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Together for a carbon neutral Cornwall where everyone can start well, live well and age well



### Take part in Cornwall Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

This year's Summer Reading Challenge kicks off tomorrow, 6 July.

This year it's all about creativity - making art, music, and stories! The Reading Agency's annual Summer Reading Challenge, in partnership with CREATE, is a brilliant free activity for children aged 4 to 11, improving reading skills and confidence. There's also a mini challenge for under 4s.

How to take part

- Visit your local library from 6 July to sign up for free and collect your Summer Reading Challenge pack.
- The challenge begins! Read six books over the summer – anything counts, including books, audiobooks, comics, and non-fiction.
- Collect your prizes! After reading two books, tell a library volunteer about them to receive your first prize. More prizes follow after your 4th and 6th books.

There will be lots of activities taking place in libraries throughout Cornwall this summer. Check with your local library for events near you and follow [Cornwall Libraries](#) on social media for updates.

Watch the video



Our wellbeing festivals are happening across Cornwall this summer. Why not attend one close to you?

- Enjoy free activities and try new things
- Find out about local wellbeing support
- Health checks and advice from the NHS
- Fun for all ages!

### Come along to the Summer of Wellbeing Festivals

NHS Cornwall and Isles of Scilly and Healthy Cornwall, together with lots of other local organisations, are running a health and wellbeing campaign called 'Healthier Together'.

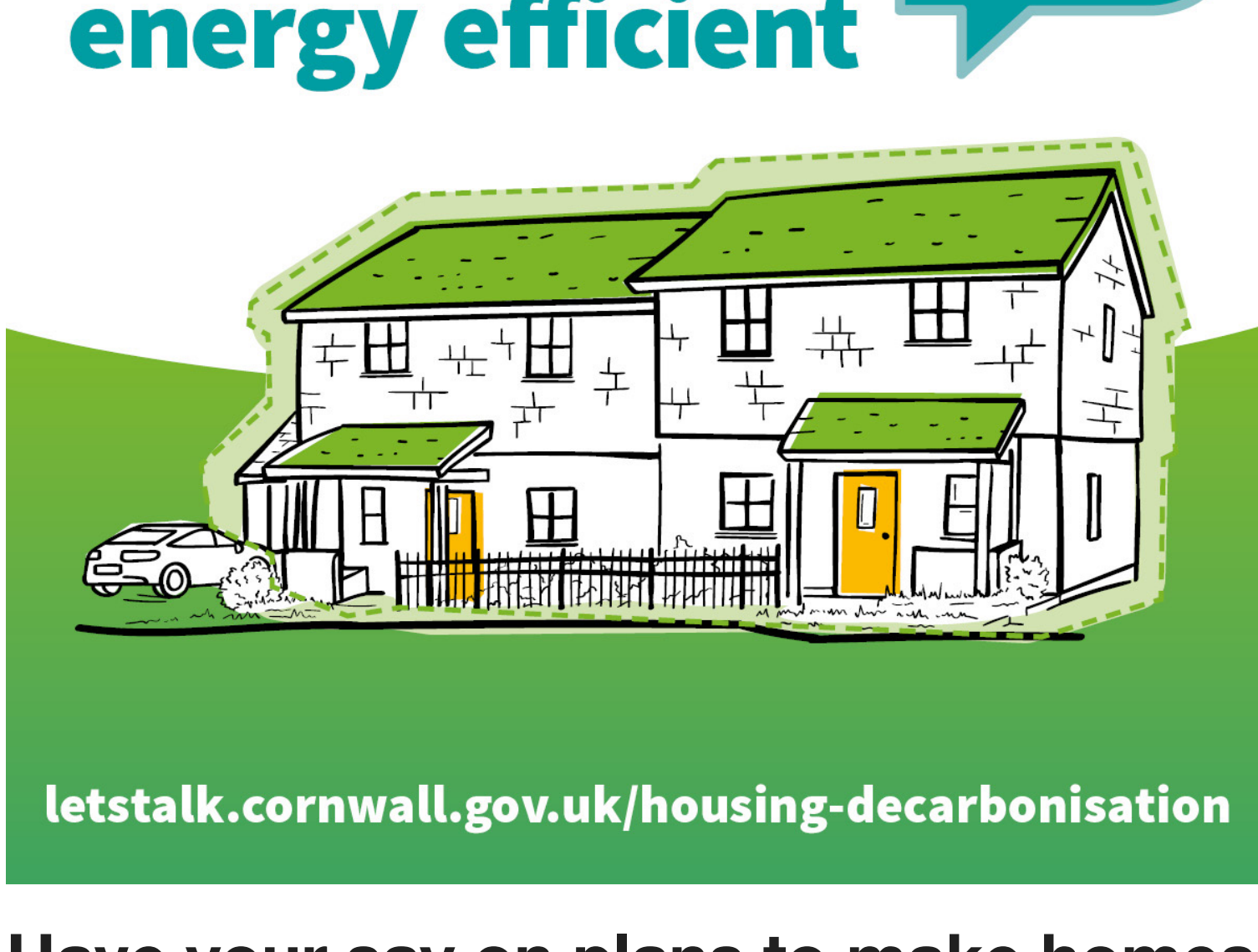
The aim is to provide advice and information about how you can make small changes in your daily life that will have a big impact on your future health and wellbeing.

As part of our campaign, we're running free Summer of Wellbeing Festivals over the summer, so why not attend one happening close to you:

- Redruth Rugby Club and CN4C at the Elms, Redruth - Saturday 3 August
- Park House Centre, Bude - Saturday 3 August
- Humphrey Davy School and Trelya, Penzance - Friday 9 August
- Poltair Park and CN4C at the One and All Bank, St Austell - Saturday 17 August
- Town Hall, Launceston - Saturday 17 August
- Basset Centre, Camborne - Saturday 14 September
- Hayle Recreation Ground, Hayle - Saturday 14 September
- Newquay Orchard - Saturday 21 September

We look forward to seeing you there!

Find out more



### Have your say on plans to make homes more energy efficient

We want to hear your views on proposals to improve the energy efficiency of Cornish homes and lower their emissions.

As part of our public consultation for our Draft Housing Decarbonisation Strategy please take a few moments to fill in our survey.

The plan outlines short, medium and long-term actions needed to make homes in Cornwall more energy efficient and to reduce their carbon emissions. It sets out key principles, targets and a possible timeline to help the council, homeowners and tenants start to decarbonise their homes.

The survey is open from now until 16 September.

Have your say



### Employment of Children

Hosted by: Thomas Thorp, Juvenile Employment Officer, Cornwall Council

### Learn more about child employment

Is your child considering a Summer job this year or do you run a business and want to know the laws around child employment?

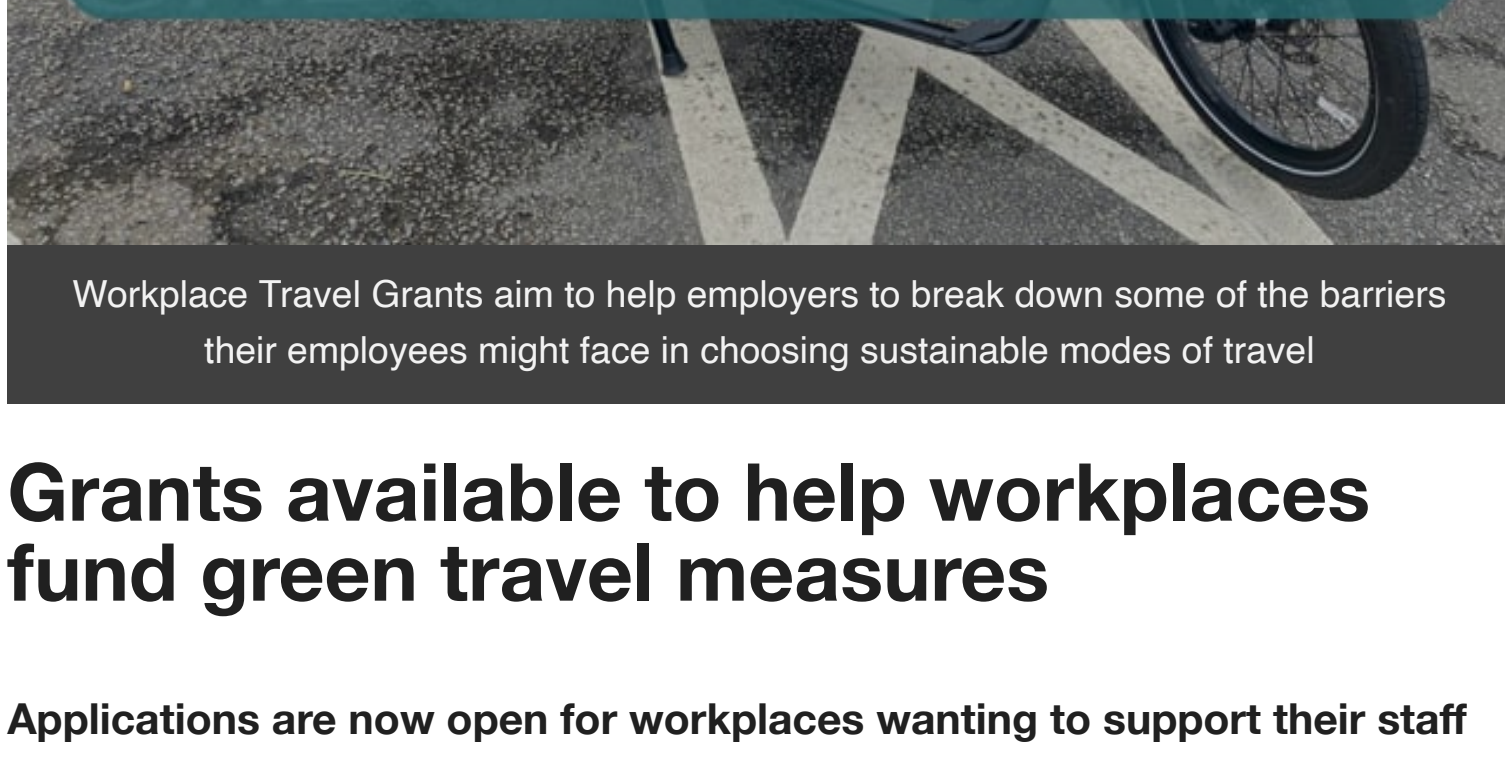
Join the FREE webinar with Cornwall Council's Juvenile Employment Officer from our Together for Families service to learn about the laws and best practices when hiring children to work at your business. We aim to clarify:

- When is a child considered employed?
- Hours children can legally work
- Must knows for a business employing children
- Consequences of failure to comply

Whether you manage a business, are a parent, educator, or simply interested in child welfare, join the event on Wednesday 17 July at 10am.

There will also be an opportunity to ask us any questions you have about child employment!

Book your free place now



Workplace Travel Grants aim to help employers to break down some of the barriers their employees might face in choosing sustainable modes of travel

### Grants available to help workplaces fund green travel measures

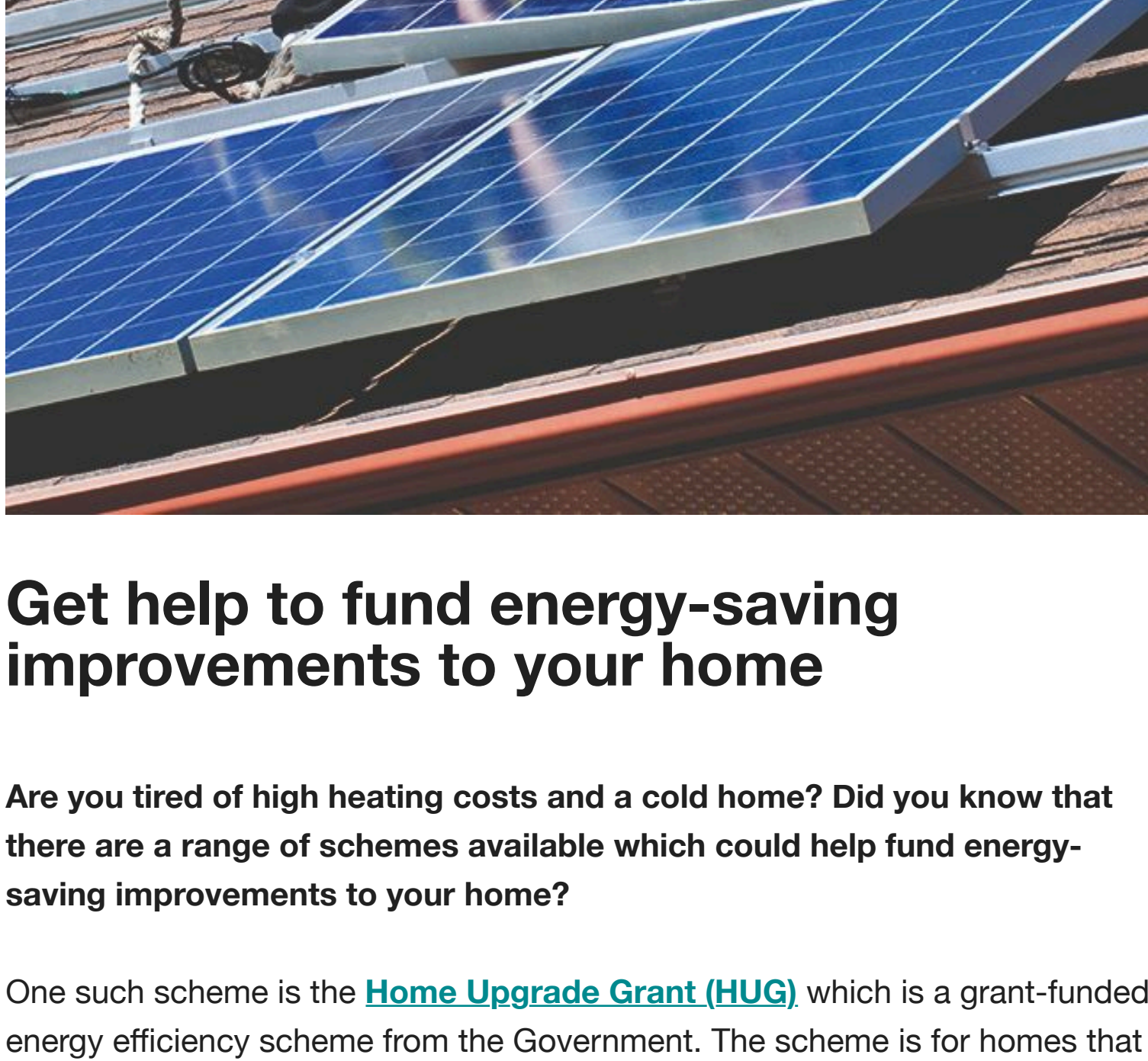
Applications are now open for workplaces wanting to support their staff to make more sustainable choices about how they travel to and from work.

Our Workplace Travel Grant offers match funding of up to £5,000 to organisations to provide facilities and equipment. It aims to help employers to break down some of the barriers their employees might face in choosing sustainable modes of travel over taking the car to and from work.

Previous grants have been used to provide a range of measures including cycle parking shelters, car share parking spaces and pool bikes.

The deadline for applications is 31 July 2024.

Read more about the grant, eligibility and how to apply



### Get help to fund energy-saving improvements to your home

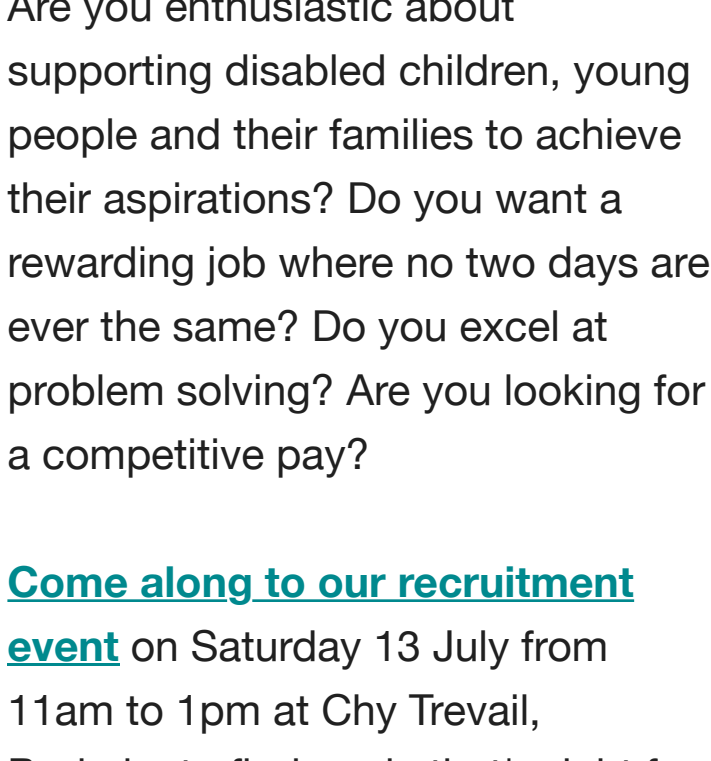
Are you tired of high heating costs and a cold home? Did you know that there are a range of schemes available which could help fund energy-saving improvements to your home?

One such scheme is the [Home Upgrade Grant \(HUG\)](#) which is a grant-funded energy efficiency scheme from the Government. The scheme is for homes that do not use mains (natural) gas as their primary heat source. It aims to improve the Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating of your home with a range of energy-saving measures.

Or have you heard about the [Green Home Improvement Scheme](#), which provides lower-cost loans to fund energy saving home improvements and aims to fill the gaps for those who are ineligible for grants.

If you're unsure about the right scheme for you try contacting [Community Energy Plus](#), for advice and access to services provided by over 30 partner organisations. Community Energy Plus is an award-winning social enterprise that provides complete energy answers to help householders in Cornwall enjoy warmer, energy efficient homes as part of a more sustainable future. Call them on Freephone 0800 954 1956 or email [advice@cep.org.uk](mailto:advice@cep.org.uk)

Find out more



Are you enthusiastic about supporting disabled children, young people and their families to achieve their aspirations? Do you want a rewarding job where no two days are ever the same? Do you excel at problem solving? Are you looking for a competitive pay?

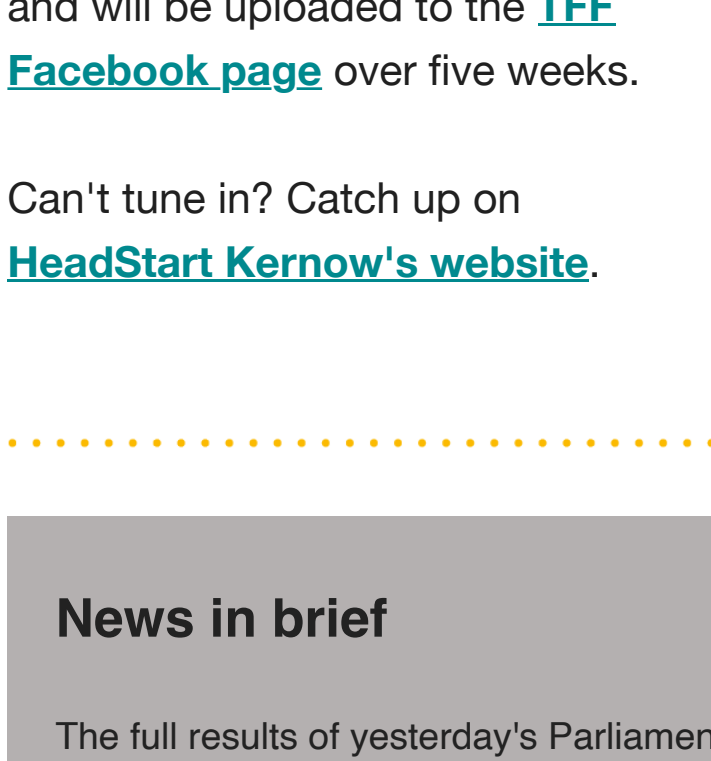
[Come along to our recruitment event](#) on Saturday 13 July from 11am to 1pm at Chy Trevall, Bodmin.



Bookings are now open for the Time2Move Summer holiday activities taking place across Cornwall for children aged 5-16.

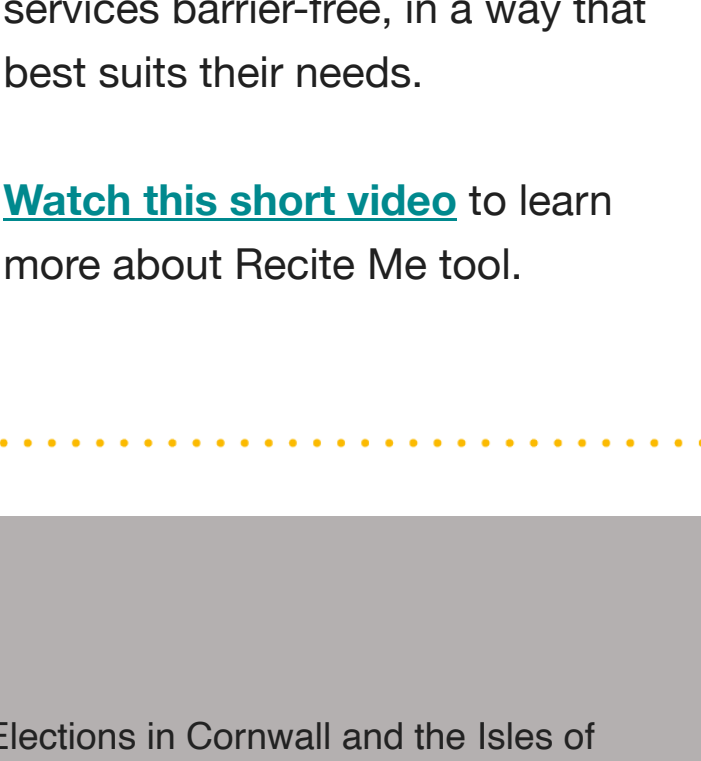
Sessions are FREE to those eligible for free school meals with a unique code. Activities including multi sports, circus skills, water sports and lots more. Plus all sessions include a healthy meal for all children.

Book now!



Check out Headstart Kernow's new video series on education. The series, which launched this week, will include 21 video workshops featuring experts from Together for Families (TFF). Topics range from SEND to safeguarding and will be uploaded to the [TFF Facebook page](#) over five weeks.

Can't tune in? Catch up on [HeadStart Kernow's website](#).



A new accessibility and language tool has been added to our website to make it easier to use. Called Recite Me, the tool provides a range of accessibility and language options to ensure website visitors can access online content and services barrier-free, in a way that best suits their needs.

[Watch this short video](#) to learn more about Recite Me tool.

### News in brief

The full results of yesterday's Parliamentary Elections in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly are now available on our website. [Find out more](#)

Residents in west Cornwall have started using their new food waste, recycling and rubbish service from this week. [Find out more](#)

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