



Newsletter

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Free Holiday Activities with Here for Herefordshire Holidays – Bookings open next week

The Here for Herefordshire Holidays programme will offer fully funded activities to eligible families this Easter. The programme is open to children and young people (school aged 5 to 16) who receive benefits-related free school meals.

Eligible children and young people can enjoy up to 4 free activity sessions throughout the programme, which will run between 22nd – 27th April. There will be a free, healthy meal on offer at each session.

The Here for Herefordshire Holidays programme, which is funded by the Department for Education, aims to get young people involved with new, fun activities, keeping them active and connected with others.

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

Bookings will open at 4pm on Tuesday 1st April.



Warm Homes Local Grant funding for Herefordshire residents

Residents can now apply for the Warm Homes Local Grant scheme.

The aim of the scheme, which starts in April 2025, is to improve as many fuel poor homes as possible, helping to reduce energy bills for the occupants, and cut carbon emissions.

The scheme aims to support low-income Herefordshire households living in the least energy efficient homes.

The Warm Homes Local Grant will follow a whole house approach. This means ensuring that the building has appropriate windows, doors and insulation before looking at heating systems.

For full details of the scheme and to apply visit the [Herefordshire Council website](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/warmhomes).



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"Changed our lives... because you don't realise how important warmth is ...I'm beginning to love my house now."
Sally, Leominster

Warm Homes LOCAL GRANT

Apply now
herefordshire.gov.uk/warmhomes

The Library Home Delivery Service (bringing the library to you)

Did you know that Herefordshire libraries offer a home delivery service, aimed at people who are unable to visit the library in person? Everyone deserves the opportunity to experience the pleasure of reading, so if you struggle to get out and about, this service could be for you.

The Library Home Delivery Service is a free facility to deliver up to 20 library items to Herefordshire residents every six weeks. There is a wide range of books on offer, with many available in large print, or as audio books on CD. Customers can choose to reserve items that might be on their reading (or listening) wish list, or enjoy a specially curated selection of items, chosen by the team on their behalf!

Available to both children and adults, who live at home or in residential care, Herefordshire's friendly Librarians have the expertise to ensure you can still enjoy what the library has to offer.

If you think the service could be useful to you or someone you know, you can find out more on the [Herefordshire Council website](#), you can apply online or call the service on 01432 261556.



Explore egg-citing activities this Easter!

If you're looking for ideas to help you and your family stay active and entertained during the school holidays then look no further.

We've been on a little hunt for all things family friendly for the Easter holidays, and found some egg-cellent events and activities that are happening across the county.

Hop along to [Easter holiday activities and events](#) and don't forget to also check out the [what's on calendar](#) for even more inspiration!



Share Your Experience with Adult Social Care

Herefordshire Council is committed to improving Adult Social Care Services, and they want to hear from you. If you've been in contact with any of the council's adult social care teams, your feedback is invaluable in helping to understand what's working well and where improvements can be made.

To help shape the future of adult social care services by sharing your thoughts, please [complete the survey](#).



Help us spread the word about events in your community!

Do you run a regular local event that you would like to promote on the Talk Community Directory? Or perhaps you're planning a one-off community event that you would like to shout about. Whether you run a repair café, yoga class, or perhaps a support group, we want to hear from you and share the news with Herefordshire residents!

The Talk Community Directory what's on calendar is a great platform to spread the word about your event free of charge. Simply head over to the [What's on page](#) and click the green 'Add an Event' button and complete the online form. If you need an extra helping hand getting your event online, you can email us on talkcommunitydirectory@herefordshire.gov.uk



What's new on the directory?

As the days get longer and the flowers start to bloom, there's no better time to explore what's new in your community. From exciting events to valuable support services, there are plenty of listings to discover on the Talk Community Directory. Take a look and see what's coming up:

[Countrytastic](#)

[Carer Links - Carers Week Free Unpaid Carers Event](#)

[NCLP Play and Learn Early Years Sessions](#)

[Stop Smoking and Healthy Lifestyles Drop in Sessions](#)

[Ramblers Wellbeing Walks](#)

[Dementia Matters Herefordshire - Memory Cafes](#)

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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