



Newsletter

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Crisis and Resilience Fund Summit

Organisations, community groups and partners are invited to attend the Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF) Summit on Tuesday 13 October, from 9am to 1pm at the Shell Store, Hereford. The event will bring together people working across sectors to share learning, strengthen partnerships and explore how we can better support individuals and communities facing hardship.

The summit will provide an opportunity to hear about the impact of the Crisis and Resilience Fund, discuss local challenges and opportunities, and help shape future approaches to building stronger, more resilient communities. It is a valuable chance to connect with others, exchange ideas and contribute to the ongoing development of support across the county.

To book a place, visit the [Eventbrite registration page](#), or to find out more about the Crisis and Resilience Fund, visit the [Talk Community Directory](#).



Small Grants Available to Help Communities Get Involved in Health Research

Voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise (VCFSE) organisations across Herefordshire and Worcestershire can now apply for grants of £1,000 to £5,000 through the Community Power Research Engagement Network Small Grants Fund.

The fund aims to support local organisations with trusted community relationships to help people learn more about health and care research, share their views, and access opportunities to take part in National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) funded studies.

Funding can be used to deliver activities that increase understanding of health and care research, create conversations about what research means to local people, gather community views and experiences to help shape future research.

The fund is open to not-for-profit VCFSE organisations working with communities in Herefordshire and/or Worcestershire. For local organisations looking to strengthen community voices, improve access to research and contribute to better health outcomes, this funding offers an excellent opportunity to make a difference.

Grant applications close on September 14. More information and application details are available via [Community Power](#).



Funding Available Through the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Microgrants Scheme

Looking to bring a community project to life? The Herefordshire and Worcestershire Microgrants Scheme is offering grants of up to £250 to support resident-led activities that improve mental health, wellbeing and community connections. The funding is available to both local residents and community groups, with a simple application process designed to help good ideas get off the ground quickly.

Whether you're planning a small community event, launching a new activity, or developing a project that helps people connect with others, the scheme could provide the boost you need. The programme is supported by Public Health and aims to strengthen local communities across Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

For more information and details on how to apply, visit the [Talk Community Directory](#).



Suicide Awareness and Prevention Workshops Coming to Hereford

World Suicide Prevention Day takes place on 10 September, and organisations across Herefordshire are coming together to raise awareness, promote available support services and encourage open conversations about mental health.

As part of these efforts, Hereford Baton of Hope is hosting a series of three fully funded Suicide Awareness and Prevention Workshops will be held at The Shell Store, Hereford. These interactive three-hour sessions are designed to increase understanding of suicide prevention and equip participants with the skills and confidence to provide safe and meaningful support to those who may be struggling.

The workshops are facilitated by healthcare professionals with both lived and professional experience of suicide, providing a safe and confidential environment to explore this important topic. Participants will gain practical knowledge, learn how to have supportive conversations, and develop greater awareness of suicide prevention approaches, making them valuable for volunteers, community groups, frontline staff and anyone interested in supporting the wellbeing of others.

Places are free, but booking is essential. To reserve your place, complete the [online registration form](#).



New Campaign Hub Supports Mental Health Awareness Across Herefordshire and Worcestershire

As communities mark World Suicide Prevention Day on 10 September and look ahead to World Mental Health Day on 10 October, Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust has launched a dedicated Campaign for Mental Health webpage to bring together local support, events and resources in one accessible place.

The online hub provides information about the Orange Button Community Scheme, mental health webinars, training opportunities and local events taking place throughout the campaign period. It also includes resources for employers and organisations looking to support staff wellbeing, alongside downloadable materials such as posters, guides and awareness-raising resources for the wider public.

The webpage is designed to be a central source of information for residents, community groups and professionals, helping to promote positive mental health, encourage conversations about wellbeing and raise awareness of the support available across Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

Organisations are encouraged to explore the resources and share them through their networks to help reach as many people as possible during this important awareness campaign.

For more information, visit the [Campaign for Mental Health webpage](#) on the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust website.



Help Build a More Accurate Picture of Domestic Abuse

A new national initiative, The Real Count UK, is inviting people to anonymously share their experiences of domestic abuse to help build a more accurate understanding of its prevalence and impact across the UK.

The survey is open to anyone who has experienced domestic abuse, whether or not they have ever reported it to the police, support services, family, friends or anyone else. By capturing experiences that may not appear in official statistics, the project aims to strengthen the evidence used to inform policy, research, commissioning and the development of support services.

Organisations and community groups are encouraged to share the survey through their networks to help ensure a wider range of experiences are represented. Every response will contribute to a better understanding of domestic abuse and help shape future support for those affected.

To find out more or take part, visit [The Real Count UK](#).



What's new on the directory?

The Talk Community Directory is home to hundreds of Herefordshire-based services and events. Some of this month's newest additions include:

[Life in the UK Practice Test](#)

[Dedicated Hoarding Interventions](#)

[Red Button Telecare Limited](#)

[School Reading List](#)

[Free Community Health Check with Taurus Healthcare](#)

[Exceptional Individuals](#)

[Community Day at Holme Lacy Village Hall](#)

[Remembrance Sunday Service at Holme Lacy Village Hall](#)

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



