



Newsletter

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UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Grant Funding Available

The following grant schemes funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) aim to improve wellbeing, inclusion and local access.

Small Sparks grants

Small Sparks, delivered in partnership with Herefordshire Community Foundation, has £50,000 to distribute to support informal, grassroots initiatives.

Grants of up to £1,000 are available to fund small scale projects that bring people together, build local connections, and strengthen community resilience. Example activities could include creating a community garden, or shared space, running a neighbourhood event or starting a local club.

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until 30th November 2025, or until the fund is fully allocated. Early submission is strongly encouraged.

You can find out more, including details of how to apply on the [Herefordshire Community Foundation website](#).

The Community Transport Grant Scheme

The Community Transport Grant Scheme is a one-off grant scheme aimed at supporting voluntary and community sector organisations in Herefordshire, to deliver or coordinate local transport solutions that improve access, reduce social isolation and strengthen community connections.

Grants range from £500 to £5,000, with bursaries of up to £1,000 also available to help residents in transport poverty.

The deadline for the Community Transport Grant Scheme has been extended and applications will now close on **Sunday 31st August**.

For more information and to apply, please visit [the Herefordshire Council website](#).

The Sports Club Development Grant Scheme

The Sports Club Development Grant Scheme will offer revenue grants of up to £5,000 to support grassroots sports clubs and community organisations to grow participation, develop inclusive activities and build stronger, more sustainable clubs.

The deadline for the Sports Club Development Grant Scheme is **Friday 15th August**.

For more information and to apply, please visit [the Herefordshire Council website](#).



Call out to choirs across Herefordshire and the borders!

Do you sing in a local choir or perhaps you're a spectacular soloist? We're inviting Herefordshire choirs and soloists to take part in a festive musical event in Hereford City Centre at the beginning of December 2025.

This exciting event will be a charity fundraiser in aid of the Baton of Hope and local mental wellbeing organisations. No choir is too big or too small - our ambition is to bring Herefordshire together, united around mental health, to create one of the largest choral events our county has ever seen.

If you know of a local choir or soloist who may be interested, or want to find out more, please visit the [Talk Community Directory](#) to register your expression of interest. The deadline for applications is Monday 25th August.

You can read more about The Baton of Hope on the [Talk Community Directory](#).



The Daffodil Line - Free Kids Travel & Community Drop-In!

There's lots happening this August on the 232 Daffodil Line, which runs between Newent, Ledbury, Ross-on-Wye and Dymock.

Throughout August 2025, all children and young people aged 16 and under can travel for free on the 232 Daffodil Line. It's the perfect opportunity to explore local towns and enjoy summer without the cost of travel.

Herefordshire Council are working to improve the Daffodil Line with more frequent services and better reliability - but need your help to shape the future of local transport. Come along to the community drop-in session to meet the team and share your ideas. The drop-in will be held at The Larruperz Centre, Ross-on-Wye, on Friday 8th August 2025, 11:00am - 2:00pm.

To learn more, please visit the [Daffodil Line website](#).

Making buses easy
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Help Shape the Future of the Daffodil Line!

With hourly services on the horizon,
we're working hard to make the bus service
better, easier, and more reliable.

BUT WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU.

Our short survey will help us build
a better, easier to use service.

**PLEASE TAKE THE SURVEY
AND TELL US WHAT YOU THINK.**

The Daffodil Line
Good to Go!

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Scam Alert: Winter Fuel Payments

Winter Fuel Payments are made automatically and you do not need to do anything to receive the Winter Fuel Payment if you are eligible.

Scammers are sending out messages claiming to be from the Department for Work and Pensions, urging people to apply.

Find out how you can protect yourself and learn how to report any suspicious texts at [the GOV.UK Stop Think Fraud webpage](https://www.gov.uk/stop-think-fraud).

To find out more about Winter Fuel Payment, please visit [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).



WOW Grant: Apply now to support your community this autumn!

Community organisations are encouraged to apply for WOW funding to support them to deliver community activities during the colder months.

As part of the Household Support Fund, the WOW grant is open to organisations in Herefordshire, who can identify a particular need and deliver support to those who may be 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.

Taking place in the community

Free Workshops this Summer!

Herefordshire and Worcestershire Wellbeing and Recovery College have a range of free courses and workshops taking place over the summer.

The workshops include a series of online sessions from Autism West Midlands covering a wide range of topics from reasonable adjustments, to navigating the system, personal independent payments (PIP), supporting your autistic teenager and many more. Amongst others, there's a course titled 'building a brighter future' which has been co-designed by veterans, for veterans.

Visit the [Herefordshire and Worcestershire Wellbeing and Recovery College website](#) to explore the many workshops on offer, and to register your interest.

From Mini marketeers to Mondays on the Meadows – more free activities added to the website this week!

Parents and carers on the hunt for ideas to keep children and young people active and entertained during the summer holidays may be pleased to see that we've updated the Summer Holiday Activities List.

The good news is that all recent additions are either low cost or completely free to attend! You'll find all sorts of fun on offer, from Wildplay offering nature based fun, come rain or shine, to a fruit-filled shopping adventure with the Mini Marketeers events in Ross. Explore

a mystery object with curators at the The History Store, or visit one of the Museum pop up events with Museum on the Move!

You can explore the full list on the [Talk Community Directory](#).

Preloved School Uniform Pop up

The Kindle Centre, Hereford will be hosting a preloved uniform pop up on Friday 22nd August from 10am. All are welcome to drop in and explore what's on offer.

In advance of the event, please consider making a donation if you have any school uniform items which are no longer required. You can contact the Kindle centre by emailing info@kindlecentre.org.uk or by calling 01432 278070.



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inspiring the community



PRELOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM POP-UP



**FRIDAY 22ND
AUGUST 2025
FROM 10AM**



**DROP - IN
COME AND HAVE A
LOOK!
BRING A BAG!**

**INFO@KINDLECENTRE.ORG.UK
01432 278070**

**THE KINDLE CENTRE (ON THE SIDE OF ASDA)
BELMONT ROAD
HEREFORD, HR2 7JE**



What's new on the directory?

We're in full summer swing and there's lots to explore on the Talk Community Directory this week! From social pottery evenings and teddy bear picnics, to new support groups and money coaching sessions - there's something for everyone.

We've also added fresh dates for some of our most popular services, plus details on the latest public health campaigns and community consultations.

Take a look and see what's happening near you:

[Free Domestic Abuse Awareness Training](#) – dates now added for Bromyard

[Catch up campaign launched for lifesaving HPV Vaccine](#)

[Social Pottery Evening](#)

[Daffodil line discussion drop in](#)

New dates added [Barons Cross Community Support Surgery](#)

[Money Coaching Courses](#) in Ross-on-Wye

[Mini Marketeers](#)

New dates added [Carers Gardening Group](#) (Hereford)

[Say Aphasia Support Group](#)

[Teddy Bears Picnic](#)

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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