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# New leadership team

MEET the new leadership team running the Council following this year's elections.

Cllr Alec Brown was voted in as Leader of the Council in May following the elections and he appointed a Cabinet.

Labour is ruling as a minority administration with Liberal Democrat councillors chairing scrutiny committees which examine council policies and progress in detail.

A total of 59 councillors were elected on May 4 in 24 wards. Labour had 23 councillors and there were 13 Independents, 12 Conservatives and 11 Liberal Democrats.



**Leader of the Council**  
Cllr Alec Brown



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Cllr Carrie Richardson



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Cllr Luke Myer



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Cllr Ursula Earl



**Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport**  
Cllr Carl Quartermain



**Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods**  
Cllr Adam Brook

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# Welcome...

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

I'M sure most people's minds are turning towards Christmas when many have the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends.

In this edition is a comprehensive guide to events which are happening across our borough to celebrate the festive season. It is a time when many volunteers give their time and effort to make Christmas special in the communities where they live. They make a real difference and what they do is really appreciated.

Also featured are others who support children and

adults who face significant challenges – they make lives better every day and ensure that people who are vulnerable feel safer and more confident.

Among them are families who find a place in their home to foster young people. Their support provides the best possible start for someone and significantly improves their chances of going on to a happy, healthy and successful life. It is clear that doing this can be extremely rewarding and we would love to hear from anyone who is considering fostering.



It is still a few weeks away, but I would like to wish everybody a merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

**Cllr Alec Brown**  
Leader of the Council



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# It's Christmas!

Here's what you can expect in your towns and villages.

SHINY: Magic moment at lights parade



## Let there be light!

**The event is expected to finish at 5.45pm**

Redcar lights switch-on and illumination parade promises to be bigger and better than ever this year on Sunday, 26 November. The fun starts on the High Street at 2pm with fun animation with the main stage programme starting at 3pm and an illuminations parade from 4pm.

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. The parade will also be decked with professional performers, with the sights, sounds and smells of everything festive, while being entertained by outstanding musical artists. The stage will be full of entertainment and performance where the big button will be pressed by the Mayor of Redcar and Cleveland.

**South Bank Christmas Market**  
**Friday, 17 Nov**  
**4pm at Golden Boy Green**

**Oh Yes It Is... A Fairytale Christmas at Ormesby Hall**  
**Every Friday from 24 Nov until Christmas. Also Mon to Thurs, 18 to 21 Dec.**  
**10.30am to 3pm.**

Panto-themed Christmas at Ormesby Hall. Rooms adorned with sparkling lights and decorations from some of the most beloved pantomimes, such as Cinderella and Beauty and the Beast. See prices at <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ormesby-hall>

**Pop-up Christmas shopping event at Flatts Lane Country Park**

**Sat 25 & Sun 26 Nov,**  
**10am to 3pm**

Pop-up stalls. Free entry.

**Festive evening at Ormesby Hall**

**Fri 1 & Sat 2 Dec,**  
**6pm to 8:30pm**

Late-night opening with festive music. Normal admission prices. [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ormesby-hall](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ormesby-hall)

**Snow Ball – Christmas party night**  
**Kirkleatham Walled Garden**

Various dates. Find out more at [kirkleathamwalledgarden.co.uk](http://kirkleathamwalledgarden.co.uk) or call 01642 054125

**Snow Ball Christmas joiner parties are back**

Enjoy a festive three course dinner, followed by dancing until late into the evening. Smart evening wear. Visit <https://kirkleathamwalledgarden.co.uk/celebrate-with-us/> call 01642 054125 or email [events@kirkleathamwalledgarden.co.uk](mailto:events@kirkleathamwalledgarden.co.uk)

**New Marske Christmas lights switch-on**

**Fri 1 Dec, 5pm**

Christmas parade leaves Sports Club and heads through the village to the Gleneagles Centre led by the Fire Brigade. You will find Santa, Christmas crafts, music, a tombola, and refreshments. Facebook page: New Marske Community Group.

**Saltburn Christmas lights switch-on**

**Sat 2 Dec, 5pm**

Santa and his parade leave the Fire Station and follow a route finishing at the Station Portico. This event is accessible to all, and families will have the opportunity to take it in turn to visit Santa in his Grotto for free.



**Marske annual Christmas festival and craft fair**  
**Thur 7 Dec**

Marske Square, Leisure Centre & White House Christmas Festival including funfair, Santa parade, Christmas crafts and Santa's grotto.

**Guisborough community Christmas carols**  
**Mon 11 Dec, 7pm**

Guisborough Town Mayor, Councillor David Johnson, will be holding the community carol service in the Salvation Army Citadel Community Church, Westgate. Christmas festivities and enjoy a mince pie and coffee after the service.

**Ormesby Christmas market**  
**Wed 13 Dec, 3pm to 6pm**  
**at Ormesby Library**

Visit Santa and get a free photo and present. Market stalls include face painting, jewellery, wreaths, felting, glass wear and cards, bath bombs, journaling and decorations.

**Wreath-making workshops at Flatts Lane**

**Woodland Country Park**  
**Sat 2, Sun 3, Sat 9, Sun 10 Dec.**

Sessions are 9am, 11.30am and 2.30pm. All equipment supplied. £20 per person (non-refundable). Booking is essential. Email: [flattsLANECENTRE@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk](mailto:flattsLANECENTRE@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk), telephone 01642 459629 or call into the Visitor Centre.

**Guisborough Christmas parade**

**Tues 5 Dec, 4pm to 8pm**

Annual community event run by Guisborough Town Council. Santa's Parade with reindeer, children's entertainers, children's rides, musical performances and a Santa's grotto in Sunnyfield House. Many shops, cafes and restaurants open for the extended evening. Tickets for Santa's grotto are £2 each, and are available now at Sunnyfield House, Guisborough. Pre-paid tickets only. For more information, call 01287 634595.







**SANTA THIS WAY:**  
Seth Lyth, two, of Guisborough  
at Kirkleatham Christmas Trail

# Kirkleatham Georgian Christmas

**Kirkleatham Museum and Grounds**

**Sat 2 Dec and Sun 3 Dec, 10am to 3pm**

A bumper year of Christmas fun and events is planned at the museum. There will be a traditional Georgian Christmas display throughout the museum, provided by Community Stepping Stones, and Father Christmas will be here with his elves and reindeers across the weekend (visits to Father Christmas are bookable via TicketSource).

Kirkleatham Owl Centre will be introducing some of its feathered friends. Indoor and outdoor trail with a Christmas makeover of our Domestic Bliss exhibition.

A range of stalls bringing a variety of goods can be found within the pavilion, as well as around the museum grounds.

Redcar and Cleveland young entrepreneurs have won the opportunity to trade at the Kirkleatham Museum Georgian Christmas market with exciting Christmas products and there's the chance to create your own Georgian-inspired decorations with artist Jane Riley, bringing the mystery and romance of one of the most traditional decorations to your home this Christmas.

Arts and crafts will also be available. Visit the museum's Facebook page to find out more.

**Santa visit & Christmas crafts**  
**Flatts Lane Woodland Country Park**

**Sat 16 & 17 Dec, 10am to 11am, 11.30am to 12.30pm, 1pm to 2pm and 2pm to 3pm**

Visit Santa in his grotto, receive a gift, and have fun making Christmas crafts in the visitor centre. £8 per child.

Booking and pre-payment is essential (non-refundable). Email [flattsLANECENTRE@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk](mailto:flattsLANECENTRE@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk), call 01642 459629

**Tree sale**  
Real Christmas trees will be on sale in December at Guisborough Forest and Walkway and Flatts Lane Country Park. Profits will go to the 'Friends' groups supporting both centres.

**Community carol singing and services**

**Skelton and Brotton Parish Council with both St Margaret's Church in Brotton and All Saints Church in Skelton**

First event at St Margaret's, Brotton at 3.30pm. Accompanied by Lockwood Band and local primary schools.

Second event at All Saints, Skelton, at 5.30pm. Accompanied by Lockwood Band.

**Boxing Day dip**

**Redcar Esplanade and beach, Tues 26 Dec**

Return of the famous dip.

**Tom Rolfe Productions presents The Wizard of Oz TunedIn! Redcar 27 Dec to 31 Dec**

Take a stroll down the yellow brick road this Christmas and join Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man and Lion on the most magical adventure of all 'The Wizard of Oz'. Book your tickets at [www.redcarpanto.co.uk/events/48045](http://www.redcarpanto.co.uk/events/48045)

Keep up to date with all the Christmas fun and activities in the borough at [www.redcarcleveland.co.uk/enjoy](http://www.redcarcleveland.co.uk/enjoy)

**New Year's Eve party Kirkleatham Walled Gardens, Sun, 31 Dec**

The garden's first New Year's Eve party. Music from the Anna Reay Live Five Piece Band. Tickets also include a welcome drink, three-course meal and a DJ until 1am. To book, call 01642 054125 or email [events@kirkleathamwalledgarden.co.uk](mailto:events@kirkleathamwalledgarden.co.uk) See prices at <https://kirkleathamwalledgarden.co.uk/celebrate-with-us/>

**New Year parties, Guisborough**

**Thur 25 and Fri 26 Jan**

Guisborough Town Council brings you two New Year parties. Enjoy the musical entertainment and afternoon tea that is served to Parish residents aged 70 years and over only. Admission is free and tickets will be available from Monday 11 December 2023. Tickets must be obtained. Ring Sunnyfield House on 01287 634595.



ICE: Last year's sculptures



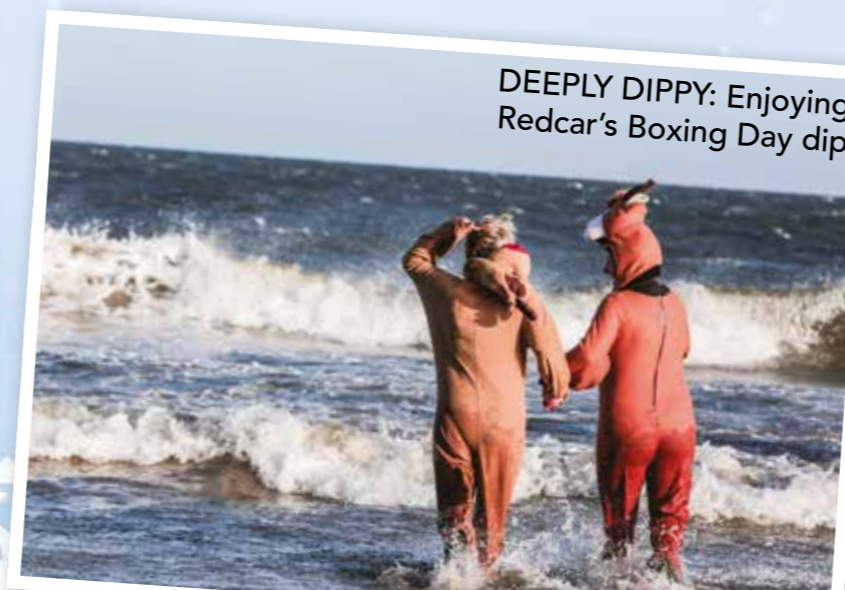
# Saltburn Ice Trail

**Sat 16 Dec, 10am to 4pm**

After last year's Ice Trail, 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. The trail will feature a live ice carve, and a workshop with its very own ice post box, where the elves will help you write and post your letters to Santa. Also, street entertainment, live performances, music and a host of Christmas stalls for those last-minute Christmas gifts.

DEEPLY DIPPY: Enjoying Redcar's Boxing Day dip





# A dream ceremony comes true

ALL couples are dreaming of the perfect ceremony for their wedding or civil partnership, and the team at the Register Office, are committed to create those unforgettable moments for them.

A new venue was added this year to their extensive selection of locations, the stunning grounds of Kirkleatham Walled Gardens.

The Gardens saw its first wedding organised by the Register Office in September 2023, when the newlyweds Michelle and Chris Boughen got married in the spectacular Turner Pavilion.

"We fell in love with this place and the entire day was just

amazing," said Michelle.

"We'd like to thank Barbara and Dawn from the Register Office at Redcar for all the help, guidance and reassurance."

From day one the team were by the bride and groom's side, working with them and guiding them through the entire process.

Barbara Schweitzer, a Civil Registration Officer at the Council, said: "Every wedding or civil partnership is unique, and every couple have their own vision of the perfect ceremony. Our team are here to make that magic happen."



**DREAM VENUE:**  
The couple's big day at Kirkleatham

Those interested can see the full list of venues in Redcar and Cleveland at <https://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/births-deaths-and-ceremonies>

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## Meet Mica - our Olympic hero

THERE are many young people with special educational needs across Redcar and Cleveland who are living proof that, with the right support, they could do anything.

Mica, 24, from Eston, is one of these young people.

She was diagnosed with Down Syndrome from a young age, but that didn't stop her from following her dreams.

Mica discovered her passion and gift for gymnastics when she was a teenager and her mother, Julie, did everything in her power to make sure Mica can explore her new interest.

Mica's talent was recognised during her competitions and she was invited to join the British National Gymnastics Team for the 2019 Special Olympics in Abu Dhabi. Her biggest achievements consists in her three Special Olympic medals, two bronze and one silver.

"I had so much support from my family and my friends," says Mica. "I really enjoyed my experience at the Special Olympics in Abu Dhabi and I was very happy to win three medals and ribbons in the competitions."

"It's just something that you never expect them to do," says Julie. "When Mica was a baby, I was told there is nothing this child won't be able to do. I am so proud of her."

Mica who is keen on helping other people, got a volunteer role at Marske Hall care home, offering support to people with special needs, and is also volunteering at James Cook Hospital. She spends her spare time at the Grenfell Club, a community centre where children, young people and adults with learning disabilities can socialise, learn new skills and develop their confidence.





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## Big lift for Tramway!

SALTBURN Cliff Tramway has beaten off stiff seaside competition, including the Blackpool Tower and Morecambe Winter Gardens, to be crowned the country's favourite seaside attraction.

The beloved attraction which is one of the oldest water-balanced lifts in the UK and known for its breathtaking views, won a public vote in the Seaside Heritage Networks first ever annual top ten Bucket and Spade list.

It was the second major accolade for the Tramway after it was named as being among the top 10% of listings on TripAdvisor's Travellers' Choice Awards.

### TOP 5

**The Top Five favourite seaside places and experiences as voted by members of the public:**

- 1 Saltburn Cliff Tramway, Saltburn-by-the-Sea
- 2 Blackpool Tower
- 3 Morecambe Winter Gardens
- 4 Silcock's Carousel, Southport
- 5 Donkey Rides, Weymouth



STORY TIME: Children enjoy a story at the 'new' Loftus library

# We want your views on libraries transformation

RESIDENTS are being encouraged to give their views on proposals to develop our library service as fit for the future as part of a 12-week consultation exercise which started on 6 November.

The first stage of the review started last year to understand how to develop and improve the service as well as achieve efficiencies. The first stage saw 711 responses and the findings are available at [www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/libraries-review](https://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/libraries-review)

The research found there has been a steep decline in active library members, visits to the libraries, the number of books issued and also in computer use. Despite this, digital borrowing continues to grow and the service has experienced an increase in attendance for events and activities.

**A new vision is proposed with the following priority areas:**

- relaunch and market the library to users and non-users to increase engagement and awareness;
- strengthen delivery and create programmes of work that support the library offer;
- develop an ambitious plan for outreach and partnerships;
- provide a strong literacy, reading and engagement offer for all ages;
- increase the quality of the activities and programmes delivered;
- create a service that supports the health and wellbeing of our communities;
- develop a more sustainable and resilient library service.

**The proposed changes to be consulted on include:**

- protect the public purse by closing Brotton and Roseberry libraries due to lack of usage, enabling Laburnum and Dormanstown libraries to be turned into community run venues;
- expanding the lease arrangements of Grangetown library with Grangetown Generations to encompass the whole building;
- reduce the opening hours of some of the remaining libraries.

The proposals would deliver an annual saving of approximately £400,000 from 2024-25. Alongside the savings, the Council would also look to invest an additional £10,000 into the libraries book stock.

Please let us have your views on the proposals by completing the consultation questionnaire at <https://redcar-cleveland.engagementhq.com> or picking up a printed version from any library in the borough.



# Lorna goes the extra mile for our kids

MEET Lorna Bowden, a school bus driver with the vital responsibility of transporting children with complex needs to school every day.

Lorna, from Redcar, has worked for the Council for seven years and believes she has one of the best jobs going.

"These are the loveliest bunch of kids you could ever meet," she beamed. "I have such a fantastic relationship with these kids and their families. The other day one child came running out from school with a picture they had drawn of their hero, and the picture was of me. I couldn't believe it."

Lorna transports children from various addresses across the borough some of who are wheelchair users, children with special educational needs and kids with complex medical needs.

A lifeline for many families in the borough, the home to school transport service works with families, schools and other professionals to ensure that students' special educational needs are met in the nearest, suitable school or college.

The service has 27 drivers and 36 passenger assistants who are supported by five back-office staff. As a whole, they are responsible for approximately 1,650 students a day ensuring they get to and from school. The service also transports



ALL ABOARD: Bus driver Lorna Bowden takes Sadie Hunt to school

approximately 120 adults to day services.

Drivers receive specialist training, not only in driving, but for first aid with certifications in areas such as the use of EpiPens and how to administer emergency medications.

Lorna explained: "The drivers each have a passenger assistant who travels with them, and we have a huge responsibility for the health and wellbeing of these children while they're in our care. We have to know how to work certain medical machines."

A serious job doesn't mean Lorna can't bring some fun into the school run, however. "I dress up every Halloween and Christmas," she laughed, "and sometimes I see the kids trying to work out if it's actually Santa Claus driving them to school. They say, 'Lorna, is that you?'"

"One winter morning when we arrived at a house, I jumped into a big pile of snow and waved my arms up and down like a snow angel, and they all absolutely loved it."

Due to only working term-time, Lorna gets to enjoy her spare time with her two sons. As a family, they ride their motorbikes and tow their caravan all over the country. She said: "I'm a people person and I love being out and about, so this is a perfect role for me. If I can help even one child, then I think that's a job done. And I think I've helped a few children over the years.

"The biggest challenge in my role, however, is that 6am alarm!"

CARING COUPLE: David and Kay Smith and their dogs, Finn and Darcy



## Fostering gave us a new lease of life

A COUPLE have told how becoming foster carers has given them a new lease of life.

David and Kay Smith, of Guisborough, are new foster carers and they explained that when they became semi-retired, they wanted to commit to helping young people.

David, 59, a rhythm guitarist in a band who also works in retail, said that the couple, who have a 26-year-old daughter, had long considered fostering.

Kay, 56, a keen dancer who works in catering, said she was less nervous than David at the beginning of the process as she had worked in a school for many years, and had built relationships with many children there.

The couple said they had good support from the network of Redcar & Cleveland's Fostering Team and other foster carers, who were all crucial in helping build their confidence.

David explained there were lots of different types of fostering to suit different people – but he and Kay had decided to offer emergency support to children. "We wanted the chance to take a break and have flexibility, especially when we're just learning what to do," he explained.

They revealed they had a 'secret weapon' to help break the ice with the children who have come into their lives since they started fostering in March this year – their dogs, Finn, and Darcy.

"These two have earned plenty of snacks since we fostered our first child," laughed David. "The kids have all absolutely loved them."

Kay said that the couple have learned as they've gone along. A positive is that it's helped the couple remain active.

Could you help change the future of a vulnerable child or young person? All our foster carers receive financial compensation for their vital work.

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# The Regent turns one!

IT'S just over a year since The Regent opened its doors to Redcar and Cleveland residents – and nearly 90,000 tickets have been sold since.

Assistant Manager Neil Bates, the original proprietor of the Regent Cinema, remembers the moment he was handed the keys on opening night to welcome local customers.

"There was a queue outside the door," he laughed. "Lyle Lyle Crocodile was a sell-out. The new staff had just finished their training, and we're pretty sure there was still wet paint on the walls, but it was a great night.

"It was exciting welcoming back customers and see familiar faces, and it was nice to carry the torch forward."

This year's blockbuster releases mean The Regent has regularly filled every seat in its three screens and its first-year success has far exceeded expectations.

"We are overwhelmed with the response from the public," General Manager Chris Collier said. "The Regent is one of the busiest cinemas for Merlin in the country. Selling over 80,000 tickets was our third-year target!"

Regular sell-out films include the 'Event Cinema' screenings, such as operas and ballets.

Not only does The Regent offer a cinema experience for everyone, including autism-friendly, parent and



**BIG PICTURE:**  
Neil Bates and  
Chris Collier  
of The Regent

baby, subtitled and school screenings, but it also home to a café bar, which can be privately hired.

Neil said: "There has always been an appetite locally for big screen entertainment, long may it continue."

Visit [merlincinemas.co.uk](http://merlincinemas.co.uk) to book your tickets.



## Meet the team protecting our vulnerable children

CHILDREN'S social workers have told of their determination to do whatever it takes to make sure our most vulnerable children and young people are safe.

One of them, Jess Kay, talked about her role within Redcar and Cleveland Children's Services following a positive Ofsted report into the service and is

encouraging more social workers to consider joining the team. "It's like a family here and I wouldn't work anywhere else," said Jess.

Jess was backed by her colleague Beth Brooks, 23, who is starting out on her career after being given more support through the Council's innovative 'Academy' which gives an extra level of supervision and support for newly qualified social workers. Said Beth: "Word about the academy is spreading – but the support doesn't stop there. The managers spend a lot of time with the team. You never, ever feel you're on your own here. We really are a team."



**DEDICATED:**  
Beth Brooks

Could you be part of the team? If you're a social worker interested to find out more please contact Mandy Davis at [mandy.davis@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk](mailto:mandy.davis@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk) for an informal chat.



**CARING:**  
Jess Kay



**Donate old electricals to help those in need**

RESIDENTS in Redcar and Cleveland are being urged to help those in need by donating unwanted working electricals as part of a new reuse scheme.

You can bring small, domestic electricals you no longer need to Dunsdale Waste and Recycling Centre where they will be collected, PAT tested and redistributed to people in need across Redcar and Cleveland by the community groups Footprints in the Community and Loftus CIC. Staff and volunteers have been trained and provided with the equipment to PAT test the items.

Electrical items that will be accepted include: toasters, kettles, blenders, slow cookers, steamers, toasters, small grills, hairdryers, microwaves, air fryers, alarm clocks, straighteners, coffee machines, irons. Non-reusable devices such as e-cigarettes or larger electricals will not be accepted even if they are still in working order.

Funding for the scheme is being provided by Material Focus, an independent, non-profit organisation aiming to ensure the reuse and recycling of electricals.



**RUBBISH TRIP!** South Bank children learn about recycling

## We've bin learning!

CHILDREN from our borough have been finding out what happens to their recycling once it's taken away.

Seven pupils from South Bank Primary were among children taken to the Cumbria Waste recycling facility to not only learn about recycling but take a tour of the entire facility.

They followed the journey recyclable waste takes, from being collected from their homes, getting organised, sorted on the plant and processed, ready to be shipped and turned into something new.

One of the pupils, Hanin, aged 10 from South Bank, said: "We've learned loads about how recycling actually works and how important

it is to recycle properly, otherwise there would be trash everywhere and we would run out of resources."

The students got to see the enormous bales of plastics, metals, glass, paper and cardboards, as well as all the contaminated waste that people also throw in their blue bin, from dirty nappies and take away boxes to batteries. These contaminants not only lead to more expenses, but also create challenges and risks for the staff working at the facility.

Paul Killick, Area Sales Manager at Cumbria Waste, said: "We hope the kids have learnt the importance of recycling and will encourage the people around them."





# Adult Education Open Event

Make a head start on your New Year's resolutions!



Come along to our open event on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 5:00pm-7:00pm

We offer a range of part-time and full-time courses, so whether you're looking to learn a new skill, progress within your career or get back into work, we can help you find a course that's right for you!



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# Oh brother! Twin apprentices join team

RYAN and Billy Milburn, 18, twin brothers from Marske, have joined the Council at nearly the same time.

Only five months after starting in his role as a Business Support Apprentice for the Complaints and Information Governance Team, Ryan obtained a full-time position for one year and is now doing business support for the Integration and Transformation team. During this time, Ryan developed a strong interest in adult social care, aiming to continue his career in this area.

"I know we're not on the frontlines, helping people directly, but it feels like I'm making a difference. As an apprentice, you get to see and try some roles that otherwise

you wouldn't know existed."

Six months after his brother started his apprenticeship, Billy also joined the organisation, but in a very different sector. Working as a Fleet Apprentice and enjoying all the training and hands on experience, Billy is also hoping to continue working for his department as a full-time employee, looking to get a qualification in mechanical engineering.

"I'm working with great people who are always helpful and a very supportive manager. I'm glad I can have on the job experience while working towards a qualification and getting paid to learn."

The brothers sometimes meet their aunt, Belinda

Hetherington, who has worked at the authority for nearly 40 years and is an Activities and Wellbeing Manager for people with learning disabilities and older people. She said: "They're lovely lads, thoughtful and kind, and I'm glad to see them growing in confidence. They both deserve the chance to thrive, they have worked hard to get here."

The two brothers, although working in different areas, are very close and like spending their free time together with their friends.

"We even have a friendly competition," says Ryan. "To see which one is doing better at work every week and who will advance quicker in their career."



FAMILY FORTUNES: Apprentice twin brothers Ryan and Billy Milburn and their aunt Belinda Etherington.





Street wardens operating in Middlesbrough. OPCC funding will mean extra patrols for similar teams in Redcar and Cleveland



**Additional patrols in ASB hotspot areas**

PCC Steve Turner has committed to bulking up Redcar and Cleveland’s civil enforcement teams to conduct extra patrols in areas with high levels of ASB.

Officers will gather intelligence about frequent offenders and conduct high visibility patrols in a bid to drive down ASB in the worst-affected communities.

Steve said: “I’m delighted that we have been selected to trial two new approaches to reducing ASB across Redcar and Cleveland and the rest of the force area.”

“The results of these pilots will help inform national policy to this ongoing issue, which I know still affects too many people in our area.”

Areas to benefit from patrols have been chosen based on ASB data from Cleveland Police, the fire brigade and local authorities.



Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner Steve Turner

# Cracking down on antisocial behaviour

EARLIER this year, the Government announced that Cleveland would be one of a select, few ‘trailblazer’ areas to receive funding for additional measures to reduce antisocial behaviour.

Antisocial behaviour – also known as ASB – is behaviour that has caused – or is likely to cause – harassment, alarm or distress to some-one. It covers a number of issues such as rowdy or inconsiderate behaviour, vehicle nuisance and littering.

Following a £2m Home Office investment, Redcar and Cleveland will benefit from two, new pilot schemes aimed at reducing levels of ASB and providing justice for victims.

Led by Cleveland’s Police and Crime Commissioner Steve Turner

and his office, both schemes will start in Redcar and Cleveland in the next few months.

**Suspects to make immediate reparations**

The Immediate Justice pilot will see offenders repair the harm they have caused by undertaking unpaid work and improving community spaces.

Adults on the scheme will work in high-visibility clothing so residents can see justice taking place as it happens in their communities, with work expected to take place within 48 hours of an order being issued.

The pilot will be run in partnership with Cleveland Police, the Probation Service and Youth Offending Teams.

# For the love of Leo

LOTTIE King started a charity – Leo’s – to support bereaved parents following the death of her prematurely born baby.

I WAS catapulted into the world of baby loss and neonatal care in 2015, when my son, Leo, was handed to me by his neonatal doctor to hold him for the first time. Devastatingly, this hello was also our goodbye.

His twin brother Oska, despite Leo’s earlier arrival, was still tucked away in my tummy, and held on for another four days until he was at 25 week gestation, when he made his entrance into the world.

We spent 109 days in the neonatal intensive care unit with Oska. Trying to grieve, and still attend hospital every day, make sure I was in for ward rounds, handovers, evening rounds, plan a funeral around ward rounds and cares (nappy changes and feeds) was a road no one should ever have to navigate. My days would be consumed with keeping Oska alive and protecting myself by immersing myself with the nurses and doctors - rather than being a mum.

Filling my days with numbers, alarms allowed me to shield the grief, not feel pain.

Nighttimes were lonely. When everyone was asleep, the thoughts, the heartbreaking visions of the trauma I had endured around Leo’s death would seep through. The grief would come crashing in.

When I started Leo’s in 2018, our mission was to make sure that families who felt desperately lost, alone or afraid of their emotions could come and access mental health support from our team.

A team who knew what those emotions felt like, like the emotions I felt in my darkest days, because they too have felt the pain.

This year, Leo’s has been commissioned by The Family Hubs initiative to run a specialist perinatal baby loss service for families.

Find out more about Family Hub services on [www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/family-hubs](http://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/family-hubs).

Find out more about Leo’s Perinatal Baby Loss Service at [www.leosperinatal.org](http://www.leosperinatal.org)

CHARITY: Lottie King

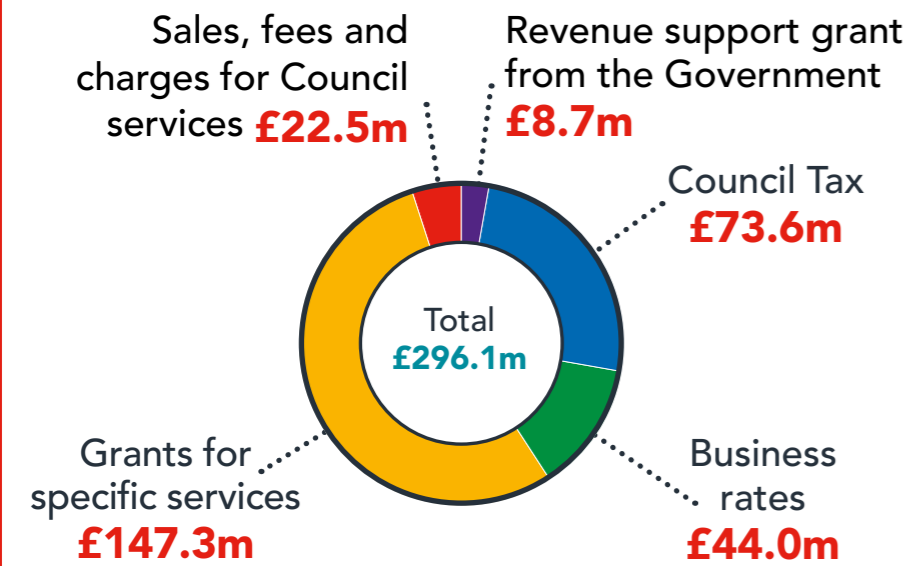




# Balancing the books

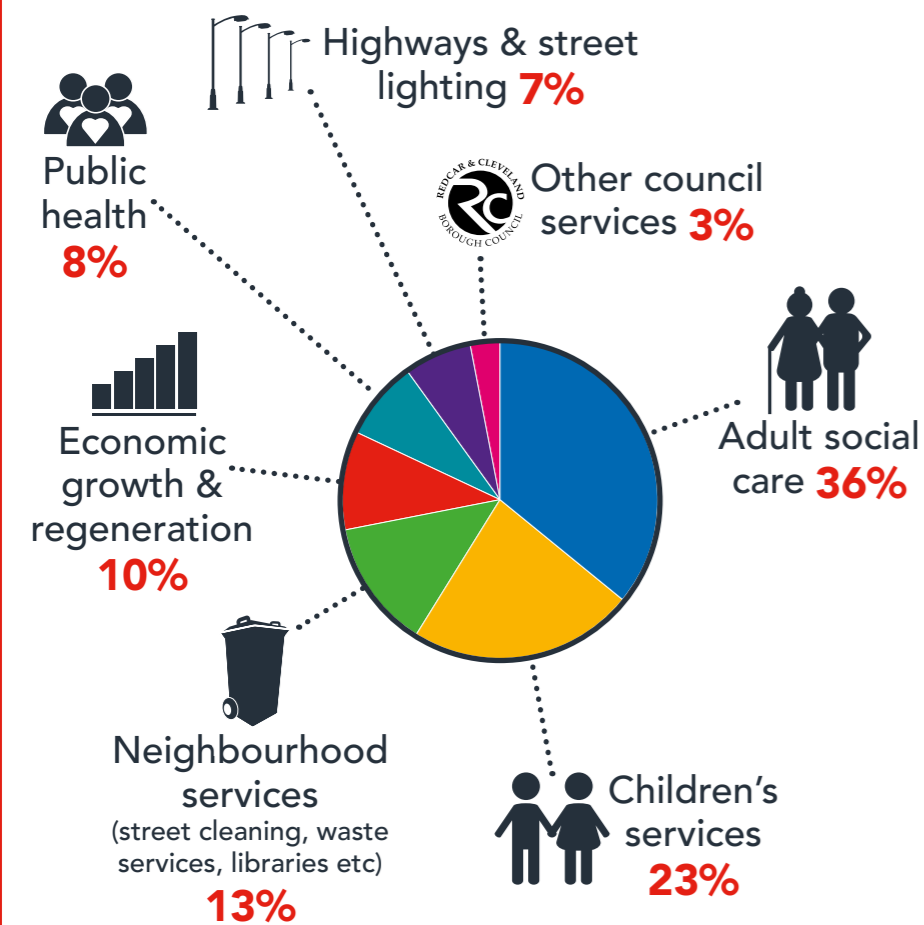
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## Where our money comes from

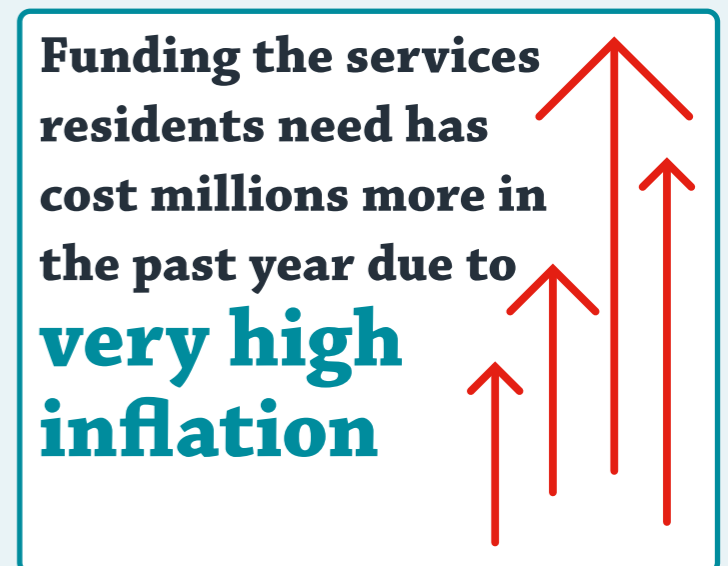
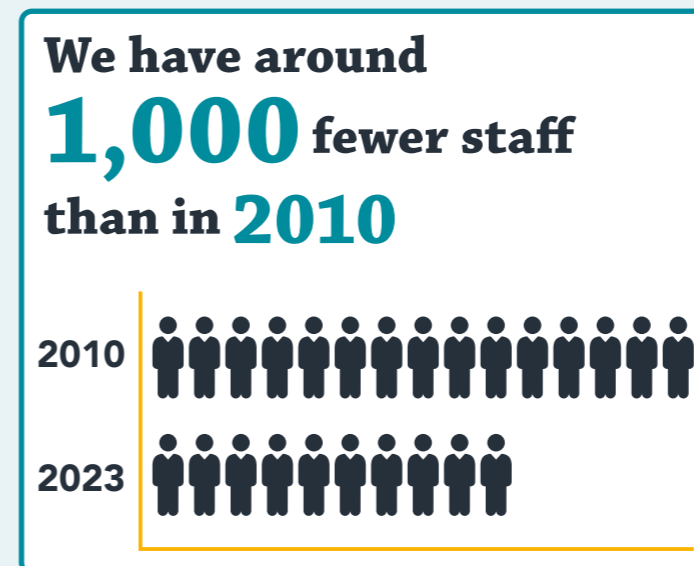
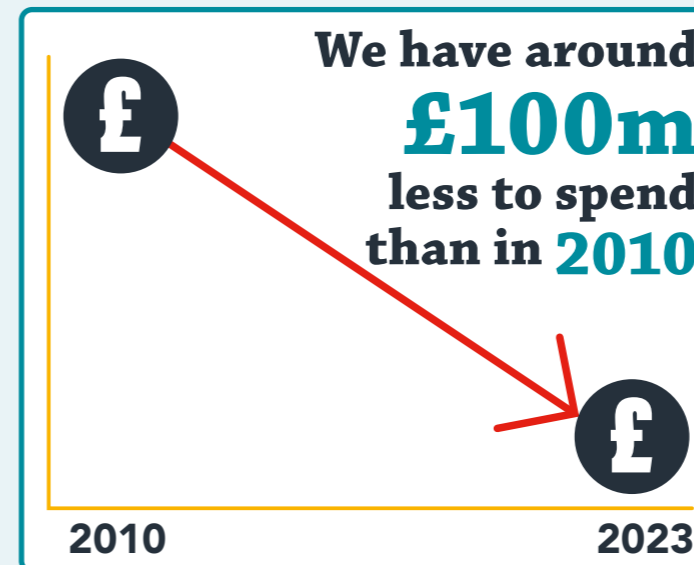


THE cost of delivering Council services is increasing at a rate which exceeds the Council budget. Funding from Government has reduced by 30% since 2015 and the Council has £100m less to spend than in 2010 and around 1,000 fewer staff to deliver services. The increased reliance on Council Tax for income also creates a particular challenge for places like Redcar and Cleveland where the type of properties in the area doesn't allow the Council to raise sufficient funds to offset the reduction in funding from the Government.

## Where we spend our money



In calculating how much money the Council needs, the Government assumes that Council Tax will be increased each year to by the maximum legally allowed. Any decision not to do that adds to existing budget pressures and potential cuts to services. Like other Councils we are also operating in a volatile economic climate, with high inflation, high energy and fuel costs and an increased demand on our services, driven in part by the cost-of-living crisis, all combining to make budget setting extremely challenging. The demand on services is driven particularly by adult social care and children's services where nearly 60% of our overall budget is now spent. Due to these circumstances, there is no option for the Council but to make further savings and generate income.



**Many of the grants we receive must be spent on specific projects – often construction of buildings. By law, we cannot use these grants to run our services or reduce Council Tax**

Over the coming months the Council will be developing budget proposals for 2024/25 and we will ask for your views on these.

- The Council receives funding from the Government for schools and Housing Benefits. This money is passed directly to the recipients.



# Need financial help? Here's where

THE Council and our partners offer cost of living help to residents as cost of living pressures continue.

Called 'cost of living support', the service aims to ensure households that are financially struggling have the right information, advice and support such as where to find warm spaces, dealing with debt, accessing affordable housing and help with utilities like gas and electric and budgeting support. Visit our webpage [www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support](http://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support) to find out more.

The Council also has a number of financial support

schemes such as reductions in council tax payments and assistance towards rent payments. This could include up to a 100% council tax reduction for eligible residents of state pension age and up to a 82.5% reduction for eligible working age residents. Residents may also be entitled to Household Support Fund assistance of up to £300 per household dependent on circumstances. To find out more about Housing Benefit, Council Tax Support and Household Support Fund visit



[redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support](http://redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support)  
For free and impartial help with money matters visit [www.moneyhelper.org.uk](http://www.moneyhelper.org.uk) or contact Redcar Citizens Advice 01642 030000.

# Family fun and services are go!

FAMILY Hubs and services for families across the borough have been relaunched after a £2.6 million cash injection and ambitious transformation plan. The Council was one of 75

local authorities given the opportunity to access national funding to improve services through Family Hubs. Work has taken place to transform the hubs and services at

Loftus, Skelton, Dormanstown, Grangetown, Redcar and South Bank.

There are now longer opening hours and a service which will support children and young people aged 0-19, rather than 0-5 which it was previously. Additional services include midwives, Enhanced Maternity Support Workers, Family Action and other community organisations.



FAMILY FUN: Children and parents at refurbished Family Hubs in Skelton, South Bank and Grangetown

Find out more at [www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/family-hubs](http://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/family-hubs) or follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/RBCCFamilyHubs](https://www.facebook.com/RBCCFamilyHubs)

## Vacancies available NOW in Redcar and Cleveland

**There are opportunities for Support Workers/Personal Assistants, to work for employers who receive a Direct Payment and require support to live independently.**

By applying you will be joining our PA Register which is a 'bank' of potential applicants which employers can select from. If selected, you will be invited to interview with the individual employer. Successful candidates will be directly employed by the person/individual and not by Darlington Association on Disability. All roles will be subject to DBS and reference checks.

### TO APPLY or for further information:

- ✓ [www.darlingtondisability.org/pa-register/](http://www.darlingtondisability.org/pa-register/)
- ✓ Email: [dprecruitment@darlingtondisability.org](mailto:dprecruitment@darlingtondisability.org)
- ✓ Call: 01325 489999 and speak to the Direct Payments Team
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# 'Facelift' for Redcar High Street

REDCAR High Street is set to receive a facelift thanks to investment from the Redcar Town Deal.

Residents and tourists will soon see improvements to the area such as new street furniture, more landscaping with plants and trees and improved lighting.

The aim is to help create a vibrant town centre which attracts more visitors and residents, supporting local independent businesses, jobs and attracting further investment.

This is all part of the Redcar Town Deal. Back in 2019, Redcar was

awarded £25 million from the Government's Town Deal programme and a Redcar Town Deal board was established for the fund, led by a group of industry experts, business leaders, and community representatives who have volunteered to support the regeneration of Redcar. Alongside the Council, they have helped develop large-scale regeneration plans which will make Redcar a more vibrant, sustainable town.



FACELIFT: How Redcar High Street will look following investment





# BE WISE IMMUNISE



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- 6 months-64 years old and clinically at risk
- Care home residents
- Household contacts of someone who is immunosuppressed
- Carers
- Pregnant women
- Frontline health and social care workers
- Children aged 2-3 years
- School children from reception up to year 11
- Patients identified by their GP as housebound - will receive a call from a local community pharmacy to arrange a home visit. Please do not ring the pharmacy - they will contact you!

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- Carers
- Pregnant women
- Frontline health and social care workers
- Patients identified by their GP as housebound - will receive a call from a local community pharmacy to arrange a home visit. Please do not ring the pharmacy - they will contact you!

For more information go to [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk)  
#BeWiseImmunise



# Keep warm and well this winter

HELP and advice is available to residents on how to keep warm and receive healthcare support during the winter months.

**Stay safe and warm**  
CLEVELAND Fire Brigade, working with the Council, are urging residents struggling with their heating to get in touch as part of their 'stay safe and warm' campaign.

The free scheme runs from October 2023 to March 2024 and has no age restrictions. A range of equipment is available following an assessment.

To find out more, call 01429 874063 or visit [www.clevelandfire.gov.uk/community/ssaw/](https://www.clevelandfire.gov.uk/community/ssaw/)



### Warm and Well Service here to help

THE Council's Warm and Well Service provides the following support:

- advice and information to keep you and your home warm;
- access to grants and other types of support: you may be eligible for free insulation measures, an improved heating system or winter-related benefits;
- warmth support in an emergency, such as your heating system breaking down. The service works with you to provide advice and short-term support, including portable heaters, electric blankets, thermal blankets, torches, wind-up lanterns, thermometers and flasks.

Contact the Warm and Well Team by calling 01287 612455 or emailing [warmandwell@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk](mailto:warmandwell@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk)



### Energy advice for affordable warmth

ENERGY advice and fuel voucher support is also available to support vulnerable households.

The South Tees Affordable Warmth Partnership and Middlesbrough Environment City Affordable Warmth Team give tips on staying warm and using energy effectively and have supported over 2,000 households since last year.

For further information please give the team a call on free phone 0800 3047084.



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# New library opens its doors

LOFTUS Library has a new home. The new £2.2 million library has opened its doors to readers of all ages following a move into a new community hub.

Loftus Library has relocated into Duncan Place as part of the Loftus Future High Street programme that promises to transform Loftus with facilities and attractions for residents and visitors.

The 'new' Loftus Library has been designed to be a community hub, sharing its space with the local Family Hub to offer a range of services to local residents and their families. The library will come complete with everything you might expect along with a new children's area boasting its own treehouse.

Loftus Library opening hours are: Monday - 9am until 5pm; Wednesday - 10am until 4pm; Thursday and Friday - 10am



STORY TIME: Children listen to a story teller at Loftus Library

until 5pm and Saturday - 9am until 12:30pm.

The new community space has been jointly funded by the Government's Future High Streets Fund and through the Indigenous Growth Fund

administered via Tees Valley Combined Authority. The development is part of a larger, £11 million Loftus regeneration plan. To find out more, please visit <https://loftusmasterplan.co.uk/>

# Church to transform as creative space

WORKS are set to start on the transformation of the former United Reformed Church in Loftus.

The derelict building, which dates back to 1906, has stood empty for 20 years, but the building will soon accommodate artist studios, a gallery and workshop space.

The refurbishment will concentrate on making the church a space for a group of artists who are keen to work closely with the community, helping local people learn more about the arts and getting creatively involved. Four jobs will be created.



NEW LOOK: An impression of how Loftus Church will look after a refurb

Works to make the building structurally safe and water-tight have already been completed.

Nearly £1.6 million has been secured from the Council's Indigenous Growth Fund, which

is administered by Tees Valley Combined Authority.

To find out more about other Loftus projects, please visit: <https://loftusmasterplan.co.uk/>



# TEES VALLEY

## Work begins at Teesworks on world-leading NZT Project



Groundbreaking work has begun at the former Redcar steelworks, which will become the home to the world-leading Net Zero Teesside Power project.

The preparatory work by Teesworks is under way following the recent signing of an option-for-lease agreement between NZT Power partners bp and Equinor, and Teesworks.

The deal could see the multi-billion pound scheme become an anchor tenant at Teesworks.

NZT Power aims to be the world's first gas-fired power station with carbon capture and storage capability, and will help drive Teesside's aim to become the UK's first decarbonised industrial cluster as early as 2030.

NZT Power could create and support up to 4,000 jobs during construction and operations and add up to £300million to the economy per year – including millions of pounds in business rates to Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council.

The proposed power station will generate up to 860 megawatts of low carbon electricity- enough to power up to 1.3 million UK homes. Up to two million tonnes of CO2 emissions from the power station will be transported to the North Sea and permanently and safely stored underground each year – emissions which would otherwise be released into the atmosphere.

The remediation and infrastructure work currently underway is being funded by Teesworks Ltd's joint venture partners.

The start of the work came after a landmark deal was also struck to use British Steel to construct SeAH Wind Ltd's £450million offshore wind monopile production facility elsewhere on the site.

A new £100million-plus deal between SeAH, British Steel and Severfield has now been signed which will see steel from British Steel's Teesside Beam Mill at Lackenby, used in the giant development, below.

It was also recently announced that Willis Lease Finance Corporation and its subsidiary Willis Sustainable Fuels (UK) Ltd has submitted plans to Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council for a multimillion-pound Sustainable Aviation Fuel refinery at Teesworks.

The Power-to-Liquid refinery will convert feedstocks derived from industrial waste CO2 and green hydrogen produced from renewable electricity into aircraft fuel.



# Don't miss your chance to vote

ON 2 May 2024 electors will take to the polls to elect the next Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland Police, and the next Mayor of the Tees Valley. In addition, a General Election must take place before January 2025.

In order to vote, you must appear on the electoral register. If you have never registered to vote, or have recently moved, visit [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) to ensure you are registered.

For all elections next year, electors across the country will again be required to provide photographic ID at polling stations in order to vote. Various types of ID will be accepted, including passports, driver licences, blue badges,



concessionary bus passes and any form of identity card which is PASS mark. A complete list of acceptable photographic ID will be provided on polling information letters prior to these elections. Any elector has the right to vote by post should they wish, for more information and to make an application to vote in this way visit [www.gov.uk/how-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/how-to-vote)

## Free home improvements available. Do you qualify?

FREE home improvements are now available to homes without gas central heating to improve energy efficiency.

Insulation, double glazing, air source heat pumps and solar panels may be installed to these homes as part of the Home Energy Efficiency Tees Valley scheme which has been awarded £6 million of Government funding.

You may automatically qualify for help through your postcode. If not, your household gross income should be less than £31,000 or be in receipt of a qualifying benefit. Properties must have an energy performance of D, E, F or G

To check if your postcode qualifies automatically and for more information visit [www.hartlepool.gov.uk/HEET-register](http://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/HEET-register)

## Child exploitation

A SPECIALIST team called SAFE is being established by the Council to support young people at risk of exploitation. If you think a child or young

person is in immediate danger, call 999. The SAFE team may be contacted via the Multi Agency Children's Hub on 01642 130700.



## Teesside wins airport of the year award

Teesside International Airport is flying high after it was named UK & Ireland Airport of the Year at the recent TTG Travel Industry Awards.

A panel of aviation and travel expert judges assessed entries from airports across the country before awarding the gong to Teesside. They recognised the mammoth efforts undertaken to turn Teesside Airport around, including how it had grown its flights and improved the customer experience.

As well as this success, Teesside is also in the running for the British Travel Awards' for Best UK Airport, and is the only national airport going up against global competition in the International Airport Review's Airport Experience Award.

## COUNCIL DIARY

Times of meetings may change from time to time. Please check at [www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk](http://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk)

### November 2023

- Thursday 23, 10am  
**Regulatory Committee**
- Monday 27, 10am  
**Adults, Wellbeing & Health Scrutiny & Improvement Committee**
- Monday 27, 2pm  
**Governance Committee**
- Tuesday 28 November, 10am  
**Children & Families Scrutiny & Improvement Committee**
- Wednesday 29 November, 10am  
**Corporate Resources & Governance Scrutiny & Improvement Committee**
- Thursday 30 November, 10am  
**Growth Scrutiny & Improvement Committee**

### December, 2023

- Friday 1, 10am  
**Climate & Environment Scrutiny & Improvement Committee**
- Tuesday 5, 10am  
**Cabinet**
- Friday 8, 10am  
**River Tees Port Health Authority**
- Wednesday 13, 10am  
**Employment, Health & Safety Committee**
- Wednesday 10, 10am  
**Regulatory Committee**
- Thursday 21, 2pm  
**Borough Council**

### January 2024

- Monday 29, 10am  
**Adults, Wellbeing & Health Scrutiny & Improvement Committee**
- Tuesday 30, 10am  
**Children & Families Scrutiny & Improvement Committee**
- Wednesday 31, 10am  
**Corporate Resources & Governance Scrutiny & Improvement Committee**

### February 2024

- Thursday 1, 10am  
**Growth Scrutiny & Improvement Committee**
- Friday 2, 10am  
**Climate & Environment Scrutiny & Improvement Committee**
- Monday 5, 10am  
**Governance Committee**
- Tuesday 6, 10am  
**Cabinet**
- Thursday 8, 10am  
**Regulatory Committee**
- Wednesday 14, 10am  
**Employment, Health & Safety Committee**
- Thursday 19, 2pm  
**Borough Council**

### March 2024

- Thursday 7, 10am  
**Regulatory Committee**
- Monday 11, 10am  
**Adults, Wellbeing & Health Scrutiny & Improvement Committee**



# The 59 men and women representing 24 wards

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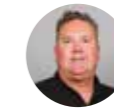


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# Christmas & New Year WASTE COLLECTIONS

Great news... there is only ONE change to collection days this year. That change is for collections due on Tuesday 26 December. Bins must be presented kerbside by **7am** on the morning of collection.

COLLECTION TYPE	NORMAL DAY	REVISED DAY
General waste	Tuesday 26 December	Wednesday 27 December
Recycling waste	Tuesday 26 December	Thursday 28 December
<b>ALL OTHER COLLECTION DAYS</b>	<b>NO CHANGE</b>	

## 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**  
**Christmas Eve: 8am – 4pm | New Years Eve: 8am – 4pm**  
**Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day**  
[www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/dunsdale](http://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/dunsdale)

**CHECK IT BEFORE YOU CHUCK IT** 

## 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](http://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](http://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/waste-electricals)

