



## Newsletter

19 September 2024

### Relaunch of the Community Money Advice Service

Putson Baptist Church and Talk Community Hub are relaunching their Community Money Advice Service on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, from 11:30am to 1:30pm, with The Right Honourable Jessie Norman MP attending to mark the occasion.

Now known as the Hereford Community Money Advice Service, it will be expanding to serve all Hereford residents, including at St Martin's Church, Challenge Church, and Revive Café, so why not come along and meet one of the trained money mentors. With over £200,000 in unclaimed benefits already collected, it's a must to do.

To register your interest, please RSVP to Andy Goode on 01432 357700 or email [andybgoode49@gmail.com](mailto:andybgoode49@gmail.com)



## Access Free Family Learning Courses this Autumn!

If you are aged 17 or over, unemployed or earn under £20,000 you could access free Family Learning Courses this autumn. There's lots on offer, from activities to help you and your little one prepare for school, plus 'games and grub', to outdoor sessions exploring fun activities in the Herefordshire countryside.

For more information and to find out how to book please visit the [Talk Community Directory](#).



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## Ramblers Path Accessibility Fund

The Ramblers Path Accessibility Fund was established in 2021 and is dedicated to making sure the UK path network is accessible to everyone. By removing barriers like overgrown paths, stiles and steps, the fund aims to enable more people with reduced mobility to enjoy the outdoors.

The good news is that the fund is now open for applications! You can learn more, read about some of the projects and find out how to apply, on the [Ramblers website](#).



## **Free interactive event: Trauma informed Clinical Skills in the Perinatal Period**

Herefordshire NHS Talking Therapies, Beacon Maternal Mental Health Service and Herefordshire Specialist Perinatal Mental Health Team are coming together to host their third annual service event.

This event will take place at the Kindle Centre (Hereford) and is open to anyone in Herefordshire working in services where maternal, perinatal and infant mental health is relevant. There will be opportunities to share practice and learning with colleagues, as well as networking and presentations.

This free interactive event will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, all are welcome but spaces are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment!

To book, please send your name, agency, role and contact details to:  
[whcnhs.maternalmhs@nhs.net](mailto:whcnhs.maternalmhs@nhs.net)



## Faith in Fostering initiative encourages people to foster with Herefordshire Council

Herefordshire Council are reaching out to ask for your help in addressing the national shortage of foster carers. Herefordshire Council currently has around 390 children in care and only 130 fostering households. This shortfall means children often have to move out of county, sometimes as far as Cornwall, London or even Scotland, in order to find a suitable home.

Herefordshire's foster carers provide incredible support to Herefordshire's children, but more people are required to help meet the needs of local young people in care.

Foster carers are kind, caring, patient and compassionate people who offer safe, stable and loving homes for children. We ask you to consider if you have these attributes and can give the time and space required to create brighter futures for local children.

There will be a Fostering Information Event from 6 - 8pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October at Bishop's Palace in Hereford where you can find out more about fostering. Visit the [Eventbrite page](#) for more information, or to book your place.

You can also call 01432 383240, email [fostering@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:fostering@herefordshire.gov.uk) or visit the [Herefordshire Council website](#) to start your fostering journey.



**Faith in Fostering Information Event**

**7 October  
6 - 8pm  
Hereford  
Diocese  
Office**

 Herefordshire Council

## Wraparound Childcare – Important Survey for Parents and Carers

Wraparound care includes childcare before and after the school day, such as breakfast and after school clubs.

Herefordshire Council are urging parents and carers to complete a survey to give their views on what is available locally. This will inform work towards enabling all parents to be able to access wraparound care in their local area.

The survey is open until Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024. To participate, [visit the Herefordshire Council Website](#).



**Wraparound childcare is expanding**

Now providing extended availability and hours,  
allowing greater flexibility for families

Find advice on government help available  
towards childcare costs



[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

Register your interest with your child's school or childcare setting

Childcare  
**Choices**

 Herefordshire  
Council

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## Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations

Herefordshire Council is currently undertaking its review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations. The council is required to do this every five years.

The review offers an opportunity to take account of known future changes, for example, where buildings have ceased or will cease to be capable of being used as polling stations; and consider more suitable buildings that are, or are due to become available.

A Notice of Review was published on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024 and the (Acting) Returning Officer has now published their recommendations.

Everyone is invited to view and comment on the recommendations proposed and we welcome any feedback you may have. You can find more information, the proposed recommendations and the online consultation form on our website [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/pollingreview](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/pollingreview)

The consultation will end Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024.



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## **What's new on the Talk Community Directory?**

This week, we wanted to shine a light on some brilliant services and learning sessions that are taking place across the county. If you think that any of the below listings may benefit anyone in your community, then please spread the word! Likewise, the Talk Community website contains plenty more services and groups for you to explore, and you can even add your own.

Here is what's new this week:

[Sibs Free training session for schools and education professionals – 27<sup>th</sup> September](#)

[Ledbury, are you listening?](#)

[Engage with us: Help Shape Herefordshire's Suicide Prevention Strategy](#)

[Belmont Hub](#) - Hub times updated!

Healthy Lifestyles Stop Smoking Drop in events:

[Bromyard](#)

[Ledbury](#)

[Leominster](#)

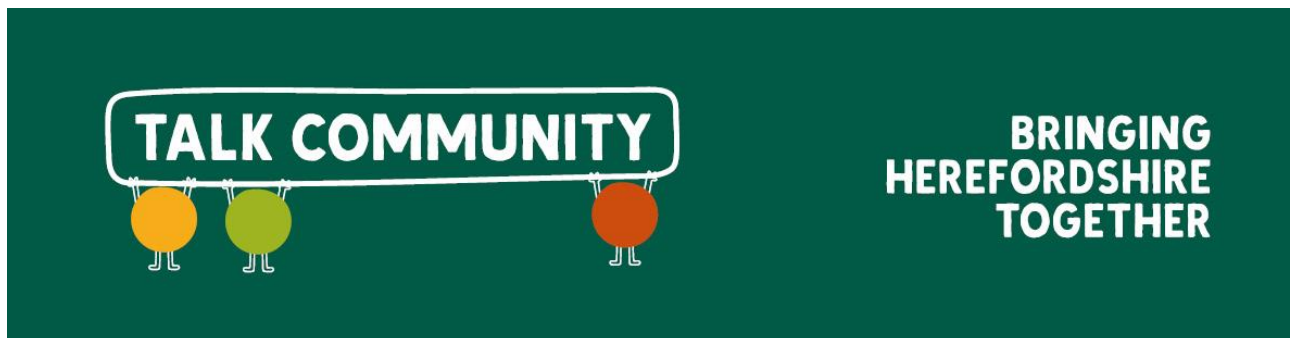
[Newton Farm](#)

[Hereford City Centre](#)

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](#).

**Herefordshire Cares** Do you want to make a difference to people's lives every day? Working in social care is a rewarding career – to find out more about a career in adult social care, visit the [Herefordshire Cares website](#).



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