



Newsletter

13 February 2025

Preventative Support Grant - the deadline to apply has been extended!

The deadline for the Preventative Support Grant has been extended until 28th February 2025. The grant funding is available to organisations who can demonstrate that they can deliver support to Herefordshire residents at risk of falling into financial crisis.

The funding could be used in a variety of ways; examples include, to pay for staff training, benefit checks and financial assessments or delivering money management and advice sessions.

There is some flexibility in how the funding is spent, so if your organisation works with financially vulnerable residents and you wish to create a bespoke offer of support, you are encouraged to apply. More information can be found on the [Talk Community Directory](#).

If you have any queries or would like to request some support with your application please email talkcommunityenquiries@herefordshire.gov.uk



The Preventative Support Grant is funded by UK Government.

Boost your community project, apply for a Microgrant!

Do you have a community project that needs some funding to get off the ground? Maybe the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Microgrants scheme is for you!

Public Health is supporting resident led activities across the counties, offering up to £250 for projects which boost community connections and improve mental health and wellbeing. The funding is available for residents as well as community groups and all you need to do is complete a simple form. [Complete the form online via Microsoft forms.](#)

For more information please email hwbadmin@worcestershire.gov.uk



Fun activities for half term and beyond

With half term just around the corner you may be on the lookout for ways to keep your family entertained. We've put together a handy list of some of the events and activities taking place across the county, this half term.

The good news is we've done our best to include some low cost and free activities too! From crafty planting with Herefordshire Libraries (Plant a Cress Head!) to Circus Skills in Ross, there's lots to enjoy! Visit the [Talk Community website](#) for more information.

Don't forget to check out the [WOW Activities](#) which run beyond half term, they're not just for children and families – they are open to all in the community!



National Apprenticeship Week and the Youth Employment Hub

This week is National Apprenticeship Week and Herefordshire's new Youth Employment Hub has opened just in time!

If you're aged 16-24 and looking for support to kickstart your career, need help finding a job or apprenticeship, or want advice on confidence, money management, or wellbeing, [Herefordshire Youth Employment Hub](#) is here to help you into employment, education, or training. Start your journey today by calling 01432 261515, or visiting the [Herefordshire Council website](#).



Don't let bugs play on your mind! (that's HANDi)

Parents and carers across Herefordshire and Worcestershire can download the free HANDi app, designed to help you know what to do when your child is unwell. It contains information about when and how to ask for help, giving people more confidence in dealing with minor childhood health care conditions.

The HANDi app provides advice and support to parents and carers of children up to eleven years of age when their child is feeling unwell. It works by asking questions about your child's condition, to help you decide the best course of action. Rest assured, all the advice has been developed and approved by NHS paediatricians and other healthcare professionals.

The app offers simple and straightforward advice for conditions including asthma, wheezing, high temperature, diarrhoea and vomiting and abdominal pain, amongst others. Check symptoms and get instant, NHS-approved medical advice.

For more information, and to download the App, visit the [The Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care System website](#). Or Search "Handi" on the Apple App Store and Google Play.



The Big Family Wow - last few tickets remaining!

We're looking forward to welcoming families and activity providers to Whitecross School next Tuesday for the Big Family WOW.

There are only a few more tickets remaining, so keep an eye out via the [booking platform Equu](#) and please cancel your booking if you are unable to attend.

For more information, visit the [Talk Community website](#).



What's new on the directory?

Looking for something fun, social, or supportive this month? Check out the latest events on the Talk Community Directory! From Hula dance lessons to an exciting community event in Bromyard, there's something for everyone.

Plus, if you're part of a Voluntary, Community, or Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisation in Herefordshire, you can access **fully funded** training and support. Whether it's grant bid writing or fundraising planning, these sessions are designed to help you make a bigger impact. Sessions run throughout February and March 2025—be sure to [find out more and book your place!](#)

Here's what's new this week:

The new [Walking for wellbeing page!](#)

[Lehualani Hula - Hula dance lessons](#)

[Bromyard Community Wellbeing Event](#)

[Lynhales Spring Celebration](#)

[Ross Library Open Day](#)

[Our Place](#)

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](#).

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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