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Tees Valley Rural Grant Funding Opportunity



Tees Valley has been allocated **£187,427** for the financial year 2025 to 2026 through the UK Government's Rural England Prosperity Fund.

In line with this year's allocation round 3 of the Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) is now open to applications offering capital grants of **£1,000 to £15,000** for rural businesses and community organisations across Redcar and Cleveland.

Delivered by Tees Valley Combined Authority, in partnership with Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council, this fund is designed to strengthen both our rural economy and rural community infrastructure.

There is no match funding requirement for the purposes of this fund and applications are invited for projects which will:

- Accelerate business growth and diversification.
- Support the development of new products and services.
- Create jobs and support new developments in the rural area.
- Strengthen community infrastructure and services.
- Support local heritage, arts and creative activities.

Please note projects **must** take place in an eligible area as defined by the Department for Food, Environment and Rural Affairs (defra) on the Magic Maps tool, to check your eligibility we have developed an easy to use checker using defra data found [HERE](#).

Organisations have until **5pm** on **Friday 5 September** to submit applications for this funding round.

For more information on eligibility and guidance as to how to apply please visit the Tees Valley Combined Authority website [HERE](#).

Our team are here to provide support with your application if required, please respond to this email and a member of our team will get back to you.

For any general questions please contact UKSPFenquiries@teesvalley-ca.gov.uk.

Tees Valley Youth Guarantee Trailblazer



Tees Valley Combined Authority is offering local businesses the opportunity of accessing funded three or six month **paid work placements** for young people aged 18-21 who are not in education, employment, or training.

To help your business take on a young person additional support is available including:

- Up to £2,000 is available to help you identify dedicated work-based mentors within your team.
- Training grants are also available with up to £2,500 towards certified training, qualifications and upskilling.

Paid placements will be subsidised for up to 25 hours per week, wages will be fully funded meaning there is no financial cost to your business.

Businesses can also offer flexible unpaid **work taster sessions** for young people to explore which sectors / roles they're most interested in.

For more information, including FAQs, and to sign up, visit the Tees Valley Combined Authority website below.

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Business support opportunities

Tees Valley Net Zero



Delivered by Decerna the fully funded Tees Valley Net Zero programme is back to support your business on its decarbonisation journey.

The programme provides a range of support to help your business fully integrate sustainability into your daily operations and make even greater carbon reduction and cost savings, available to new enquiries and businesses who worked with Decerna on the previous programme.

Support includes:

- **Carbon Emissions Tool** – Calculate your baseline carbon footprint and track progress year on year.
- **Decarbonisation Plan** – Take meaningful steps to achieve real-world emissions reductions and hit your Net Zero targets.
- **Change at Work: Practical Help** – Get hands-on advice to implement change across your team.
- **Sustainable Manufacturing** – Expert guidance to help cut waste and improve efficiency.
- **Energy Audit** – In-depth analysis to identify energy-saving opportunities with expert support.

- **Access to Finance** – Explore funding available to bring your plans to life.
- **Build Your Knowledge** – Discover factsheets and videos on a wide range of decarbonisation topics, focused on what you can implement to save energy in your business.
- **Sustainable Business Network** – Learn from industry experts, share ideas, develop new contacts, and hear about other businesses' experiences.

Sign up to this year's Tees Valley Net Zero programme below.

Support is fully funded for Redcar and Cleveland businesses by the UK Government via the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and delivered by Decerna on behalf of the Tees Valley Mayor, Business Board and Combined Authority.

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Made Smarter Adoption North East



Redcar and Cleveland manufacturers looking to become more efficient and implement digital technology into your business are invited to take part in the latest Made Smarter Adoption North East programme which includes the opportunity to apply for up to £23,500 in grant funding to help purchase and implement new software/equipment (up to 50% of the overall cost).

- Get hands on help to develop a digital roadmap for your business – wherever you're at on your digital journey.
- Innovation Vouchers worth up to £500 are available to help you access expert advice from an industrial digital technology specialist.
- Grants of up to £23,500 are available to help you purchase and implement new software and/or equipment (up to 50% of the overall cost).

Find more information on the programme and range of support to make your manufacturing business more efficient and productive below.

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Supply Chain Opportunities



Northern Endurance Partnership (NEP) is the UK's largest offshore subsea carbon capture project.

bp is the operator of the NEP project on behalf of the partners bp, Total and Equinor.

Find upcoming tender opportunities for the project on the [Energy Pathfinder](#) platform.

Our supply chain opportunities webpage below will be updated with these opportunities as they become available.

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Land and property opportunities

Commercial unit to Let in Guisborough



An opportunity to lease a commercial unit within Guisborough Town Hall has come to tender through Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council.

Set within the historic market town, this commercial unit is located on the ground floor of the historic Grade II* listed building.

With a total of 579 Sq. Ft, this unit boasts an open plan commercial space, service area, storage and kitchen space.

The deadline for tenders to be submitted is by **12 noon** on **22nd August 2025**.

For more information on the opportunity, see below.

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Family hub to let in Carlin How



An opportunity to lease the Whitecliffe Family Hub has come to tender through Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council.

Situated in the village of Carlin How, this single story unit is positioned on the outskirts of the village, just outside the boundary of the North Yorkshire Moors National Park. This unit benefits from a rural setting whilst maintaining accessibility to nearby towns and transport links, offering a convenient location for families and community services.

Internally, the 1,967 sq. Ft unit offers an open plan space, partitioned offices, a reception, secure access and storage space. Whilst, externally, the property benefits from a soft play and grassed area as well as parking for approximately 3 vehicles.

The deadline for tenders to be submitted is by **12 noon** on **5th September 2025**.

For more information on the opportunity, see below.

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Leisure property to Let in Redcar



An opportunity to lease a seafront property located on Majuba Road in Redcar has come to tender through Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council.

The facility has been uniquely designed as a youth and education facility, with the 17,318 Sq. ft seafront property arranged over two levels. The internal area boasts a range of performance, office and meeting room space, along with a kitchen, changing rooms, storage and plant rooms.

Externally the property offers a private car park at the front of the building and access via a block paved private driveway, a refuse area adjacent to the building and a large, grassy area between the building itself and Majuba Road.

The deadline for tenders to be submitted is by **12 noon** on **10th September 2025**.

For more information on this tender, please see below.

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News

SeAH Wind commences commercial production on its inaugural project



SeHA Wind has commenced commercial production for its inaugural project, delivering monopile foundations for Ørsted's Hornsea 3 Offshore Wind Farm.

SeAH Wind will manufacture and supply monopile foundations for Ørsted's Hornsea 3 Offshore Wind Farm, located approximately 120 km off the Norfolk Coast in the North Sea. Upon completion, it will become the world's largest offshore wind farm powering over 3 million UK homes.

This milestone has been marked by the cutting of the first steel plates, signifying the beginning of operations at SeAH Wind's flagship facility on Teesside.

Chris Sohn, CEO at SeAH Wind, said: *"This is a monumental occasion for SeAH Wind. Three years ago this month, we broke ground on this site with a bold vision to become a leader in the offshore wind industry. To now reach the stage of starting commercial production is a testament to the incredible dedication, innovation, and hard work of our entire team."*

For more information, please see the link below.

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Brookfield Asset Management agrees to sell a 49% Stake in PD Ports



PD Ports announced Pontegadea Inversiones, S.L. (Pontegadea), a leading investment firm with assets located across the globe, has agreed to acquire a 49% stake in the company from Brookfield Asset Management (Brookfield). Brookfield will remain invested in the business as a long-term shareholder

and will work closely with Pontegadea to support the continued growth of PD Ports.

Frans Calje, CEO of PD Ports said: *"This deal signals a bold new chapter for PD Ports – one that builds on our proud heritage and sets a confident course for the future. We look forward to working with our new shareholder to drive the continued growth of our business."*

For more information, please see the link below.

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Community news & opportunities

Help The Junction unlock £30,000 for life changing support



The Junction Christmas Wish - Match The Magic: Pledge by **29th August 2025**.

For the first time [The Junction](#) are taking part in the Big Give Christmas Challenge to raise vital funds and change the lives of children and young people across Tees Valley in the upcoming festive season.

This national campaign gives you the opportunity to double the power of your donation, as for one week only, donations made to The Junction through the campaign will be matched £ for £, doubling the impact of every gift.

Before the public campaign begins, The Junction need to secure £7,500 in pledges.

For a minimum £100 pledge by the 29th August 2025 your business can help ensure all children have access to the experiences they need to thrive in Tees Valley and help unlock the potential of this exciting opportunity.

Please follow the below link to make your pledge, it only takes a couple of minutes.

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Introducing the Welcome to Breastfeed Scheme for South Tees



The new Welcome to Breastfeed Scheme for South Tees has launched to encourage and support public, private and voluntary sector organisations to widen the focus of their customer and visitor services to meet the needs of mothers and children whilst visiting their premises.

The scheme is open to local businesses that are open to the public, the National Breastfeeding Welcome Scheme found that staff trained to support breastfeeding mums were more likely to apply this to all customers and led to an increase in customer satisfaction.

Businesses who sign up to the scheme will be listed on the Council website to help mothers find places in their local area where they will be welcome to breastfeed their child.

If you are interested in taking part in the scheme or would like further information, contact breastfeedingwelcome@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk.

Download the **Welcome to Breastfeed South Tees** guide below for more information on the benefits to your business.

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Events

Net Zero Meet Up



Date: Wednesday 6th August

Time: 8:30am to 2.00pm

Venue: The Staiths Building, Port of Middlesbrough, Riverside Park Road, TS2 1LE

We're bringing together Tees Valley businesses for a **free in-person Net Zero meet-up**, where you'll gain practical knowledge, hear real-world case studies, and discover the support available to help your organisation on its sustainability journey.

You'll also have the chance to **meet other local businesses to share challenges and solutions** — because collaboration is key to making progress on your own sustainability journey.

Teesside Expo – Autumn 2025



Date: Thursday 18th September

Time: 10:00am to 3:00pm

Venue: Riverside Stadium

Join us this Autumn at the Teesside Expo – the region's premier business networking and showcase event!

Taking place on Thursday, 18th September 2025, this dynamic Autumn exhibition will take place at the Riverside Stadium, Middlesbrough and will be an unmissable day of business opportunities, brand exposure, and valuable connections.

If you would like to register to exhibit, costs are detailed below. Alternatively, you can book your FREE delegate ticket for the event.

- 70+ innovative exhibitors showcasing the latest products and services.
- Two expert-led seminar areas packed with insightful talks.
- Dedicated networking zones to meet potential clients, partners, and industry leaders.
- On-site refreshment areas to keep you fuelled for success.

Whether you're looking to raise your profile, generate leads, or gain industry insights, this bi-annual event is the go-to destination for businesses across the region.

Showcase Your Business this Autumn

Looking to boost your brand, increase awareness, and expand your network—all at an affordable cost? Our upcoming business show is the perfect opportunity to connect with potential clients and industry leaders.

Why Exhibit?

- Increase brand visibility
- Build valuable business connections
- Gain exposure at a low cost

Stand Options:

Standard Space: £250 + VAT

Premium Space: £300 + VAT

View the LIVE [Interactive Floorplan](#) to see available stands and discover who's already booked!

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