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Enterprise Development Programme 2026



Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council, in partnership with Anglo American, EMS and Festival of Thrift, has launched the Enterprise Development Programme (EDP) to support local people who want to start, test or grow a business.

The programme provides a structured pathway for early-stage entrepreneurs, beginning with our Bitesize Enterprise Session and progressing into supported test trading at the Festival of Thrift. Those who take part in test trading will then have the opportunity to explore further support to help develop their business.

The final Bitesize Enterprise Session takes place next week. These sessions are designed to strengthen

confidence and core business skills, providing practical support for residents developing or growing their enterprise.

Energy Saving and Sustainable Business: Changes That Make a Difference

The session will include: energy saving, sustainability awareness and simple changes that reduce your environmental impact.

Date: Thursday 4th June

Time: 10:00am - 11:00am

Venue: Temperance Square, West Road, Loftus, Saltburn-by-the-Sea, TS13 4RF

To register click [here](#).

Councillor Lynn Pallister MBE, Cabinet Member for Growth and Enterprise said *"With support from Anglo American and delivery partners including EMS and the Festival of Thrift, the programme offers practical skills development and the valuable and exciting opportunity for participants to test-trade at a major regional event."*

Places are limited and pre-booking is essential. To learn more about the Enterprise Development Programme, including how to register for the Bitesize Session and express interest in test trading at the Festival of Thrift, please visit our website below.

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South Tees Business Briefings





Thank you to the businesses who joined us earlier this month for our latest South Tees Business Briefing, delivered in partnership with Cleveland Police.

Detective Inspector Anthony Ford provided an update on current policing activity across Skippers Lane Industrial Estate and the wider South Tees area. This was followed by a constructive roundtable discussion, where businesses shared concerns around crime and security, discussed common challenges, and explored opportunities for closer collaboration on practical solutions to support the business community.

Alongside security, digital connectivity was highlighted as a key issue. We are actively engaging with network providers to address fibre availability across the estate and will continue to keep businesses updated on progress.

For businesses based on Skippers Lane, our team will be joined by colleagues from Cleveland Police for a walkaround of the estate on Wednesday 3rd June, helping to inform a future proposal to strengthen security across the estate.

Details of our next briefing can be found below, we welcome feedback from businesses on timing and format to ensure these sessions remain as accessible as possible.

Date: Wednesday 8th July

Time: 10:00am – 11:30am

Venue: Cargo Fleet Business Centre, Middlesbrough Road, TS6 6XJ

If you operate on Skippers Lane Industrial Estate or across the wider South Tees area, we encourage you to join the conversation and book your place below.

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Dementia Action Teesside



During Dementia Action Week (18th to 24th May 2026), businesses and communities across the UK came together to raise awareness, deepen understanding, and promote earlier recognition of dementia symptoms.

At the heart of this effort locally is Dementia Action Teesside, a Teesside-based charity dedicated to supporting individuals living with dementia, as well as their carers and loved ones.

Our team recently joined colleagues from across the local authority to complete Dementia Friends training, and we would encourage businesses across Redcar and Cleveland to join us and become part of our dementia-friendly community.

Benefits to your organisation include:

- Upskilling staff
- Support working carers

- Contributes to social value
- Supporting healthier and more inclusive workplaces

To submit your interest click [here](#).

To find out more about Dementia Action Teesside and the support available to help your business become dementia friendly click the link below.

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Business support opportunities

Supply Chain Tees Valley Workshops

The graphic features the Tees Valley logo and 'Funded by UK Government' text. The main title is 'SUPPLY CHAIN' in large green letters, with 'Upcoming Events' below it. The RTC logo 'inspiring growth' is at the bottom left. A list of four events is shown on the right:

2	JUN	The 3 rd Way of Innovation - Creating your own innovation pathway
11	JUN	Exporting & Internationalisation for SME's
18	JUN	Making Sustainability Work for SME Supply Chains
23	JUN	Boulby Mine

Businesses are invited to book onto RTC North's upcoming Supply Chain Tees Valley Workshop series covering innovation, exporting, sustainability and a special visit to Boulby Underground Laboratory.

To book onto any of available workshops below:

[The 3rd Way of Innovation – Creating a New Innovation Pathway](#) - Attend this workshop to gain practical tools and fresh thinking that will help you approach innovation with more clarity, confidence, and creativity.

Tuesday 2nd June - 9:00am - 12:30pm

[Making Sustainability Work for SME Supply Chains](#) - Led by a specialist, this session shows how circular, sustainable thinking can cut costs, boost efficiency and resilience, and help SMEs meet buyer expectations.

Thursday 18th June 8:30am - 12:30pm

[**Boulby Mine Underground Science Laboratory Tour**](#) - This exclusive site visit offers Tees Valley Supply Chain programme beneficiaries a rare opportunity to see the groundbreaking scientific and technical work taking place at Boulby Mine first-hand.

Tuesday 23rd June - 7:15am - 1:45pm - Physical spaces for this event are limited, there is an option to join via a live link as part of this event.

To view all the events in this collection click the link below.

You can book any of the available workshops by clicking the options below:

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Tees Valley Investment Zone: Research and Innovation Support



Teesside University is leading the Research and Innovation strand of the Tees Valley Investment Zone, an ambitious programme aimed at accelerating growth in the region's digital and creative industries. Backed by £9.4m from Tees Valley Combined Authority, alongside matched investment from the University, government and industry, the programme will deliver targeted, high impact support to turn cutting edge ideas into commercial success.

The programme features five pillars of support for digital and creative businesses:

- Innovation vouchers - businesses can apply for £50,000 or £300,000 vouchers to develop, and accelerate innovative ideas linked to the digital themes in the guidance document.
- Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTPs) - for businesses developing a new product, service, or process to accelerate growth.
- Collaborative PhD studentships - businesses pursuing long-term R&D or looking to solve complex technical challenges.

- Proof of concept – academics taking a research idea towards commercialisation, de-risking feasibility, and supporting spinout or product pathways.
- Innovation fellows - for short, high-impact projects that need specialist expertise to deliver quickly.

Find more information on this support by visiting the Teesside University website below, please note expressions of interest for this year's Innovation vouchers close on **Friday 29th May 2026**.

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Tees Valley Digital Connectivity Survey

TEES VALLEY

Tees Valley Combined Authority is inviting businesses in Redcar and Cleveland to share your views on the digital infrastructure that supports your operations. Your feedback will help build a clearer picture of where future improvements are needed, based on the real business demand in our area.

This is your chance to highlight whether broadband speeds, network stability or mobile network coverage are holding your business back from growing and/or adopting smart technologies.

Please take a few minutes to complete the short survey below. Your insights are vital in shaping future digital connectivity improvements across our area.

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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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Social Media for E-Commerce training



Enterprise Made Simple are running a **Level 3 Certificate in Social Media for E-Commerce** with sessions running on the following dates: **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

Free workshop for Social Entrepreneurs





Voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations in Redcar and Cleveland can still access support via the LARCH (Local Access Redcar and Cleveland and Hartlepool) programme.

The LARCH programme is a £4 million investment and is one of only six areas in the UK to be chosen by Access Foundation for Social Investment and Big Society Capital, the main funders of LARCH, with support of two other partners – The Key Fund and Tees Foundation.

The programme is designed to accelerate the growth of social enterprises by facilitating tailored enterprise development support. This includes helping VCS organisations build sustainable income streams and offering access to blended repayable finance to support long-term growth.

LARCH clients can also access the School for Social Entrepreneurs online workshops for FREE! These workshops are designed to support growing social enterprises.

Future workshop:

Measuring Social Value

23rd – 24th June | 2x 3 hours | online

For more information on LARCH and how it supports Redcar and Cleveland's social enterprises please contact Nicola Wylde - nicola.wylde@vonne.org.uk. To visit their website click the link below.

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Land and property opportunities

Rental opportunities at the new Eston Precinct



The New Eston Precinct development is due for completion in September 2026, with expressions of interests now open for seven new retail units.

The scheme will feature 14,650 sq ft of accommodation arranged in an L-shaped parade with prominent frontage to the High Street and a new landscaped public space, with dedicated parking off Lodge Road.

Units will be delivered in shell condition with glazed shopfronts and roller shutters, supported by secure rear servicing, a shared service yard, and delivery facilities including a loading dock.

The precinct is intended to host regular events and revive an outdoor market, creating a vibrant destination for retailers and the local community.

Click the link below to view the brochure for full unit details and information. on how to register your interest.

You can register an interest by contacting Portland Dodds Brown on any of the following contact details.

Richard Wilson - 07894256309

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News

Polar NE Secures Contracts



Polar NE has secured four new contracts across the North East, supporting the company's continued expansion beyond its specialist reduced-ligature healthcare products.

The projects will involve the installation of more than 500 windows at Blyth and North Tyneside hospitals, Holystone Primary School and Yarm School.

The windows are currently being fabricated at Polar NE's Skipper's Lane facility, with installation expected to begin during the summer.

To read the full article click the link below.

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Community news and opportunities

The Kings Awards for Enterprise

A promotional graphic for The King's Awards for Enterprise. It features a dark blue background with a vertical red stripe on the right side. In the top left corner, there is the logo of the Department for Business & Trade, which includes a royal coat of arms and the text 'Department for Business & Trade'. The main title 'The King's Awards for Enterprise' is written in large, white, sans-serif font. Below the title, there is a thin red horizontal line. Underneath the line, the text 'Applications now open!', 'Apply online.', and 'Applications close 8 September.' is displayed in white. In the bottom right corner, there is a white logo consisting of a crown above a stylized 'e' with wings.

Department for
Business & Trade

The King's Awards for Enterprise

Applications now open!

Apply online.

Applications close 8 September.

Applications are now open for the 2027 King's Awards for Enterprise.

This year is a major milestone for the Awards, marking 60 years since the first honours were conferred in 1966. Established in 1965, the programme has recognised more than 8,000 exceptional UK businesses over the years.

To mark the anniversary, and to reflect the changing landscape of UK business, they're introducing a new category: The King's Award for Enterprise – Young Founder, recognising founders aged 18–30 who are actively leading their businesses and driving growth and opportunity.

The deadline for applications **1pm on Tuesday 8 September 2026**.

To check your eligibility and how to apply click the link below.

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Redcar Town Clock - Repairs contract







Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council is conducting a procurement exercise for the repair of Redcar Town Clock.

The contract start date is **Monday 6th July** to the contract end date **Wednesday 5th August**.

The deadline for submission of bids is **Friday 5th June at 2:00pm**.

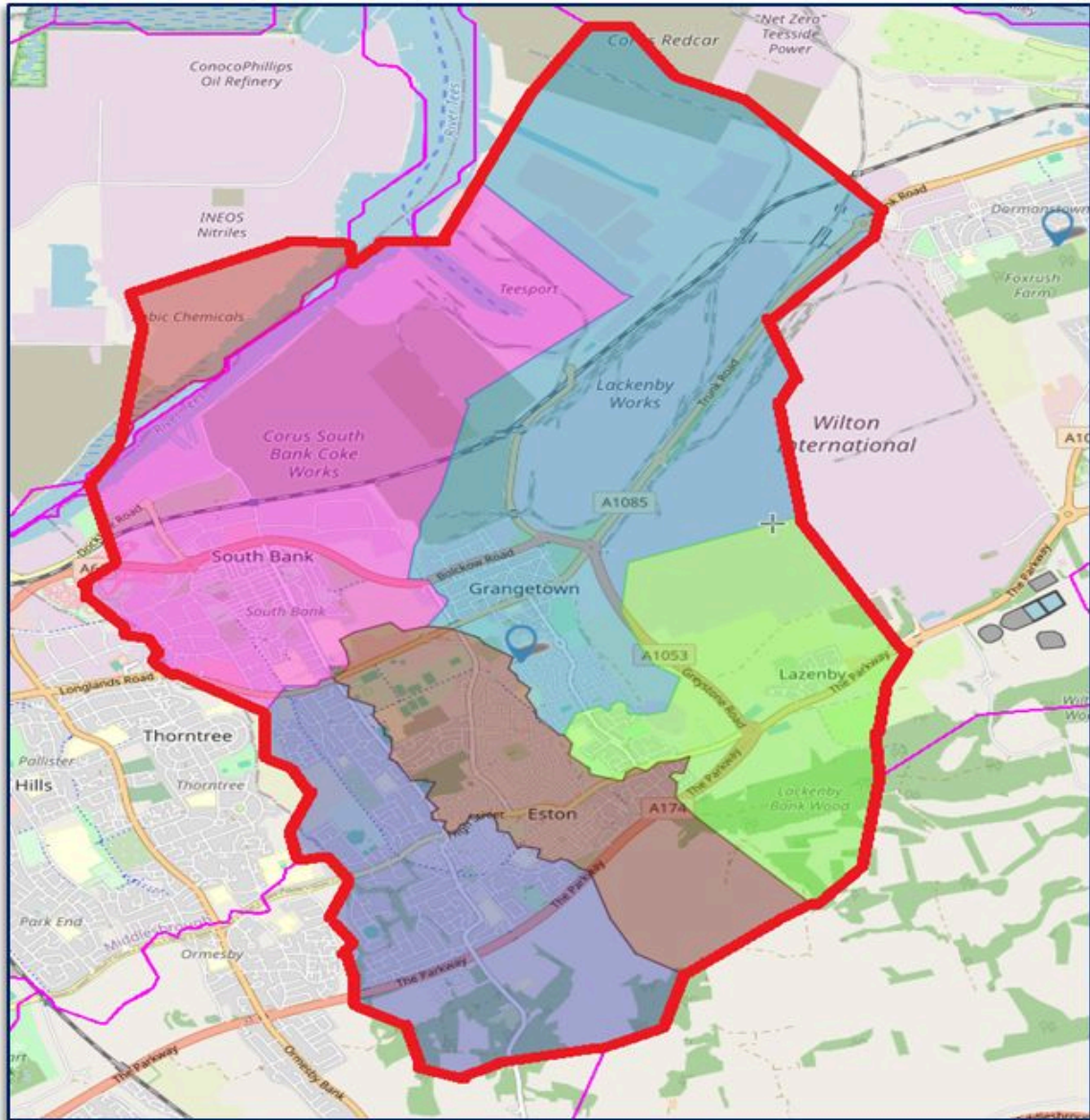
To view the full information on the contract click [here](#).

To declare your interest click onto the e-procurement site below searching under tender reference **OPEN20261012**.

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TS6 Pride in Place





We're delighted to share an early welcome to the TS6 Pride in Place Community Conversation event scheduled for Monday 8 June.

On the 1st April we received confirmation that our 10-year vision and 4-year investment plan had been approved by the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government. Taking on board insight gathered from residents the next four years will see the TS6 Pride in Place programme develop projects focused on the following themes:

- Safety & Security
- Community Cohesion
- Regeneration, highstreets & heritage
- Education & Opportunities

The event on the 8th June is an opportunity for people who live and work across TS6 to come together, reflect on what the area means to them, and begin shaping ideas and projects that could contribute to the Pride in Place programme.

Our aim is for everyone to leave feeling listened to, involved, and confident about how they can continue to play a role as future projects take shape.

Important next steps:

Please let us know whether you would like to request a place at the event by emailing

EstonTownDeal@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

To help us manage numbers, we ask those who would like to attend to register their interest first. As places are limited, attendance will only be confirmed once an official invitation has been issued.

Good to know:

- Accessible venue
- Warm, welcoming & inclusive environment
- Light breakfast, refreshments, and lunch provided
- Later start and earlier finish to support additional commitments and reduce traffic pressures
- Free parking

Nobody knows TS6 better than the people who live & work there. Your voice matters, together we can make things happen.

To find out more about TS6 together, click the link below.

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Events

Redcar Kite Festival 2026





Redcar Kite Festival returns to the skies above Majuba Beach in Redcar on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th June 12:00pm to 6:00pm.

In 2025, the festival welcomed over 30,000 visitors, and there's real excitement that this year's event could draw even bigger crowds with more kites in the sky than ever before.

With this in mind, businesses are encouraged to stay open for as long as possible during the weekend to make the most of the increased footfall and opportunities available.

New for 2026, they're bringing you dedicated [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages. Follow the pages for the very latest news, updates and highlights, if you're running themed offers or staying open longer for the event make sure to tag them in.

To explore everything happening over the festival weekend, click the link below.

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Redcar Racecourse Ladies Day





Date: Saturday 20th June

Time: 11am (gates open)

Venue: Redcar Racecourse, Redcar, TS10 2BY

Join Redcar Racecourse for a day of racing, fashion and fun on Ladies' Day.

Enjoy the glamour of Ladies' Day alongside top quality racing during the afternoon. Expect to see the best of Redcar's fashion on show!

Featuring Betty Leigh Boutique fashion show and some glittering prizes to be won in our Most Stylish Racegoer and Best Hat Competitions.

For further information and to book a ticket, click the link below.

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