



Newsletter

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Calling all VCSE Organisations – the Herefordshire Volunteering Academy is here!

Talk Community, in partnership with Goal 17, has launched the Herefordshire Volunteering Academy - a free online platform designed to support VCSE organisations across the county in promoting their volunteering opportunities.

The platform offers a simple and accessible way for organisations to reach potential volunteers, increase visibility, and grow their impact. Organisations can register, post opportunities, and access tools and training to help manage and promote their volunteer programmes more effectively.

Find out more on the [Talk Community Directory](#).



Free Family fun and egg-cellent events this Easter holidays

If you're looking for ideas to help you and your family stay active and entertained during the school holidays then look no further. We've been on a little hunt for all things family friendly for the Easter holidays and found some egg-cellent events and activities, including some that are free! So, hop along to [the Talk Community Directory](#) and discover what's taking place near you!



Heading to a farm this Easter?

Spring visits are great fun for families, but they also come with a higher risk of picking up infections from animals and the farm environment. Germs can be picked up from animal bodies, droppings, fences or gates, even when things look clean. In vulnerable groups, such as young children, pregnant women and elderly or immunocompromised people these infections can be particularly serious.

The UK Health Security Agency has shared a useful blog post full of information on What to do when visiting a farm, things to avoid and what to do if you feel unwell after a farm visit. To find out more, visit the [Talk Community Directory](#).



Here for Games Con

Here for Games Con returns to Hereford from 10–12 April 2026 for a free, inclusive three-day charity gaming convention, offering open gaming, RPGs, giant games, a huge games library, family activities, demos and more - all supported by friendly volunteers and suitable for complete beginners through to experienced gamers. Held at Core CIC, the event raises money for Herefordshire Mind, with previous years contributing over £30,000 to the charity and attracting hundreds of attendees.

With doors open Friday from 4pm, Saturday from 10:30am, and Sunday until 6pm, visitors can drop in anytime to enjoy relaxed, welcoming gaming - with organisers recommending Friday or Sunday for those who prefer a calmer atmosphere.

Visit the [Talk Community Directory](#) for more information.



Free Digital Skills Courses at the Kindle Centre – Last Chance to Join!

The Kindle Centre in Hereford is offering a final chance to join a series of free, in-person digital skills workshops, delivered in partnership with AbilityNet and BT Group. These

friendly, supportive sessions run from 10am to 12pm and are perfect for anyone looking to build confidence with everyday technology.

Participants can choose from three practical topics:

- Staying Safe Online & Avoiding Scams – *Tue 31 March & Wed 8 April*
- Getting to Know Your Smartphone – *Wed 1 April & Thu 9 April*
- Intro to Artificial Intelligence (AI) – *Thu 2 April & Fri 10 April*

Whether you want to feel safer online, understand your phone better, or get to grips with the basics of AI, these free courses offer an accessible way to learn in a relaxed community setting. To book your place, simply contact the Kindle Centre reception.



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What's new on the directory?

New additions to the Talk Community Directory include

[Cusop Village Hall](#)

[Chatty Cafe - Hereford](#)

[Kington Healthy Lifestyles Group](#)

[Stop Smoking Drop in at Belmont Community Centre](#)

[Kington Walking4Health Wellbeing Walk](#)

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

