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Business Bulletin

April 2026

Kicking off the Summer in Redcar and Cleveland



Date: Thursday 7th May

Time: 3:15pm to 5:00pm

Venue: Redcar Racecourse, Redcar, TS10 2FD

Local businesses are invited to join us at Redcar Racecourse next Thursday for a special event celebrating everything that's happening across Redcar and Cleveland this summer.

The event will shine a spotlight on the borough's vibrant visitor economy, showcasing the wide range of festivals, events, attractions and experiences set to welcome visitors over the summer months.

Attendees will hear how this activity is driving footfall, extending visitor stays, supporting local

businesses and how your business can look to benefit from the events by knowing when, where and what is taking place this summer across Redcar and Cleveland.

03:15 PM - 03:45 PM

Arrivals and networking

03:45 PM - 03:50 PM

Welcome from Amy Fair at Redcar Racecourse

03:50 PM - 04:05 PM

Overview of upcoming Redcar and Cleveland events and visitor landscape with Sara Fortune, Head of Culture and Tourism at Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council

04:05 PM - 04:15 PM

Overview of Visit Tees Valley network and Local Visitor Economy Partnership from Phil Saunders, LVEP Manager at Tees Valley Combined Authority

04:15 PM - 04:45 PM

Panel discussion featuring Vicki Jackson, Spa Director at Gisborough Hall | Joanna Sykes, Roseberry Retreat | Isaac McBurnie, Land of Iron | Daniel O'Connor, Whitby Wellbeing | Amy Fair, Redcar Racecourse

04:45 PM - 05:00 PM

Networking and event close

05:00 PM

Attendees will be invited to stay after 5:00pm as guests of Redcar Racecourse for the evening's racing, details on the 'Beach Party' evening racing can be found [here](#).

Please make clear when booking your ticket(s) if you wish to stay for the evening racing as places are limited, tickets are limited to 2 per organisation.

To book your place at the event, click the link below.

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Success for Redcar and Cleveland at Tees Business Awards 2026



The Tees Business Awards 2026 took place on Thursday 23rd April at Hardwick Hall Hotel and featured many Redcar and Cleveland winners and finalists.

Congratulations to **Sharon Lane** on receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award, and to **PD Ports**, who also won the Inclusion and Engagement Award last week.

Well done to all of our Redcar and Cleveland finalists, including **Grant Glendinning of ETC for Business, Jacqui Hutchinson of Redcar and Cleveland Voluntary Development Agency, Cygnet Law, and Trauma Stop UK CIC.**

To view the full list of finalists and winners, click the link below.

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FSB Business Support Survey - big support for small businesses





The Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) are asking small businesses in Redcar and Cleveland for their thoughts on how to improve the future business support offer in our region through their business support survey.

They're currently undertaking a nationwide research project in order to:

- Ascertain what small businesses see as business support
- Identify examples of successful business support programmes
- Look at both public and private sector support initiatives
- Provide recommendations for business support

FSB need your feedback on what support businesses need and how to improve this support. This is a great chance for small businesses to help influence positive change in business support. Please could you take 5 minutes to provide some feedback.

To take part, you can complete the survey by clicking the link below.

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Business support opportunities

Start Up Loans

Start Up Loans are **changing**

From 6 April 2026, the interest rate and eligibility criteria for **new Start Up Loan applications** will be different.

If you've already taken out a Start Up Loan **before this date**, don't worry. The terms of your loan stay the same.

What's changing?

- The fixed interest rate for new Start Up Loan applications is increasing from 6% to **7.5%**
- Businesses can now apply for a Start Up Loan if they've been trading for up to **60 months (five years)**, up from 36 months (three years)

Any questions?

Not sure what this means for your business? Talk to our North East Start Up Loans Team for more information.

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If you are interested in finding out more about the Start Up Loans changes, and if the scheme can benefit your business, click the link below.

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Depot Charging Scheme



In order to assist businesses with the process of transitioning to electric vehicles, the Government have launched a Depot Charging Scheme to help pay for up to 70% of the cost of installation of charging equipment for businesses, where the primary use will be to charge commercial vehicles. For the purposes of this grant, a depot is defined as 'a commercial site where HGVs, vans and/or coaches are housed and maintained, and from which they are dispatched for service'.

This funding will be spread across several years with the first funding window opened on **25th March 2026** and runs to **30th June 2026** (or earlier if funding is exhausted). The second 2026 window opens on **28th October 2026** and close on **29th January 2027**. In both cases, installations have to be complete by **31st March 2027**.

In addition to the Depot Charging Scheme, there are still grants available for the purchase of electric vehicles. These are listed on the government website [here](#). No application is required as the grant amount is automatically deducted by the dealer at the point of sale.

For more information click the link below.

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Export funding opportunity

Tees Valley Export Fund

Ready to Take Your Business Global? Access Grant Funding to Kickstart or Grow Your Export Activity.



Are you looking to take your products or services to international markets?

The Tees Valley Export Fund is here to help you do just that, whether you are an SME or a larger business.

This grant programme is funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and delivered in partnership with the Department for Business and Trade (DBT). The programme offers financial support to businesses that are either starting out on their export journey or looking to grow/diversify their current export activities.

This could include help with the costs associated with:

- Market research
- International compliance and certifications
- Translation services
- Export-focused promotional materials
- Attendance at international trade shows

The fund allocation for Tees Valley is £200,000, for business grants between £3,000 and £10,000 for eligible businesses. 25% match funding is a requirement of this programme.

Businesses can apply for project activity which will take place and be completed up to the end of **August 2026**.

For more information and to apply, click the link below.

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Orange Pip Prep Day

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Want to be part of Orange Pip this year as they celebrate the 10th Anniversary?

ETCH is providing a day of preparation, this includes:

9.30 - 4.30
24TH APRIL OR 1ST MAY
EMS

Insurance

Risk Assessment

Displaying Effectively

Public Engagement

Confidence Building

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Contact:
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FREE to Attend

ems:

ETCH is collaborating with Orange Pip to help identify potential creatives who would like the opportunity to participate in their 10th anniversary event. They are looking for artists, workshop facilitators, craft makers, performers, singers, and dancers.

They will be offering pre event support to help you prepare for the upcoming monthly events. This will allow you to be more confident. The preparation includes:

- Finding the right insurance
- Help with completing risk assessments
- Knowing how much stock to take
- Displaying effectively
- Payment methods
- Engaging with the public

Making it an enjoyable experience for everyone!

At this stage, ETCH are currently looking for creatives in the ETCH network who would like to offer an expression of interest.

You must be available on: **Friday 1st May** from **9.30am - 4.30pm** for a day of preparation!

Get in touch to find out more! All fully funded!

Contact: Maria.Lannon@enterprisemadesimple.co.uk

To learn more about ETCH and to join their community, click the link below.

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Fully funded support for mental health at work



Able Futures is a strategic partnership delivering the Access to Work Mental Health Support Service on behalf of the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).

Led by Ingeus UK, and working in partnership with Case UK, Health 2 Employment, and The Better Health Generation, Able Futures provides mental health support to SME employers, employees, apprentices, and self-employed individuals across England, Scotland, and Wales.

This service offers fully funded mental health support for employees through DWP. In addition, employers can access guidance and resources to help them better support staff experiencing mental health challenges via the Able Futures Employer toolkit by clicking [here](#).

To learn more about Able Futures and find out how to get started, click the link below.

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Social Media for E-Commerce training





Enterprise Made Simple are running a **Level 3 Certificate in Social Media for E-Commerce** over ten sessions running on the following dates: **21st May, 28th May, 3rd June, 10th June, 17th June, 24th June, 1st July, 8th July, 15th July and 22nd July**

This course builds the skills and confidence to launch and grow a successful online presence using practical digital marketing and e-commerce techniques. You'll learn how to plan and manage digital projects, choose and use a Content Management System (CMS), and design an accessible, goal-driven website that you can manage independently. The course also covers content marketing, social media, and data analysis, helping you attract customers and measure results. By the end, you'll be able to plan, build, promote, and optimise an e-commerce website using real-world tools and insights.

This training is provided under the Free Courses for Jobs programme, and you need to be Age 19 or over to be eligible.

If this sounds of interest to you then contact daniel.mearns@enterprisemadesimple.co.uk

Land and property opportunities

Commercial property to let in Saltburn



A unique commercial property opportunity has become available on Saltburn's Victorian upper promenade. Positioned along the seafront and close to major attractions such as the Victorian Pier and the Saltburn Cliff Tramway, The Outlook has now been made available for potential tenants.

The plot occupies a prominent area with adjoining beach front access via stairs to the lower promenade. Saltburn's Victorian seafront is surrounded by a mix of local hospitality and leisure businesses including café/restaurants, crazy golf, beach hut hire, surfing school and the pier amusements arcade as well as further businesses in the Valley Gardens and the wider town.

The deadline for informal tenders to be submitted is by **12 noon Friday 15th May 2026.**

For more information about this opportunity, click the link below.

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Commercial properties available for lease in Brotton





Two properties have become available in Brotton, High Hills and 45 St Margarets Way, which are situated predominately in a residential community located a short distance from the North York Moors National Park.

The properties are positioned on the northern periphery of the village, offering a convenient location for families and community services with good public transport links.

The deadline for informal tenders to be submitted by **12 noon Friday 15th May 2026.**

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News

NZT Power jobs boost for Redcar Bulk Terminal



The multi-million-pound upgrade of Redcar Bulk Terminal's (RBT) deep-water quay has been completed, strengthening critical infrastructure for NZT Power and the Northern Endurance Partnership while delivering a major boost to local employment and the regional supply chain.

Tracy Hall, Head of Business, Redcar Bulk Terminal Limited, said: *"The completion of this project forms part of the overall future development of Redcar Bulk Terminal Limited and the greater area. The project has been delivered using local companies and local materials with over 90% being sourced within the UK. We look forward to continuing to work together with NZT/NEP to the conclusion of their project with the added potential to support future initiatives."*

Ian Hunter, Managing Director, NZT Power, said: *"It's fantastic to see the Redcar Bulk Terminal upgrade completed and delivering real benefits for Teesside. This infrastructure project has created skilled jobs, supported apprentices and driven investment into local businesses, while also helping to prepare the site for the safe and efficient delivery of major equipment for NZT Power."*

To read the full article from NZT Power, featuring all the details of the upgrade, click the link below.

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Community news and opportunities

Funded Crusher Screener training



MP Plant Training, in partnership with Redcar Adult Learning Service, is offering fully funded enrolment sessions for the Crusher Screener Package. These sessions include crusher and screener training, a safety awareness course, and information and guidance to help you become industry-ready.

To check your eligibility and how to book onto the course, click the link below.

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Events

Cleveland Institute of Engineers (CIE) - May Lecture





Date: Wednesday 13th May

Time: 6:00pm

Venue: T1.10 The Curve, Teesside University, TS1 3QD

The Cleveland Institution of Engineers are introducing a presentation by Duncan Berry, Senior Process Engineer of LanzaJet UK on the sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) industry.

The presentation will explore the role of alcohol-to-jet pathways in SAF production and will examine LanzaJet's Project Speedbird.

You can book your place by clicking on the link below.

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