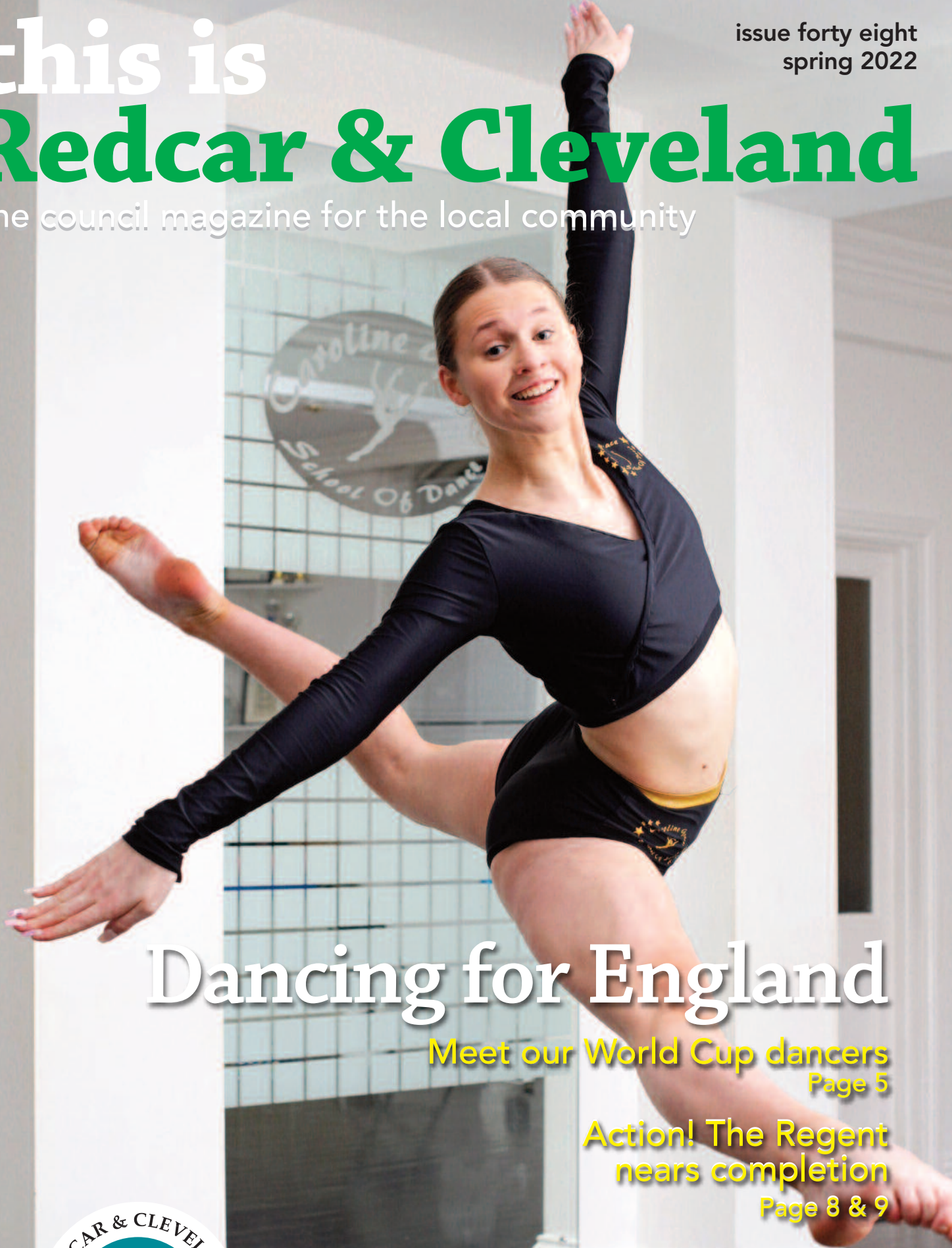


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# Need help?

## Need financial help? You might be surprised at what's available!

AS the cost of living continues to rise it is really important to know what help is available. On this page are the details of various sources of help...and you might be surprised by what support is out there. For example, did you know most low income households are entitled to some help towards paying their council tax. Did you know that anyone who qualifies for an NHS hearing aid is probably entitled to a Disabled Person's Railcard?

### Redcar & Cleveland Money Advice

This service provided by the council and other local partners aims to ensure that you have access to a means of 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 the following web page or ring the number listed.

<https://redcar-cleveland-self.achieveservice.com>  
**01642 771166**

### Pension Credit

Pension Credit is a retirement benefit to assist 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 the address below or ring the number listed:  
Call: **01642 771166**  
email: **welfarerights@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk**

### 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

For example, you might only get a retirement pension or social security benefits, like Personal Independence Payments. To check your eligibility either make a claim online through **[www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk](http://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk)** or call **01642 774774**

### Public Transport

Discounted rail passes are available to lots of different groups, details of which may be accessed on the National Rail website below.

**[https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/times\\_fares/National-Railcards.aspx](https://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.

**<https://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:

**<https://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/resident/roads-and-travel/>**

## Other sources of help

### Government Money Help Service

<https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en>

### Redcar Citizens Advice

on 01642 030000 or email [enquiries@rccitizensadvice.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@rccitizensadvice.co.uk)

### Warm Home Discounts

<https://www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme>

### South Tees Affordable Warmth Partnership

on 0800 304 7084 or email [warmhomes@menvcity.org.uk](mailto:warmhomes@menvcity.org.uk)

### Beyond Housing

on 01642 771326 or email [rent.income@beyondhousing.co.uk](mailto:rent.income@beyondhousing.co.uk)

### Thirteen Housing

email: [customerservices@thirteengroup.co.uk](mailto:customerservices@thirteengroup.co.uk) or call 0300 111 1000

### Carers Together

call: 01642 488977 or email [info@carerstogether-rc.org.uk](mailto:info@carerstogether-rc.org.uk)

### Stop loan sharks

online at <https://www.stoploansharks.co.uk/> or on 0300 555 2222

### South Bank Savings and Credit Union

on 01642 463700 or [info@southbanksavingcu.co.uk](mailto:info@southbanksavingcu.co.uk)



# Welcome...

...to the spring edition of the  
this is Redcar and Cleveland magazine.

After almost two years of living with Covid restrictions, the Government's legal requirements have now been lifted and we are hopeful that we have a spring and summer when we can enjoy everything our beautiful borough has to offer.

Covid hasn't gone away but the aim is to enjoy a more normal life while ensuring all our residents and visitors stay safe and healthy. I hope you and your family will take part in the Beat the Street initiative, which aims to get everybody more active while having fun. It has been a big success elsewhere in the country and I am sure it will be in Redcar and Cleveland.

Prestigious cycling events will also make a welcome return; the Tour Series, which was such a success last year, will be held again in Guisborough and it is fantastic news that a stage of the Tour of Britain will start from Redcar. There are also the details of a full range of events for all the family in this magazine.

Anyone who has visited Redcar seafront recently will have noticed The Regent is nearing completion. It looks fantastic and we are looking forward to welcoming visitors later this year.

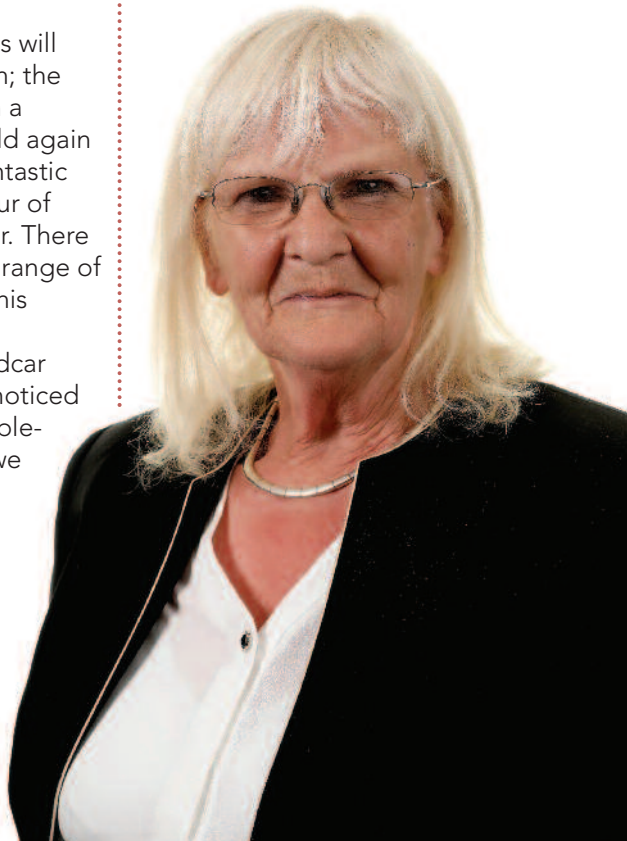
This magazine also features some of the work of the Council in providing the many services that our residents need and would like over the past 12

months. It has been a challenging year but we look forward with optimism to the future and we will do everything within our powers to provide a first class service to you.

We know all families are facing a squeeze on their household finances, with many experiencing hardship. We have compiled a guide which will hopefully help with money-saving measures to ease this burden.

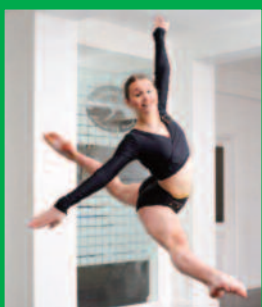
Enjoy the spring and summer months and I wish you good health and prosperity.

**Councillor Mary Lanigan**  
Council Leader




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# Can you Beat the Street?



**THREE** generations of a family are taking part in the exciting, free and interactive game that encourages whole communities to walk and cycle with big prizes available to winners.

Grandmother Mary Gills, 70, her son John Gills, 46 and her two grandchildren Poppy, nine, and Oliver Walker, 10, who are both at Ings Primary are joining thousands of others across the borough as the game takes off.

John said: "I do dog walking and my daughters and nephew, Oliver, are football mad. These two both play for Redcar Town and Poppy also plays for Boro Rangers, so we get out and about – but this will do us no harm!"

Mary added: "I do walk a bit – and this will mean I have no excuse now! We know that it helps the school and I think it's great that people of all ages can come together to take part."

Since Beat the Street was created, the game has been played by more than 1.5m people in more than 120 locations in the UK and beyond including Middlesbrough at the end of 2021 when 14,528 people took part and clocked up a total of 110,724 active travel miles.

The game started in Redcar and Cleveland on Wednesday, 2 March but there's plenty of time to take part before it ends on 13 April. Players can join a school, workplace, community or charity team and there are prizes for the teams that travel the furthest. The teams – including school teams - that travel the furthest can win hundreds of pounds worth of prizes including vouchers for books or sports equipment.

The wider community can pick up a free card from one of the distribution points listed on the Beat the Street Redcar and Cleveland website. Players then find their nearest "Beat Box" which will appear on lampposts around the towns shortly before the game to register their mileage.

Beat the Street is run by Redcar and Cleveland Council, funded by Sport England, and managed by Intelligent Health.

More information is available at [www.beatthestreet.me/redcarcleveland](http://www.beatthestreet.me/redcarcleveland) and on social media at Twitter: [@BTSRCBC](https://twitter.com/BTSRCBC) Facebook: [@BTSRedcarCleveland](https://facebook.com/BTSRedcarCleveland) and Instagram: [@btsredcarcleveland](https://instagram.com/btsredcarcleveland)

THREE GENERATIONS: Dad John Gills, grandmother Mary Gills and cousins Poppy Gills and Oliver Walker



# Ready... Set... Dance!

**GIRLS from Caroline Grace School of Dance have qualified to represent England in the Dance World Cup in Spain and are looking for sponsorship. We talked to the founder of the school, Caroline Grace and the girls.**

## **Can you tell us more about Caroline Grace School of Dance?**

Caroline Grace: "We have been teaching dance in Guisborough for over 15 years. The girls have attended lots of competitions and championships across the country, and we have multiple champions in all genres."

## **Tell us more about qualification for the Dance World Cup?**

Caroline: "This will be the fourth consecutive year for our soloist to qualify to the Dance World Cup and the first year we auditioned and qualified for the groups, trios and duets. From hundreds of entries across England, only the top four are selected to be in the team. This is a fantastic achievement for the girls, and we are so proud of them all!"

## **Why do you need the sponsorship?**

Caroline: "The Dance World Cup is held in Spain this June and the girls' parents and the school have to cover all costs including the Team England uniforms, the costumes, the entry fees plus the transport and accommodation. We are asking for sponsorship to help with these costs which are substantial."

## **What prompted you to take on dancing?**

Isla, the youngest aged six from Guisborough: "I started dancing in Melody Bears classes and wanted to become a superstar!"

Daisy Dawkins aged eight from Boosbeck: "I wanted to be like my big sister who is a dancer. Now she helps me with practice, routines, and fitness."

Ellie Goldthorpe aged 14 from Marske: "My grandma was a professional tap dancer in London and her stories inspired me to start dancing."

Hannah Sturman aged 18 from Guisborough: "I started dancing at Miss Caroline's school at three years old and 15 years later I still love it. I'm excited and proud to be representing England for the third year and I'm looking forward to sharing this amazing experience with my dance friends."

To get in touch about sponsorship or to join the dance team, contact Caroline on email at [graceschoolofdance@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:graceschoolofdance@hotmail.co.uk) or by calling 07974370502. You can also have a look at their Facebook @CGraceschoolofdance and Instagram cgraceschoolofdance\_

**SOLO STARS:** Hannah Sturman, 18, Heidi Beech, nine, and Amelia Baxter, 18.





# Gearing up for more pro cycling!



CYCLE TOUR: Last year's Tour in Guisborough was a big success

REDCAR and Cleveland is getting ready for two major professional cycling events.

Cementing its reputation as an elite cycling hotspot, our borough welcomes the return of the Tour Series to Guisborough on Bank Holiday Monday, 2 May, before its inaugural hosting of the Tour of Britain 2022 on Wednesday 7 September.

The route for the Tour of Britain is still being finalised, though we do know Stage 4 of the race will kick off in Redcar, before the peloton makes its way through parts of the borough and off towards North Yorkshire.

Both are free-to-watch events which will be televised. Whilst the Tour Series in May will once again feature adrenaline-pumping laps around the streets of Guisborough, September's Tour of

Britain will bring a festival-like atmosphere, meaning there'll be lots of opportunities for community activities, including best dressed high street competitions and land art.

Keep an eye on the council's website and social media channels for more news as it comes.





# Redcar and Cleveland springs to life!

THERE'S plenty happening in the borough over the coming weeks and months. Here's just a few of the things you can look out for...

## 'Peter Rabbit Storytime Trail – Kirkleatham Museum, 26 March–22 May'

CELEBRATE the 120th birthday of Peter Rabbit with a walk-through story time trail at Kirkleatham Museum from 26 March to 22 May.

The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter was first published by Frederick Warne & Co. (now part of Penguin Random House UK) in 1902, and The World of Peter Rabbit™ will be celebrating 120 years of mischief throughout 2022.

In celebration of the anniversary, Frederick Warne & Co. are pleased to present "The World of Peter Rabbit™ Storytime Trail". In this walk-through experience, visitors will be able to immerse themselves in The Tale of Peter Rabbit, with little ones able to crawl under Mr McGregor's garden gate, hide in a watering can and see their reflection in a mirror pool - just like Peter Rabbit!

With photo opportunities and activities to take part in along the way, there will be plenty for families to celebrate Peter Rabbit's birthday in 2022. [www.peterrabbit.com](http://www.peterrabbit.com)  
[@officialpeterrabbit](https://twitter.com/officialpeterrabbit)  
[#PeterRabbit120](https://hashtagger.com/hashtag/PeterRabbit120)

## Easter arts and crafts at Kirkleatham Museum – during school holidays

A range of Easter-themed craft activities will be taking place on the Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays of the Easter holidays from 10am - 3pm (12th, 13th & 14th April and 19th, 20th & 21st April). Craft items cost £3.



STORY TIME: Cara Webber, six, is looking forward to the Peter Rabbit story trail at Kirkleatham

There will be a quiet hour between 3pm and 4pm on the Thursdays for crafters who like a little peace.

## Redcar, Saltburn and Hartlepool Golf Week, 4 July–8 July

It's time to tee off as the Redcar, Saltburn and Hartlepool Golf Week returns, offering a fun and competitive golfing experience on some of the Tees Valley's finest golf courses. Both male and female players are invited to join in on a different course each day and take part in a daily 'Four-ball Better Ball' competition at an exclusive rate.

For further information, visit <https://redcarcleveland.co.uk/enjoy/golf-week-2022>

## Outdoor Theatre

We are excited to announce our outdoor theatre season will return this summer at Kirkleatham Museum Grounds and Gisborough Priory.

Come along and enjoy some open-air theatre in beautiful settings and create some wonderful summer memories.

The al fresco spectacles include Oddsocks' adaptation of William Shakespeare's 'Hamlet the Comedy', Illyria Outdoor Theatre's timeless classic Peter Pan by J.M. Barrie and

William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream. Heartbreak Productions will return too, this time with David Walliams' Awful Auntie.

### Dates and venues are:

- Oddsocks – 'Hamlet the Comedy', 7th & 8th July at Kirkleatham Museum Grounds
- Illyria – 'Peter Pan', 24th July at Gisborough Priory
- Illyria - 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', 12th August at Gisborough Priory
- Heartbreak Productions – David Walliams' 'Awful Auntie', 4th September at Kirkleatham Museum Grounds

Full details of the Outdoor Theatre programme will become available on [www.redcarcleveland.co.uk/enjoy](http://www.redcarcleveland.co.uk/enjoy) There will also be regular updates on our social media platforms.

**Tickets will go on sale in April.**

**A  
Day at the  
Races**

**For all race day info,  
please visit  
[redcarracing.co.uk](http://redcarracing.co.uk)**



# Silver screen dream!

THE construction of Redcar's new Regent is nearly finished - and now excitement is building as the search for a leading operator progresses.

The contemporary building, being constructed by BAM Construction Ltd, is a unique addition to the town and has surely some of the best views from any entertainment venue in the country.

## Here are some of your questions answered:

**Q: Does the council have someone to run the Regent and when will it be open?**

A: Due to covid restrictions and business uncertainty last year and in 2020, it has not been possible to find someone quite yet. However, the council is currently tendering the operation of the cinema, which is due to be concluded with an opening early summer. There will still be some fitting out and completion works before this.

**Q: What can we expect when we get inside?**

A: Floor-to-ceiling glass windows surround the new café-bar area, which will hold 46 people in its main seating area, with a further 17 on the balcony. The balcony will be protected from the elements by a wide canopy roof and high, glass balustrades.

The Regent itself houses three screen rooms with state-of-the-art 4k projectors, where the major focus has been on the quality of the acoustics.

Screen 3, upstairs, seats 55 people and will have a modern theme, reflecting the vision for the rest of Redcar in the coming months and years, while Screen 2, downstairs, will be a much more intimate cinematic experience.

Its artwork theme will be more traditional and art deco, harking back to the early days of the old Regent and featuring screen-printed posters of acts who once graced the stage of the Redcar Pavilion and some graffiti-style art, which locals will distinctly remember from the

side of the old Regent. There will be seating for 35 people only, many recycled and restored from the previous building, which were originally crowd funded by members of the public.

Downstairs is also home to the 95-seater Screen 1, where developers are creating another subtle artwork theme to reflect the Regent's iconic past: a theme based on 2007 blockbuster movie, Atonement, part of which was shot just outside on Redcar beach and featured many locals as extras.

Art deco features will be weaved throughout the interior, such as the bar design, large staircase in the main foyer and the sloping gold canopy with downlights at the entrance. The theme is designed to give a feel of the former Regent's past life and glory days.

All of this has been combined with state-of-the-art cinema technology and an extremely low carbon approach which far exceeds current building regulations. Its all-electric infrastructure is designed to be as efficient as possible.





G: The café area.



GRAND: Inside The Regent



**Q: Where will people park?**

A: There is parking along the seafront on Newcomen Terrace, as well as Turner Street Car Park immediately behind the houses opposite the Regent. Bus stops are close by on West Terrace and Redcar Central Station is a short walk away on Station Road too.

**Q: How much will it cost to see a film?**

A: One of the main criteria in the tender process will be what the operator will charge for tickets and what memberships and concessions will be available. The council wants The Regent to be as affordable as possible and be a venue for all to enjoy for the long term.

Find out more at the council's website.



CINEMA: One of the cinema rooms





# Local care professionals to be part of something s

THE Council has teamed up with care professionals to encourage more people to work in the care sector as part of the national Made with Care recruitment campaign.

The campaign aims to highlight the work of professional care assistants, the emotional reward the role brings, the barriers to entering the sector and opportunities for training and availability of flexible working.

Latest data suggests there are over 300 vacancies in the adult social care sector in Redcar and Cleveland with an estimated 105,000 vacancies in England in 2020-21.

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

"I studied care at College and got my NVOs 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."

**Deputy Manager of Sand Banks Care Centre, Leanne Manson, explained:**

"We give our residents the love and support they need every day and the reaction and appreciation you get back goes above and beyond any expectation you might have.

"It can be challenging and hard work but we have a lot of fun while we are doing it.

"I started working in care at 19 years old and worked my way up – it is such a rewarding job."

HOME CARE: Jasmine Grey (left) and Linda Teasdale (right) caring for Susan Dale at her home in Boosbeck.





# Large people special



HELP AND SUPPORT: Lee chats with resident, Thomas Cockburn at Shoreline Nursing Home.

**Lee Smith, Acting Manager at Shoreline Nursing Home, Redcar, added:**

"My first care role was at Shoreline Nursing Home over 23 years ago and now I am the Acting Manager.

"I have experienced challenging times but with the help and support of my colleagues I have always managed to overcome these and move forward.

"For anyone thinking of working in care I would say find out about all the different opportunities available, there are so many ways to progress and achieve your potential that a career in care could be what you are looking for."

**Linda Teasdale, Supervisor for Caremark, continued:**

"All clients' needs are different and every day is different.

"I enjoy seeing the clients and find it rewarding that what I do allows them to stay at home with their families instead of going into a care home or hospital.

"I started as a care assistant and worked my way up to a supervisor and would say to anyone thinking of a career in care to give it a try."

"It is good to make a difference in someone's life and support them to stay at home for as long as they can."

'To search for a job in care near you please visit

[www.indeed.co.uk](http://www.indeed.co.uk)

or

[www.adultsocialcare.co.uk/job-search.aspx](http://www.adultsocialcare.co.uk/job-search.aspx)'



REWARDING JOB: Leanne playing dominoes with residents Enid Featonby, Norma Beckett and Geoffrey Halt at Sand Banks Care Centre



CAREER IN CARE:  
Acting Manager, Lee Smith  
at Shoreline Nursing  
Home,  
Redcar.



# A Greener and

## Green Home Grants

Residents with low energy-efficiency homes and a low annual income might be entitled to a Green Home Grant to cover the costs of installing energy-efficient and low carbon measures.

One resident who has applied for the grant is Natalie Hoggarth. Having just bought her own home, Natalie, 34, from Redcar, was keen to make the property energy efficient to save money and help the environment.

Natalie had 10 solar panels installed, five on the front and five on the back. "They fit well with the house," says Natalie.

"On the bright days, I know that I have free electricity coming into the house, so I put my washing machine or dryer on to make the most of it.

"I would absolutely recommend anyone to apply for these grants while they are available. Not only have I had all this work installed for free from the grant, but I will also benefit in the long run, saving money on my energy bills, all from filling in one form and one call!"

To be eligible for the Green Homes Grants, households should have a gross annual income below £30,000 and an energy-efficiency rating of D, E, F or G. The energy-efficient and low carbon measures will be installed at home by our

delivery partner EON, which includes: external wall insulation and loft insulation, solar panels and double glazing to replace single-glazing and air source heat pumps.

To apply, please visit [www.eonenergy.com/home-heating/green-homes-grant](http://www.eonenergy.com/home-heating/green-homes-grant), email [GreenHomesGrant@eonenergy.com](mailto:GreenHomesGrant@eonenergy.com) or call the Green Homes Grant team at E.ON on **0333 202 4820**, Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm.

The funding for the grants will end in June 2022, so people are advised to apply as soon as possible.

## Hydrogen vans take to the road

Three hybrid hydrogen/electric vans have been trialled for the first time in Redcar and Cleveland as part of a pilot study into the use of the vehicles by the Department for Transport's Tees Valley Hydrogen Hub.

The vans took to the roads of East Cleveland with a temporary re-fuelling site situated in Skelton. They will now participate in a wider Tees Valley trial and feedback will be pulled together in relation to the use of hydrogen vehicles across the Tees Valley.

Fleet Manager Gareth Healy explained:

"As a Council we are committed

to staying at the forefront of developments in alternative fuels for our vehicles.

"This particular trial is the first of its kind for hydrogen technology in our region and is the beginning of the work of the Tees Valley Hydrogen Transport Hub.

"The hydrogen in these vehicles helps to extend the range of the electric battery and has established proof of concept for this type of fuel mix.

"We look forward to further trials



across the fleet as part of the Tees Valley Hydrogen Transport Hub initiative."

## Did you know?

More and more plastic wrapping is now recyclable. Look out for this symbol on packaging which means it can be recycled with carrier bags in larger supermarkets usually inside the entrance.

This symbol is on all sorts of products, including bags of fruit and vegetables, wrapping for toilet rolls and kitchen towels, and even garden compost sacks.

If you are able to reuse paper bags that are also recyclable or compostable that can have a major impact. Also watch out for this symbol about how and where you can reduce plastic waste at your local supermarket.

For further information please visit [www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/greenerfuture](http://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/greenerfuture)

or email [GreenerFuture@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk](mailto:GreenerFuture@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk)



SHINING LIGHT: Natalie Hoggarth showing off the solar panels on the front of her house in Redcar.



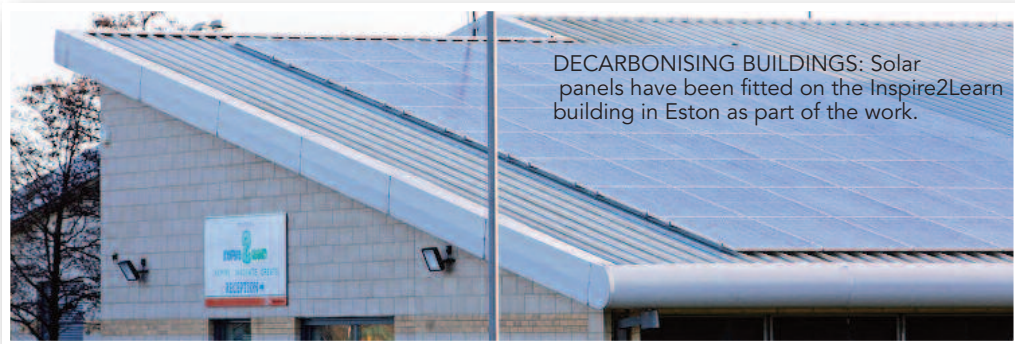


# Cleaner Future

## Grant for Greener buildings

A grant of more than £400,000 was obtained by the Council from central government last year to install measures to decarbonise Council buildings across the area.

Seven sites are now being fitted with either solar panels or air source heat pumps which will help reduce emissions by at least 50 tons of Co2 each year.



DECARBONISING BUILDINGS: Solar panels have been fitted on the Inspire2Learn building in Eston as part of the work.

## Keeping both the streets and air clean

The streets of Redcar and Cleveland will be kept clean by a brand-new fleet of climate friendly Street Sweepers.

The 3.5t Hako Citymaster 1600 Street Sweepers pictured, purchased as part of the Council's fleet replacement programme, have been deployed across the borough, replacing the old fleet of small sweepers which have reached the end of their life.

These machines are able to run not only on diesel, but also on

Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO), which reduces CO2 emissions by more than 90%. This will help support the Council's Climate Change Strategy in its target to become net carbon neutral by 2030.

Fleet Manager Gareth Healy said: "Not only are these Hako machines fitted with one of the cleanest engines on the market, but they can also run on HVO fuels which reduce emissions by up to 93%. This will help to limit any impact they have on air quality in the area. Hako are also Blue Angel accredited for the reduced noise levels of their machines."



This work is on top of the extensive work carried out by the Council's Energy team installing LED lighting, improving heating systems and monitoring and tackling consumption.

CLEAN SWEEP: Streetscene Operative, Aaron Ward (left) and Neighbourhood Assistant Team Leader, Colin Bullock with the new street sweepers.





# Meet our fo

**COULD** you offer a safe and secure home to a child? Our fostering team are appealing for more people who believe they could become foster carers.

**Here three carers tell their story:**

## **Long term carer**

A dedicated foster carer has told of how he has supported between 150 and 200 vulnerable children and teenagers in the past 12 years. Jim Lackenby, 54, of Skelton, and his partner, Julie Felgate, have often looked after teenagers. The former steelworker explained there have been many tough times - but stressed they were far outweighed by the reward of helping young people find their path in life. He said: "There's one of our young men who comes to stay every Christmas. He came as a scared asylum seeker, a teenager who had been through awful times and spoke no English and had no family here. Now he comes with his

own partner, a happy young man. It's wonderful to see.

"We've done lots of different types of foster care over the years: respite, emergency – and had quite a few long-term placements who you do become very close to.

"We've taken a lot of older children, but we recently had an eight-year-old and, I have to say, we really enjoyed it – there were a lot of sing-a-longs which was great! That child is much happier and you really see the difference in younger ones. "There are challenges and it isn't for everyone. But the rewards are huge. My advice to a new foster carer would be; 'take all the expert advice you can – and take it slowly.'"



Jim Lackenby at Saltburn band stand





# oster carers

## Business owner and mum

A mother of two who runs her own business has stepped up to the challenge of foster care. Georgina Robinson, 36, from Eston is relatively new to fostering, having completed her training to become a foster carer early 2021. After just a few months she was asked to provide a bed for a young girl as an emergency placement who has stayed with the family. She was only the second child Georgina had fostered but seven months on the child has settled in very well.

"It's amazing to see the difference in her," said Georgina. "It was a challenging first few months and we've still got a long way to go but she has really settled in and is adored by all of the family."



"I work full time and I might not fit the stereotype of a foster carer - but I would say to anyone, forget the stereotype - all kinds of foster carers are needed".

## Young mother's story

One mother has dedicated both her professional life and her family life to helping children and young people who need a lot of help. Nicola Fletcher-Borrell, 35, of East Cleveland, explained that during the day she works as an 'edge of care' officer as part of the council's No Wrong Door project - a specialist and integrated service for complex young people. And now she and her husband, Daryl, look after children at home as foster carers.



Nicola Fletcher-Borrell

"We also have a son who is nearly 13, so it was a huge decision," said Nicola. "We involved him right from the start and got approval for children younger than him, aged five to 11 so he's always a little older."

Nicola explained the family have had six foster placements since they were approved as carers in late 2020. "It is something I have always wanted to do and when we moved to a new house with more space, we thought, 'now is the time.' But it was a really big move for my husband. He works at a MOT and exhaust centre, so nothing to do with children at all - he really embraces everything about it full on, he's great with them."

Financial support, full training and extensive support is available to anyone becoming a foster carer.

Contact the fostering team on **01642 444087** or **foster@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk**





# Our students a

REDCAR and Cleveland is a great place to live, enjoy and do business – and is also an excellent location for young people to learn and prepare for a future career.

Guisborough's Prior Pursglove College's and Nunthorpe Sixth Form's results were first rate once again and Redcar College provided a large range of high-quality vocational training and apprenticeships. Here are just three of our outstanding young students who recommend studying in the borough post-16.

## **Sriganesh Murugan says Nunthorpe Academy helped put him on the path to Oxford**

Sriganesh said: "I am currently on a gap year completing placements at law firms among other things but next academic year I will be studying Law at the University of Oxford and I feel that my journey has been greatly helped by Nunthorpe Sixth Form.

"At sixth form I studied Philosophy and Ethics, History and Mathematics each of which had a great standard of teaching where assistance and guidance was always welcomed. While at Nunthorpe Sixth Form I was also encouraged to complete an Extended Research Project which was an incredible experience for me as it gave me a taste of independent academic work.

Ms Jackson (Head of Sixth Form) was extremely helpful when completing my UCAS application especially with my personal statement which is often where people struggle."



## Want to know more about Adoption?

### You can adopt with support from us.

There are children in your local area waiting to be adopted. We need more adopters to come forward to offer stability, love, and a permanent home to babies, older children, brother and sister groups and children with additional needs.

Adoption Tees Valley is a friendly and welcoming adoption agency and will be there to support you from the start of your adoption journey and for as long as you may need it. Every adopter receives a support plan upon being matched with a child. Ensuring, if/when a challenge arises, you are well equipped and supported to work through it.

Start or grow your family with Adoption Tees Valley.

Enquire today: [adoptionteesvalley.org.uk](http://adoptionteesvalley.org.uk), 01642 526400, [info@adoptionteesvalley.org.uk](mailto:info@adoptionteesvalley.org.uk)

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## Policing ambition

The future is looking bright for policing student Paige Costello at Redcar and Cleveland College. Never afraid to put in the hard work, the 16-year-old is developing a host of skills to help her achieve her future ambition.

"I have always wanted to help people and do something that makes a real difference," she says. The policing course at the college certainly offered a step in the right direction.

Today she is making the most of every opportunity the college has to offer, from signing up to The Girls' Network mentoring scheme to volunteering as a student governor.

Paige, who is also a member of the Cleveland Police Youth

Commission and takes part in the RSC Next Generation: Talent Development Programme, says:

"I have not always been the most confident person, so I like to be pushed out of my comfort zone." Sitting round a table with the college group's governors has certainly done that, but surprisingly she takes it all in her stride.

Looking to the future, university will be the next step for Paige. She is quick to praise the staff, the flexibility of the course, the friends she has made and the college.



Plus, she adds, the fact that the college is just a stone's throw from the beach has got to be an added bonus...

## Oxford bound

**Prior Pursglove College student Emily Kate Thompson is heading for Oxford and thanked her teachers at Guisborough's Prior Pursglove College.**

She said: "My ambitions to aim for Oxford initially began during a visit to the university with my secondary school, Outwood Academy Bydales. It was therefore important that I chose the right college that would help me realise my goal. Prior Pursglove was the right choice for me as studying there has allowed me to gain skills in a range of different subject areas whilst being well supported along the way. I attempted to pick subjects both which I enjoyed and that

helped demonstrate a range of skills, choosing Maths, Photography and Computer Science.

"Being able to rely on college staff for support and advice with the application process and preparation for interview has been invaluable to me.

"Upon receiving my offer to read Experimental Psychology at St Anne's College, Oxford, I was very excited! I am very proud of myself for overcoming the challenges which it took to get to this final stage."



More information is available on the three college/sixth form websites.



# New 'health chat' line launched for young people



A NEW chat and text service called Chat Health has been launched for 11 to 16-year-olds to talk to experts in confidence.

It will be run by the borough's school nurses, who already provide a weekly, confidential health drop-in service in all secondary schools in the borough.

The text service is an easy way for young people to confidentially ask for help about a range of issues or make an appointment with a school

nurse. Young people via this service can also find out how to access other local services for example sexual health, stop smoking support, drug and alcohol misuse.



Chat Health will be available Monday to Friday between 8:30am to 4pm. Messages sent to the dedicated number 07312263100 are delivered to a secure website and will be responded to by a school nurse, within one working day. Out of hours, anyone who texts the service will receive an automatic reply explaining where to get help if their question is urgent, and when they can expect a response. For medical help and advice outside of these hours young people will be advised to contact their GP or call 111.

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# New pool for Greater Eston

PLANS are being developed for a new £8.6 million swimming pool for the Greater Eston area.

The new pool is designed to replace the closed Eston Swimming Pool which would have cost more than £3 million to repair.

It will be an upgrade on the previous pool as it will meet Sport England's 'competition standard' specifications, meaning it could host major gala events. The swim centre, to be built on the site of the

old one if planning permission is granted, would have a 25-metre swimming area with six lanes, a changing 'village' and capacity for 150 spectators. It is expected work will begin next winter and it will open to the public in 2024.

Prior to last year's closure, the 50-year-old existing pool, on Normanby Road, South Bank, was being regularly used by 16 schools and had 26,000 swimmers in 2019/20.

However, the boiler room has

flooded several times causing serious damage. The council will now engage further with designers as well as construction companies and more details will be made public in the coming months.

Only the old swimming pool and associated buildings would be demolished at the site later this year. The rest of the leisure centre will remain open with only minimal disruption expected. The plan remains subject to planning approval.

## Love our birds but give them space!

**NATURE lovers are being urged to enjoy our wonderful sea, wading and beach birds...but give them space so they are able to feed and breed.**

Our area is blessed with a large number of coastal birds including cormorants, curlews, little terns and sanderlings. However, council officer Fiona Huworth, urged people on the beach, especially dog walkers, to give the birds space.

She said: "This is a crucial time for birds to feed and when they're disturbed they lose their feeding time and use energy. This can impact on bird numbers. It's just a question of making sure your dog and all of us give the birds a bit of a wide berth, especially in the winter and early spring months."

Meanwhile, dog owners are reminded that dogs are excluded from areas of Redcar and Saltburn beaches between 1 May and 30

September. The council's community enforcement team will be patrolling the beaches throughout April to inform dog owners about the ban in the run-up to the ban.

Dog walkers remain welcome to take their dogs to other areas of the beach – but the ban on family friendly areas will be enforced with fines. The exact areas of the non-dog walking zones will be signposted and will also be available on the council's website.



How do you help protect the birds at Redcar?

To protect the areas that you Redcar Beach, we ask that dog owners keep their dogs on leads, especially when in the Redcar Foreshore area.

Do you want to see more?

You may wish to visit the Coatham Marsh Nature Reserve, managed by Tees Valley Wildlife Trust. This reserve's wildlife features attract a large and diverse bird population, including many of the birds you can see on Redcar Beach, making it well worth a visit at any time of the year.

Coatham Reserve is about two miles west of Redcar.

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# Taking time to talk

REDCAR and Cleveland Mind supported 'Time to talk day' in Locke Park last month where they offered fantastic free taster sessions including meditation and relaxation, beginners Tai Chi as well as a wildlife potter with the Tees Valley Wildlife Trust.

Katie Finkill, Engagement Worker for Redcar and Cleveland Mind, explained:

"Time to talk day is all about starting a conversation about mental health and we thought it would be a great idea to run some free taster sessions at Locke Park in Redcar so that people can come together to talk, listen and hopefully change lives for the better.

"Being outside in nature is proven to benefit health and wellbeing, it can help you to relax, lower stress, and improve physical health. Going on a walk, riding a bicycle or simply meeting in the park for a walk and a talk can help improve overall emotional and physical wellbeing."

Redcar and Cleveland Mind have further events planned including writing for wellbeing workshops, carers coffee mornings and walks with the Tees Valley Wildlife Trust.

If you are interested in finding out more or attending a session then please visit [www.rcmind.org](http://www.rcmind.org) email [engagement@rcmind.org](mailto:engagement@rcmind.org) or call 01642 296052.

## Free online support for your mental health

FOR those of you with busy lives or not quite ready to mix in groups yet, free online mental health support is also available at a time to suit you.

If you are feeling a bit stressed, tired or worn down, free confidential and anonymous mental wellbeing services are available whenever and wherever you need them.



**Kooth.com** is available 24/7, 365 days a year, providing support for any young person, aged 11 to 18. Providing access to helpful articles, an online community, self-help activities, alongside the opportunity to contribute to all parts of the site. Young people can also contact, via text based chat, with online counsellors or emotional wellbeing practitioners between 12 -10pm Monday-Friday and 6pm-10pm at the weekends.

**Sign up today at [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)**

**Qwell.io**, is an adult mental health service which provides free, safe and anonymous wellbeing support to all adults aged 18 years and older.



Available 365 days of the year, adults can drop in for a one-off-chat or book sessions with Qwell's team of BACP accredited professionals Monday-Friday between 12-10pm and at the weekends between 6-10pm. Qwell users can also access and contribute to helpful articles, gain support from the online community forums and access self-help tools

**Sign up today at [www.qwell.io](http://www.qwell.io)**

## Action for Happiness

This bright and uplifting website provides a lot of great resources to help us feel happier, including '10 Days of Happiness' a free online coaching programme.

**<https://www.actionforhappiness.org>**

## Young Minds

This site provides young people with tools to look after their mental health. The website is full of advice and information on what to do if you're struggling with how you feel. It also provides support for parents and adults who work with young people, to be the best support they can be to the young people in their lives.

**<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>**

TALK TIME: Katie Finkill from Redcar and Cleveland Mind in front of a meditation and relaxation session taking place in the bandstand at Locke Park, Redcar.



# Annual Review 2020/21

FOUR key areas have been identified by the council as the focus for the borough. They are : Bringing Prosperity and Improving Appearance of the Borough, Tackling Climate Change and Improving our Environment, Investing in the Long Term and Meeting Residents' Needs. Read the next five pages to find out more.

## Another year dominated by Covid-19

IT'S been another year where the news has been dominated by the pandemic and our community's response.

Frontline workers from social workers to shop staff to teachers to refuse collectors and many, many more have – again - all done their bit and our care workers and NHS have been rightly praised.

A good example of this is the team of public health, community development officers, NHS staff and COVID 'ambassadors' who have been working tirelessly to get as many people as possible vaccinated.

The 'pop-up' vaccine clinics began back in the summer with the support of the Middlesbrough FC Foundation 'Boro Bus', the Newcastle Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Eston Primary Care Network. At one session in Redcar before Christmas, more than 1,000 people turned up to be jabbed. Some 40 clinics have now taken place with more than 11,000 people receiving vaccines from the team so far and more are planned.

Other big stories this year have included the building of The Regent cinema in Redcar and exciting development of the Redcar Town Plan, plans for a new swimming pool in the Eston/South Bank area and the huge ongoing developments at the Teesworks industrial site including an internationally important 'Net Zero' integrated gas-fired power and carbon capture project which will create jobs.





# Tackling climate change and enhancing our environment



CLEAN BEACH: Saltburn beach was awarded a Blue Flag for the third year in a row

## Priorities include:

- A carbon neutral borough by 2030.
- Supporting nature and biodiversity.
- Improving recycling rates.

### What we did in 2021/22:

- Total household waste collected was 60,592 tonnes with the amount recycled and composted amounting to 22,594 tonnes. The council responded to 8,580 instances of flytipped waste
- New Waste, Electronic and Electrical Equipment bins have been installed across the borough

- A 12 month trial to distribute free recycling bins has been initiated. A total of 400 free compost bins are also being given away
- Newly installed LED streetlights have exceeded expectations with a 60% reduction in consumption – above the 50% target. That means 1,300 tons of carbon saved, more than the 1,200 tons expected

- Saltburn beach won a prestigious Blue Flag award for high quality sea water for the third year in a row. Redcar beach was named as a UK Seaside Award beach, meaning it has the highest environmental standards.
- New hydrogen and electric vehicles have been trialled by the council.





# Bringing prosperity and improving the appearance of the borough

Kirkleatham Walled Garden which opened last year

## Priorities include:

- Being more proactive in looking after the appearance of the borough
- Delivering landmark projects to create jobs and improve quality of life
- Creating an exciting and cultural visitor offer.

### What we did in 2021/22:

- A hard hitting campaign to reduce littering is being launched following a major survey with residents. There will be signage, education projects with schools and community groups, more enforcement and deep cleans of 'hot spot' areas
- A £25 million bid to transform Redcar Town Centre was granted to the Redcar Town Board by the Government. Exciting plans are progressing, including for a Coastal Activity Centre.
- The Grade II-listed Kirkleatham Walled Garden has opened and is attracting visitors from the wider region to our borough - there were 11,000 visitors in the first six weeks
- The new £9.68 million Regent in Redcar is expected to open later this year
- Plans to transform Loftus High Street are underway following a successful £5.8 million bid for Government funding
- Several funding bids for volunteer groups to improve our parks were successful and have helped create an outdoor picture gallery at Zetland Park, a sensory walk at Locke Park and improvements to a rose garden at Borough Park.
- Supported more than 640 unpaid carers to continue in their caring roles.
- Total spend with suppliers with a postcode in Redcar and Cleveland in 2021 was £46,998,341.52.



# Investing for the long-term



## Priorities include:

- Ensuring community needs are better met in local areas.
- Working to ensure the borough receives its fair share of resources.
- Minimising the financial impact of Covid on local people.

### What we did in 2021/22:

- A new specialist school for children who need extra support – the Mo Mowlam Academy – was opened in the borough
- Nearly 6,000 families with children on free school meals as well as young people leaving care received extra financial assistance in the summer holidays
- Some 134,197 vehicles have used the recycling and waste centre at Dunsdale
- Set up Mental Health Lead Network which means all Schools now have a Mental Health Lead Champion
- The council has supported the Cleveland Ironstone Mining Museum in Skinningrove which is being extended with a walk round exhibition area, completely renovated experience tour, two classrooms and modern archive storage with a room where the public can arrange to view our extensive collection of objects, books and maps
- A total of 2,489 adaptations were made to people's homes to support them to retain their independence and some 617 unpaid carers received support
- The transformation of Guisborough Town Hall will be completed in spring 2022 with new visitor accommodation, a gin distillery and a new heritage and information centre in the heart of Guisborough, the northern Gateway to the North York Moors





# Meeting residents' needs

Residents like these were helped into work through the Kickstarter, apprenticeship and Youth Employment Initiative programmes

## Priorities include:

- Improving people's long-term physical health and mental well-being and boosting exercise opportunities.
- Taking more preventative actions and support to keep people safe and to enable more children and older people to live safely at home.
- Strengthening partnerships with schools and colleges to ensure young people's aspirations are raised and they receive a better secondary school experience.

## What we did in 2021/22:


- Young people seeking employment have been helped with the Kickstarter programme, which offers six months' paid employment and gives vital work experience. The Youth Employment Initiative offers specialist support to young people who have been unemployed for a long time, and through offering more apprenticeships at the council
- 204 people received support at the Meadowgate Centre which helps people leaving hospital to prepare for home living again and a further 240 people received specialist support to remain at home after illness
- We registered 1,705 children and their families through our Family Hubs (a 34.5% increase from 2020). A total of 967 individual children and young people registered with and accessed our youth club sessions across the borough and there were 15,316 attendances at our youth club sessions.
- Recruited 34 Foster Carers in 2021, increasing our total number of placements for children to 178. Increased the number of children in our care who are placed in borough, meaning children are closer to their family, friends and communities. Opened our new No Wrong Door Hub to support children on the edge of care and in our care. Provided 69 Care Leavers with laptops via the DfE to assist with educational needs and reduce self-isolation.
- The Streetz detached youth work team engaged 5,067 times with young people out on the streets in hot spots of anti-social behaviour in 40 different locations across the borough
- Some 99.1% of all year 11s leaving Redcar and Cleveland schools had a suitable offer of education and 3,061 (96.5%) of all year 11s and year 12s had a suitable offer of education and training by the end of September. We engaged with 616 adult learners who achieved 1,532 qualifications
- We continued the distribution of more than £50 million in grants to more than 3,000 businesses



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# Elected!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Henry Wain, 14, from Laurence Jackson School, who has been elected as Member of Youth Parliament for Redcar and Cleveland.

**Joseph Burt, 16, of Sacred Heart Catholic Secondary, has been elected as his Deputy.**

**Well done to all the candidates and a big thank you to all the nearly 5,000 of our young people who voted.**



WINNER: Youth MP Henry Wain with Mayor Cllr Carole Morgan

## News In Brief

### Business grants success

THE council has successfully distributed nearly £50 million in business grants during the pandemic. That's despite the authority being the victim of cyber criminals and initially relying on paper forms before moving to an online system. Officers have also initiated a sophisticated anti-fraud checking system.

Officers have been congratulated for delivering 20 separate grants despite previously having no mechanism to distribute funds of this type. Find out more about business grant funding on the council's website at [www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk](http://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk)

### Loftus electricity

NORTHERN Powergrid is due to carry out improvements to the electricity network on West Road, Zetland Road, Westfield Terrace and Station Road in Loftus this month, with the work due for completion in the summer.

The work will help improve the reliability and resilience of supply as well as improving the appearance as it will involve replacing overhead cables with modernised underground cables. Northern Powergrid will be in touch with residents and businesses directly and the council will keep the community updated of any traffic management measures.

### Beware fraudsters

WE'RE using annual billing season to remind residents to be aware of fraud and ensure they know how to report it.

Those who provide false information or fail to tell the council about changes in circumstances may be committing fraud.

Fraud which affects the council includes: council tax fraud, business rates fraud, social care fraud, parking fraud e.g. blue badge, and financial assistance scheme fraud. With support from the public, the council's fraud team has been able to achieve savings of over £300,000 this year. If you have information on fraudulent activity contact Veritau, the council's counter fraud provider on **0800 9179 247** or [counter.fraud@veritau.co.uk](mailto:counter.fraud@veritau.co.uk)

### School attendance

STATISTICS have consistently shown just how important school attendance is for the life of a child. Department of Education (DfE) research shows pupils with no absence are 2.2 times more likely to achieve 5 or more GCSEs Level 9-5.

Good attendance means being in school at least 95% of the time. All our schools offer support for students with any issues and are easily to contact.

### LGBT+ history

THE authority showed support to the LGBT+ community last month by publishing a series of articles as part of LGBT+ History Month.

The articles were designed to raise awareness of not only the history but current topics for the community nationally and world-wide. To read the articles and find more information visit LGBT+ History Month ([redcar-cleveland.gov.uk](http://redcar-cleveland.gov.uk))

### Carer support

The council is teaming up with partners to deliver more support for carers of all ages.

Called the South Tees All Age Carers Support Service the new service will provide a broad offer for carers and also increase the identification of carers in our community.

Other agencies helping provide more support will include Middlesbrough Council, the NHS and South Tees Carers Forum.

All the new services information can be found at our Support Information platform at

<https://wecareyoucare.info> and <https://wecareyoucare.info/find-local-help>



# Self-Neglect... you don't have to face it alone



## What is Self-Neglect?

Self-Neglect can be when someone:

- neglects their personal hygiene
- neglects to care for their own health (this can include drug and/or alcohol misuse)
- neglects to care for their own surroundings
- hoards (to the point that it affects day to day tasks)
- refuses services, treatment, assessments or support, which could potentially improve their own care or care of their environment.

## WALTER'S STORY

Walter is 79 years old and lost his wife 5 years ago. Since his wife passed, Walter used alcohol for comfort, began to self-neglect and his home became unmanageable. A neighbour contacted Adult Social Care and said they were worried about Walter and his dog.

*A social worker visited and identified significant issues with the property and had concerns about Walter's physical and mental health.*

*Walter became scared of agencies involved and as a result began to stop answering the door and phone. A welfare visit resulted in the social worker contacting the police to gain access to Walter's home as he was unconscious and required urgent medical treatment. Walter was supported by the social worker who ensured he had clothes and toiletries and that his property was secured.*

*Walter recovered and was supported by a number of agencies to change his home environment and manage the risks in his home. The social worker worked closely with Walter to build trust and supported him to continue living safely in his home with his dog.*

**"A person-centred approach is essential in ensuring that we support people to achieve their desired outcomes whilst decreasing the presenting risks"**

*- Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council, Adult Social Care and Safeguarding Team*

Self-Neglect is very complex and can be linked to physical or mental illness that has an effect on the person's physical abilities, energy levels, attention, organisational skills, or motivation.

In instances where someone has care and support needs, the Local Authority may be able to help. The Local Authority will always seek to work with the individual, gain their views and what they would like to happen. Where there are safeguarding concerns, professionals need to carefully balance protection of the person (and the impact on others) and the person's right to live their lives as they choose. Any plans of support will always be done by speaking with the individual, their family (if appropriate) and where relevant will sign-post or tap into support from other agencies.

If you have any concerns about Self-Neglect or want to find out more, please visit: [www.tsab.org.uk](http://www.tsab.org.uk)

Self-Neglect can also be reported to the relevant Adult Social Care team:  
Redcar & Cleveland: (01642) 771 500  
<https://www.tsab.org.uk/report-abuse/>

There are also a number of support services available:  
<https://www.tsab.org.uk/campaigns-and-initiatives/find-support-in-your-area/>



# Life as a volunteer litter picker

"WHY wait for change when you can be the change yourself?" So says committed volunteer litter picker Matt Stilwell. He is joined by another litter picking superhero, artwork photographer Brian Atkinson.

Both give hours of their time to help combat issues of litter and fly tipping in our local area; and have welcomed the support of the council with disposing of bags upon bags of collected waste and potentially recyclable items.

"It's very therapeutic," says Brian. "You're out in the fresh air, getting exercise and doing something good for your home and community at the same time."

"Whilst most of Matt and Brian's work is concentrated in the South Gare area, they work alongside a host of other community groups. Brian also volunteers in Redcar's Locke Park.

"I set up South Gare Litter Pickers shortly after meeting Brian," adds Matt. "We organised our initial group litter pick recently and had six people confirmed to attend - but 40 turned up."

Matt explains that the youngest volunteer is 11 and the oldest is 85. He is proud to say that between 60 and 80 bags of litter from the beach and nearby area were disposed of safely that day alone.

Litter pickers Brian Atkinson and Matt Stilwell at South Gare in Redcar



If you are interested in becoming part of a community litter picking group, contact your local Community Development Officer to find out more.

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## Keeping our borough beautiful

AS we head into springtime, council staff and some committed volunteers are hard at work making sure our borough is clean.

There's lots going on to take care of our area including:

- A new fleet of street sweepers – better, quieter and fuelled by Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil to keep our air cleaner
- Two new 'Find and Fix' teams coming soon - responding to street cleansing issues, fly tipping and grounds maintenance reports. Their work will focus on council-owned, open space land which is now taken care of by the 'Neighbourhoods' teams
- 100 new public litter bins being installed across the borough
- Installation of new, additional dog waste bins
- Planting of 50,000 trees
- 1,000 new litter grabbers made available for community volunteers
- New bin bags on their way for our volunteer litter pickers



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### March 2022

Tuesday 22

**Children and Families Scrutiny and Improvement Committee, 10am**

**Adult and Communities Scrutiny and Improvement Committee, 2pm**

Wednesday 25

**Resources and Improvement Committee, 10am**

Thursday 25

**Growth, Enterprise & Environment Scrutiny and Improvement Committee, 10am**

Tuesday 29

**Cabinet, 10am**

Thursday 31

**Regulatory, 10am**

### April 2022

Wednesday 6

**Employment, Health & Safety Committee, 10am**

Tuesday 26

**Governance Committee, 10am**

Wednesday 27

**Regulatory Committee, 10am**

Thursday 28

### May 2022

Tuesday 3

**Children and Families Scrutiny and Improvement Committee, 10am**

**Adult and Communities Scrutiny and Improvement Committee, 2pm**

Wednesday 4

**Resources and Improvement Committee, 10am**

Thursday 5

**Growth, Enterprise & Environment Scrutiny and Improvement Committee, 10am**

Tuesday 10

**Cabinet, 10am**

Wednesday 18

**Employment, Health & Safety Committee, 10am**

Thursday 19

**AGM, 2pm**

Tuesday 24

**Governance Committee, 10am**

Thursday 26

**Regulatory Committee, 10am**

### June 2022

Thursday 2

**Borough Council, 2pm**

Friday 3

**River Tees Port Health Authority 10am**

Tuesday 14

**Children and Families Scrutiny and Improvement Committee, 10am**

**Adult and Communities Scrutiny and Improvement Committee, 2pm**