

If you now feel you have more questions than answers, ring

us on:

01432 383240

Or email us on:

adoption@herefordshire.gov.uk

Or write to us at:

Herefordshire Adoption Team
Children's Resource Team
Moor House
Widemarsh Common
Hereford
HR4 9NA

Useful websites:

www.adoptionsearchreunion.org.uk

www.baaf.org.uk

www.afteradoption.org.uk

Some useful contacts

The Adoption Contact Register

The General Register Office
Smedley Hydro
Trafalgar Road
Southport
PR8 2HH

Tel; 0151 471 4830

Email: adoption@ons.gsi.gov.uk

Website: www.gro.gov.uk

NORCAP—Supporting adults affected by adoption

112 Church Road
Wheatley
Oxfordshire
OX33 1LU

Tel; 01865 875000

Email: enquiries@norcap.org

Website: www.norcap.org.uk

Natural Parents Network

18 Bishop's Way
Stradbroke Eye
Suffolk

IP21 5JR

Tel: 0845 4565031

Mon - Fri from 9.30am– 11.30am

Email: administrator@n-p-n.co.uk

Website: www.n-p-n.co.uk

Birth Ties

Tel: 0800 840 2020

A helpline for birth parents whose child is at risk of being adopted or has been adopted

Herefordshire Intermediary Services in Adoption

Information for birth relatives

Advice and information at your fingertips

An intermediary service is provided by Adoption Support, an organisation that works across the Midlands providing advice information and support to adopters, adoptees and birth relatives

If you need help to understand a document, or would like it in another format or language, please call 01432 260500 or email: info@herefordshire.gov.uk

Herefordshire does not offer an intermediary service. However, Adoption Support in Birmingham offer this service on our behalf.

What we can offer you

If you are over 18 and are the birth parent, brother or sister or other relative of someone over 18 who was adopted and are thinking of looking for information about them or getting in touch - Herefordshire's Adoption Team can offer help and advice.

The Adoption and Children Act 2002 came into force in England and Wales on 30th December 2005.

This law gives adult birth relatives (and adopted adults) a new right to apply to an adoption agency or an adoption support agency for an 'intermediary service'. This means tracing an adopted person, asking them if contact from a birth relative would be welcomed and if so, helping to arrange contact.

This service can be provided by the organisation 'Adoption Support'
Tel: 0121 666 6014.
Mon-Thur 9.30am — 5pm

Some things you need to know:

- You will need to be able to prove your identity and your relationship to the adopted person
- Both you and the adopted person must be 18 or over
- Your application will only be accepted if it is the right thing for the people concerned
- Identifying information about the adopted person cannot be given without their consent
- Adopted adults can now make it known on their adoption file or on the Adoption Contact Register whether or not they wish to be contacted
- By law priority has to be given to cases where the adoption took place before 12th November 1975 so you may have to wait a while
- Counselling and support will be offered throughout as this can be a difficult and emotional time
- If you do not wish to be contacted by an adopted person, we can record this for you.

What Next?

If you want to go ahead:

- Your identity will be verified.
- Your interest in contacting the adopted person and what you are hoping for will be discussed.
- Efforts will be made to try to contact the adopted person - This may take a considerable time
- Their permission to give you information will be obtained.
- You may be given general, non-identifying information about the adopted person, and more detailed information if the adopted person agrees .
- If the adopted person and you both want more contact you will be helped to do this.