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What Jubilation!

Four pages of jubilee pictures – pages 15 to 18



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Need financial help? Here's how to find it

YOU might be surprised at what support is available if you're struggling to make ends meet as the cost of living continues to rise. Below is a list of organisations and support services who may be able to help.

Redcar and Cleveland Money Advice

This service, provided by the council, and partners aims to ensure that you have access to financial information, advice and support covering: benefit entitlement and disputes dealing with debt, affordable housing, improving digital skills, accessing community banking, planning for retirement, budgeting support and help with utilities.

To access the service either visit: <https://redcar-cleveland-self-achieveservice.com> or call: 01642 771166

Pension Credit

Pension Credit is a retirement benefit to help pensioners with the cost of living. This benefit is paid to more than 1.5 million people nationally, and can be for as much as £3,000 a year.

For more information or to see if you may be eligible please email: welfarerights@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk or call: 01642 771166

Council Tax support

You may qualify for help with your Council Tax if you are:

- On Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Jobseeker's Allowance
- Employment and Support Allowance
- On Pension Credit
- Working and on low pay (including people who are self-employed)
- On a low income

Examples of people who may qualify may be those who only receive a retirement pension or social security benefits, such as Personal Independence Payments.

To check your eligibility either make a claim online through: www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk or call: 01642 774774

Public transport

Discounted rail passes are available to different groups, details of which can be accessed on the National Rail website below: www.nationalrail.co.uk/times_fares/National-Railcards.aspx

For those who travel by bus it is possible to access discounted tickets for students and others via the Arriva website: www.arrivabus.co.uk/ticket-info

Information on how to apply for a free local bus travel for pensioners and disabled people can be accessed at the following link: www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/resident/roads-and-travel

Money Helper

Free and impartial help with money matters, backed by government. www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en

Redcar Citizens Advice

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01642 030000

Warm Home Discounts

www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme

South Tees Affordable Warmth Partnership

warmhomes@mencity.org.uk
0800 304 7084

Beyond Housing

rent.income@beyondhousing.co.uk
01642 771326

Thirteen Housing

customerservices@thirteengroup.co.uk
0300 111 1000

Carers Together

info@carerstogether-rc.org.uk
01642 488977

Stop loan sharks

www.stoploansharks.co.uk/
0300 555 2222

South Bank Savings and Credit Union

info@southbanksavingcu.co.uk
01642 463700

Welcome...

...to the summer edition of the **this is Redcar & Cleveland** magazine

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee was a momentous and joyous occasion with communities across the country celebrating such a remarkable achievement.

The occasion was marked in style in our borough with people of all ages coming together over four days when the more serious issues which are affecting our lives were briefly put to one side.

The spirit of togetherness has always been a big part of Teesside life and the effect of the Jubilee will reinforce that into the future.

Four pages of this magazine reflect that wonderful weekend

– I hope the pictures bring back some great memories.

There is plenty to look forward to as we hopefully make the most of the summer weather, with some terrific events for all the family coming up over the next few months. Again, the details are included in this edition.

The depth of talent and commitment to others in our borough never ceases to amaze me. Some of the stories in this magazine are truly heart-warming and confirms that the future is bright.

I hope everybody has the chance to spend some quality



time with their loved ones during the coming months. We all deserve this after the restrictions of the past two years.

Enjoy your summer.

Councillor Mary Lanigan
Council Leader



Team England:

Meet our successful footballers of a certain age... including two who have walked into the England team. **p5**



JUBILATIONS:

Isabel Hindmarsh, two, enjoying the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in Redcar's Zetland Park last month.



Summer fun: From festivals to outdoor theatre to blooming gardens and a lot more. Your events guide to all the fun this summer. **p6-7**

Green agenda: Find out about our borough's important and exciting green projects as our borough strives to reach an ambitious 'net zero' carbon emissions target. **p20**

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Gearing up for Tour of Britain

GET into the competitive spirit as Redcar and Cleveland readies itself for the prestigious Tour of Britain cycle race on Wednesday 7 September - featuring Olympic, world champion and Tour de France riders.

The route

Stage 4 starts from Redcar's Esplanade and Coast Road, before taking in:

- Marske High Street;
- Saltburn's Hilda Place, Marine Parade, Glenside and Victoria Terrace;
- Marske Mill Lane, Hob Hill Lane and Apple Orchard Bank;
- Skelton High Street, North Skelton and across the A174;
- Brotton, Carlin How, Loftus Bank, Loftus and Easington

Best dressed high street

To bring a cycling buzz to our region, several competitions will be taking place. For the best dressed high street, homes and businesses are encouraged to dress their building and/or windows with a cycling design or theme. Displays should be completed by Monday 5 September and remain until 9 September when the winner will be announced. Photographs should be emailed to ToB@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk by close of business on Monday 5 September. Please share photos of your displays by using the hashtags #TourOfBritain and #RedcarCleveland on social media.

Land art challenge

The 'land art' competition is aimed at anyone with access to some open land; be it beach, farms, schools and beyond. To find out more, go to www.tourofbrtaint.co.uk/community/land-art/. Finished pieces must be complete by 10am on the morning of the race.

Window stickers
"Celebrating Tour of Britain" window stickers are available from the Events team. Please contact ToB@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk or call **01642 744744** for stickers, toolkits and more information.



Info roadshows
Information roadshows will take place for residents and local businesses at Redcar Rugby Club on 11 July and Loftus Town Hall on 20 July, starting at 6:30pm.

You'll never walk alone

Grangetown walking football isn't just a place to keep active; it's a place of friendship, support and charitable giving. We met the team to find out more.

KICKED off by local man Rob Scott six years ago, alongside friends Terry Wilkinson and Joe Oltai, Grangetown Walking FC was initially a place for players whose days of normal football may have been behind them.

But now, the club's significance to its members' lives has grown. It has become a place where they enjoy the kind of friendship and banter which keeps them all going and where they can raise money for charity.

"I'd say it's a place we come to let our hair down... but none of us have got any!" laughs Terry Wilkinson.

There are now 35-40 members meeting at the Herlingshaw Centre on Sundays and St.Peter's School on Wednesdays. Age and gender don't matter - everyone is welcome.

For those not in the know, walking football is non-contact

six or seven-a-side football - with a total ban on running. The standard here is as high as it is friendly, with two of Grangetown's players representing England. Mark Judge, 60, plays for the national over-50s team.

"Years ago, everyone here played football," says Mark. "It's bred into us. Having this club to be part of gives you real motivation. It's a great support network; if anyone is having a hard time, this is the place to be."

Billy Cave, 74, who Mark describes as "an inspiration to us all", plays for the England over 70s.

"This isn't just about physical health or what level you play at; during the pandemic, this place was our saviour," says Billy. "It's a real big-hearted club and we have a lot of support in the community, but we try to re-pay it by fund raising."

"The club is mostly self-funded and we've raised around £12k

for local primary schools and care homes, Mind, Zoe's Place, Teenage Cancer and many more," explains Doug Jennings, GWFC's 'unofficial' treasurer. "We do it through weekly bonus balls and sponsored events like charity bike rides."

"Last Christmas, we went off to Tesco to get 668 selection boxes for local kids," adds Terry. "Seeing their faces was unbelievable, honest. If we can make a difference like that as well as having the friendship and the exercise, we're happy."



ENGLAND GLORY: Mark Judge and Billy Cave who represent England in walking football teams

To take part, donate to charity or to sponsor the club, contact them via their Facebook group, 'Grangetown Walking FC', at www.facebook.com/groups/1722156864737646/

10 YEARS FESTIVAL OF THRIFT

Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 September
10am - 5pm. Kirkleatham, Redcar.
Free entry (parking £6)

COME and celebrate as the Festival of Thrift marks 10 years of thrifty fun! Once again, FoT will take over Kirkleatham and transform it into a packed, national celebration of sustainable living. Every September the FoT welcomes 50,000 people to Redcar to discuss, learn, try out and enjoy every aspect of sustainability.

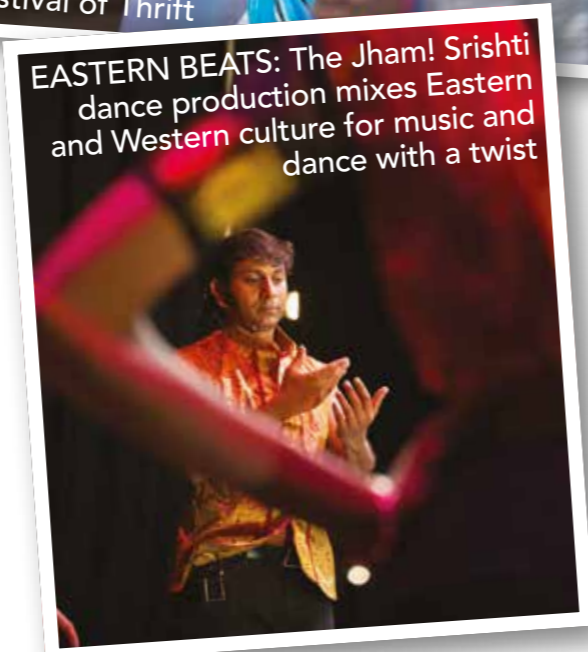
With each new year comes a fresh theme and #ThriftFest22 focuses on 'Our Common Wealth', aligning with the 2022 Commonwealth Games but also exploring in more depth what our own common wealth is – what do we share? What do we have in common?

Thought-provoking performances await visitors, along with hands-on fun, food, music, dance and song.

For more details on what to expect, visit www.festivalofthrift.co.uk



THRIFTY FUN:
Entertainment at the Festival of Thrift



EASTERN BEATS: The Jham! Srishti dance production mixes Eastern and Western culture for music and dance with a twist

It's blooming all clover for garden's first birthday



GARDEN BLOOMS: Sarah Thompson and her son, Seth, one, enjoy the first full-bloom summer at Kirkleatham Walled Garden

IT is almost exactly one year since the Grade II-listed Kirkleatham Walled Garden opened its gates to visitors after being closed for more than 30 years.

And visitors – including Seth Lyth, who has also just turned one year, and his mum Sarah – have been flocking to the historic attraction to enjoy the gardens in its first summer in full bloom.

The centre has formal gardens, a science garden, areas for activities and a glasshouse, along with a café, a shop and a 350-seat pavilion, which is available for events such as weddings, dinners and corporate events. The café serves produce grown locally and home-baked food.

Log on to kirkleathamwalledgarden.co.uk to find out more about activities for all ages.

Kirkleatham Museum events and exhibitions

Regular activity days and local interest exhibitions are on offer at Kirkleatham Museum throughout the summer holidays and beyond.

- Arts and crafts every Tuesday and Thursday 10am – 3pm (quiet hour 3pm – 4pm every Thursday)
- Wed 27 July: Lego workshop
- Wed 3 August: Lego workshop
- Wed 10 August: Teddy bears picnic
- Wed 17 August: Pirate day
- Wed 24 August: Teddy bears picnic
- Wed 31 August: Dance workshop

Saltburn Photographic Society Exhibition (June 4 – 19 August)

Display of local photographs by members of Saltburn Photographic Society.

Jane Riley - Coastal Matters (July – end of September)

An exhibition highlighting and showcasing the beauty and unique historical nature of the North Yorkshire coast from Ravenscar to Redcar and beyond.

FAMILY FUN: Regular activity days at Kirkleatham Museum



Take in some open air theatre

OUTDOOR theatre makes a comeback to Redcar and Cleveland for another summer of al fresco performances.

J.M. Barrie's Peter Pan - Illyria
Sunday 24 July at 3pm
(gates open at 2pm)

Gisborough Priory, TS14 6HG

Running time (approx): 1hr 40mins, suitable for all ages 5+

Adult £15, Child (0-16yrs) £12, Family (2A + 2C/ 1A + 3C) £50

Hamlet The Comedy - Oddsocks

Thursday 7 & Friday 8 July
7pm (gates open at 6pm)

Kirkleatham Museum & Grounds, TS10 5NW

Adult £15, Child (0-16yrs) £12, Family (2A + 2C/ 1A + 3C) £50

Shakespeare's famous tragedy is performed as you've never seen before with lots of laughs, music and memorable moments. Suitable for all ages.

Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream - Illyria
Friday 12 August 2022 at 7pm
(gates open at 6pm)

Gisborough Priory, TS14 6HG

Adult £15, Child (0-16yrs) £12, Family (2A + 2C/ 1A + 3C) £50

David Walliams' Awful Auntie - Heartbreak Productions

Sunday 4 September - 3pm
(gates open at 2pm)

Running time: 2 Hours | Age: 7+

Kirkleatham Museum & Grounds, TS10 5NW

Adult £15, Child (0-16yrs) £12, Family (2A + 2C/1A + 3C) = £50

All tickets available from ticketsource.co.uk



A day in the life of... a neighbourhoods team leader

WITH 36 years of service to the council under his belt, Pete Dale, 59, from Loftus, has been a jack of all trades when taking care of our borough.

"I've done it all," he smiles. "I even went back to the bin lorries over Covid when we were short of drivers! But my actual role is team leader for the 'cleansing' side of Guisborough and East Cleveland neighbourhoods."

Morning

Pete's morning begins in advance of 7am, looking at paperwork, staffing and rotas. At 7am, a daily briefing takes place, establishing who will be doing what for the day.

"My team consists of 15-20 people. We litter pick, maintain litter and dog bins, street sweep, street cleanse, do weed control and roads maintenance," Pete explains.

"Next is vehicle checks before they go out on the roads and ensuring all staff have adequate PPE - then the day's work on the streets can begin."

Throughout the day

"A typical day for me is flat out!" Pete laughs. "I have time at the depot for storeroom checks and audits of our equipment, such as PPE, mowers, strimmers, blowers and so on; but I'm mainly out working with the team - primarily, driving a heavy goods sweeper. I'm always in contact with the staff or dealing with requests or comments from members of the public too."

Other jobs come in via the contact centre, such as oil-spill clearing, graffiti removal and retrieval of roadkill.

"That's a sad part of the job," says Pete. "We're needed to clear roads of

anything from deer and hares to, sadly, cats and sometimes dogs that people have grown attached to."

Afternoon

Pete's working day ends at 3pm - or should.

"I often stay behind or work extra days on the weekends to get caught up. But in theory, my day ends with making sure all staff and vehicles are back, then a debrief and finish at 3pm. We work hard and it's work that never ends; sometimes we get messages of thanks via the contact centre, so it's nice to be appreciated."



NEIGHBOURHOODS: Team leader Pete Dale has served the council for 36 years



CLEAN STREETS: Street cleaners give a Skelton street a deep clean

Cleaning up the streets

STREET cleaners have been targeting towns and villages across our borough for special deep clean operations.

The Streetscene cleaning officers focus on one area and sometimes teams will start as early as 6am in non-pedestrian districts. In terraced areas residents are notified via a leaflet requesting cars are moved to allow full access so staff can spend the day cleaning up a dedicated area.

They use road sweepers and litter pickers to remove litter and

weeds and other detritus and in some selected shopping areas have jet-washed pavements with colleagues from the Highways team, who keep our roads safe, coming in to help by cleaning gullies.

"It's a more intense, focused operation compared to our everyday work," said streetscene officer, Andy Roberts. "It's a chance to really take the time to make a difference. A great part about it is the reaction from the public. They see a real difference

in an area, and they interact with us about what we need to do. It's a simple but effective way of making a difference for our residents."

So far, the teams have targeted areas in Skelton, Lingdale, Loftus, Brotton and Carlin How, and Eston and Normanby in the west of the borough. Deep clean programmes will be carried out in other selected areas of the borough across the rest of the summer and autumn.



TEAM WORK: Streetscene officers Peter Dale, Team Leader, Rhys David, Adam Hauxwell and Nic Andre hard at work



HARD WORK: Deep cleaning in action



Proud to Care

Be part of something special



Jasmine Grey, Care Assistant for Caremark which provides care in people's homes in East Cleveland, said:

"I studied care at college and got my NVQs in Health and Social Care and then did placements and it is always something I wanted to do, to help other people."

"We get to help people in ways no-one else can – it is so worthwhile and totally different than other jobs."

If you would like a career you can be proud of, that is rewarding and flexible and makes a real difference to your community, then a career in care could be for you.

To search for a job in care near you please visit www.indeed.co.uk or www.adultsocialcare.co.uk/job-search.aspx

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Going out on a high note!

A YOUNG musician has explained how her 'kickstart' work programme job at the council helped her secure a TV music production company role in London.

Olivia Clark, 23, of New Marske, has a degree in Music for Film and TV from Huddersfield University but struggled to find work after leaving college.

Eventually, she managed to secure a place on the council's Kickstart programme which offers out-of-work 16 to 24-year-olds a total of six months' employment and also training and support to help them secure a full-time job. The council has taken on dozens of young people through the scheme and a majority have gone on to secure full time work.



LONDON BOUND: Musician Olivia Clark who is on her way to London at Redcar Station

Olivia, who worked in both the Business Support and Health and Wellbeing teams at the authority before getting taken on by the London music company, Moonbug Entertainment,

said: "It sounds mad but the administration work really helped make the difference. They knew I had the music skills. I've had two albums released and have a degree in exactly what they're looking for - but they didn't know I could help in other ways. It really helped me land the role. I'll be creating music for children's television which will then go to producers and it's so exciting."

You can hear Olivia's music for free by logging on to thenerve.io and searching either her name or for her first, six-track indie pop album A New Sense of Love. Her second album, written in an electric pop style, is due to be published in the coming weeks and will be called A Woman's World.

Find out more about the Kickstart programme at www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Making a splash!

ONE of the borough's swimming pools has closed for demolition, and preparation work has already begun on a multi-million pound replacement expected to open late next year.

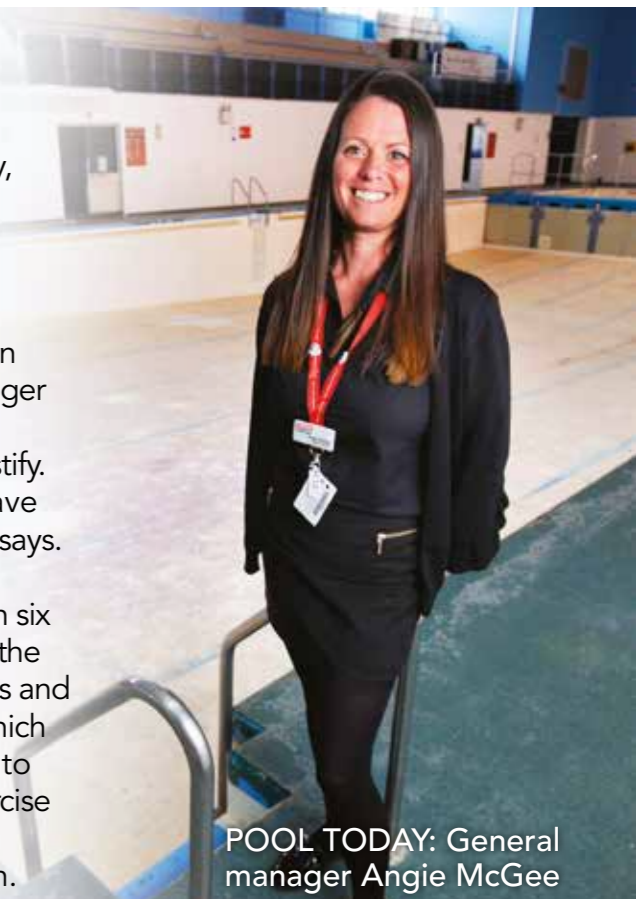
Now we're researching the history of the old Eston Swimming Pool and are appealing for members of the public to come forward with any memories.

As part of the research, a hardback book created for the official opening of Eston Swimming Baths on Monday 31 October, 1960 has been unearthed which reveals the sense of pride people had in the pool which was opened by the then Lord Lieutenant,

Colonel Sir William Worsley, former captain of Yorkshire Cricket Club.

The pride in Eston Baths continued through the generations as Redcar woman Angie McGee, general manager at Eston Leisure Centre, who started as a lifeguard, can testify. "People love it here and have been coming for years," she says.

The new pool will have a 25-metre swimming area with six lanes. It is being replaced as the old one flooded several times and sustained serious damage which would have cost £3 million to repair. Other leisure and exercise facilities at the wider Eston Leisure Centre remain open.



POOL TODAY: General manager Angie McGee

Do you have memories and old photos of Eston Swimming Pool you'd be happy to share? Send them to christopher.webber@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Mental health matters

Mental health awareness week and dementia week took place last month and the council and its partners were out and about raising awareness and offering help and support to residents.

Tackling loneliness together

ONE in four adults feel lonely some or all of the time. There's no single cause and there's no one solution. The longer we feel lonely, the more we are at risk of mental health problems, with some people being at higher risk of feeling lonely than others.

The council's empowering communities team worked with Redcar & Cleveland Mind, Healthwatch, Age UK and the Redcar & Cleveland Voluntary Development Agency throughout the week visiting locations across Redcar and Cleveland. They engaged with more than 500 residents offering help and support and referring people to the right services for them.

The team also took time to call on local businesses and shops and Ladbrokes on the



TIME TO TALK: Daniel Cannie who works at Ladbrokes at Low Grange Farm, Eston, helping to spread the message to his customers

Grange Farm Tesco Extra site were keen to support the campaign. The team at Ladbrokes and especially Daniel Cannie, who is the

betting shop manager, have been long-standing supporters of efforts to promote positive mental health in the area.

For further information and support or to find out practical ways to address loneliness please visit www.mentalhealth.org.uk or www.facebook.com/FeelGoodRedcarandCleveland

Residents encouraged to 'act on dementia'

DROP-IN sessions, offering help and support to residents experiencing signs of dementia and those concerned about loved ones, took place across Redcar and Cleveland last month, as part of Dementia Action Week. The theme of the week this year was diagnosis, designed to encourage people who were concerned that they or a loved one may be experiencing signs of dementia – e.g.,

memory loss, confusion and acting impulsively - to come and chat with professionals who could offer them the right support and guidance. The council's Health Improvement Team worked with local partners to offer drop-in sessions in Redcar, Marske and Guisborough where dozens of people dropped by to speak to clinical professionals about dementia and diagnosis.

For further information and advice on signs to look for please visit: www.dementiauk.org | www.alzheimers.org.uk | www.meccgateway.co.uk/nenc

Foster carers wanted

COULD you foster? That's the question the fostering manager for Redcar and Cleveland fostering service, Vicky Hamer, is asking residents.

Sadly, the number of children requiring a fostering home continues to rise, and Vicky is keen to hear from anyone who is interested in becoming a foster carer.

She said: "Our foster carers do an extremely important job, but we know that it's not easy, and that's why I'm determined to support our foster carers."

Redcar and Cleveland fostering service offers a pre-approval two-day course to prepare people for fostering, and once approved, a comprehensive package of support including a dedicated supervising social worker, regular and accessible

training opportunities and more recently, the introduction of innovative VR headsets. She said: "The headsets allow our foster carers to see experiences through the eyes of a child who has experienced trauma and it helps foster carers understand how a child might be triggered by events that have happened to them in their lives."

Alongside the support and training, the council also offers a competitive financial package to its foster carers. "Our foster carers receive an allowance to cover the expenses of caring for a child, and we also pay a competitive fee to reflect the time and commitment our foster carers provide as well as a relief of foster carer's council tax of up to £1,500 per year." If you'd like to find out more about fostering, contact the team on 01642 444087, email foster@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk.

FOSTER MANAGER: Vicky Hamer



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Meet the new Mayor

A new Mayor has been appointed for Redcar and Cleveland

FATHER-OF-TWO Councillor Stuart Smith was appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the council in May.

The Independent councillor for the Saltburn ward will be supported by his wife of 37 years, Sue, who will act as his Mayoress. Sue is a GP practice nurse, and together they have two children, Ben and Sam, as well as two grandchildren, Jacob and Joshua.

The new Mayor, who has represented the Saltburn ward since 2011, has chosen to support two charities for his year in office, The Great North Air Ambulance and Teesside Hospice.

He said: "I am proud to be raising money this year for two fantastic charities, who do excellent work in providing support and care to the local community.

"To be elected as Mayor is a great honour and privilege, especially as I will be the first Mayor of the borough who represents the Saltburn ward."

Cllr Smith was brought up on the family farm in the village of Moorsholm and attended Loftus Rosecroft

Comprehensive School. After leaving school, he joined Cleveland Police as a police cadet and officially joined the force as a police officer in 1980, serving for 30 years in general police duties and the Road Policing Unit. In the latter 10 years of his service, he served as a neighbourhood police officer for the Saltburn area, during which he received national and local recognition on his dedication to neighbourhood policing within the community.

He is a keen keep fit enthusiast and a gardener and has been vice chairman of Saltburn in Bloom for more than 20 years.

The Deputy Mayor is the Lib Dem councillor for Redcar's West Dyke ward, Councillor Malcolm Head.

NEW MAYOR: Cllr Stuart Smith has been appointed



Young artists transform underpass

TEENAGE art students have turned what was once a graffiti-ridden underpass into a work of art.

Dozens of pupils from Rye Hills Academy in Redcar have painted colourful sea-themed imagery on the underpass by William Turner Road, near the school.

Kelly Hewitson, acting head of

art at the school, explained the council had approached her and her students to transform the corrugated underpass. She said: "We all came up with it together, myself, my colleagues and the students and it's worked out brilliantly."

The improvement has been



funded through the Public Realm, a council programme designed to improve the environment in the borough through a number of small projects.



Jubilee Jubilations!

Remembering a fantastic Royal Platinum Jubilee weekend

OUR town crier rang out the news that the fun was due to commence to celebrate and honour the Queen for her 70 years of service to the country last month. And what a Jubilee weekend it was! See if you can see yourself in the following pages in our picture special of a fantastic weekend.

Jubilee Jubilations!

Remembering a right royal fun weekend

EVERY town, village and hamlet in the borough took part in a special four-day weekend to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee last month.

There were more than 150 officially recognised celebrations, from street parties to picnics to competitions to major community get-togethers in the extended bank holiday weekend – with many more informal ones in pubs, clubs and house parties.

"It was a huge response in celebration of our magnificent Queen who has served her country for 70 years," said the Mayor for Redcar and Cleveland, Cllr Stuart Smith, who celebrated many events in person including the Platinum Jubilee parade and service of thanksgiving at Loftus Town Hall and the Picnic in the Park at Zetland Park in Redcar. "I would like to thank everyone who put in so much effort."

Events ranged from the

grand to the small and quirky and included family fun and games at Kirkleatham Museum, a special exhibition at Eston Arts Centre, family fun days at Redcar's Locke Park, a 'flash mob' dance troupe at Redcar High Street, flower exhibitions, music performances, a dance spectacular in Skinningrove, a parade in Loftus, community fun day at Whale Hill Community Centre near Grangetown, a special market in Guisborough, children's parties in South Bank...and many classic street parties.

And it wasn't just 'natives' from the borough who joined in the fun. Sergio Rodrigez, of Madrid, took part in an 'alleyway party' in Saltburn with the Canadian flag in honour of a Canadian also living on the cosmopolitan street flying high beside the Union Flag. "It felt like we were all welcome, it was wonderful," he said. "What a lovely place to live!"



Redcar Central to be revived!

More jubilant jubilee pictures. Enjoy more photos from a wonderful weekend



NEW LIFE: Artist's impressions show what Redcar Central's rejuvenation could look like



A MAJOR redevelopment of the Grade II listed Redcar Central Station will see the historic railway building restored to its former glory.

Conservation works to transform it from an empty, dilapidated building into a vibrant, more welcoming gateway to the town are planned, enabling it to function as both a leisure and retail hub as well as a key transport link.

Modern, fully accessible rail facilities, including ticket machines, travel information and covered waiting areas, will mix with range of leisure businesses and shops, creating a much more fitting welcome to the borough and the rest of our beautiful coast and countryside.

A total of £5.950m from the Tees Valley Mayor and Combined Authority Growth Zone and Investment Funds has been allocated to the project – one of several ongoing regeneration projects in the town - which will deliver the refurbishment of the building and the public areas outside.

Despite being a Victorian

structure, there will be a focus on sustainability using renewable energy systems, to include solar panels positioned out of sight to preserve the traditional style of the building.

The project will create a range of jobs during the construction phase and beyond, with local people employed in the running of the station and the businesses within.

Public consultation is expected in this July, with construction works beginning in April 2023 for an estimated opening in early 2025.

If you are interested in a space in the finished project, please contact Gavin Black of Naylor's Gavin Black on 0191 230 2777 or 07712 868655. Alternatively, please email gavinb@naylorsgavinblack.co.uk

Images courtesy of Howarth Litchfield Architects.

Success continues at employment hub

THE team at the award-winning Grangetown Employment & Training Hub is celebrating five years of helping hundreds of people in the area into work and training. The Hub's latest scheme, The Youth Shack, is a three-week programme where young people aged 15 to 29 take part in special volunteering and community projects to help them on their way into work. The scheme is backed by the Anglo American company. The Hub is supported by community group Future of Grangetown, the council and a number of businesses and community groups. Find out more at 01642 459035, routestoemployment@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk or find the Hub's Facebook site.

Our pledge to care leavers

THE council has taken a collective pledge to provide more support to young people leaving care. The Care Leavers Covenant commits all areas of the Council to providing support to our 118 care leavers as well as the existing help provided by children's services. Every care leaver already has a personal advisor but other officers will provide other types of support, such as CV writing skills and basic information about setting up home.



Hydrogen proposal for Redcar



NORTHERN Gas Networks (NGN), the company responsible for transporting gas to homes and businesses in Redcar and Cleveland, is developing plans to convert part of its network to transport hydrogen.

The proposed Redcar Hydrogen Community comprises 2,000 homes and businesses in the town centre, Warrenby, Coatham and parts of Kirkleatham.

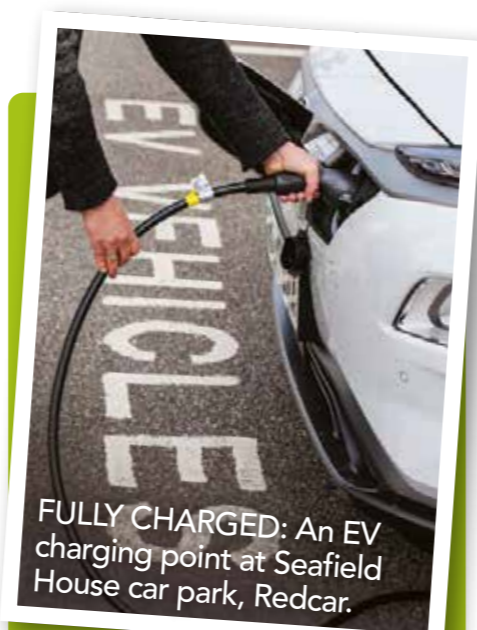
NGN is currently designing the project and next year, a decision will be made to progress either the Redcar project, or one in the North West, with the chosen community switching to hydrogen from 2025.

The natural gas we use today creates carbon when burned, which is contributing towards climate change. Hydrogen can be used in the same way, but is more environmentally friendly.

Redcar was chosen as there are plans to produce hydrogen locally. For anyone in the hydrogen community, there would be a need to change gas appliances. Everyone will be supported in making these changes, which will be free of charge. Hydrogen appliances, such as boilers, cookers and fires look very similar to today's gas appliances and work in the same way.

Look out for a shop opening on Redcar high street for residents to come and chat about the project and what it means for the area. Visit redcarhydrogencommunity.co.uk or call 0800 040 7766 for more information.

HYDROGEN SWITCH: Redcar and Cleveland College could be the first college to run on 100% hydrogen



FULLY CHARGED: An EV charging point at Seafield House car park, Redcar.

Electric vehicle charging rollout

AN ambitious EV charging rollout will start this summer, with the replacement of existing EV chargers and plans to provide more charging points convenient to residents across the borough. Two projects, one working with the Tees Valley Combined Authority, and the other run by the council itself, intend to ensure as many areas of Redcar and Cleveland are covered and the council is looking at the best way to provide charging for those with on-street parking, with current UK-wide product trials being carried out by the Government. If you would like to nominate areas for an EV charger, please email greenerfutures@redcarcleveland.gov.uk, and the location will be surveyed. We cannot guarantee to provide an EV charger in every location but would like to hear from you if you have suggestions.

Tree-mendous effort

AN impressive 4,000 native trees have been planted across Redcar and Cleveland in the past year, with a further 10,000 due to be planted in 2022/23.

The drive to create a greener borough, is part of the council's commitment to annual tree planting in the area in support of our ambition to become a carbon neutral borough by 2030.

The trees have been planted across public open spaces, countryside sites and new orchards, following consultation with community groups, environment officers and councillors.

The council is committed to an ongoing annual tree planting project with plans in place for a further 10,000 trees to be planted in 2022/23.



TREE PLANTING: Jack Egholm, (left), and Andy Robertson with some newly-planted trees in Saltburn.

Whale washes up on Redcar beach

AN interactive street theatre spectacle called 'the whale' appeared on Majuba beach, Redcar, last month in a powerful statement about the environment and climate change.

The event involved a life-size, hyper-real statue of a sperm whale which was found washed up on Majuba beach. As part of the spectacle, a team of performers acting as scientists ran tests for three days to find

out why it happened.

It's hoped the installation will help Redcar be further recognised as a place where communities explore the opportunity to see and engage in a quality cultural offer that challenges and stimulates discussion about wider agendas such as climate change.

The artistic and cultural experience was also used for educational purposes, with schools offered bespoke online

resources to learn about whales and their environment. Climate change is leading to a loss of habitat and food for whales.

The replica whale, which even produced the smell of decay, was made in 2013 and has been 'washed up' at cities and towns across Europe including London, Paris and Madrid.

BEACHED: 'The Whale' washed up on Majuba beach, Redcar



Mining for knowledge, and life on Mars glory...

One of our leading businesses, a world class science centre called Boulby Underground Laboratory, is based in Britain's deepest mine, ICL Boulby, in East Cleveland. We went deep underground to find out more.

WE'RE packed in a cage, hard hats and ear protectors clamped on our heads, shouting to be heard as we dart down through 1.1km of rock – the equivalent of three Eiffel Towers – straight into the deep earth.

The ICL Boulby mine has more than 1,000km of tunnels stretching under the North Sea, its 500 miners and their colleagues excavating polyhalite rock for fertiliser and salt used to grit up to 50% of Britain's roads. The council's Business Growth Team has visited to learn more about the mine and the recruitment opportunities available - but also to spend time with the team of 12 scientists and technicians to visit their modern, futuristic, hyper-clean government-funded laboratory, the Dark Matter Lab, tucked away in a corner of this

dark, vast mine. It's here where the scientists are searching for 'dark matter,' the stuff, including the tiniest of particles, which is believed to make up the vast majority of the universe but has never been identified.

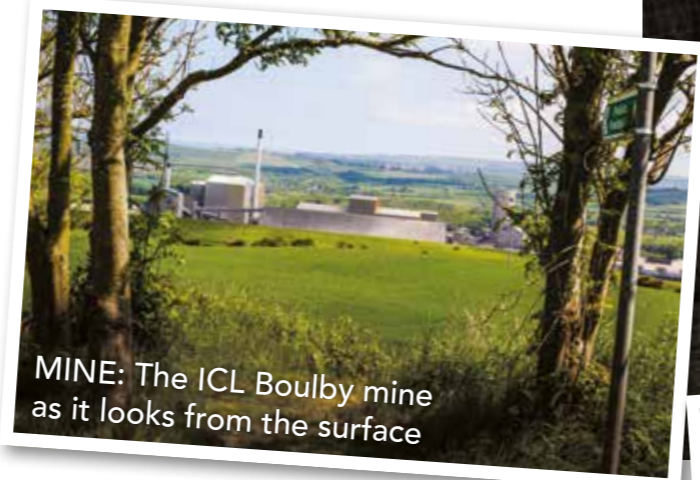
From the foot of the shaft, we begin the 15-minute walk through huge, salt-dusty tunnels to the lab. The tunnels are so large that vehicles are built, serviced and fuelled in an underground garage, beeping at us as they pass. "This must be one of Yorkshire's greatest walks," laughs our guide, Professor Sean Paling, Director of the Laboratory, as we walk, getting hotter almost with every step.

Sean explains that the lab is there thanks to ICL Boulby

providing access and support, and that fact saves our country millions of pounds. Reaching the lab it gets increasingly hot and we enjoy the blessed relief of air conditioning as we vacuum off dust and pull on protective, clean clothing to prevent contamination in the lab and some take advantage of what is Britain's deepest flushing toilet!

The professor and his colleagues outline some of the mind-bending innovative work of the lab. The value of having the facility so deep in the earth is because there's less interference from atoms

SCIENCE: Scientist Paul Scovell at one of the 'dark matter' detection projects in the lab



MINE: The ICL Boulby mine as it looks from the surface

TUNNEL VISION: Director of the lab Sean Paling outlines his vision for the future of the facility



DEEP WALK: Visitors walk through huge tunnels where large vehicles sometimes drive by

and particles found nearer the surface which make it harder to find the stuff which makes up the majority of the universe - 'dark matter.' Discovering the particles which make up dark matter – which must exist but are so tiny and so weakly interacting that they have never been identified - is the holy grail of many scientists around the world. Their discovery would surely lead to Nobel Prizes all round and, more importantly, would help us better understand how everything interacts across the universe and would hugely aid the development of technology in ways we can't yet know (there is one scientific theory that it would help create a new type of space rocket for

long distance space travel). In the lab we're shown special, hi-tech detection units, one described as 'not the biggest but the cleverest in the world' and we are told of plans for one which, if ever created would be the largest ever developed and would contain vast amounts of a liquid - called Xenon - which would cut out even more atmospheric interference.

Other projects include NASA and the European Space Agency (ESA) using the site to develop the machines needed to dig into the ground on Mars hoping to find out if there was once life on the planet. Others include an attempt to improve carbon dating technologies, experimenting with compressed air energy storage which would make wind power much more effective and a project to develop an early warning system for tsunamis.

It's time to leave. Trudging back, we're told that there are 15 deep underground science

Business support

The council's Business Growth Team meets with companies to gain insight into future plans linked to investment, growth recruitment and supply chains. These discussions allow the team identify possible ways to support our businesses with growth plans as well as understanding new challenges. These visits also allow the team to share vacancy requirements with our Routes to Employment Team to enable residents looking for work to apply for jobs. Find out more about careers at ICL Boulby at ICL Careers (icl-group.com) Businesses may contact the council's Business Growth Team at business@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

laboratories across the world, some in mines and some under mountains, all in competition and yet working together for the betterment of mankind. Feeling proud, we're on the up.



INTO THE DEEP: Leaving the shaft lift at 1.1km into the earth



What goes in your blue recycling bin



The top 5 items mistakenly put in recycling

- X 1) Plastic bags:** Processing machinery does not recognise bags containing recyclable items. Please empty items into your blue bin and place bags in household waste bins.
- X 2) Textiles:** These can be taken to Dunsdale Recycling Centre to be recycled.
- X 3) Food waste:** Leftovers, even containers covered in food/grease, cannot be recycled and should also be placed in your household waste bin.
- X 4) Nappies:** Not recyclable items. Please dispose of them into household waste bins.
- X 5) Polystyrene:** cannot be recycled. Please put it in your household waste bin.

Also a no: **Electricals/batteries** and **Black plastic items** Putting any of these items in your blue bin lowers our recycling rate as a borough, contributes to environmental damage and creates additional disposal costs, which could be better spent elsewhere.

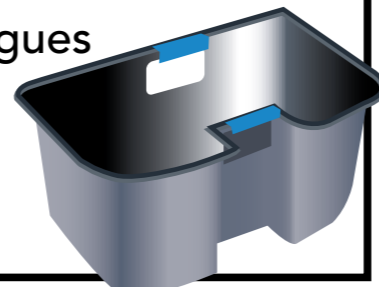
Yes please

- ✓ Aluminium foil trays (must be clean)
- ✓ Aerosols, cans & tins (aluminium & steel)
- ✓ Cardboard (clean and dry)
- ✓ Plastic pots, tubs & trays
- ✓ Glass bottles & jars
- ✓ Plastic bottles
- ✓ Hard plastic

Bins must be presented by 7am on the day of collection or risk not being emptied

Black caddy

- ✓ All mail, including envelopes (with windows)
- ✓ Newspapers & magazines
- ✓ Telephone directories
- ✓ Catalogues
- ✓ Paper



For further information on what can and cannot be recycled, please visit: www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/bins-and-waste-services/recycling

A day in the life of... a trading standards officer

AFTER almost 20 years of working in trading standards, one might imagine team leader Jodie Allwood has seen it all... yet she still encounters cases that surprise her.

"You always come across situations that you've never dealt with. You have to think on your feet in these moments," says Jodie who has been working in trading standards since 2003.

"We deal with any product a customer can buy and any service they can use. Our partners, the Citizens Advice Consumer Service, are our first point of contact," explains Jodie.

Morning

A usual day would start with Citizens Advice referrals. These are assessed against existing intelligence before being allocated to an officer for

further investigation.

The team also deals with calls from scam victims, and undertakes safety projects for various products including toys and cosmetics.

"It's an ever-developing role", adds Jodie.

Afternoon

Officers are ready to head out accompanied by the police to execute warrants at home addresses and/or commercial premises, on the lookout for counterfeit goods, including cigarettes, toys, electrics, and alcohol. The team will often collaborate with HMRC and use detection dogs and dog handlers to detect illegal tobacco.

"Working alongside detection dogs has been one of my favourite parts of the job" says Jodie. "One time we were

searching a retail premises and the dog detected illegal tobacco in the shop wall. The business owner refused to give us access, so I had to smash the wall down and the cavity was full of illegal tobacco".

"Sometimes you have to take risks. You always think, what will happen if I do, but more importantly, what will happen if I don't?"

Late afternoon

The team finish the day cataloguing the seized items and sending them for witness statements. "All the paperwork that follows the exciting bit earlier in the day", adds Jodie.

To report an issue or fraud for consumer goods and services, please contact Citizens Advice at 0808 223 1133 or go to www.citizensadvice.org.uk

JODIE ALLWOOD, Trading standards team leader, surrounded by counterfeit/illegal goods seized by her team.



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Guisborough Town Hall opens its doors!

THE historic building, which forms the centrepiece of Guisborough's Market Place, now acts as a gateway for people visiting the North York Moors.

On the ground floor, the renovated building is home to Brotton company Shorty's Gins – a shop and award-winning distillery – run by Rachael "Shorty" Consibee.

The Heritage and Information Centre, also on the ground floor, is managed by the Guisborough Town Hall Gateway CIC, which was established in 2016 as a partnership between the

community and the council to secure the future of the town hall.

The top two floors of the building, which was built in 1821 and a further storey added in 1870, are seven bedrooms which sleep 17, a communal lounge and dining areas. This space has been designed for large groups of people to stay in. The accommodation is run by Guisborough business Odd Socks.

The Grade II-listed building also has facilities for cyclists including bicycle storage. Visitors can book to stay at the venue by visiting Sykes Holiday Cottages.

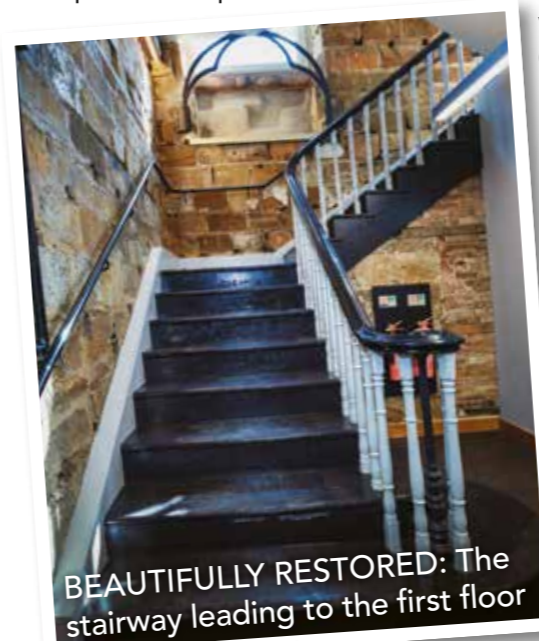
Guisborough Town Hall has

had many uses from magistrates office and Petty Sessions Court to a solicitors' office and had stood empty since 2013 until it was bought by the council for £70,000 in 2015.

Thanks to National Lottery players, this important heritage building has been preserved for it to be enjoyed by locals and visitors and to play a significant role in boosting the local economy and aiding the wider regeneration of Guisborough. The project received a grant of £1.3m from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, and subsequent grants from Tees Valley mayor Combined Authority and Sirius Mining Foundation.



LET THE GOOD TIMES BEGIN! Shorty's Gins can be found on the ground floor



BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED: The stairway leading to the first floor



LARGE GROUPS WELCOME: Bedrooms sleep 17 people



UNIQUE SPACE: The communal kitchen area for guests

ANNUAL CANVASS OF ELECTORS

The council will be undertaking the annual refresh of the electoral register between August and October. In order to vote at the Local Elections on Thursday 4th May 2023 you must be registered to vote.

Each household will receive a canvass communication letter at the start of August.

Please read your letter carefully in order to determine whether there is a requirement for you to respond.

Where we require you to respond, you can do it in one of the following ways:

CLICK IT 

www.householdresponse.com/rcbc

(to report CHANGES or NO CHANGES)

RING IT 

Call **0800 197 9871**

(to report NO CHANGES only)

TEXT IT 

Send your response to **80212**
(to report NO CHANGES only)

You will need your letter to hand as this will detail your security number.

For further information contact Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council on **01642 774 774** or go to www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Have you spotted the owls in Skelton?

EAGLE-eyed residents will have noticed a number of beautifully carved owl sculptures popping up around Skelton.

These are the fantastic works of Steve Iredale, a chainsaw sculptor from Staithes.

Known for his skill at carving woodland creatures, Steve was commissioned by the council to create the owls and sit them permanently at eight locations, welcoming residents and visitors in and out of Skelton.

Have you spotted them all?



IT WAS A HOOT!: Sculptor Steve Iredale with his beautiful creations

news in brief

Healthy start

DID you know that family hubs stock free healthy start vitamins? You can call into your local family hub for your free vitamins for yourself (if you are pregnant or breast feeding) and your child for the vitamins and we also urge you to ask about healthy start vouchers.

Alternatively follow the link below to apply for healthy start vouchers and get £8.50 per week towards fruit, veg and milk until your child turns one, then £4.25 until your child is four years old. It's also possible to receive £4.25 per week from the tenth week of your pregnancy. Find out if you are eligible now <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/how-to-apply/> Find your local family hub on the council's website at www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Energetic support needed

AN organisation helping deliver a greener future called The North East & Yorkshire Net Zero Hub is looking for community groups keen to deliver a local community energy project. Further details are available at www.neynetzerohub.com/community-energy-support/ or email contact@communityenergysouth.org

Blue flag

SALTBURN has once again been named a Blue Flag award winner, Keep Britain Tidy's highest award.

And there were also celebrations for Redcar as the beach was named as a UK Seaside Award beach, meaning it has the highest environmental standards.

It is the fourth year in a row that Saltburn beach has won the Blue Flag and it is just one of seven in the North East and 80 in England to receive the award. The Blue Flag is given for high-quality sea water, clean beach and beachside amenities. The Seaside Award rewards the highest standards of beach management and water quality.

Unsung heroes

A CELEBRATION of unsung heroes was held last month. Redcar and Cleveland and Middlesbrough councils marked Carers Week 2022 by highlighting the role unpaid carers play and the contribution they make to families and the wider local community.

Carers Week is part of a national annual campaign to raise awareness of caring and highlight the challenges unpaid carers face.

For further information and advice if you or someone you know is an unpaid carer, please visit www.wecareyoucare.info or follow on Facebook @ [wecareyoucarelocal](https://www.facebook.com/wecareyoucarelocal)

Special needs support

INFORMATION is available about how families of children and young people with special education needs and disabilities (SEND) are able to find support. The council's SEND 'local offer' contains information on support available for children and young people aged 0-25, including on education and training. Find out more at www.peoplesinfonet.org.uk To sign up to the borough's Disability Register, email localoffer@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

COUNCIL DIARY

Times of meetings may change from time to time. Please check at www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

July 2022

- Thursday 14, 2pm
- Borough Council**
- Thursday 21, 10am
- Regulatory Committee**
- Monday 25, 10am
- Governance Committee**
- Tuesday 26, 10am
- Children and Families Scrutiny and Improvement Committee**
- Tuesday 26, 2pm
- Adult and Communities Scrutiny and Improvement Committee**
- Wednesday 27, 10am
- Resources Scrutiny and Improvement Committee**
- Thursday 28, 10am
- Growth, Enterprise & Environment Scrutiny and Improvement Committee**

August 2022

- Tuesday 2, 10am
- Cabinet**
- Wednesday 3, 10am
- Employment, Health & Safety Committee**
- Thursday 18, 10am
- Regulatory Committee**

September 2022

- Friday 2, 10am
- River Tees Port Health Authority**
- Thursday 8, 2pm
- Borough Council**
- Thursday 15, 10am
- Regulatory Committee**
- Tuesday 20, 10am
- Children and Families Scrutiny and Improvement Committee**
- Tuesday 20, 2pm
- Resources Scrutiny and Improvement Committee**
- Wednesday 21, 10am
- Resources Scrutiny and Improvement Committee**
- Thursday 22, 10am
- Growth, Enterprise and Environment Scrutiny and Improvement Committee**
- Monday 26, 10am
- Governance Committee**
- Tuesday 27, 10am
- Cabinet**

October 2022

- Wednesday 5, 10am
- Employment, Health & Safety Committee**
- Wednesday 12, 10am
- Regulatory Committee**
- Thursday 13, 2pm
- Borough Council**
- Tuesday 1, 10am
- Children and Families Scrutiny and Improvement Committee**
- Tuesday 1, 2pm
- Adults and Communities Scrutiny and Improvement Committee**
- Wednesday 2, 10am
- Resources Scrutiny and Improvement Committee**
- Thursday 3, 10am
- Growth, Enterprise and Environment Scrutiny and Improvement Committee**

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