



Newsletter

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Can you help make HAF Happen in Herefordshire?!

The HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) programme is back and we are aiming to make it the best yet! To help achieve this, we are on the lookout for new activity providers across the county.

This government funded initiative provides fully funded holiday fun for school aged children on benefits-related free school meals. Children and young people attending can enjoy enriching activities, new experiences plus a tasty meal and snacks.

Do you know of a fantastic organisation, holiday club, or community group that could deliver exciting activities for children for 2026 – 2027. Or maybe you are part of one yourself and want to make a difference to children and young people in Herefordshire? If so, we would love to hear from you.

For more information on how to become a provider visit the [Herefordshire Council website](#), if you have any questions please contact the HAF team:
HAFproviders@herefordshire.gov.uk

Applications are now open and will be closing at midnight on 16 February 2026.



The HAF programme is funded by Department for Education.

A Warm Welcome to our Newest Hub!

We are very pleased to introduce Ledbury Community Hub as the newest Talk Community Hub.

The hub is open on Sundays between 12-1pm for their weekly Sunday Lunch Club, where everyone is welcome for a free, cooked lunch, a chance to connect and access information to support your wellbeing. Visit the [Talk Community Directory](#) to find out more!

Outside of these hub hours, the space is a hive of activity with numerous events taking place throughout the week. Activities include [Zero Waste Free Meals](#), [Fine Wood Working](#), [Creative Writing](#) and much more. Explore our [What's on Calendar](#) or visit the [Ledbury Community Hub website](#) for more details.



Half Term Fun in Herefordshire

If you are on the lookout for ideas to keep your family entertained over the half term then be sure to visit the [Talk Community Directory](#)! We've put together a list of family friendly activities and events, taking place around the county and this week the list has grown with some new activities.

The good news is there's plenty of free and low cost options to explore and a wide range of activities taking place across Herefordshire. From Arts and Crafts, to Lego Building, WildPlay, Fairytales and much more!

Herefordshire Families who might be feeling the pinch this winter are now invited to book their free place at the Big HAF Day. It's set to be a fun day with a whole host of activities on offer, as well as free, tasty food. To find out more and book your place, visit the [Talk Community Directory](#).



Hereford's First Chatty Café

Community Power (Lee's Place) will be launching Hereford's very first Chatty Café.

Every Monday from 10.00am – 12.00pm, the Chatter & Natter sessions will offer a warm, friendly space where people of all ages and backgrounds can drop in, enjoy a drink, share a chat and make new connections. Whether you fancy a good natter, a gentle conversation or simply being around friendly faces, you'll find a seat at their table.

The goal is simple: to reduce isolation, spark friendships and bring people together, one conversation at a time. Everyone is welcome, no booking needed... just turn up and say hello!

Find out more on the [Chatty Café Scheme website](#).



Herefordshire submits bid for UK City of Culture 2029

Herefordshire has launched a bold, county-wide partnership bid to become UK City of Culture 2029, uniting arts, culture and heritage organisations, creative businesses, community groups and public sector partners. Its focus is A Living Borderland, shaped by landscapes, communities and shared identity, showing how culture can thrive in every part of a rural county.

The bid would bring high-quality arts and experiences culture to villages, towns and rural spaces; boost the £230m+ creative economy and improve well-being. The Expression of Interest submitted to Government highlights artistic innovation, strengthened pride, visitor economy and employment growth opportunities and a vibrant, connected cultural future for the county.

Find out more on the [Herefordshire Council website](#).



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Stay up to date with SEND news and support

The latest Herefordshire SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) Newsletter is now available. It's full of useful updates, events, and information for families, professionals and anyone supporting children and young people with SEND.

You can read and share the newsletter using the links below, and please feel free to pass it on within your networks so the information reaches as many people as possible.

[Read the latest SEND newsletter online.](#)



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- 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

