



Newsletter

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Final Call for Summer 2025 HAF Grant Funding

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Grant is 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.

The WOW Grant is back!

As part of the Household Support Fund, applications are now open for the WOW grant. The WOW grant is open to organisations in Herefordshire that can identify a particular community need and provide support to those who are most financially vulnerable.

The grant should enable organisations to provide a fun, friendly space and accessible activities alongside food and drink. Importantly all sessions should be open to everyone and completely free of charge. Organisers should be pro-active in delivering information and signposting to support with the cost of living (we've got plenty of information to help with this!).

If your organisation runs community activities, we are inviting you to extend your current offer, to support wellbeing in your community. Visit the [Talk Community Directory](#) for more information and details of how to apply.



This initiative is funded by UK Government.

Free Event for Unpaid Carers in Herefordshire

Unpaid carers in Herefordshire are invited to a free, friendly event this Carers Week, taking place on Monday 9 June, from 10am to 2pm at the Kindle Centre in Hereford.

The day will bring together a wide range of services and organisations offering information, advice and support. There'll be the chance to meet professionals, hear from guest speakers, enjoy activities, and connect with other carers in a relaxed, supportive space. A free buffet lunch, tea and coffee will also be provided.

Whether you're looking for guidance, reassurance or just a warm welcome and a conversation, this event is for you. To find out more or register your place, visit the [Talk Community Directory](#).



Tips to Help You Keep Well This Summer

Summer is a great time to enjoy the outdoors, but the warmer weather can also bring a few extra things to think about when it comes to our health and wellbeing.

Our dedicated Keeping Well in Summer page is packed with helpful tips to help you stay cool, hydrated and safe in the heat - especially if you're older, caring for little ones, or living with a long-term health condition. There's advice on staying safe in the sun, managing medication in warmer weather, staying connected to others, and even how to keep your food safe during summer BBQs.

To find out more, please visit the [Talk Community Directory](#).



Starting a Local Green Group? This Workshop is for You

Ever thought about starting an environmental or sustainability group in your local area, but not sure where to begin? The Herefordshire Green Network is hosting a practical, in-person workshop to help you take that first step - or grow what you've already started.

'Ready, Steady, Workshop!' takes place on Thursday 19 June, from 10am to 2pm at the Museum of Cider, Hereford, HR4 0EF.

You'll meet thriving green groups from across the county and hear how they got started. The session will cover practical tips on running local projects and events, involving the community, securing funding, and getting the support you need to succeed. On top of all of that, a light lunch and refreshments will be provided.

To find out more and to book your free place, please visit [Eventbrite](#).



What's new on the directory?

There's always something new popping up on the Talk Community Directory, and this week we've added a brilliant mix of clubs, events, support and wellbeing activities to explore.

If you're looking for ways to stay busy this half term, don't forget to check out our dedicated [May Half Term Activities](#) page full of family-friendly ideas and local events.

In the meantime, here are some of the latest listings now live on our Directory:

[Malvern Flower Arranging Club](#)

[Kooth Mental Health Support](#)

[Summer Fete at the Gate](#)

[Yoga for Health and Wellbeing](#)

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





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