



Newsletter

22 May 2025

Visible and Valued SEND Celebration Week (22-28 May)

Herefordshire is hosting the first 'Visible and Valued SEND Celebration Week' for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

The special week will run from Thursday 22nd to Wednesday 28th May and will offer local SEND families the opportunity to experience a wide range of fun activities in a supportive and inclusive environment. Many of the events will be free of charge or offered at a greatly reduced price to help families access as many sessions as possible.

Activities include, stay and play sessions, a family farm day, a range of SEND sessions at Halo leisure centres and sensory room sessions. There will also be drop-in opportunities with a range of professionals and practitioners, including health, social care and education.

Some of the activities will need to be pre-booked and all sessions are offered on a first come, first served basis. For a full list of the activities and information on how to book, visit the [Talk Community Directory](#).

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SEND Celebration Week

Baton of Hope x Orange Button

We are pleased to reveal that 25 of Herefordshire's Baton of Hope baton bearers are also proud Orange Button wearers!

Orange Button wearers have the confidence to talk about suicide. Wearing an Orange Button is a way of showing others in your community who are having thoughts of suicide, or are worried about somebody else, that you are comfortable to say / hear the word suicide, can listen without judgement and can inform people where to find help and support.

If you have had suicide prevention training and would like to find out how you can join the scheme, please visit the [Talk Community Directory](#), and to learn more about the Baton of Hope, please visit our [Baton of Hope page](#).



Dementia Action Week (19th – 25th May)

Dementia Action Week is an annual campaign to raise awareness and encourage people across the UK to take action to improve the lives of people with dementia. This year the Alzheimer's Society is focusing on diagnosis and spreading awareness of the most common symptoms of dementia. Read more about this on the [Alzheimer's Society website](#).

We've put together a list of some of the events and activities taking place across Herefordshire during Dementia Action Week which you can explore on the [Talk Community Directory](#).

**1 in 3 people living
with dementia do not
have a diagnosis.**

**That means they can't get
the vital help they need.**

If you're worried about yourself, or someone close to you, then check your symptoms today using our symptoms checklist.

Visit alzheimers.org.uk



Inspiration for a Fun Half Term

May Half Term is nearly here, and there are lots of different activities and events taking place across Herefordshire!

We've compiled a handy list of activities that are taking place throughout the week. From an orchard odyssey, to an inclusive rave, lego club and more, there should be something for everyone! Find activities for you and your family on the [Talk Community Directory](#), and don't forget to check out our [what's on calendar](#) for even more inspiration!



New Ross-On-Wye Unpaid Carers Group

Are you an unpaid carer living in or around Ross-on-Wye? There's a place where you can find support, share experiences, and enjoy some well-deserved time for yourself.

Hosted by Carers of Herefordshire, the Ross-on-Wye Carers Group meet on the first Wednesday of every month, from 10:30am to 12:00pm, at Wye Community Church (Henry Street, HR9 7AA). There's no need to book - just pop in for a cuppa, a piece of cake, and the chance to meet others who understand what it means to care for someone.

Each session offers a relaxed, welcoming space with access to information, support, and the opportunity to hear from guest speakers. Whether you're looking for advice or simply a friendly chat, you're warmly invited to join in.

The next group commences 5th June. For more information, please visit the [Carers of Herefordshire website](#).



Reminder - HAF Grant Funding Open for Summer 2025

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Grant is now live for Summer 2025, and we're inviting applications from providers across Herefordshire to deliver fun, enriching summer holiday activities for children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

Whether you've been involved before or are brand new to HAF, we're keen to hear from schools, clubs, voluntary groups, and community organisations. If you're part of an organisation that offers safe, inclusive, and engaging activities for children, or you know a fantastic group that could, this is the perfect time to get involved.

Returning providers can express interest by emailing the team directly at:

HAFProviders@herefordshire.gov.uk

New providers can find out more and apply via the [Herefordshire Council website](#).

Please note, priority may be given to providers who are able to deliver in areas of high need or limited existing provision.



The Here For Herefordshire Holidays programme is funded by UK Government.

What's new on the directory?

There's always something happening in Herefordshire, and this week we've added some fantastic new events, clubs, and opportunities to the Talk Community Directory. Whether you're looking to learn something new, enjoy a local concert, or get involved in a fun day out with the family, there's something here for everyone.

[Junior Bowls Club](#)

[Ewyas Harold Scarecrow Festival](#)

[Wartime Llangarron – VE Day 80 Exhibition](#)

[Madley Church Spring Concert](#)

[St Bridget's Church Fundraiser – Quebb Quire in Concert](#)

[Friends of Steiner Academy Hereford - Fun Dog Show](#)

[ECHO ColourFest 2025](#)

[Open Day - Bowls' Big Weekend](#)

[Rhythms of Hope Family Event](#)

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

