Redcar & Cleveland Business

Redcar & Cleveland Update

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News

Meet our new Director for Growth, Enterprise and Environment

MEET our borough's new Corporate Director for Growth, Enterprise and Environment.

Sarah Robson, of Saltburn, said she can't wait to get started working with colleagues at the Council and the wider business community encouraging business growth across Redcar and Cleveland.

She said: "I'm absolutely delighted to able to contribute to the great work that's going on here. It's a really exciting time with lots to do.

"The borough has responded very positively to the extremely difficult SSI closure and, with the South Tees Development Corporation and the Tees Valley Combined Authority, created a strong platform for future growth. I am proud to have joined the team."

Sarah, a Chartered Town Planner, has previously worked as Project Director for Tees Valley Regeneration where she was responsible for the Victoria Harbour site in Hartlepool and the North Shore development site in Stockton.

National engineering consultants locate to borough

A NATIONAL engineering consultancy firm has launched its tenth office in the UK with the opening of a site in Grangetown.

Fazer-Nash Consultancy has officially opened after taking up office space at the Materials Processing Institute's campus.

The firm has signed a lease for two offices at Material Processing Institute's campus, which will initially house four members of staff. The firm intends to continue to add more people to the base as it grows.

In total Frazer Nash employs around 800 people across the UK and Australia, doubling its headcount since 2012. The launch of the new office is part of the firm's growth plans. Pictured are Chris Jones of Frazer-Nash and Chris Donald of Materials Planning Institute.

Find out more by visiting: https://www.mpiuk.com/news.php

Opportunity for apprenticeship in Tees Components

Tees Components an award winning, heavy engineering employer based in Skelton are creating two apprenticeship positions in mechanical engineering, specialising in machining. Successful applicants will work towards NVQ qualifications and the positions will last up to four years, depending upon previous industry-related qualifications.

For more information visit https://teescomponents.co.uk/careers

Plastics o-fish-ally scaled back at Seabreeze

BUSINESSES across the borough are signing up to the Plastic Free campaign.

The latest to take on the plastic-free challenge is Seabreeze fish and chip shop on Redcar's Lobster Road.

Kevin Austick explained that from now on customers will not be getting their fish and chips in polystyrene boxes with plastic forks. Going 'old school', the Seabreeze team will instead be using paper bags and cardboard boxes. Even the teas and coffees will come in cardboard cups. The shop has also introduced their own branded, reusable bags for customers.

Owner Nicola Atkinson (pictured centre with Alex Atkinson and Keven Austick) said: "We don't want plastic in fish. We sell it! Everyone can do something small to help."

Find out how to get involved at www.plasticfreeredcarcleveland.com

Need building control advice?

A PROFESSIONAL, impartial service to help guide businesspeople through the building regulation process is being offered.

The Local Authority Building Control team provides experienced surveyors, excellent local knowledge, quick application process, same day site inspection, building notice service and advice on liaising with planning officers.

Call the team at the Council on 01642 774774, email building_control@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk or log on to https://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/resident/planning-and-building/building-control/Pages/building-control.aspx to find out more.

Recruit your staff through Routes to Work

EMPLOYERS seeking staff are being advised to get in touch with the Tees Valley Routes to Work team.

The team work with both employers and people seeking work who are aged over 30.

Mentors provide tailored support to ensure the right job seeker finds the right employer.

Call 01287 612563 or email routestowork@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk to find out more.

What a gathering!

SOCIAL sector enterprises and commercial businesses gathered at The Wilton Centre, Redcar on Friday 15 March for a unique opportunity to connect, expand, share and learn.

The event, titled: 'Passion, Profit, Purpose: Connecting with Emerging Opportunities,' was organised by the Business Growth Team of Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council.

The Keynote Speaker, Chris McDonald of Materials Processing Institute, gave an insight into the cultural shift needed for today's jobs, skills and employment prospects in a mixed economy. A range of presenters and facilitators challenged delegates to work in partnership and think about what they can do differently that would positively impact the local economy.

Sarah Robson, the new Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council's Director of Growth, Enterprise & Environment said: "Close working relationships between the social enterprise and commercial sectors will be crucial in the next phase of the economic growth of the borough, as we jointly explore opportunities for expansion and developments."

If your business or enterprise would like support for investment or growth, please contact the Business Growth Team on 01642 444366 or email business@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Funding opportunities

Third time lucky for Martyn thanks to start-up fund

A FORMER steel worker who had to quit his next job after being diagnosed with epilepsy has started his own business - thanks to help from SSI Task Force Business Start-Up Fund.

Martyn Nelson, 34, of Brotton, has set up as a gardener, handyman, small job builder and fence erector with support from the start up fund which is now available to anyone in the Tees Valley who wants to set up in business.

He explained he had a young family when SSI closed but was already qualified as an HGV driver and soon found work. However, when he was suddenly diagnosed with epilepsy last year he had to give up that job too and was forced to start a new career for the third time.

The business is called Mr Clean and Tidy and Martyn is hoping to find work from older

people, or people too busy to maintain their gardens, nursing homes or anyone who needs a gardening or light building work including pointing and repairs and is also a fence erector. He can be contacted on 07572 971871 or at mrcleanandtidy@outlook.com.

Funding is now available from the SSI Task Force Business Start-Up Fund for anyone in the Tees Valley to start out in business. Contact the North East Enterprise Agency Ltd on 0191 5166093.

Contract and letting opportunities

Four key industrial or retail sites are now on the market at South Bank

INVESTMENT opportunities have become available in South Bank.

Some four sites are now available for industrial, trade, retail or drive thru use on Puddlers Road, South Bank.

The sites have excellent transport links are close to Middlesbrough FC and nearby existing occupants include Asda and McDonald's.

All four sites are currently laid as grass on relatively flat surfaces and will have shared access from Puddlers Road with the South Tees Business Centre. It sits in an employment area within the recently adopted Redcar and Cleveland Local Plan.

Naylors have been instructed to offer the sites for lease by Sealed Informal Tender. Bids are to be submitted by 12pm on Friday (29 March).

For general enquiries and viewing arrangements call 0191 2327030 or email keithstewart@naylors.co.uk, chrisdonabie@naylors.co.uk or duncanchristie@naylors.co.uk

Events

Redcar & Cleveland Business Network

THE April meeting of Redcar and Cleveland Business Network will be held from 7.30am to 9.30am on Wednesday 3 April 2019 at Redcar & Cleveland Leisure and Community Heart, Ridley Street, Redcar TS10 1TD.
It is a FREE event which promises a forum for helpful advice, opportunities and connections to grow your business.

April theme: Plastic Free Redcar Cleveland - How going plastic free is helping businesses save money, increase sales and build awareness of their company in the community as well as helping improve the environment.
Date for your diary: A special networking event; Wednesday 24 April at 5pm - 6.30pm.

For more information or if you would like to speak at a future networking event, email Redcar and Cleveland Business Network at:
redcarclevelandbusinessnetwork@gmail.com

Our industrial heritage - and future - celebrated in exhibition

PRIDE in our steel and iron heritage which is renowned across the world is to be celebrated in a new exhibition.

The Steel Stories exhibition at Kirkleatham Museum near Redcar will open on Friday 5 April.

It will feature a 'locker room' containing interactive features, a film room, a Lego model of a blast furnace and much more.

Pictured is Sam Webber, five, who is excited about seeing a Meccano model of the Newport Bridge at the exhibition.

Find out more: https://redcarcleveland.co.uk/enjoy/steel-stories-2/

Our Business Growth Team is here to help you and your business. Contact the team on 01642 444366 or email business@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk.