



Newsletter

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Eat well, play more, feel good – book soon!

The Here for Herefordshire Holidays programme will offer fully funded activities to eligible families during the school summer holidays (28 July – 22 August). The programme is open to school aged children and young people (reception to year 11) who receive benefits-related free school meals.

Each child can enjoy up to 16 free activity sessions throughout the programme. This summer there's a wide range of exciting activities on offer, from gym sessions, cheerleading, farm visits, bushcraft, coding, sports, dance, ceramics and much more! 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](#). Families can check their eligibility for the programme directly with schools, or on the [Herefordshire Council website](#). For more information on the programme contact HAF@herefordshire.gov.uk

Bookings will open at midday on 1 July.



Wellbeing picnic and marketplace (WOW sounds good)

The WOW events are back, and the first event to take place in Ledbury next week is a wellbeing walk and picnic. Anyone interested can join the [weekly wellbeing walk](#) at Ledbury Rugby club on Wednesday 2nd July at 10.30am for a gentle stroll around the club grounds.

There will be a free picnic lunch, and a community marketplace where people can access information and advice to support with the cost of living. Visit the [Talk Community Directory](#) for more information.

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



The WOW programme is funded by UK Government.

Microgrants to boost community connections and wellbeing

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 contact your local Talk Community Development officer, by emailing talkcommunityenquiries@herefordshire.gov.uk



Tell us about your events and activity sessions!

Are you planning child friendly events and activities during the summer holidays? If so, we would love to hear from you! We have begun compiling a family friendly list of activities that we plan to share with our communities and the more the merrier, so please do get in touch by emailing talkcommunityengagement@herefordshire.gov.uk with the details.

Alternatively you can upload activities directly onto the [Talk Community Directory](#), by heading to the What's on page, clicking on the 'add an event' button and completing a short form.



Armed Forces Week – Support and Event

This week is Armed Forces Week, a time to celebrate and show our appreciation for the servicemen and women, veterans, reservists, and military families who make up our Armed Forces community here in Herefordshire.

If you, or someone you know, is part of the Armed Forces community and needs advice or support, the Talk Community Directory has a dedicated section with information on local and national services offering wellbeing support, financial advice, practical help, and more. You can find out more by visiting the [Talk Community Directory](#).

And if you're in Hereford this weekend, join us for Herefordshire Armed Forces Day on Saturday 28 June, from 10am to 4pm at The Old Market Shopping Centre, Hereford. There'll be exhibitions, displays, and entertainment provided by military charities and support organisations - a great opportunity to get involved and show your support.



Learning Disability Strategy Survey

Herefordshire Council have launched a new survey aimed at people with lived experience of learning disability, with the aim to get feedback of their views on a number of aspects including where they live, what they do during the day, being healthy and safe, citizenship, choice and control.

All views will be taken on board as part of a review of Herefordshire's [Learning Disability Strategy](#).

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

Learning Disability Week

16 - 22 June 2025



HEREFORDSHIRE'S
LEARNING DISABILITY
PARTNERSHIP BOARD
everything about us but not without us

The Learning Disability Partnership Board would like your help with a review of the Learning Disability Strategy 2018-2028.

For more information, please scan the QR code or visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/LDSurvey2025

(Available from 16 June until 13 July)



What's new on the directory?

As we head into the heart of summer, there's plenty popping up across Herefordshire to keep you inspired and connected. Whether you're planning some family time, looking for support, or just want to try something different, there's something for everyone. From Wildlife Quests and musical evenings to support drop-ins and parenting resources, here's a look at what's new on the Talk Community Directory this week.

[Return to School Grant for farming families](#)

[Healthy Lifestyles Drop in at The Living Room](#)

[Summer Concerts](#) – Summer Serenade

[Wildlife Quest at Ross-on-Wye Community Garden](#)

[Wildlife Quest in Leominster](#)

[Wildlife Quest in Garway](#)

[Wildlife Quest in Northolme Centre](#)

[Malvern Autumn Show](#)

[Family and Friends of Young Minds](#)

[Positive Parenting Courses](#) - Updated dates

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](#).

Severn Wye Energy are recruiting for a Sustainable Communities Coordinator (Herefordshire and Gloucestershire) find out more on the [Severn Wye website](#).

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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