



Dear Schools in Herefordshire,

I hope everyone is having a good start to the new school year. Below are some valuable opportunities and initiatives for schools that I hope will be of interest to you:

- ✓ Did you know that the Department for Education (DfE) requires all schools to have a clear climate action plan by 2025? Join our "Get Started with Your School Climate Action Plan" webinar for helpful advice on how to begin.
- ✓ We invite you to participate in Street Tag, transforming Herefordshire into a virtual playground that promotes active play and offers prizes for individuals and schools.
- ✓ Grants are available for households in Herefordshire along with free energy advice.
- ✓ Grants are now open for schools interested in planting trees.
- ✓ We have free signs available for schools that request cars to stop idling while also promoting walking and scooting for students.

As always, please get in touch if you'd like more information or any support.

Best wishes,

Naomi Halling

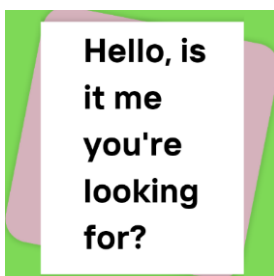
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WHO IS THE BEST POINT OF CONTACT?

We regularly share updates on sustainability and active travel. If your school has a designated contact for these topics—such as a PTA member, governor or teacher—please send us their details or encourage them to get in touch and join our mailing list. We want to ensure that the information reaches the right people.



Our emails are focused on supporting and celebrating your school's efforts and we only send information we think is relevant to you.

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN SUPPORT FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Did you know the Department for Education (DfE) expects all schools to have a clear Climate Action Plan by 2025?

Herefordshire Council's Sustainability and Climate Change Team is working in partnership with 'Let's Go Zero' to hold a free webinar for schools on **Friday 18 October** from **3.45pm – 4.30pm**, aiming to help schools get started with their school climate action plan.

Many schools across the county are already taking action on climate. This short webinar will give your school a chance to find out what Climate Action Plans are all about and what free support is available. Rosie from Let's Go Zero will explain what your school needs to do to complete the Action Plan and how we can support you. If you have any queries please reach out to climate@herefordshire.gov.uk



TO BOOK A PLACE ON THE WEBINAR PLEASE VISIT: [GET STARTED WITH YOUR SCHOOL CLIMATE ACTION PLAN TICKETS, FRI, OCT 18, 2024 AT 3:45 PM | EVENTBRITE](#)

OVO FOUNDATION NATURE PRIZE

Inspirational projects that inspire climate action through a connection to nature.



The 2025 OVO Foundation Nature Prize is launching on Monday 14 October 2024.

Join Let's Go Zero for your chance to win here: [Join for zero carbon schools • Lets Go Zero](#)

Last year winning projects involved tree planting, vegetable growing and supporting wildlife on the school grounds. Judges looked for creative and engaging ideas with the power to inspire young people and the wider school community, with a focus on including less advantaged groups in underserved areas.

ATTENTION
HEREFORDSHIRE

Get Active & Win Prizes!
Sign up to Street Tag

Collect virtual tags, while walking, running, cycling, or scooting to accumulate points via the Street Tag App

HOW TO JOIN

- Install the FREE Street Tag app from PlayStore/AppStore and sign up.
- Enter the valid details to Sign up and click continue.
- Select the School Leaderboard option then click continue.
- Select Herefordshire Schools Leaderboard, pick your school team and click continue.
- Provide your postcode, gender and date of birth.
- Verify with your Email/phone number.
- After the verification step, please answer the questionnaire.

PS: Parents can add up to two Child accounts on their Main account.

LEADERBOARD DATES & PRIZES

- **DATES**
Season 2 - 3rd October to 25th November
- **PRIZES**
1st Place School - £500
2nd Place School - £200
3rd Place School - £100
Top 20 Players Overall - £10 Love 2 Shop Voucher each

HALO PRIZE DRAW EVERY 2 WEEKS)

COLLECT 75 TAGS WHILST COMPLETING POWER HOUR TO QUALIFY FOR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

- Family cycling pass
- Family swimming pass
- Family softplay pass
- Family racket play pass

Tags must be collected during Power Hour to qualify.

FREE APP

STREET TAG- JOIN NOW!

Following the success of season 1, we are thrilled to announce that season 2 of Street Tag is running from 3 October - 25 November 2024 and it's not too late to join to collect some fantastic prizes for individuals and schools.

Last season saw 16 Herefordshire schools sign up to be part of this virtual competition. Children and families walked, ran, cycled, and rolled over 50,000 miles to collect tags and earn points for their school team. It was Withington Primary School that took the honours in season 1, racking up over 6 million points and earning their £500 prize for the school! A fantastic effort across the whole school with individuals taking top spots on the leaderboard too!

What is Street Tag? Street Tag is a revolutionary app that transforms your community into a virtual playground. By walking, running or cycling participants collect tags, earn

points, and compete on a leaderboard with a chance to win fantastic prizes.

Why Should Your School Join?

- Fun gamified approach to physical activity and mental well-being.
- Participation is completely FREE!
- Win up to £500 for your school, plus extra individual and family prizes.
- Promote active travel, teamwork, and healthy competition.
- Reconnect families with local parks, green spaces, and community facilities.

Let's come together as a community to make fitness fun and accessible for everyone.

JOIN HERE: Street Tag

GRANTS AND ADVICE AVAILABLE TO HOUSEHOLDS IN HEREFORDSHIRE – KEEP HEREFORDSHIRE WARM

The more energy efficient our homes are the less they cost to heat and keep warm. There are lots of

simple ways to save energy in your home and many will cost nothing at all. This will both reduce bills and help to protect the environment.

Our advice service [Keep Herefordshire Warm](#) have top tips on insulation, heating, hot water, lighting and how to use your electrical appliances most efficiently.

Keep Herefordshire Warm is a local project that offers free energy advice to residents in the county. They also administer energy efficiency grants on behalf of the council, which can be used to make a range of home energy improvements.

Call Keep Herefordshire Warm free on 0800 677 1432



STOP IDLING SIGNS

We have a limited number of 'stop idling and start walking and scooting signs' available for schools – if you would like one please get in touch and we can arrange for one to be delivered to your school. They fit around lamppost or bollard with cable ties.

Car idling outside school gates may seem harmless, but it contributes to air pollution, poses health risks to pupils and residents and creates noise that disrupts the school environment. Walking and scooting to school are great alternatives that foster physical activity and environmental sustainability, improving children's health while reducing traffic congestion and pollution. By supporting these practices, communities can create a safer and healthier atmosphere for all.

THE TREE COUNCIL GRANT - NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

The Tree Council grant for community groups, schools, small registered charities and Tree Warden Networks seeking to establish trees, hedgerows, and orchards is now open for applications.



About the Fund

Branching Out supports applications ranging in value from £250 to £2,500, with specific criteria for those under £500, and those above £500. Before you start your application, read the [Application Guidance](#). You will find everything here that you need to know, from the types of trees that qualify, to recommendations around protection.

Access the [application form](#) and download the [budget sheet and claim form](#) to start the process of transforming your tree planting dream into reality.

The deadline for applications is midnight on Sunday 1 December 2024.

INTERNATIONAL WALKING MONTH THIS OCTOBER

Our partners Stride Active have collaborated with the students at Orleton Primary School, highlighting the variety of methods they use to get to school in celebration of International Walking Month this October.

Traveling actively to school is an excellent way to achieve part of your active 60

minutes. To watch the inspirational video in full visit: [Orleton Primary School - active travel - Herefordshire Zero Carbon and Nature Rich](#)



For support in promoting active travel, such as walking, scooting, or cycling to your school, please get in touch with me or visit the Stride Active resources page: [Walk to School - Stride Active](#)

HAS YOUR SCHOOL TAKEN ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE? WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU AND SHARE YOUR STORY TO INSPIRE OTHERS!

BY WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON OUR ENVIRONMENT AND INSPIRE OUR COMMUNITIES TO DO THE SAME.

