

# Talk Community Newsletter

## 22 October 2021

### Discover fantastic activities this half term

The Talk Community Directory has a great range of activities on its what's on calendar, covering next week's half term holidays.

There's everything from a Big Wild Walk, Steam Up Tuesday and Nature Inspired Play to Half Term Hedgehogs, a Family Festival and Circus Skills...plus much more!

Find activities for you and your family on our [what's on calendar](#).

(We added our first Christmas event today too....Ho Ho Ho!)

### Can you help more people 'Bus-it'?

Don't forget...Herefordshire Council's free weekend bus travel, is still taking place across the county. It's a great way for more people to get out and about with family and friends to explore our beautiful countryside, market towns and villages, whether it's going for a walk, a spot of shopping or just chilling with a coffee.

It couldn't be easier, you simply hop on and off any bus, as many times as you like, and it's all completely free. The only condition is the journey must be entirely within the county. There are also additional services available on Sundays, travelling to different locations including Bromyard, Colwall, Kington, Ledbury and Leominster.

If you'd like to encourage more people to take advantage of the offer, you can download and display the council's free [bus-it poster](#).

To check the local bus timetables before you travel, please visit [Herefordshire Council's website](#).

## Free home fire safety visits available in Herefordshire

Our colleagues at Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service (HWFRS) are offering free home fire safety visits, across the county, which are tailored to meet individuals' needs.

The visits provide actions and advice to help people make their home a safer place, whilst protecting them and their family from the risks of fire, including:

- Offering a fire escape plan to follow, should the unthinkable happen. HWFRS can also fit smoke alarms and specialist equipment, if required
- Identifying any health and care needs that require signposting to local services, to help ensure safety and wellbeing

The visits are free of charge and aimed primarily towards those who may be more at risk of a fire in the home, such as older people living alone or people / families with mobility issues, sensory impairments or additional needs. HWFRS can also support people, if there are concerns around hoarding.

To request a free visit for you or someone you know / support (there is eligibility criteria in place), call Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service on 0800 032 1155 or visit the [HWFRS website](#).

You can also download a copy of the [fire safety leaflet](#).

## Help your employees walk, cycle or work from home

Herefordshire Council is offering grants of up to £3,000 to help local businesses better support their employees to walk or cycle to work or even work from home.

The Travel Fund grant can help fund facilities such as workplace lockers, pool bikes, cycle parking and homeworking equipment.

The final deadline to submit all applications, is **Wednesday 27 October 2021**.

To find out more, including the eligibility criteria, please visit [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/travelfundgrant](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/travelfundgrant).

## **Covid-19 update**

There is still local and national Covid-19 information and support available.

**Local data:** [Understanding Herefordshire Covid-19 summary website](#)

**Local information:** [Herefordshire Council website](#)

**Local vaccinations:** [Herefordshire and Worcestershire Clinical Commissioning Group website](#)

**National guidance:** [Government website](#)

**Urgent medication supplies:** [NHS website](#) / call NHS 111

**Talk Community helpline:** The helpline is still available to help residents, who don't have support from family, friends or their local community, with food supplies, medication delivery or befriending (this includes those who are self-isolating).

Call: 01432 260027

E-mail: [talkcommunityhelpline@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:talkcommunityhelpline@herefordshire.gov.uk)

Online: [Coronavirus - Talk Community support](#)

[www.talkcommunity.org](http://www.talkcommunity.org)