

# Talk Community Newsletter

## 5 July 2021

### Money on your mind? Talk Community can help

Facing up to money worries can be difficult and the burden can have a negative impact on a person's wellbeing, including their mental health.

Talk Community's new money on your mind resource offers individuals, parents and carers, families, young people and businesses based in Herefordshire, free information to help them tackle their financial troubles, along with signposting to where they can find professional support.

If you or someone you know is struggling to pay household bills, living in debt, experiencing unemployment, unsure about what benefits can be claimed or maybe your business is suffering as a result of the pandemic, by acting fast and finding the right support, you can help relieve the pressure and prevent the problem from escalating.

To find out more, visit [www.talkcommunity.org/moym](http://www.talkcommunity.org/moym) or call the Talk Community Team, in confidence, on 01432 260027.

### LoyalFree now available in Herefordshire

The fantastic LoyalFree app is now available in Herefordshire, helping residents and visitors to benefit from exclusive discounts, deals and loyalty schemes, across the county.

The app is **free** for everyone to download and use and features a great range of deals and loyalty schemes, with independent retailers across the county. It also includes some fantastic trails, to encourage more people to get out and about in Herefordshire, including walking and cycling, art galleries, gardens and castles and even dog friendly coffee shops. If that's not enough, there's also a local events section, to help everyone enjoy a summer staycation in Herefordshire.

It's also free for local businesses and retailers to register with the app, which can help attract additional customers, as the economy continues to recover from the pandemic.

To find out more, read the full story on the [Talk Community Directory newsroom](#) or download from your app store today.

## Promoting a safe return to the high street

Herefordshire Council has launched two great films, aimed at helping support the re-opening of businesses on our high streets across the county.

The films are available to use on your websites and social media channels and highlight the individual character and unique shopping experiences of the county's city centre and market town high streets. You can watch the films, entitled [Hereford - We're back!](#) and [Herefordshire - We're back!](#), on YouTube.

## Prime Foundation Funding now available

If you have a project in Hereford, which is looking to improve the lives of the local community, you can now apply for funding from The Prime Foundation. The project must have a Herefordshire postcode and grants of up to £2,200 are available.

The closing date is Thursday 5 August and to find out more, take a look at [The Prime Foundation website](#).

## Live Healthwatch Webinar

Healthwatch Herefordshire is hosting a free Q&A session on Facebook, with Dr Mike Hearne and Dr Silvana McCaffrey, on Tuesday 20 July from 7pm to 8:30pm. If you have questions about General Practice in Herefordshire, now's your chance to ask them.

There's no need to book, simply visit the [Healthwatch Facebook page](#) on the night to watch and participate.

The 2020 / 2021 [Healthwatch Herefordshire Annual Report](#) is also now available to download.

## Have your say: Westfield Special School Sixth Form

Herefordshire Council is consulting on the proposed closure of Westfield Special School Sixth Form, in Leominster. It is proposed that all sixth form places for young people with severe, complex, multiple and profound learning difficulties will be at a new specialist sixth form college in Hereford, called the Beacon College, which opens in September 2021.

To read more about the consultation and have your say by Tuesday 20 July, visit [Herefordshire Council's website](#).

## Force for Change: Veteran to veteran volunteering

Herefordshire Veteran Support Centre, which provides support and a friendly listening ear for anyone in the armed forces community, is looking for help from local organisations.

The centre is aiming to expand its Force for Change project, but needs help to identify veterans in the county, who would potentially benefit from its low level 'buddy buddy' system and also those veterans who would like to volunteer.

It became evident during the first coronavirus lockdown, that veterans talking to veterans, immediately allowed common ground and trust to be built, enabling problems to be freely discussed and resolved.

To find out more or get in touch, visit [www.herefordshire-vsc.org](http://www.herefordshire-vsc.org) or e-mail [sean.gane@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:sean.gane@herefordshire.gov.uk).

## Covid-19 update

Keep up to date with all the latest Covid-19 information, at:

**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](#)

**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](#)

For urgent medication supplies, contact NHS 111 or visit the [NHS website](#).