

Worcestershire Crowdfunding Availability

To Parish & Town Councils and Worcestershire Voices.

Has lockdown given you an idea of how you could improve things for your local community? If so, the County Council wants to hear from you.

Charities, local organisations and individuals across the county are being encouraged to join an hour long online event to learn about how they could fund their community project ideas through Crowdfund Worcestershire.

The latest event is running on **Friday 4th September** from **12-1pm**.

Worcestershire County Council, alongside Malvern and Wychavon District Councils, are inviting anyone who may have a project idea that will support their local community, no matter how big or how small to join the latest online event.

Your project idea must be around the following themes:

- Food Poverty – predominately focused on families
- Social isolation/befriending – looking at virtual community connections / or adapted schemes that comply with social distancing.
- Return to work – helping people prepare for a return to work or helping them into work.
- Maintaining our volunteering offer – helping to create a legacy of community and volunteer action post Covid-19.
- Healthy communities – activities to improve the health and wellbeing of your local community
- Ticket to ride - transport projects that are sustainable, innovative, citizen-led and community-based to support increase resilience and boost connectivity of communities in Wychavon and Malvern by improving local people's ability to travel to services and opportunities for social interaction.

It is there to give anyone who lives locally who might have ideas about how to improve their community the opportunity to gain much needed funding through Spacehive, a crowdfunding platform.

Worcestershire County Council will be working with Spacehive on the initiative with a funding pot of £85,000 which they hope will at least double for the projects through the crowdfunding they will carry out themselves, with help and support along the way from Spacehive.

So if you have an idea on how to support your local community, then join the online event to find out more about how Crowdfund Worcestershire may be able with funding to get your project off the ground or improve on what you are already delivering.

The hour long event is a great way to learn more and ask any questions you may have. It could be the gateway to getting funding from the Council and from your local community.

“You know what your community needs best as you understand the challenges and opportunities your local area and this model puts you and your ideas in the driving seat.”

If local people and organisations have an project idea they will need to register their idea on the Crowdfund Worcestershire platform by 30th September, clearly outlining how they may be able to help maintain progress in the key areas.

To find out more information about Crowdfunding Worcestershire and book your place on the event on 4th September, please visit the WWW.spacehive.com then search for Worcestershire County Council