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Pssst! Want £18,000 worth of high tech equipment for your community for FREE?

Apply to join the on-line CAPs forum. Requests to: lmarder@Herefordshire.gov.

A CAP for your Community?
Contact details on left.

CURRENT CAPs STATUS

Michaelchurch CAP ●
The Bridge Inn
Michaelchurch

Weobley CAP ●
The Rookery, Weobley
Primary School

Mansel Lacy CAP ●
The Community Centre
Mansel Lacy

Lingen CAP ●
The Village Hall
Lingen

South Wye Learning ●
Centre CAP,
Redhill, Hereford

Woonton CAP ●
The Lion Inn
Woonton

Cradley ●
Operational 15th March

Preston on Wye ●
Operational 20th March

The Fromes ●
Equipment being
installed

Canon Pyon ●
Equipment being
installed

Eardisley CAP ●
Equipment being
installed

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Are you a member of the online CAPs forum yet?

If not, then please send an email to lmarder@Herefordshire.gov

This includes up to six computers, digital video camera, projector, printer, software, Broadband connection and much, much more.

The project is Government & E U funded and if the money is not spent in the next two months, it will be lost to Herefordshire for good.

Do you know of someone in a village without the benefit of a CAP who might organise a community meeting and get some leaflets delivered? Please pass this on to them. We will pay room hire & do the rest.

Many rural Herefordshire communities have limited access to services and information. A Community Access Point (CAP) provides this access and is also a wonderful community resource. There is nothing like it presently available, and unlike home Broadband access (which fewer than 35% have), a CAP offers a complete village resource within a social environment. A CAP can expand and improve community life - and we fund it for the first two years!

YOU can do it!

"I'm 85 and I learnt to e-mail my children".

"Since we've had the CAP, I can see and chat to my grandchildren in Canada every week. It's like they're in the same room. Wonderful - and its FREE!"

"Forget the computers, it's what you can do with them!"

"I've traced my family tree!"

"I do my shopping - and get it delivered!"

"I was shown how to email - it was easy!"

You can also find a job; make music; learn something new; photography; cross-stitch; help with homework; order library books; access services - right here in your community. A CAP can offer help and training, in an easy going 'at your own pace' atmosphere.

How do you get a CAP for YOUR village?

An individual or group - the 'Community Champion' - needs to arrange a community meeting (we'll help with this), and get leaflets out. **That's all you need to do!**

Don't worry about where it will go or who will run it - that is for later. From the community meeting, a Steering Group (SG) of local people will be formed with a wide spread of ages and interests. The SG then decides where it will be sited, tell us why they want it and how they will make it accessible to all.

Put simply: -

Arrange a meeting
Get leaflets delivered

What are you waiting for?

CONTACT US



Training at Mansel Lacy CAP

News Roundup

Funding approved till September

We have finally got the good news that funding for the CAPs Project has been obtained to install and support the last nine CAPs in the County.

This also means that the original funding package has been withdrawn and therefore there is no further money available for the first 12 CAPs.

This resulted in a frenzy of activity during last week as we struggled to ensure that all approved spending was invoiced and in the system by the cut off date of Friday 23rd March.

For those of you in the first 12 still to launch your CAP we will make up to £250 available for this purpose.

First job Seeking Success

Woonton CAP helped a young man to access employment opportunities through the Internet. On finding a suitable opportunity, he applied on-line through the CAP and obtained a job. Congratulations!

Training Events

The CAPs 'Recruiting and Managing Volunteers' Training Session will take place on Wednesday 4 April, 6 till 9 pm at Yarpole CAP in the Village Hall.

Amelia Hughes from Herefordshire Voluntary Action (HVA) will help you to recruit and retain the committed group of volunteers your CAP needs. Topics include: what motivates people to volunteer; what information is needed to recruit volunteers; how to promote volunteering opportunities; providing induction for volunteers; recognising and supporting your volunteers. This is also a great opportunity to make contact with Amelia who is a member of HVA's outreach team which offers free support, advice and training to local voluntary and community groups. Next coordinators Training session will be held at Lingen on 23rd April 6 till 9 p.m. It is important that at least one person from each CAP attends.

Please register for both events via the online forum.

CAPs Website nearly ready!

The project is providing each CAP with a webpage hosted on the myherefordshire.com website with space for links, information, and sponsorship. We need you to give us the information required for your CAPs webpage by 23rd April.

You will need the text and

images from your local sponsors. Don't worry about countywide sponsors, Bodenham CAP will co-ordinate their preferred content.

You can also add photos of your village & sponsored logos. A signed copyright release form is required for each image, and consent forms for any photos in which people are identifiable. If the images are of minors, their parent or guardian must sign the consent form.

CAPs Forum

Moderators required.

We are looking for two or three volunteers from CAPs to become 'Group Moderators' to run and manage this online forum when the project ends. Main responsibilities: Inviting and admitting new members; checking eligibility of proposed new members; monitoring for and removing inappropriate content; deleting obsolete information and generally administering the site.

Workload, approximately 1 or 2 hours per month. Interested? Please reply through the forum.

Have YOU joined yet?

The CAPs online forum now has at least one member from every CAP.

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CURRENT CAPS STATUS (Cont)

Yarpole
Equipment being installed ●

Leintwardine
Approved ●

Pembridge
Approved ●

Bodenham
Building their bid. ●

Whitbourne
Community Meeting Failed to meet criteria ●

Eywas Harold
Community Meeting arranged ●

Peterstow
Community Meeting arranged ●

Wellington Heath
Community Meeting arranged ●

Expressed interest ●
Bredenbury, Woolhope, Tarrington

Key: Live CAP ●
Approved CAP ●
Active SG ●
Early stage ●

CAP Sponsorship Coordinator

The Bodenham CAP is offering a one-stop service when it comes to the coordination of advertising income. To begin with we intend to track down potential advertisers and to convince them that Herefordshire CAPs are THE sites from which to attract new customers. We will negotiate rates, obtain the necessary copy, handle the invoices and other

paperwork and then pay out the relevant monies to participating CAPs at regular intervals. We will also handle enquiries from advertisers, and then do all that is necessary from that point onwards.

All this for a fixed commission of just 10% and the odd few pennies towards postage! Some of you have expressed interest in the

myherefordshire sponsor link. If you would like Bodenham to take care of all the paperwork on your behalf whilst you sit back and wait for the cheque, please get in touch by return.

The address is bodenham_pc@yahoo.co.uk The more we do, the better we'll get!

Martin Field