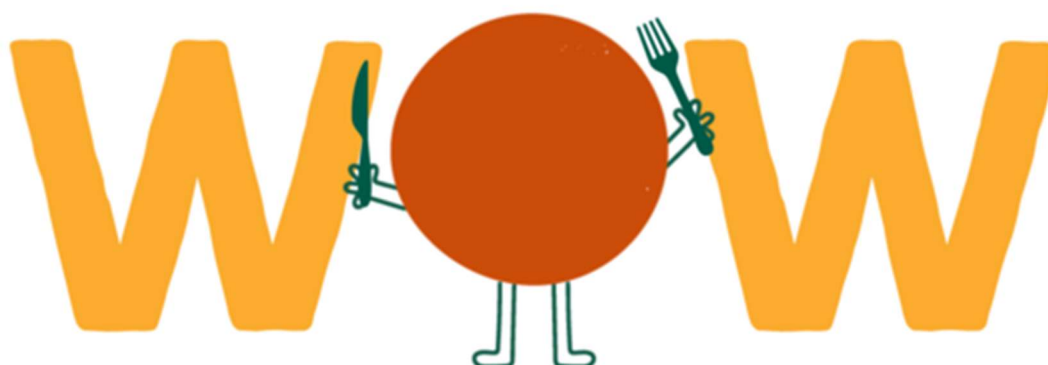
Newsletter

16 January 2025

The Big family WOW (Save the date)

Save the date Tuesday 18th February! The Talk Community team have started the new year in full gear. We are busy planning a half term event to support the health and wellbeing of children and families across Herefordshire.

If you are an activity provider that enjoys working with children and families, or an organisation supporting mental health and wellbeing in Herefordshire, and you'd like to find out how you can get involved please email HAFproviders@herefordshire.gov.uk



Community Spaces Capital Grant Scheme: expressions of interest are now open!

Expressions of interest are now open for the Community Spaces Capital Grant Scheme. The grant scheme aims to support projects that will make positive changes to create inclusive, multipurpose spaces that enhance community connections and services.

The funding scheme will support organisations to transform or develop existing or unused buildings to increase opportunities within the local community. You can read more about the scheme and find out how to apply on the [Talk Community Directory](#).

Expressions of interest close on 6th March 2025.



Hello to a new Hereford Hub!

A warm welcome to Newton Farm Community Hub who have now joined our network of Talk Community Hubs! The hub hosts a lively programme of community events each week; from friendly (free) coffee mornings, crafty catch ups, film club, stop smoking support from our very own Healthy Lifestyles team, a weekly wellbeing walk on Friday's and so much more in between!

If you're looking for information and signposting the hub is open on Monday mornings 9.30am-12.30pm and Wednesday afternoons 12.30-3pm. To find out more about [Newton Farm Community Hub](#) visit the [Talk Community Directory](#).

You can find your local Talk Community hub by visiting the [Talk Community Directory](#).



The Baton of Hope is Coming to Hereford – Calling All Local Organisations to Get Involved!

We're delighted to announce that the Baton of Hope, a national suicide prevention initiative, will be coming to Hereford on Thursday, 2nd October 2025. This inspiring event aims to raise awareness about suicide and mental health, provide support to those affected, and educate communities across the UK and Ireland.

First launched in 2023 with incredible success, the Baton of Hope is going even bigger in 2025, with 20 host locations taking part across the country. Hereford's involvement is a fantastic opportunity to highlight this important cause and extend outreach across the county.

We're proud to be working with a range of local organisations to support this initiative, including Herefordshire Mind, We Are Farming Minds, The Cart Shed, Hereford City Council, Yeomans, Halo Leisure, Herefordshire FA, The Kindle Centre, The Courtyard and NMITE.

If you or your organisation would like to be involved, or if you'd like more information, please contact suicideprevention@herefordshire.gov.uk. You can read more about the Baton of Hope on the [Talk Community Directory](#).

BATON OF HOPE

Stop Loan Sharks training seminars – New sessions available!

Would you be able to spot a loan shark or help someone report one in your community? With the cost of living crisis, it's increasingly concerning that people might turn to illegal lenders to make ends meet.

Due to popular demand, [Stop Loan Sharks](#) is running more of their free online training sessions to show what they do and how we can all work together to help victims of illegal money lenders.

The live, trainer-led sessions last for an hour and there are some places still available to book throughout the coming months, but they are getting booked up quickly. For further details, visit the [Talk Community Directory website](#).

A banner for Stop Loan Sharks. The top half has a dark blue background with a shark's head on the right. The text 'STOP LOAN SHARKS' is in large, bold, red and white letters. Below it, 'Intervention . Support . Education' is in white. A red horizontal band contains the text 'CALL OUR 24/7 CONFIDENTIAL HELP LINE' and '0300 555 2222' in white. The bottom half has a dark blue background with the text '#stoploansharks' and 'reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk' in white.

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State of the Sector 2024

The State of the Sector report is now available to read on the [Talk Community Directory](#). The report celebrates the incredible contribution made by over 2,000 different types of (VCSE's) Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprises (VCSE's) across Herefordshire and is a follow-up to the initial survey conducted in 2021. A huge thank you to all of the organisations and individuals who contributed to the survey and to all of the Herefordshire VCSE's for the amazing work they do!



Important Website Reminder

Just a quick reminder that 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).

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

What's new on the directory?

Looking to try something new this January? Whether you're searching for creative ways to keep the kids entertained, want to connect with others, or are exploring life-changing opportunities, we've got something for everyone! Start the year on a positive note and check out the latest additions to the directory:

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

[Lego Club at Hereford Cathedral](#)

[Sibs - Support group for adult siblings of autistic people \(Online\)](#)

['The Fostering Spot' Fostering Information Centre Open Day - Hereford](#)

Have you heard of Shared Lives?

Our Lives get better when they're shared

Herefordshire Shared Lives is a Care Quality Commission (CQC) registered service provided by Herefordshire Council. Shared Lives is a highly personalised form of care that supports people with a wide range of needs to live and stay safely and comfortably in a home and community of their choice. Care and support are provided by assessed and approved Shared Lives carers - who may be individuals, couples, or families - in their homes and as part of their friends, family and local community networks.

For more information and stories visit the [Shared Lives webpage](#).



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