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Christmas & New Year WASTE COLLECTIONS

Great news... there is only ONE change to collection days this year. That change is for collections due on Tuesday 28 December. Bins must be presented kerbside by **7am** on the morning of collection.

COLLECTION TYPE	NORMAL DAY	REVISED DAY
General waste	Tuesday 28 December	Wednesday 28 December
Recycling waste	Tuesday 28 December	Thursday 29 December
ALL OTHER COLLECTION DAYS	NO CHANGE	

Recycling tips for Christmas

Wrapping paper – often covered in plastic coating so NON-RECYCLABLE.

Christmas cards – REMOVE glitter, ribbons and other embellishments before recycling.

Packaging – Polystyrene and laminated cardboard are NON-RECYCLABLE. Do the rip test on cardboard. If it rips – recycling. If it doesn't – general waste.

Sticky tape – is NON-RECYCLABLE. Remove tape from other products before recycling them.

Christmas trees – Take the time to research whether there are charities or organisations carrying out Christmas Tree collections in your area.

Waste Recycling Centre Christmas Opening

Mon – Fri: 8am – 5pm | Weekends: 8am – 5pm
Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day
www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/dunsdale



DON'T PUT ELECTRICAL ITEMS IN YOUR BIN

Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) no bigger than a kettle, e.g. toasters, mobile phones, drills and batteries, can be taken to any of the WEEE banks across the borough. There is one not far from you. For a full list of locations, please visit: www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/WEEE-Disposal-Banks

WEEE of all sizes can also be disposed of correctly at Dunsdale Recycling Centre and booking is essential. If you are really stuck, place your small electrical items in a clear bag at the side of your bin and we will try to fit them in our specially adapted safety cages on the side of the bin wagon.

Examples of WEEE and a list of where to find the WEEE banks can be found on our webpage: www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/waste-electricals



Welcome...

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

ONCE again, we are living through a period of uncertainty with the cost of living crisis affecting everybody in our borough and across the country.

We are all looking for ways to make our money go further, particularly with regard to the cost of energy as we move into winter.

This edition of the magazine features extensive information about what the council is doing to support residents, particularly those who are most vulnerable. There is also advice and useful information about where you can seek additional help with your finances.

It is fantastic to see The Regent open once again for everyone in our borough to

use. The old Regent was much loved by so many and generated lots of great memories, and we hope the new Regent will do the same thing for present and future generations.

We are nearing the run-up to Christmas and the celebrations will begin this week with lights switch-ons and parades across our borough. The ceremonies are made possible by the many volunteers across our borough who give up their time to spread some joy in their communities.

I would like to pay tribute to everybody in Redcar and Cleveland who takes time to think of others.



I would like to wish everybody a merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. I hope you all find the time to share the festive period with your loved ones.

Councillor Mary Lanigan
Council Leader



The Regent is back: A couple enjoy a night at the movies at the new Regent in Redcar.

Cost of living: A comprehensive guide of how to get help, information on how to get financial support and warm places to go for a cuppa. **p15**



Recycling campaign Be like these young recycling experts - check your waste before you chuck it **p22**



Christmas is coming Everything you need to know about this year's Yuletide fun events across the area. **p6**

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Saturday night at the Movies!

Butter up your popcorn and take a seat, the magic of the movies has returned to Redcar.



HAVE you bought your ticket yet? The Regent on Redcar's seafront is now open and families from across the borough and beyond have been enjoying the art-deco style cinema with its three large screens, comfortable stadium-style seating and ample legroom.

Blockbusters like Black Panther: Wakanda Forever and Matilda the Musical have attracted the crowds and the venue will show all of the latest first run films as well as 'Event Cinema' showings of operas, ballets, concerts and live shows beamed via satellite.

The Regent is also home to a

café bar which is also available for private hires and school screenings making The Regent a valuable new social amenity. Around 20 jobs, mainly part-time, have been created.

"Seeing a film at the cinema with family or friends is a very different experience to watching the film at home," said Geoff Greaves, Director of Merlin Cinemas, before last month's grand opening. "With the latest digital projection and sound, it is more memorable and offers a real sense of occasion."

Construction of the £9.6 million Regent was part of the £20 million Welcome to Redcar programme funded by the Tees

Valley Mayor and Combined Authority.

The operator of The Regent, Merlin Cinemas, offers a Movie Magic Card, designed to make a trip to the cinema especially affordable for local people. Cardholders can take advantage of "Magic Mondays" offering 2 for 1 off the standard ticket price and major discounts on tickets every day, all year round. Cardholders pay just £4.50 for children and £6 for adults. Visit merlincinemas.co.uk to book your ticket.



It's beginning to look a lot like *Christmas!*

Here's what you can expect in our towns and villages this year.



Redcar lights switch on and illumination parade

Sun 27 November High Street Animation, 2.30pm; Main stage Programme, 3.30pm; Illumination Parade, 4pm

A creative spectacle for the town with representatives from schools and community groups. More than 200 participants will throng the streets with artwork created with professional artists, including lanterns, costumes and exciting visual spectacles that will light up the route from the Civic Centre to Redcar Town Clock.

The parade will also be decked with professional performers, with the sights, sounds and smells of everything festive whilst being entertained by outstanding musical artist Sisi, as well as Groove Inc for a little bit of soul, funk and Christmas classics, supported by the talents of TunedIn's young people. The 'Deck the Shores' Illumination Parade will begin at 4pm from the Civic Centre. The event will be compered by BBC Tees's Scott Makin.



Panto-themed Christmas at Ormesby Hall

Fridays (also open Mon 19, Tues 20, Wed 21 & Thurs 22 December)

Rooms will be adorned with sparkling lights, pantomime inspired decorations and winter foliage from the garden and there will be decorations from pantomimes, such as Peter Pan and Snow White.

Elf Crazy Christmas Crafts at Ormesby Hall

Every weekend, from 26 November and also Mon 19, Tues 20, Wed 21 and Thurs 22 December, 11am - 3pm

Children's Christmas crafts. Join the friendly elves for some Christmas crafts. Please note each child may choose a free craft to make or there is a small charge for a craft kit. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ormesby-hall

Santa's Grotto & Christmas Crafts at Flatts Lane Countryside Park

Sun 27 November
Book your place to visit Santa in his grotto and enjoy some Christmas crafts during your visit. £8 per child includes a visit with Santa, a gift, craft, juice, and biscuits. To book email: flattsLANECENTRE@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk or phone 01642 459629 (Tuesday – Sunday)

Jingle Bell Rock Art, Loftus market place

29 November, 6pm - 8pm

A festive night of arts and crafts, nibbles, and drinks at The Brown Box. Relax with friends at The Brown Box, whilst we guided through creating your very own unique piece of pebble art. £25 a ticket - which includes a free drink, Christmas nibbles from It's The Little Things Bakery and the frame and materials needed, although feel free to bring along any pebbles, sea glass, sea pottery etc that you'd like to use. To book, contact: jowilson@thebrown-box.co.uk www.thebrown-box.co.uk Facebook page: [thebrownboxuk](https://www.facebook.com/thebrownboxuk)

Eston Christmas Market

Thurs 1 December, 12pm to 5pm

An open-air market selling crafts, foods, and Christmas goodies with festive entertainment.

New Marske Annual Christmas Parade

2 December, 5pm

Leaves Sports Club at 5pm, parades through the village to the Gleneagles Centre led by the Fire Brigade. Santa, Christmas crafts, music, a tombola, and refreshments. Facebook page: New Marske Community Group or contact: Vera Rider 07828 199739

Saltburn Christmas Parade and Light Switch on

Sat 3 December, 5pm

Santa and his parade leave the Fire Station at 5pm and follow a route finishing at the Station Portico. Visit Santa in his grotto for free.

Family Fun on Redcar High Street

Sat 3 December, 10am – 3pm

The High Street's Alive with the sounds of Christmas. Take a trip down memory lane as you shop with a selection of musical and 'pop up' performances on Redcar High Street.

Christmas Fair at Liverton Village Hall

3 December, 10am

An all-day Christmas Fayre. Enjoy a coffee at the event which will be open all day. A range of stalls selling Christmas goods.

Kirkleatham Walled Garden

Events include a Christmas Fair with stalls from local businesses on Sat 12 November from 11am to 4pm with free entry, a Snow Ball on Sat 10 December (£40pp) and a festive lunch with carols on Sun 11 December (£16.95pp). There are also craft workshops including Willow Angels on Fri 9 December (£25pp), Snow Ball on Sat 10 December (£40pp) and Perfect Pins and Brooches on Sat 19 December (£12pp). Call: 01642 054125 or email@kirkleathamwalledgarden.co.uk

Wreath making workshop at Flatts Lane Countryside Park

Sat 3 and Sunday 4, Sat 17 & Sun 18

Sessions: 9am, 11:30am & 2.30pm
Very popular willow wreath making sessions. All equipment supplied. £20 per person (non-refundable) To book please email: flattsLANECENTRE@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk Tel: 01642 459629 or call into the Visitor Centre in person.

Santa visit at Luke Senior Hall, Loftus

Wed 7 Dec, 1pm to 4pm

Santa and Roary the Boro Lion will be there. Entry £1

Marske Christmas Festival, Santa Parade and Craft Fair

Thurs 8 December

Pipers will lead the parade which starts at 6pm from Errington School and finishes in the grounds of Marske Hall. Santa will be in his Grotto in The White House on Redcar Road 4pm till 5.30pm and 6.30pm to 8pm. Funfair from 4pm in Marske Square with carols from 6.25pm. Free entry to Festival - £2 per child for Santa's Grotto.

Keep up to date with all the Christmas fun and activities in the borough at www.redcarcleveland.co.uk/enjoy



Saltburn Ice Trail

Sat 17 December, 10am – 4pm
Renowned ice sculptors Sand in Your Eye will return to place nine amazing ice sculptures across Saltburn, creating a wonderful one-day trail for families to explore. Each sculpture will reveal a secret that you'll need to find to complete the trail competition. Scrooge and Mr. Scratchit will attend as they travel across the town spreading Christmas cheer. Theatre Illuminaire will bring lampposts to life and Bell and Bullock have travelled back from Victorian Times with their eccentric engineering marvel – a time machine.

Carol service at Redcar Cemetery
Sun 18 December, 3pm
Meeting in the middle section of Redcar cemetery, around the Christmas tree. Message tags will be blessed during the service. Contact: Dot Ahmed-dotahmed@btinternet.com
Facebook page: Friends of Redcar Cemetery | Facebook

Carol service at All Saint's Church, Skelton
Sun 18 December
A service of lessons and carols for the whole community, accompanied by All Saint's Choir, followed by refreshments.
www.skeltonbrottonpc.co.uk

Boxing Day Dip, Redcar
Mon 26 December
The Boxing Day Dip is back for 2022, when the brave face the freezing North Sea. Enjoy whether you're there for the fresh air, fancy dress or for a good cause.

Beauty & the Beast, Redcar
27 December – 2 January
TunedIn, Majuba Road, Redcar
Tom Rolfe Productions present Beauty and the Beast. Tickets: www.redcarpanto.co.uk



Artists get ahead in new exhibition

AN EXHIBITION called Headspace, which showcases the talents of Tees Valley artists, has opened at Kirkleatham Museum.



It's the culmination of a project run by the Whippet Up community group in Saltburn, Guisborough, Boosbeck and Kirkleatham and shows images created by local artists of people's heads each decorated in different, highly individualist styles.

A second exhibition commemorating the Battle of Britain, especially the bombing and air warfare along the North East coast on the day of August 15, 1940, when Hitler's Luftwaffe attacked the country, has also opened. The display has been created by Durham artist Denis Fox and has 15 paintings which tell the true story of what happened when the North East was attacked by the German Air Force.

Entry to the museum is free. Headspace will end in January. The Battle of Britain exhibition will close at Christmas. Find out more at redcarcleveland.co.uk/enjoy/kirkleatham-museum



Enjoying a Georgian Christmas

THERE'S a chance to celebrate Christmas like it's 1799 at Kirkleatham Museum. One boy, Joseph Dodds, nine, has already taken the chance to enjoy Georgian era toys and games at the museum where there will be a number of pre-Victorian style events on the weekend of Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 December.

Other events will include a Georgian Christmas table display provided by Community Stepping Stones CIC, Father Christmas will also be here with his elves and reindeers throughout the weekend. Kirkleatham Owl Centre will be introducing some of the feathered friends and you can create your own Georgian inspired decorations with artist Jane Riley along with other arts and crafts.

New businesses from across the borough took part in a competition to win the opportunity to run Christmas stalls and will be trading throughout the weekend. The competition was sponsored by Anglo American and delivered in partnership with Enterprise Made Simple & Business Redcar Cleveland.

Festive evening at Ormesby Hall
Fri 9 December, 6 - 8pm
A late-night opening with festive music, food, and drink stalls to enjoy by the fire pit and a chance to see the house decorated for Christmas at night. Please note the garden will be closed. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ormesby-hall

Carol service at St Margaret's Church, Brotton
Sun 11 December, 3.30pm
Skelton and Brotton Parish Council and St Margaret's Church community carol service. A service of lessons and carols for the community, accompanied by Lockwood Band and local primary schools, followed by Refreshments.
www.skeltonbrottonpc.co.uk

Beer & Carols, Saltburn
Sat 17 December, 4pm - 7pm
The Beer & Carols Christmas Market comes to town with Saltburn musician, Mister Keith. "We've been running Beer & Carols for over six years in the Midlands – they still ask us back every year – and now that we live here, we wanted to get the town singing!" said Mister Keith. The day will include arts, food, a market and great local beer.

Tree sale
Real Christmas trees will be on sale for the whole of December at Guisborough Branch Walkway while stocks last. All profits benefit The Friends of Guisborough Forest and Walkway.

Annette's giving extra for foster children

ANNETTE Jones had already opened her home and heart to a boy who needed help – but now she's giving even more in a new support role for other fostered children.

She is one of the first 'hub home carers' in the Tees Valley, which means she builds up relationships with children being

fostered elsewhere. That way, if a foster family needs respite care or there's an emergency, a child in care can go to Annette's after they have already built up a good relationship with her in a similar way to how a young person might stay with trusted grandparents or an aunt or uncle.

It's all part of an award-winning scheme called the Mockingbird project run by the Fostering Network UK which recreates the model of an extended family for foster children.

Annette, 52 of Lingdale, East Cleveland, is also

involved in building up a good network of support with her fellow foster carers so they can share information and support.

"This bundle of energy helps," says Annette holding her new puppy, Suki. "Suki came from the dog of another fostered child and he already looks forward to coming here. Suki's a hit with all the children, not least the young man I've had with me these last three years."

Annette explained that she comes from a large, loving family and had considered fostering for a long time before taking the plunge. "I have a lot of nephews and nieces and my whole family have worked with my young man – he's 15 now – who I've had for two years now.

"It's worked out well, but, of course, there are challenges. I worked in finance and lived alone before, so there's been big changes for me. But it's been worth it. I've seen my lad relax - it's been like a weight has been lifted off his shoulders and he's doing so much better at school. I would say to anyone who has been thinking about it to just make that move, pick up that phone and find out more."

Could you support a child or young person? Or could you offer some respite for our foster families? Did you know our foster carers receive financial support? Contact the foster team on 01642 444087 or email foster@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk to find out more.



CARING CANINE: Foster carer Annette Jones with Suki the dog who helps her connect with fostered children



BIG DAY: Jacob Bint enjoys his day

Jacob's big bin day!

ONE wagon-mad boy had the day of his life when he had the chance to ride on one of the Council's bin trucks.

Jacob Bint, 10, of Carlin Howe, who has some challenges but has a huge love for bin wagons, was offered the chance to visit one of the

Council's depots and ride on one of the bin wagons accompanied by his mother, Stacey Bint, and a member of staff.

Jacob and his mother arrived at the Central Depot in Redcar with barely-contained enthusiasm. After signing in and receiving his personalised high viz and safety helmet, Jacob was offered a tour of the workshop.

He was shown how the Council's fleet were maintained,

where bin wagons operate from and how the bins are emptied. The demonstration was followed by a ride around the depot's car park.

At the end of his visit, Jacob received a personalised Redcar & Cleveland toy bin wagon to add to his extended collection.

"This is his dream job," said Stacey. "He's been obsessed with bin wagons since he was two years old, and he's been collecting them ever since. Every time our waste or recycling is collected, his eyes are on the window. The recycling days are his favourite. He was so excited when he heard about this visit."

Jacob agreed, "This was the best day ever", he said, with a big smile on his face.

FUN TIME: Jacob Bint with mum Stacey at the depot



Competition!

Name our seven street sweepers

For a chance to win one of seven £20 book vouchers we want you to come up with a fabulous name for one of our seven new street sweepers

A COMPETITION for under-16s has been launched to name seven new Hako street sweepers purchased by the Council.

Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council has this year purchased seven new Hako 3.5t Street Sweepers.

These sweepers are an

important part of keeping our communities clean and green and operate across all of the borough. We have three across our Coastal area, two in Greater Eston and two in East Cleveland.

These sweepers are the latest additions to our fleet

of modern vehicles and the three coastal vehicles now run on the climate-friendly hydrotreated vegetable oil fuel. HVO is a direct alternative for diesel but provides 92% less CO2 emissions than diesel.



Sponsored by Hako
Hako

Submit your entries to name one of seven street sweepers by 5 December. Competition open to anyone aged 16 and under.

The competition will run from the 7 November to 5 December. Winners to be announced by 9 January 2023. The winning names will be displayed on the side of the seven sweepers. To enter please submit your sweeper name, followed by your name, age, contact number and town. Entries to be sent to EnvironmentSupport@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk or post to Environment Support Team, Fairway House, Limerick Road, Redcar, TS10 5JU. Good Luck!! Terms and conditions apply - please visit www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/site-terms/competition-terms-and-conditions for further details.



FITTER: Rob Parker

A day in the life of... a workshop fitter

ROB Parker is one of a team of just 11 people who keep the Council's 240 vehicles and hundreds of other vital pieces of mechanical equipment in full working order.

"We can be working on a 18-tonne gritter in the dead of night in a blizzard at three o'clock in the morning – and then repairing a garden strimmer the next," laughs Rob, 41, a mechanic of 20 years who has been at the council for three. "You really have to learn to fix anything, there's a huge variety."

Rob, a dad living in Redcar, explains he spends a lot of his working life completing MoT on not only council vehicles but also the borough's taxis, private vehicles and also other equipment. However, as a member of a small team of just eight technicians as

well as two supervisors and one apprentice, he often gets called over to the workshop.

Morning

"If I'm testing and going through the MoTs, I'll start at 8am and work to 4pm and the day is usually quite straightforward," says Rob. "I'll typically get through seven vehicles in a day and we can test family cars, works vans and even 16-seat minibuses. But if I'm on the workshop team I start at either 7am on the early shift or 9.30am for the later 'back shift'. We do a lot of planned maintenance work in the workshop but we're often called out too. It's not only about fixing vehicles but recovery. We might be out in the moors in terrible weather or dealing with a broken wagon

in one of our major towns. You never know."

Throughout the day

Rob explains that the team have to be able to repair a lot of specialist equipment essential to keeping our borough's streets and roads clean and tidy, ranging from electric vans to gully-suckers (which help deal with flooding), to road and street sweepers to lawn mowers.

Afternoon

From October to May, the team take turns to be on call-out throughout the night to ensure that vehicles keeping our roads safe get any support they need. "We might be called at any time but there's no complaints – it's an absolutely vital service that we're proud to do," says Rob.

MoTs are available for private vehicles ranging from £46 for cars to £56.50 for other vehicles (please note: MoTs only - no repairs are undertaken for private vehicles). Call 01642 444979.



NEW SCHOOL: Charlotte Barton, Progress Schools' Interim Managing Director, inspires children at the school



New school opens

A NEW school serving children from across the Tees Valley has opened in Eston.

The school, based at a former medical centre on Fabian Road, will offer specialist support for children excluded from mainstream education from the borough, but also Middlesbrough and Darlington.

The school, that began welcoming student referrals in April 2022, is being run by provider Progress Schools and is the first of its schools to open in the region. Currently, there are 13 pupils on role, supported by six full-time staff members.

This pivotal move is the first of many for the alternative education provider as they continue their quest to support some of the most vulnerable young people in England to access high-quality alternative education.

At the opening event, Interim Managing Director of the Liverpool-based provider, Charlotte Barton, teased the potential for more schools opening in the region.

Charlotte said: "We are very aware that exclusion rates in the region are becoming increasingly more concerning, and we want to do everything we can to provide those young people with a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment in which they can flourish.

"Tees Valley is just the beginning. We have substantial growth plans that will see Progress Schools expand its national footprint, reaching more young people and supporting them to achieve their potential."

Other new schools for children who need extra support have opened in Grangetown and Redcar in recent years.

Domestic violence – get help

SUPPORT is available for people suffering domestic abuse.

That does not only include physical, violent or sexual harm but controlling, emotional, psychological, economic or any other type of abuse.

Support is available from the following organisations: Harbour, 0300 303 3781, email thrive.withyou@NHS.net or www.myharbour.org.uk; EVA Women's Aid, 01642 490677, info@eva.org.uk or www.eva.org.uk, Halo Project (for victims of/at risk of illegal cultural harms, e.g., forced marriage) and Foundation, 07718707505, foundation.redcar@foundationuk.cjism.net or visit www.foundationuk.org

If you think you are behaving abusively and would like help call Harbour 0300 303 3781 (option 2) or email thrive.withyou@NHS.net or visit https://www.myharbour.org.uk or alternatively call 01642 241873 or email info@route2.org.uk

Anyone in danger should call 999. If you are unable to speak either cough or call '55' when the call is connected and operators will know this means you need assistance.



Cost of Living crisis – help available

The next four pages will contain information about how you can get financial support and advice this winter.

You can check what your entitlements are by using one of the benefit calculators at www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators. If you need further advice, an online money advice 'portal' has been set up for our Welfare Rights Team and partners. It's a one-stop area designed to help people get the right information and support from the right organisation and involves a simple form. Anyone without the internet can access this service by calling **01642 771166**.

Nichola's mission to help

NICHOLA Wilson-Barrett is explaining her mission to help people receive the benefits they deserve when she bursts into life recalling the story a pensioner who was struggling so much she pawned her jewellery – only to discover she was being underpaid by £30,000.

"This is a lady in her 60s from Redcar who had worked in the NHS but took early retirement due to ill health" says Nichola, the Council's senior welfare rights officer.

"She was referred to us by her social worker after disclosing that she was struggling with her health and finances – she'd pawned all her jewellery to pay a vet's bill and stopped her care package as she couldn't afford it. We went out to see her, face-to-face, which made all the difference as we could see payments from the Department of Work and Pensions had not been going into her bank - despite them saying they had for six years"



WELFARE RIGHTS OFFICER: Nichola Wilson-Barrett

"She's getting back pay now and told us she's going to get her carers back in to support her, get herself to the opticians to sort out her glasses and will have some extra income to assist with the rising cost of energy and food– it's a great feeling to have helped!"

This is just one story that Nichola, from Redcar, and her team have as they work to ensure people entitled to benefits receive them. And they have a lot of success stories – last year they helped more than 1900 residents receive an additional £4.9 million in benefit income.

Another key part of the job is campaigning to get the message

to people to claim what they are entitled to and to keep checking entitlements, especially if circumstances change. Currently the team are focusing on getting the message out to pensioners who are entitled to pension credit and so far this year have helped ensure pensioners in our borough have received an additional £500,000 more in income. This has also triggered entitlement to the Government's cost of living payments which otherwise might have been missed. "We've had a couple who were missing out on an extra £220 a week, they were both unwell and this extra money took the pressure off" says mum-of-one, Nichola.

A warm welcome

Spaces have been opened across the borough where people can stay warm – and also have fun. Here's what's on offer.



COMMUNITY VENUES

What's on offer:
Enjoy hot drinks, various activities and a chat

Brickyard Bakery
4-6 Westgate, Guisborough, TS14 6BA
Weekdays: 10am - 5pm
T: 01287 631837
E: brickyardbakery@gmail.com
www.brickyardacademy.com
Free entry, tea or coffee.
The bakery is also offering the chance to learn how to cook fresh and simple meals. Find out more on the bakery's website at www.brickyardacademy.com/courses

Hope Church East Cleveland
Old Co-op, High St, Loftus, TS13 4HW
Mon: 10am - 11.30am
Tues: 10am - 11:30am
Thurs: 12:30am - 2pm
Fri: 10am - 11:30am
E: hope4eastcleveland@gmail.com
Hot drinks 50p each

St George's Church
Teesville, 25 Spencer Rd, Middlesbrough, TS6 9BD
Thurs: 9am - 11am
Carers and toddlers group (need to have a child to use this facility)
Fri: 9:30am - 1pm
Foodbank and craft café
T: 01642 281182

Christ Church
Eston, TS6 9EH
Tues: 10am - 12pm
T: 01642 281182
Coffee morning

Community Stepping Stones CIC
5 Farndale Sq, Dormanstown, TS10 5HE
Mon - Thurs: 10am - 3pm
T: 01642 494407
www.cssredcar.org
www.facebook.com/farndalecommunityhub

St Paulinas' Church
The Avenue, Guisborough, TS14 8DN
Wed: 9am - 4pm
Hot drinks, light refreshments, accessible toilet facilities, books and board games.
T: 07835 132120
E: maureen_mclean@hotmail.co.uk

The Cleveland
Cleveland St, Normanby, TS6 0LX
Mon - Thurs: 3pm - 12am
Fri, Sat, Sun: 12am - 12pm
Free tea & coffee

BAKING HOT: Generous owner of Guisborough's Brickyard Bakery, Ed Trehwitt, has opened two lounges and a kitchen for people to pop in and keep warm.



LIBRARIES

What's on offer:
A range of activities and free hot drinks

Brotton Library
Freeborough Academy, Linden Road, Brotton, TS12 2SJ
Tues, Thurs: 9:30am - 3pm
T: 01287 676342
E: brotton_library@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Dormanstown Library
Farndale Square, Redcar, TS10 5HQ
Tues, Fri: 9:30am - 3pm
T: 01642 483626
E: dormanstown_library@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Grangetown Library
172 Birchington Avenue, Grangetown, TS6 7LP
Mon: 9am - 5pm
Wed: 10am - 5pm
Thurs: 10am - 4pm
Fri: 10am - 5pm
Sat: 9:30am - 12:30pm
T: 01642 454417
E: grangetown_library@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Guisborough Library
90 Westgate, Guisborough, TS14 6AP
Mon to Thurs: 9am - 6pm
Frid: 9am - 5pm
Sat: 9:30am - 12:30pm
T: 01287 632668
E: guisborough_library@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Laburnum Road Library
338 Laburnum Road, Redcar, TS10 3QR
Tues, Wed: 9:30am - 5pm
T: 01642 484142
E: laburnum_library@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Loftus Library
Hall Grounds, Loftus, TS13 4HJ
Mon: 9am - 5pm
Wed: 10am - 4pm
Thurs, Fri: 10am - 5pm
Sat: 9am - 12:30pm
T: 01287 640582
E: loftus_library@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Marske Library
Windy Hill Lane, Markse-by-the-Sea, TS11 7BL
Mon: 9am - 5pm
Tues: 10am - 5pm
Wed & Fri: 10:00 - 5pm
Sat: 9:30am - 12:30pm
T: 01642 485440
E: marske_library@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Ormesby Library
Sunnyfield, Ormesby, TS7 9BL
Mon: 9am - 5pm
Tues: 10am - 5pm
Thurs: 10am - 4pm
Fri: 10am - 5pm
T: 01642 314716
E: ormesby_library@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Redcar Library
Redcar and Cleveland House, Kirkleatham Street, Redcar, TS10 1RT
Mon - Wed: 9am - 6pm
Thurs: 9am - 5pm
Fri: 9am - 6pm
Sat: 9:30am - 12:30
T: 01642 444141
E: redcar_library@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Roseberry Community Library
Ayton Drive, Redcar, TS10 4EW
Mon to Thurs: 10am - 4pm
Friday: 9:30am - 4pm
T: 01642 513688

Saltburn Library
Windsor Road, Saltburn by the Sea, TS12 1AT
Mon - Fri: 10am - 5pm
Sat: 9:30am - 12:30pm
T: 01287 623584
E: saltburn_library@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Skelton Library
Coniston Road, Skelton-in-Cleveland, TS12 2HP
Mon: 9am - 5pm
Tues: 10am - 5pm
Thurs: 10am - 4pm
Fri: 10am - 5pm
Sat: 9:30 - 12:30
T: 01287 650487
E: skelton_library@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

South Bank Library
Low Grange Health Village, Normanby Road, Middlesbrough, TS6 6TD
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 9am - 6pm
Wed: 9am - 5pm
Sat: 9:30am - 12:30pm
T: 01642 513699
E: south_bank_library@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

A warm welcome

FAMILY HUBS

What's on offer: Families with children five and under may enjoy games, toys and books (please note: no hot drinks allowed)

Dormanstown Family Hub

South Ave, Redcar, TS10 2LL
Tuesday: 9am - 3:30pm
Wed: 12pm - 3:30pm
Thurs: 9am - 3:30pm
T: 01642 492940

East Cleveland Family Hub

Marske Mill Ln, Saltburn, TS12 1HJ
Mon: 10am - 4:30pm
Wed: 10am - 3:30pm
Fri: 10am - 4pm
T: 01287 626158

Grangetown Family Hub

Grange Farm Rd, Grangetown, TS6 7HP
Fri: 10am - 12pm
T: 01642 770810

Greater Eston Family Hub

Daisy Ln, Ormesby, TS7 9JF
Tues: 1pm - 4pm
Thurs: 1pm - 4pm
Fri: 1pm - 4pm
T: 01642 513665

Green Gates Family Hub

Keilder Cl, Redcar, TS10 4HS
Mon: 3pm - 4:30pm
Tues: 9am - 12:30pm
T: 01642 444532

Loftus Family Hub

Duncan Pl, Loftus, TS13 4PR
Thurs: 12pm - 3pm
T: 01642 640523

Redcar Family Hub

Rainbow Ln, Redcar, TS10 1RR
Mon: 9am - 4:30pm
Tuesday: 9am - 11:30am
Wed: 9am - 12pm
Fri: 12:30 - 4pm
T: 01642 776030

Skelton Family Hub

De Brus Centre, Marske Ln, Skelton, TS12 2HA
Mon: 12pm - 4.30pm
Tuesday: 10am - 4.30pm
Thurs: 9am - 12pm
E: Contactusfamilyhub@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

South Bank Family Hub

Poplar Grove, South Bank, TS6 6FU
Wed: 9am - 11am
T: 01642 457291



HUB FUN: Sophie Jordan and her baby, Evelyn



HUB FUN: Early Help Support Worker Amy Manning with her son, Albie

Fun at the hub

YOUNG mums have welcomed news that family hubs are going to open as warm spaces for children aged five and under and their carers this winter.

Sophie Jordan, 30, was enjoying her first day at Redcar Family Hub with her ten-month-old baby, Evelyn, when she heard the news. "It's a lovely place with such a nice atmosphere and plenty of stimulation for the little ones," she said.

Amy Manning, 34, an Early Help Support Worker, was at the hub with her own child, Albie, four and agreed with Sophie that opening the hub for young families to drop by was a good idea.

See the opposite page for information about when the family hubs will be open for young families to drop by. Please note, no hot drinks allowed.

YOUTH CENTRES

What's on offer: Fun and activities for young people across the borough

25K Youth & Community Centre

Ayton Drive, Redcar, TS10 4LR
Friday except school holidays: 10am - 2pm
Communal area

Skelton Youth & Community Centre

De Brus Site, Marske Lane Skelton TS12 2HA
Fri: 1pm - 3:30pm
Full centre

Tuned In

Majuba Road, Redcar, TS10 1DB
Mon, Wed, Thurs: 10am - 2pm
T: 01642 771245
Communal area upstairs

Government help

PRACTICAL help and support has been made available by the Government to help with the cost of living crisis this winter. A range of measures have been introduced, including a £650 cost of living payment and a £150 disability payment. Those eligible should have already received their first payment of £326 in October with the second one of £324 due this month (many should have already received it).

Payments are being offered to those on means-tested benefits, including those on universal, credit, income-based jobseeker's allowance, income-related employment and support allowance, income support, working tax credit, child tax credit and pension credit. If you're entitled to a winter fuel payment for winter 2022 to 2023, you could be eligible for a pensioner cost of living payment.

A webpage at www.gov.uk with clear advice about how people can access benefits and receive support with bills, travel, child care and housing costs has been published. Help is also available for people with disabilities and there is also advice for small businesses.

The Council and its partners have also set up an online money advice 'portal' which can be found on the Council website. Anyone without the internet may call 01642 771166.





Need financial help? Here's how to find it

LOTS of us are feeling the pinch this winter as the cost of living rises. 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 www.nationalrail.co.uk 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

enquiries@rccitizensadvice.co.uk
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

Credit Unions/Community Banks

South Tees Community Bank

www.southteescommunitybank.org.uk/ or call 0191 2767963 or email admin@moneywise.org.uk

South Bank Credit Union

info@southbanksavingcu.co.uk or 01642 463700

Paving our way to a carbon neutral future

THE first carbon neutral road surfacing scheme in the North-East was delivered in Redcar and Cleveland recently as part of the Council's ambitions to become a carbon neutral borough by 2030.

The project, run by Miles Macadam, is one of the first in the industry to become carbon neutral. Miles Macadam work with an innovative surfacing product, Milepave, which leads to a reduction in aggregate, bitumen and fossil fuels, lowering the carbon footprint of conventional road surfacing by 35%.

A carbon calculator was used to measure the amount of carbon produced and this will be offset by Miles Macadam through a tree planting scheme, including tree planting in the borough.

The Council is also working with other suppliers to drive down the environmental impact of road surfacing works. The Council's contract with Tarmac has reduced emissions of carbon dioxide by 13.78 tonnes per £100,000 of contract spend. This is achieved by using more efficient plant and equipment, reducing travel distances, and improving processes. The Council will work with Tarmac to identify ways to achieve further carbon reductions.



ON A ROLL:
Road resurfacing in Redcar.

For further information please visit www.greenerfuture@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Tips to reduce your energy bills

This year, more than any other, finding ways to reduce energy usage is vital.

- Insulate roof, underfloor and any gaps
- Service boilers annually for efficient running
- Check timers on heating and hot water supplies
- Consider turning thermostat down 1°C
- Move any furniture blocking heat sources
- Put foil behind radiators to ensure heat reflected back into rooms
- Install thermostatic valves on all radiators to operate individually
- Install double glazing film for single glazed windows
- Close curtains and blinds at night to retain heat
- Clean windows/skylights to maximise natural light
- Replace older style lighting with LED bulbs (60% less energy and last longer)
- If in all day, consider boiling the kettle once in the morning and filling a flask
- Wash only really dirty clothes at high temperatures. Chose 30°C or less, and quicker wash cycles for others
- Turn devices off at the plug when not in use
- Turn lights off when not in use
- Turn the temperature down in the shower
- Take the four-minute shower challenge to save on energy and water bills. Head over to Northumbrian Water to claim your free shower timer <https://nwl.watersavingkit.com/>

For further information and advice check out the Carbon Trust's guide to heating your home at www.energysavingtrust.org.uk

Be like these young recycling experts - check your waste before you chuck it



CHILD'S PLAY: Pupils at South Bank Primary sorting out waste items into recycling waste, general waste and green waste.



CHECK IT: Waste Collections Team Leader, Gordon Myers, and Recycling Officers, showing the South Bank Primary pupils how to sort out the waste items.

What goes in your blue recycling bin

No thank you X

- X All types of plastic bags (all colours)
- X Food waste or any items with grease and food residues
- X Clothes / textiles / bedding
- X Nappies
- X Takeaway boxes
- X Polystyrene
- X Electrical items /batteries

RESIDENTS are being urged to 'check it before you chuck it' as part of a drive to increase the amount and quality of recycling in the borough.

Pupils from South Bank Primary School launched the campaign recently where council recycling staff put them through their paces on what can and cannot be recycled.

A fortnightly recycling collection is provided to residents for cans and tins, cardboard, plastic pots, tubs and trays, glass bottles and jars and plastic bottles as well as a separate caddy insert to collect paper including envelopes, newspapers, magazines and catalogues.

Around 40% of recycling sent to the recycling centre in South Bank is

contaminated and the council is appealing to residents to 'check it before you chuck it' to ensure that plastic bags, food waste, clothes and textiles, nappies, takeaway boxes, polystyrene, as well as electrical items and batteries, don't end up in their recycling.

At the event, South Bank Primary pupils Harriet Phillips and Gracie Forrest explain why recycling is so important.



RECYCLE RIGHT: Harriett Phillips, Gracie Forrest, Alfie Dolan, pupils at South Bank Primary School, talking about the importance of recycling.

Year Six pupil, Harriet said: "Recycling is fun and awesome because you can do something that helps the environment which makes yourself feel good."

Gracie, Year Four, added: "Recycling can be good for plants, trees, and the earth. Waste is not really good because it can cause plants to die so it's really good to recycle. Recycling is also fun because we get to learn new things and tell people about them."

The recycling rate in Redcar and Cleveland for 2020/21 was 38% and the Council, working with residents, wants to significantly increase this as well as reduce the amount of recycling being contaminated.

The benefits of effective recycling include:

- reduces waste sent to landfills and incinerators
- prevents pollution
- conserves natural resources
- conserves energy
- creates jobs and economic benefits

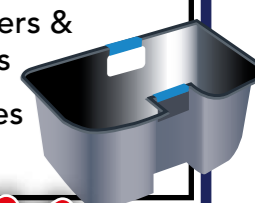
For further information on recycling please visit www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/recycling or watch the video of the launch event at South Bank Primary School check it before you chuck it! on our YouTube channel.

Yes please ✓

- ✓ Cans & tins (aluminium & steel)
- ✓ Cardboard (clean & dry)
- ✓ Plastic pots, tubs & trays
- ✓ Glass bottles & jars
- ✓ Plastic bottles

Paper container

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



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.
- 2) **Textiles:** These can be taken to Dunsdale Recycling Centre to be recycled.
- 3) **Food waste:** Leftovers, even containers covered in food/grease, cannot be recycled and should also be placed in your household waste bin.
- 4) **Nappies:** Not recyclable items. Please dispose of them into household waste bins.
- 5) **Polystyrene:** cannot be recycled. Please put it in your household waste bin.

APPRENTICESHIPS OPEN EVENT



**TUESDAY 7TH
FEBRUARY**

**5:00PM-
7:00PM**



Come along to our open event to find out more about the amazing apprenticeships and school leaver courses to study. Discover our latest apprenticeship vacancies, take a tour of the campus and get your future sorted.

Want to check out our fantastic facilities?
Book a 1-1 tour at a time that works for you!

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW AT: WWW.CLEVELAND.AC.UK/OPEN-EVENTS

HIGHER EDUCATION

REDCAR & CLEVELAND COLLEGE etc.

Online Open Event

**THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER,
5:00PM-7:00PM**

Are you considering your university options or wanting to change your career?

Join us on campus to find out more about our full and part-time higher education courses, in partnership with Teesside University. Take a tour of our amazing facilities, meet our university tutors and receive support with your application!



BOOK YOUR PLACE AT: WWW.CLEVELAND.AC.UK/HIGHER-EDUCATION

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A little help gives Owen confidence... and work!

A PIONEERING scheme to help youngsters find a career is already transforming young people's lives.

Young people like Owen Miller, 18, who explained the Young People's Business Mentoring Programme gave him the chance to be mentored by a business leader and the confidence to start a new career.

He is now completing an apprenticeship with a leading hairdresser in Redcar after being mentored by Alison Anderson, manager in the Department for Work and Pensions.

He was also helped by Kay

Atkinson who explained that Owen, from the Redcar area, was initially so shy he struggled to speak in interviews. "I feel very proud of Owen and what he has achieved" said Kay. "It's been a long journey and Owen has really grown in confidence."

Part of Owen's growth in confidence also came from the Prince's Trust, a 12-week achieve course which culminated in him giving a presentation to a team at Redcar and Cleveland College.

Owen said: "I was very quiet, always doubting myself. Developing my confidence was



GROWING IN CONFIDENCE:
Owen Miller and his advisor Kay Atkinson

massive. I would like to thank everyone for their help."

If you are interested in becoming a mentor on the project, supported by the Anglo American company, email Andrew.Veale@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk.

Get in the swing at new fun golf course

THE construction of an 18-hole adventure golf course and a children's outdoor play area is progressing.

The golf course will be based on a "penguin adventure" theme and sit alongside the quality play area based on a nautical theme. The eastern side of Majuba Road car park and part of the demolished buildings site will have grassed

areas, landscaping, lighting, and a re-modelled car park.

This is 'Phase One' of a wider scheme to regenerate the seafront area in Coatham. It is envisaged future phases of the scheme will include the Coatham Activity Hub, a facility hosting sports and coastal events, such as windsurfing, kiteboarding, horse riding and yoga.

Construction is also under way for the 100-space car park on the former Coatham Bowl site and plans are in place for a hotel and further public realm improvements.

The adventure golf and play area forms part of the



ADVENTURE GOLF: An impression of what the golf course will look like



£3 million TVCA Welcome to Redcar fund allocated to the Coatham projects, and the public can expect to use the facilities in spring 2023. For more information on the Coatham regeneration scheme visit www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Take a full workout – from your own chair!

PROFESSIONAL physiotherapists have given demonstrations of how anyone can stay active without getting out of their chair.

Vix Cooper and Roberta Currie support people who have had a recent hospital stay to get back on their feet. They recommend a wide range of therapeutic activities at the Meadowgate Centre in Eston which prepares people to return to independent living following a period of reablement. The pair took time out of their busy schedule to offer advice to anyone wanting to keep active.

Chair-based exercises can help to keep people mobile, improve sitting posture and reduce the risk of falls. They can also help people to keep warm and well at home during the winter months by increasing cardiovascular activity.



EXERCISE: Patients at the Meadowgate Centre take exercise from their chairs

Here are two simple exercises you can do at home:

To improve shoulder movement. Sit with your palms upturned on your lap. Hold your shoulders high beside your ears. Drop them down and draw your shoulder blades together behind you. Repeat five times.

To improve chest strength. Sit up straight and place your hands behind your back. Tighten the muscles between your shoulder blades and push your chest forward by pressing your hands against the chair. Repeat five times.

Find more chair exercises at www.nhs.uk/live-well/exercise/strength-and-flexibility-exercises

Help for carers

Carers Together – an organisation which offers support for carers in the community - has set up a new online digital registration

form to make registering for help easier. The simple online registration is for everyone to use but may be particularly helpful for carers who prefer to fill out forms at their own pace. If you have any problems completing the online form please contact the First Contact

Staying forever fit

PEOPLE living with long-term health conditions are keeping active and boosting their confidence thanks to a weekly exercise class at Eston Leisure Centre.

Forever Fit takes place at the Everyone Active-run centre on Mondays from 10.15am-11.15am, with most of the class being between 70 and 80 years old.

It caters for those living with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and neurological conditions such as stroke survivors, multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's, as well as other long-term health issues.

"The class has a really friendly atmosphere and it helps me shut out the world for an hour," says Jennifer Harrison, who regularly attends. "There is tea and coffee afterwards and it's a good chance to have a natter. We even organise day trips away which we really look forward to."

For more information about the Forever Fit exercise classes contact Eston Leisure Centre on 01642 452 488.



team at Carers Together who are experienced in registering and supporting carers by emailing info@carerstogether-rc.org.uk or by telephoning 01642 488977. The online registration form is available at carerstogether.co.uk/registration-form/

Dad is 1,000th to get job thanks to youth team

A MAN with serious responsibilities has found work after becoming the 1,000th person to be supported by a specialist youth employment support team.

Michael Nixon, 23, of Bankfields, South Bank, explained he and his partner look after his 15-year-old nephew and also have a two-year-old daughter – but he was struggling to find work.

He ended up being supported by the Council's Youth Employment Initiative and now is working full time thanks to the authority's Kickstarter programme. He has also earned a number of qualifications and is being contacted about future work.

Michael explained he had previously found work in warehouses and shops but eventually became unemployed for 18 months.

Eventually he was referred to the Council's Youth Employment



NEW JOB: Michael Nixon gets to work

Initiative and during the next six months earned qualifications in forklift truck driving and construction work safety and also earned a labouring card.

And he has big plans for the future. He said: "I've been getting non-stop phone calls about construction work since I got my qualifications. I'd recommend anyone who needs help to contact the YEI team. It's

straightforward and practical and they couldn't be more helpful."

If you or someone you know is aged 16 to 29 and not in work, education or training, call the Youth Employment team on 01642 771246 or email YEI@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk The Youth Employment Team is part of the Tees Valley Pathways Programme and is part-funded by European Social Fund.



KICKSTARTER: Lois Harkin starts her career

Kickstarting a career

LOIS Harkin is one of 72 young people in the borough helped by the Kickstart employment at the Council – and 43 of have gained full-time employment afterwards with eight becoming apprentices and two went into education.

Lois started her journey with the Council on the Kickstart scheme, which gave young people struggling to find work six months employment, working at front of house for Kirkleatham Museum.

She then advanced into an apprenticeship and has now successfully obtained a

permanent position within Kirkleatham Museum as the collections officer.

"My journey within the Council has been an exhilarating and fulfilling one," says Lois. "My new position as collections officer allows me to develop my passion for working in museums and collaborating with diverse audiences and different creative organisations within the local area."

Could you work with the team? We're recruiting. Go to: www.northeastjobs.org.uk

Transformed Loftus building ready to open

TWO businesses will be operating from 74 High Street in Loftus (former Barclays Bank building) once it opens in November.

The top two floors of the Grade II listed building will be home to East Cleveland business Odd Socks, which will offer visitor accommodation for up to 12 guests over four holiday lets, with the larger lets having communal lounge and dining areas.

Odd Socks also operates Guisborough Town Hall's visitor accommodation, as well as a launderette with attached café in Guisborough and luxury holiday lets across the North York Moors and coast.

Based on the ground floor will be bridal boutique, The

Silver Sixpence, which sells designer dresses specifically for plus sized women. Owned by Wendy Paylor and her daughter Ellie, the business currently has a store in Brotton.

The Council secured the freehold of the building in December 2019, with the goal of bringing it back to life and boosting community and business confidence in the high street.

The project has been funded by the Council's Indigenous Grown Fund. A total of £5.8 million was secured from the Future High Streets Fund, along with £4.5 million from the Tees Valley Combined Authority and £1 million from the Loftus Area Growth Fund. For more information, visit loftusmasterplan.co.uk



DESIGNER DRESSES: House of Mooshki dresses are available



HOLIDAY TIME: One of the refurbished rooms available to rent for holidays

Grandmother celebrates first GCSE



A GUISBOROUGH grandmother has earned her first ever formal qualification – an impressive grade 5 in GCSE maths.

Susan Booth, 67, was inspired by a desire to help her grandchildren with their homework and signed up to a functional skills course at Redcar and Cleveland College where her college tutors urged her to progress to the GCSE.

After a career spent working in shops, the post office and ultimately a post office manager, she remained good with numbers.

She said: "You didn't get qualifications when I was at school. I left and went straight into being a shop assistant. I have proven that you are never too old to learn, and if you want to do something you should just get up and do it!"

Find out more about what's on offer at Redcar & Cleveland College on its website at www.cleveland.ac.uk. Alternatively call 01642 473132 or email info@cleveland.ac.uk

Your community needs YOU!

ARE you passionate about the area you live in? Do you want to make a difference and help shape the future of the local community? If the answer is yes, then why not consider becoming a councillor?

Candidates are needed for the next council elections in May and it's hoped there will be a wide choice for voters. Councillors come from all different walks of life and represent residents of the ward for which they were elected - but are also involved in decisions which affect the entire borough.

Duties include attending meetings of the Borough Council, which usually take place every six weeks and, where chosen to be a member of other committees, they are also required to attend those meetings.

Employers must allow councillors to take a reasonable amount of time off to undertake their duties. Councillors are not paid a salary but instead receive an allowance for the duties they undertake. Training,



VOTE: A Redcar polling station at the last council elections

support and equipment is provided. You do not need to be a member of a political party to become a councillor but can stand as an Independent.

To be eligible to stand for election you must be at least 18 years old, and either registered to vote in Redcar and Cleveland or have lived, worked or owned property here for at least 12 months prior to the election. A small number of people are ineligible for various reasons.

The Council is hosting two events to provide further information. These will be held at The Civic Centre, Ridley Street, Redcar, TS10 1TD on Tuesday 13 December at 3pm, and Friday 27 January at 10am. Please email elections@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk if you are interested in attending either of these events. It is also possible to find out more at www.local.gov.uk/be-councillor or www.electoralcommission.org.uk



ELECTION: The count at the last elections

COUNCIL DIARY

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

November 2022

■ Thursday 24, 2pm

Borough Council

■ Monday 28, 10am

Governance Committee

December 2022

■ Friday 2, 10am

River Tees Port Health Authority

■ Thursday 8, 10am

Regulatory Committee

■ Monday 12, 10am

Adults, Wellbeing and Health Scrutiny and Improvement Committee

■ Tuesday 13, 10am

Children and Families Scrutiny and Improvement Committee

■ Wednesday 14, 10am

Corporate Resources and Governance Scrutiny and Improvement Committee

■ Thursday 15, 10am

Growth Scrutiny and Improvement Committee

■ Friday 16, 10am

Climate & the Environment Scrutiny & Improvement Committee

■ Tuesday 20, 10am

Cabinet

January 2023

■ Thursday 5, 10am

Regulatory Committee

■ Wednesday 11, 10am

Employment Health and Safety Committee

■ Thursday 12, 2pm

Borough Council

■ Monday 23, 10am

Adults, Wellbeing and Health Scrutiny and Improvement Committee

■ Tuesday 24, 10am

Children and Families Scrutiny and Improvement Committee

■ Wednesday 25, 10am

Corporate Resources and Governance Scrutiny and Improvement Committee

■ Thursday 26, 10am

Growth Scrutiny and Improvement Committee

■ Friday 27, 10am

Climate & the Environment Scrutiny & Improvement Committee

■ Tuesday 31, 10am

Cabinet

February 2023

■ Thursday 2, 10am

Regulatory Committee

■ Monday 6, 10am

Governance Committee

■ Wednesday 8, 10am

Employment Health and Safety Committee

■ Thursday 16, 2pm

Borough Council

■ Thursday 23, 10am

Special Cabinet

■ Thursday 23, 2pm

Special Borough Council (Budget)

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