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TEES VALLEY MAYOR

## Mayor's Update on Tees Valley Coronavirus Restrictions

Dear Business Owner,

Today I spearheaded a meeting between myself, council leaders and Downing Street officials. It was absolutely right that leaders from across the political spectrum all came together to work with Government to get the best outcome for the people of Teesside, Darlington and Hartlepool who are currently experiencing so much difficulty and uncertainty.

As a result of this meeting, I can confirm that the boroughs of **Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees will not be entering the Very High tier of lockdown restrictions at this time.**

The data shows the number of cases across the Tees Valley is flattening. This needs to come down further, but it shows if we can keep this up, we can avoid the catastrophic consequences of moving into the highest level of restrictions. This shows the extremely difficult sacrifices that everyone is making are not in vain.

Our position is constantly being reviewed and we should have another update next week, but in the meantime, I am strongly urging everyone in Teesside, Darlington and Hartlepool to follow the rules so that we can get the virus back under control and return to normal as soon as possible.

I would also like to take this opportunity to once again highlight the assistance on offer for great

businesses like yours at this difficult time.

For more information on the assistance both locally and from Government that is available for your business, visit [TeesValleyBusiness.com](https://www.teesvalleybusiness.com)

The Tees Valley Business Support Helpline is also still operating for any businesses in need of coronavirus-related support.

[support@teesvalley-ca.gov.uk](mailto:support@teesvalley-ca.gov.uk)

**01642 662777**

Thank you and stay safe,

Ben Houchen  
Tees Valley Mayor

**Are you part of Redcar and  
Cleveland Business Network?  
Free Virtual Event**



**7.30am - 8.30am, Thursday 22 October 2020**

Promote your business and hear from Redcar & Cleveland College and Tees Valley Combined Authority on current support available to your business, including incentives to recruit apprentices and work placements.

Register here (<https://bit.ly/2Tzlfde>)



## Access Government Kickstart Grant Scheme through an intermediary

The Government's **Kickstart** Scheme is available to help employers create new 6-month job placements for young people on Universal Credit aged 16-24 and at risk of long-term unemployment. The placements should support the participants to develop the skills and experience they need to find work after completing the scheme.

The Grant Scheme offers employers 100% funding for the appropriate National Minimum Wage for a 25-hour week, plus associated employer National Insurance contributions and employer minimum automatic enrolment contributions.

In addition, £1500 is available for setup costs, support and training per job placement.

If you're interested in offering under 30 placements, click here (<https://bit.ly/2Tub0rL>) for a list of some sector specific and generalist intermediaries willing to help small businesses to apply for the Kickstart Grant on their behalf.

You can also click here (<https://www.teesvalleybusiness.com/support-for-businesses/kickstart-tees-valley/>) for Tees Valley Combined Authority's co-ordinated approach to the Grant Scheme.

## Technical Innovation from Redcar business in the fight against COVID



IC Spray, based at UKSE, Innovation Centre, Kirkleatham have designed a new product in the fight against COVID-19.

Read more by visiting <https://teesbusiness.co.uk/2020/10/08/tees-firms-seal-of-approval-in-covid-fight/>



## Business Opportunities in Germany

**11am – 12.15pm, Tuesday 20 October 2020**

Attend this free webinar to find out the opportunities available, along with the legal and regulatory requirements to set up and operate in Germany.

Register here (<https://eu.eventscloud.com/ehome/index.php?eventid=200210432&reference=email>)



**Celebrate 2020 Global Ethics Day**

**5pm – 6pm, Wednesday 21 October 2020**

Join North East Initiative on Business Ethics and leading North East companies to hear what they are doing to develop and promote ethical business.

Register here ([https://nibe.org.uk/event/responsible-business-event-for-world-ethics-day/?instance\\_id=44](https://nibe.org.uk/event/responsible-business-event-for-world-ethics-day/?instance_id=44))

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