

Council explores devolution options

Herefordshire Council has announced that it is exploring the possibility to become a non-constituent member of the West Midlands Combined Authority group. The West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) is a group of twelve local authorities and three Local Enterprise Partnerships working together to devolve powers for economic development from Whitehall to the West Midlands.

<http://www.newsroom.herefordshire.gov.uk/2016/june/council-explores-devolution-options.aspx>

Learn how to fight cyber-crime and improve business resilience

As disasters such as floods, fire and cyber-crime can affect businesses of all sizes and types, Herefordshire Council is continuing our commitment to develop and maintain community resilience and preparedness with a free event organised through the Herefordshire Business Continuity Forum.

On Thursday 30 June, at the second in a series of events, a specialist panel of speakers identified how businesses can increase their resilience against disasters.

The event included presentations on:

Business continuity resources - Herefordshire Council

The ICT strategy - Logiplex Technology Solutions

Cyber threats and the need to invest in security - Cyber Skills Centre

The human element - Harrison Clark Rickerbys

The need to invest time in business continuity – Biscon

The impact of climate change; implications on businesses – Sustainability West Midlands

Delegates will also learn how the planning process can provide a return on investment and could mean the difference between catastrophe and business survival.

To learn more about how Herefordshire Business Continuity Forum can help businesses go to: www.herefordshire.gov.uk/business-continuity-forum.

See behind the scenes at the Herefordshire museum service

Meet the Hereford museum service archaeology volunteers and find out what they do. You can have a go at museum collections work and visit the conservation laboratory. See museum work in action.

<http://www.newsroom.herefordshire.gov.uk/2016/july/see-behind-the-scenes-at-the-herefordshire-museum-service.aspx>

Libraries and customer services user survey

Two surveys have been launched for users and non-users of library and customer services cross the county. The surveys will run until 5 August 2016.

The surveys will be available online at

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/customerservicesandlibrarysurvey

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with hard copies available at each of the libraries and customer service centres. The results will be form part of the cabinet report on Libraries and Customer Services due for the 13th October 2016, and published on the council's website as well as available at each library and customer service centres.

If people express an interest in libraries and customer service please encourage completion of the relevant user or non-user survey so their views are captured.

Summer textile workshops at the Herefordshire archives and records centre

A series of workshops with Anne Shoring using thread and stitches to create maps and houses, inspired by John Speed's 1610 map of Herefordshire are being held at Herefordshire archives and records centre (HARC) this summer.

<http://www.newsroom.herefordshire.gov.uk/2016/july/summer-textile-workshops-at-the-herefordshire-archives-and-records-centre.aspx>

Keep Herefordshire Warm can help you receive a priority service from your energy provider

People with a disability or health condition living in Herefordshire are being urged to call the free Keep Herefordshire Warm number to find out if they are eligible to sign up for their energy supplier's Priority Services Register.

<http://www.newsroom.herefordshire.gov.uk/2016/july/keep-herefordshire-warm-can-help-you-receive-a-priority-service-from-your-energy-provider.aspx>

Travel survey launched

Herefordshire Council has commissioned consultants WSP PB to undertake an online travel survey in June and July 2016.

These surveys are part of a wider package of transport surveys to be undertaken during 2016 to collect data regarding all modes of transport.

This information will be used to ensure the Council's transport model for the city remains up to date and capable of supporting the development and assessment of transport projects and developments across the city.

The survey can be found at:

http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Herefordshire_Online_Travel_Survey_2016

Sound advice and action on keeping the volume down

From this weekend (2/7/2016) to the end of August, noise officers from Herefordshire Council's environmental protection team will be out and about on Friday and Saturday nights as part of the second Herefordshire summer noise awareness campaign.

<http://www.newsroom.herefordshire.gov.uk/2016/july/sound-advice-and-action-on-keeping-the-volume-down.aspx>

Herefordshire votes to leave the European Union

The results of the EU Referendum have been verified and the results for Herefordshire were:-

44,148 Remain

64,122 Leave

The total number of votes received was 108,336 and the turnout for Herefordshire was 78.36% (above the national average of 71.8%).

Full details are available on our EU Referendum webpage:

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/government-citizens-and-rights/democracy/referenda-general-information/eu-referendum>

WVT - Kington Medical Practice drop in cancer support day

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People affected by cancer are invited to attend a drop in cancer support day at Kington Medical Practice on Friday July 8, from 10am until 2pm.

Information, support, and refreshments will be available on the day for anyone who has a cancer diagnosis, is caring for friend or relative who has cancer, or has lost a loved one to cancer.

Hosting the event are healthcare professionals from The Bracken Trust Cancer Support Centre and Macmillan cancer information and support service for Herefordshire.

Alison Stemp, Macmillan cancer information and support advisor at Wye Valley NHS Trust, said: "We're very pleased to be able to reach out to the community in Kington and provide this drop in day to ensure that people affected by cancer have access to the right information and support.

"We will be on hand to offer support and information on all aspects of living with cancer and treatments available, diet and nutrition, signposting to local support services and charities, and relaxation groups".

Helen Davies, senior nurse at The Bracken Trust Cancer Support Centre, added: "We provide high quality support to people who are living with cancer, their families and the bereaved. This includes free complementary therapies and a plan of support for each individual according to their needs.

"Please come along on Friday July 8, between 10am and 2pm, to Kington Medical Practice, to find out what we can offer you. No appointment is necessary and you can attend for help, support or simply for a chat and cup of tea".

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To find out more about The Bracken Trust call Helen Davies on 01597 823646 or email bracken.trust@btinternet.com

For more information about the Macmillan cancer information and support service in Herefordshire call Alison Stemp on 01432 355444 extension 5459, email hereford.cancerinfoandsupport@nhs.net or visit www.wyevalley.nhs.uk (County Hospital, departments, Macmillan Renton Unit).

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