

FUNDING

CONTACTS

Community-Led Planning in Herefordshire

Many of the solutions to improving transport solutions rely on publicising existing services better. However, if funding is needed for some improvements the following grants may be suitable:

- Herefordshire Council's Community Pride Grant or Community Projects Grant
- Awards for All (www.awardsforall.org.uk)
- Lottery - Reaching Communities (www.biglottery.org.uk)
- Co-op Community Fund (www.co-operative.coop)

The Travel fund is a business travel grant available for businesses who want to implement and promote alternative and sustainable methods of transport.

Email: travelfund@herefordshire.gov.uk

The Delegated Grants Team at Herefordshire Council will be able to advise you further on funding streams and provide support with completing funding bids (01432 260753 or delegatedgrants@herefordshire.gov.uk)

There is a wealth of smaller Trusts and Charities as well as Housing Associations which may be able to contribute to the project. Visit <http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk> to search for local charities.

Parish Councils will be able to reclaim the VAT on any purchase providing they place the order, receive the goods (including an invoice in their name) and pay using their own funds (including any grant monies).

Parish Council and Steering Group members wishing to find out about Community-Led Plan implementation should contact Herefordshire Association of Local Councils on 01432 353492 or 01432 355701 or email the Community Action Plan Implementation Officer (CAPI) on mel@halchereford.gov.uk

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IMPROVING TRANSPORT SERVICES WITHIN YOUR PARISH



Implementation support

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Community-Led Plan results tend to reveal that the local bus service is poorly used by residents. Why is this?

- ⇒ no bus shelter?
- ⇒ poorly located bus stop?
- ⇒ frequency or timing of services?
- ⇒ publicity of timetable?

Bus shelters can be arranged either through passenger requests or a request from the Parish Council. The Parish Council will be expected to contribute to the cost of the bus shelter. You may want to discuss with the Public Transport Team whether the shelter will be lit, who will remove any litter and whether it is likely to become a hot spot for anti-social behaviour. Bus companies are usually consulted on the best location for a shelter but the community may also have other relevant information. Solar powered lighting can be used to illuminate bus shelters and timetables for short periods whilst they are in use.

The Public Transport Team can be contacted on 01432 260211 or email public.transport@herefordshire.gov.uk.

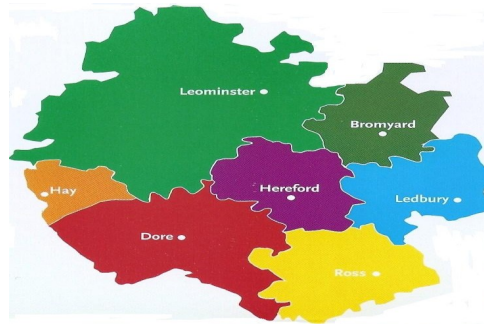
Bus timetables could be advertised more widely throughout the parish. The Parish Council may want to produce a quarterly leaflet, which could be included in the local parish magazine, highlighting all the transport options within the parish. This could include the relevant bus timetables, contact details of community transport companies and any car sharing opportunities.

Your CLP may have highlighted particular services which the public want - you should discuss these concerns with the local bus operator. Other parishes may also want a similar service - you could cluster together to lobby the bus operator in a co-ordinated approach. You could also organise a bus users group for concerned residents within the area.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Community transport is available for those who cannot use public transport or where public transport is not available. Community transport services provide a pre-booked, door to door service. The only eligibility criteria is that you do not have access to a car. This may be a temporary issue, for example your car may have broken down.

- Hereford Dial-a-Ride - 01432 341302
- Bromyard Community Transport 01885 488452
- Dore Community Transport - 0845 2020144
- Hay and District Dial-a-Ride 01497 821616
- Ledbury Ring and Ride 01531 635503
- HVA Community Wheels at Leominster 01568 615785
- Ross WRVS Cars 01989 765595



Parish Councils have the power to subsidise a community bus service, provided it is not-for-profit and is operated wholly or mainly for the elderly or disabled.

Please contact HALC for further details. Parish Councils may consider clustering with other Parish Councils to share the costs. You would need to further evidence a need for such a service, the Rural Transport Advisor at Community First (01432 262971) will be able to help with this.

OTHER FORMS OF TRANSPORT

Your Parish Council could consider setting up a car sharing scheme, this scheme will rely on an efficient co-ordinator but may be of benefit to your parishioners. Currently Herefordshire Council supports a scheme called twoshare (www.twoshare.co.uk).

Doctor's surgeries and pharmacies often provide a prescription drop-off service and Hospitals will provide transport if a patient has no other means of transport.

Cycling is a feasible option for some individuals and some employers have joined up to the 'Cycle to Work guarantee'. This is an initiative run by the Department for Transport which challenges employers to become cycle friendly. Employers can spread the costs of purchasing a bike for spreading payments out over 12-18 months. Please see www.cycletoworkguarantee.org.uk for more information.