



Community First

Building better communities

in Herefordshire and Worcestershire

Membership Application

Why be a member?

Membership enables you to have a stake in our work at local, regional and national level. It helps the voice and influence of voluntary organisations and local communities to grow and to be strengthened.

Responsibility of Members:

By becoming a member of Community First we are asking you to agree to support our mission, aims, guiding principles and values. These are set out below:

Community First exists to strengthen the role, capacity and influence of voluntary organisations and community groups in Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

Our Vision

Our vision for Herefordshire and Worcestershire is one where strong, diverse, vibrant, inclusive and well-equipped community groups and voluntary organisations empower people to address the changing needs of their communities.

Our guiding principles and core values:

We believe in equality of opportunity; a commitment to overcoming disadvantage, exclusion, and isolation; the importance of active citizenship and collective action to address need and influence decision making; the critical contribution of voluntary and community organisations to building and sustaining healthy communities.

We value:

Integrity, professionalism, accountability, reliability, diversity and our people.

Our Aims:

1. To build the capacity of the voluntary and community organisations to manage and grow in a sustainable way
2. To improve the quality and scope of services delivered by the voluntary and community sector
3. To build stronger, more inclusive communities, that provide a good quality of life for everyone.
4. We aim to increase understanding of the role, function and resources of the sector and to enhance its influence in policy development and implementation.
5. We aim to advance the governance, management and operations of the organisation, towards a model of best practice.

By signing the membership form you agree to continue as an individual or organisational member of Community First. You also promise that in the event of the company being wound up you will pay the sum of £1 towards its debts, should you be asked to do so.

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Benefits for Members:

We offer a broad range of advice and support to voluntary organisations and community groups across Herefordshire and Worcestershire. In recognition of the support we receive from our members, we offer a number of member benefits.

We offer

- Advice and support for voluntary organisations and community groups
- Access to opportunities for networking and sharing good practice
- Free access to funding advice and funding databases
- Free up-to-date information from national organisations
- Ideas for developing community facilities
- Low cost training
- Access to lobbying via local, regional and national organisations
- An easy-access training venue
- Ideas for action to help your community
- Access to low cost mailing to a wide range of organisations
- Advice on learning for groups and individuals

Events:

AGM..... Invitation to attend and vote at AGM and to stand for the Board

Events Invitation to Members' events

Training courses ... Discount in the region of 10% depending on nature of course

Publications:

Annual Report..... Automatic entitlement to a free copy

Our Publications 10% off published cover price

Newsline Automatic receipt of one copy of each issue

Mailing matters:

Lists and labels 10% off published cover price

Mailing inserts 10% off published cover price

Website:

Members First Access to the Members section of our website, which offers fast-track information (password for the year supplied on receipt of membership fee)

Membership and Voting:

Membership under this subscription lasts for one year.

Individuals: We ask you to supply details of two referees as part of your application for membership.

Organisations: Please send a copy of your Constitution/ Memorandum & Articles of Association/ or Set of Rules with this application. Not applicable if your organisation is a registered charity and you have supplied your Charity Number overleaf.

All Organisations are asked to give the name of the person they would like to represent their Organisation and to vote on their behalf at Community First's AGM. This person is referred to as their Nominated Delegate. Individual members are entitled to vote in their own right.

Nominated Delegates and individual members are entitled to stand for election to the Board of Trustees.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Organisation's full name

Alternative name or acronym

Address (Correspondence)

County

Postcode

Email

Website

Main Phone No

Mobile/Outreach No

Fax

Main Contact

Position of main contact

If your organisation is a Registered Charity please tell us the Charity Number

Please give a short description of your organisation. Try to include key words on your activities, services and users to help with searches.

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Nominated Delegate (organisations only) - see 'Membership & Voting on previous page

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Subscriptions are for a whole year: (Please tick appropriate box)

Please make cheques payable to Community First in Herefordshire & Worcestershire. (Receipts only provided on request.)

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| Individuals | £16 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Voluntary organisations and parish/ | | |
| Organisations with no paid staff | £29 | <input type="checkbox"/> | town councils with a turnover of | | |
| Village halls | £33 | <input type="checkbox"/> | less than £100,000 | £38 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Statutory organisations, other public | | | Voluntary organisations and parish/ | | |
| bodies or commercial businesses | £77 | <input type="checkbox"/> | town councils with a turnover of | | |
| | | | more than £100,000 | £44 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

I have read and understood Community First's mission statement, aims, guiding principles and core values and in becoming a member, agree to support these at all times.

Signature of member: Date:

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DATA PROTECTION STATEMENT

The information provided by you will be held on the Herefordshire & Worcestershire Voluntary and Community Database. This is a joint project of local voluntary & community sector partner organisations (see www.findgroups.org.uk). Information held on this database will be shared with these partners and will only be used for monitoring and promoting the voluntary and community sector in Herefordshire and Worcestershire and for the purposes you indicate below.

As voluntary infrastructure support organisations the partners (see www.findgroups.org.uk) will have information which may be of interest to your organisation.

I am happy to receive relevant information from the partner organisations

I am happy for my contact details (only) to be passed to other relevant Organisations, Statutory Bodies or Companies who may wish to contact me with information about services or products.

I would prefer not to receive relevant information from the partner organisations.

I declare that the information given is correct and authorise you to hold the information on your database to help with the monitoring and promotion of the voluntary and community sector in Herefordshire and Worcestershire and in the ways indicated by the data protection options selected above.

Name

Position (optional)

Date

Signature

If applying to become an organisation member and you are not a registered charity, please do not forget to send your constitution/set of rules.

If you are applying to become an individual member, please do not forget to supply us with details of 2 referees that should ideally be of a professional capacity..

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

Please return to Community First, Malvern View, Willow End Park, Malvern, WRI3 6NN