



Newsletter

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Community Connectors – now live and ready for referrals!

We're delighted to share that the Community Connectors scheme is now live and open for referrals!

Community Connectors are working across the county to support people to feel more connected and improve their wellbeing. Working alongside local organisations, the team will work with individuals to understand how best they can help.

Whether you're a professional working with residents or someone looking for help in your area, our Connectors are ready to support. If you know someone who's feeling isolated, lonely, or unsure where to turn, a Connector can help them find the right local opportunities, and even accompany them to a group to help build confidence.

Find out more or make a referral on the [Talk Community Directory](#).



Final call for local projects to apply for Small Sparks funding

Herefordshire Community Foundation is administering the Small Sparks fund from Herefordshire Council as part of the money allocated to the county from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) to support local communities and businesses over the next three years.

Small Sparks is for hyper-local, community-led projects that strengthen connections and build resilient neighbourhoods across Herefordshire. So far, 24 awards have been made by the Small Sparks Fund for projects ranging from amateur theatrics and gardening clubs to parent/carer groups and craft activities.

The deadline for applications is 30th November. Find out more on the [Small Sparks Fund webpage](#).



Safeguarding Adults Week 17th - 21st November 2025

Safeguarding Adults Week 2025 is a collaborative initiative focused on prevention - acting before abuse occurs.

Throughout the week, Herefordshire Safeguarding Board and partners will explore a different safeguarding theme, sharing insights, stories, and strategies that promote safer cultures. This year's message shifts the focus from reactive policies to proactive approaches, encouraging individuals and organisations to embed prevention into their safeguarding practices.

By highlighting the power of early intervention and community awareness, the aim is to build resilience and empower people to speak up when something feels wrong.

For more information about the online programme of events, and to book your free place please visit [Eventbrite](#).



Early Help in the Community Roadshow

Herefordshire Council is excited to host a series of Early Help Roadshows to continue our Herefordshire's Families First Partnership programme. The upcoming roadshows are open to families, community members, partner agencies, schools, voluntary and faith sectors.

Each event will feature marketplace stalls showcasing local Early Help partner agencies, opportunities to learn about the wider Family Help offer, networking opportunities for schools and local organisations, as well as a chance to share your views and questions about local support.

The event details are as follows:

Monday 17th November, 2pm-4pm, Kindle Centre, Hereford

To book your place please register on [Eventbrite](#)

Wednesday 3rd December, 4.30pm-6.30pm, Earl Mortimer College, Leominster

To register your interest in attending please email:
FamiliesFirstPartnership@herefordshire.gov.uk



Housing worries?

Did you know that help is available for Herefordshire residents who may be worried about rent arrears, or household bills and debt?

Talk Community's Early Prevention of Homelessness Team work with residents who may be struggling and worried about the threat of eviction but aren't yet classified as 'at risk of homelessness' (which means they are not at risk of homelessness within 56 days).

The team host regular drop-in sessions where they can provide information, advice and support. If you, or someone know needs support outside of the drop-ins you can contact the team by emailing homelessprevention@herefordshire.gov.uk

Visit the [Talk Community Directory](#) for more information, and to find details of upcoming drop-in sessions.



An introduction to Suicide Prevention skills for those in the Farming Community

Papyrus are delivering suicide prevention training in partnership with the NFU specifically for anyone within the Farming Community. The training is 3.5 hours long and will take place online, on 28th November.

For more details and to book your place, please visit the [Papyrus website](#). Please book your place before 26th November.



What's new on the directory?

We've added some fantastic new opportunities to help you stay active, learn, and connect. From healthy lifestyle sessions and yoga classes to webinars on autism and anxiety, there's something for everyone. Here's a quick look at what's new:

[Healthy Lifestyle at the Burton Hotel Kington](#)

[Yoga Class](#)

[Stop Smoking Drop in at Ledbury Food Bank](#)

[Reasonable adjustments workshop](#)

[Autism and Anxiety Webinar](#)

[Autism and Communication webinar](#)

[Autism and Behaviour Webinar](#)

[Autism and Sensory differences webinar](#)

[Navigating the system webinar](#)

[Reasonable adjustments workshop](#)

[Autism and the teenage brain webinar](#)

[Begin to Spin](#)

[Hereford Walking Cricket Club](#)

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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