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A Taste of Redcar and Cleveland returns



A TASTE OF REDCAR AND CLEVELAND

4TH NOVEMBER - 15TH NOVEMBER 2026

A Taste of Redcar and Cleveland is back to support
our brilliant hospitality sector.

Open to all dine-in establishments and it's
completely **FREE** to take part!



A Taste of Redcar and Cleveland returns this November, giving hospitality businesses across the borough another opportunity to showcase their offerings and attract new customers.

Taking place from **Wednesday 4th to Sunday 15th November 2026** the campaign promotes local food and drink venues by offering free promotion and encouraging more customer visits.

Hospitality businesses in Redcar and Cleveland can take part by offering exclusive deals and attracting new customers during typically quieter trading periods, past campaigns have seen more than 30 local hospitality businesses take part offering a wide range of offers.

Participation is free for all sit-in venues, including bars, cafés, bistros, pubs, restaurants and hotels. Venues serving food, drinks or both are welcome to join by offering at least one exclusive campaign deal at one of the set price points: £5, £10, £15, £20, £25 or £30+

Offers can be shaped around your business, such as:

- A coffee and cake offer for £5, or a three-course set menu for £25 at food venues.
- Two-for-one cocktails or discounted drinks packages at drinks-only venues.

Businesses that register before **Wednesday 30th September 2026** will also feature in the Taste of Redcar and Cleveland printed marketing campaign.

Speaking about the latest 'A Taste of Redcar and Cleveland' campaign, Cabinet Member for Climate and Culture, Cllr Carrie Richardson, said: "This campaign gives business owners a valuable opportunity to showcase their menus and attract new customers, while we highlight the quality and variety of food and drink available locally. I'm looking forward to seeing another successful A Taste of Redcar and Cleveland this November."

For any questions, please email enjoy@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk.

To find out more and register, please visit the link below.

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The Lookout takes shape as commercial units hit the market





The commercial units within The Lookout, Redcar are now available and being marketed to potential operators. This marks a significant milestone in the development and an important step towards bringing The Lookout to life.

For further information, please contact Josh Howe at Savills on JHowe@savills.com.

Funded through the Redcar Town Deal, The Lookout is being developed on the former Marks & Spencer and Yorkshire Trading sites. The building will include a modern library and is proposed to also feature a flexible family entertainment zone alongside food and drink offers.

We're also keen to remind residents that businesses on the Esplanade remain open as usual during the works, and we encourage everyone to continue supporting local shops, cafés and businesses.

Councillor Lynn Pallister MBE, Cabinet Member for Growth and Enterprise, said: *"It's an exciting time to be inviting interest from potential operators as we take another step forward with The Lookout. We'd like to thank residents and businesses for their patience while work continues. The Esplanade remains open for business, and we would encourage people to continue supporting local traders. Once complete, The Lookout will be a fantastic asset for Redcar, creating a destination for residents and visitors to enjoy for years to come."*

For more information including particulars and a brochure, click the link below.

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Business support opportunities

Machine Learning & Data training



Teesside University are delivering a technical programme designed for anyone looking to build advanced data capability and unlock deeper insight from their data. Focusing on the practical application of data analytics and machine learning, giving you the tools and techniques needed to prepare data, build models and extract meaningful insight, including hands-on learning with tools such as Power BI and Python.

Funding of up to 90% of course costs is available for eligible learners, delivered by Teesside University in partnership with Tees Valley Combined Authority as part of the Adult Skills Fund.

For more information click the link below.

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Funded support to recruit young people



UK Government

YOUTH GUARANTEE

FUNDING OFFER TO EMPLOYERS

NEW

FROM OCTOBER 2026

▶ **£1,000**
additional
payment for
hiring apprentices
aged 16-18.

▶ **£2,000**
for SMEs who
hire apprentices
aged 16-24.

NEW

FROM JUNE 2026

▶ **£3,000**
for employers who
hire 18-24 year olds
who have been on
Universal Credit for
over 6 months.

▶ **No NICs**
for employees
under 21, or
apprentices
under 25.

▶ **£2,000**
for employers who
hire foundation
apprentices aged
16-21.

▶ **Jobs
Guarantee**
Fully subsidised work for
long-term unemployed
18-24 year olds.



Apprenticeships



Employers looking to attract new talent and develop future skills can benefit from a range of government-backed programmes through Jobcentre Plus. **The Build Your Future Workforce** initiative is designed to help businesses recruit, train and retain young people aged 16 to 24, while reducing recruitment costs and supporting workforce growth.

- **Work Experience Placements:** Offer young people practical workplace experience for between one and eight weeks, helping them build skills while giving employers access to enthusiastic candidates and fresh perspectives.
- **Work Trials:** Trial potential recruits for up to 30 days without paying wages, as participants continue to receive their benefits. This provides a low-risk way to assess whether a candidate is the right fit before making a permanent offer.
- **Jobs Guarantee:** National rollout is planned for Autumn 2026, the scheme offers eligible 18 to 24-year-olds, who have been on Universal Credit for a minimum of 18 months, a six-month paid job of up to 25 hours a week. Employers providing jobs will be reimbursed 25 hours per week at

the age relevant National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage for 6 months. National Insurance Contributions and minimum automatic enrolment pension contributions, where relevant, will be covered for 6 months.

- **Youth Jobs Grant:** From 30 June 2026, employers can receive £3,000 for each eligible 18 to 24-year-old they hire who has been claiming Universal Credit and seeking work for six months or more. The grant is paid in two instalments and helps reduce employment costs while building a motivated workforce. Eligible roles must be at least 25 hours per week and expected to last four months or more.

Additional £2,000 payment if you are hiring a foundation apprentice aged 16 to 21. Foundation apprenticeships are available in construction, engineering, digital, hospitality, retail, and health and social care.

£1,000 to support a young person aged 16 to 18 (19 to 24 with education, health or care plan or care leavers) when they start their apprenticeship training.

- **Other support:** No employer NIC contributions for employees under 21 years old or for apprentices under 25 years old.

For more information on how to access the funded support mentioned above please visit the Department for Business, Innovation, Science and Trade website by clicking on the link below.

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Enterprise Sessions





Thinking of starting a business?

Join our sessions with Enterprise Lead Ainsley Mullen for practical advice and guidance to help you take the next step with confidence.

Whether you're exploring an idea, developing a plan, or have recently started trading, these sessions cover key topics including:

- Business setup & planning
- Insurance & regulations
- Marketing & sales
- Property & funding options
- Alternative finance and more

Check out upcoming dates, times, and locations below. Additional dates along with useful resources to kickstart your business journey are available on our webpage which you can access by clicking [here](#).

- [**Thursday 24th September, 9:30am – 12:30pm at Redcar Civic Centre**](#)
- [**Tuesday 6th October, 1pm – 4pm at Teesworks Skills Academy**](#)

Land and property opportunities

Rental opportunities at the new Eston Precinct



The New Eston Precinct development is due for completion in November 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 information on the site.

You can register an interest by contacting Portland Dodds Brown via the following contact details.

Richard Wilson

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E: rwilson@portlanddoddsbrown.co.uk

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Nursery opportunity at Dormanstown Family Hub



Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council is inviting interest from nursery providers for an exciting opportunity at Dormanstown Family Hub.

The council is seeking a nursery operator to provide **year-round childcare for children aged 0–5 years. This includes funded places for children aged from 9 months to 4 years, in line with early years statutory guidance, and provision that is suitable and inclusive for children with Special Educational Needs (SEN).**

Located in a well-populated area, the Family Hub offers an excellent opportunity to support families within Dormanstown and the surrounding communities. The available space includes partition walling, allowing it to be used either as one open-plan area or as two separate rooms. Both rooms benefit from children's toilets, with approximately 79 sqm of internal space in total and an outdoor play area of around 284 sqm.

The property is available to let by licence or lease.

Bid Deadline: 12 Noon on 25th September 2026

For more information, please click on the link below or contact Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council's Strategic Assets team via strategicassets@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

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Commercial unit available at The Palace Hub



An exciting opportunity has become available to rent a commercial unit on the Esplanade in Redcar. A part of The Palace Hub, the property occupies a prime kerbside position on Redcar seafront, benefiting from excellent visibility and footfall in one of the town's most prominent locations. Prospective tenants can also benefit from the exciting regeneration taking place across the seafront, including "[The Lookout](#)" which is currently under construction.

This ground floor unit of circa 500 sq.ft in size comprises a modern open plan space with extensive glazed frontage overlooking the Esplanade, providing excellent natural light and visibility. Fitted out to a good standard, the unit includes ancillary preparation and storage space together with fitted stainless steel workstations and sinks. A commercial service and delivery yard is available at the rear of the building.

The unit is suitable for a variety of retail, leisure and commercial uses, subject to the necessary planning permissions.

Bid deadline: 12 noon on 25 September 2026

For more information, please click on the link below or contact Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council's Strategic Assets team via strategicassets@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

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Community news and opportunities

Help shape transport to work solutions in Redcar and Cleveland



Does any member of your workforce struggle with transport to and from work in Redcar and Cleveland?

Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council are collaborating with Lloyds Bank Foundation and the Rural Design Centre on a transport to work solutions programme for businesses and organisations in Redcar and Cleveland.

If you are interested in speaking with the project team directly on your specific experiences, please contact business@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Public Health South Tees launches Hydration Stations Initiative



Public Health South Tees is encouraging businesses to join its new Hydration Stations Initiative, helping residents, visitors and workers access free drinking water.

The initiative aims to create a network of locations across the Public Health South Tees area where people can refill water bottles free of charge, supporting community health, reducing inequalities and encouraging sustainable behaviours.

Features of hosting a hydration station include:

- Free to join for businesses, organisations and community venues.
- Hydration Stations provide free tap water refills during normal opening hours.
- Participating organisations receive an official Hydration Station sticker and welcome pack as well as support from the
- Public Health South Tees team throughout the onboarding process.
- Locations can choose to be promoted through Public Health South Tees marketing channels and an online map.

How to Get Involved

Businesses interested in becoming a Hydration Station can register by contacting Public Health South Tees via email at publichealthsouthtees@middlesbrough.gov.uk

For more information on the programme including the wider benefits and steps involved in providing a hydration station click the link below.

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Events

Breathe New Life into Your Business with Digital Adoption

Breathe New Life into Your Business



Date: Tuesday 29th September

Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Venue: Online

Are you a business looking to utilise technology to streamline operations, reduce costs, and attract more customers online?

Start-ups, sole traders and established business are all invited to 'Breathe New Life into Your Business with Digital Adoption' with this practical online Digital Marketing workshop.

Hosted by Invest Stockton-on-Tees, this free class is ideal for business owners, entrepreneurs, or anyone responsible for promoting a business online, and will help to develop a clear understanding of content, tools and channels that can help a business stand out online.

For more information and to register, please click the link below.

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Tees Valley Creative Takeover



Date: Wednesday 30th September

Time: 9.30am - 3pm

Venue: Forum Theatre Billingham, Stockon on Tees

Creative businesses are invited to celebrate talent, connect, and share ideas at the Tees Valley Creative Takeover.

Taking place at Forum Theatre, Billingham, this free event will bring together individuals from all creative backgrounds; artists, designers, performers, digital innovators and creative businesses from across the region.

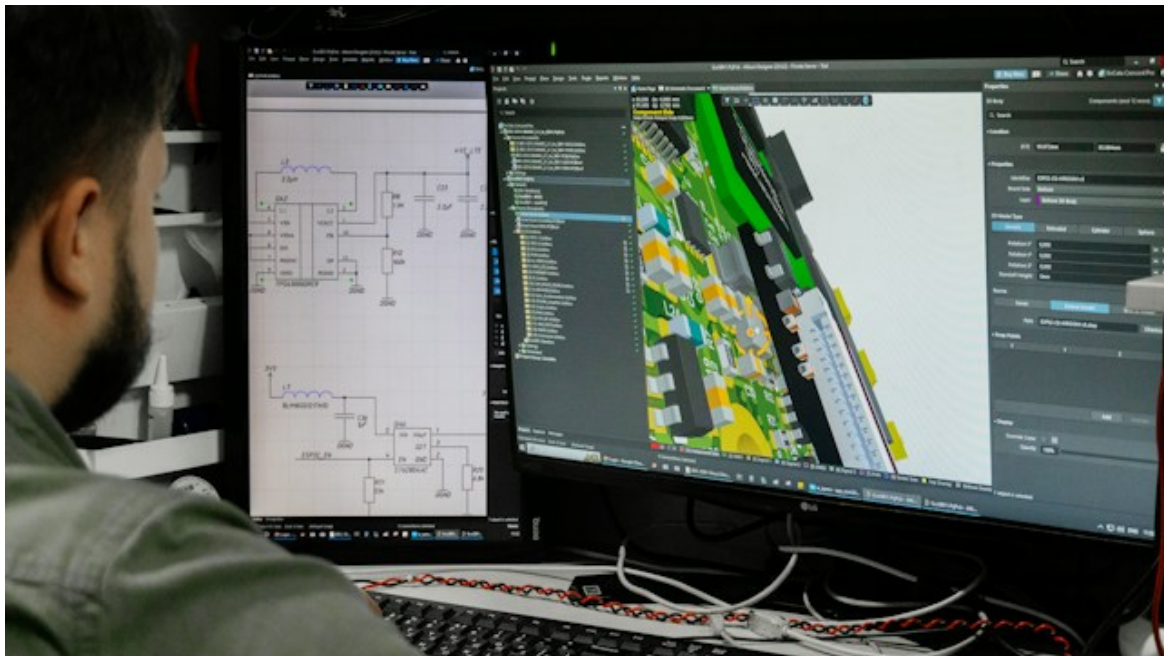
The day will consist of stimulating discussions and networking, eye-catching showcases, creative activities, plus chances to meet fellow creatives, discover what's happening in the sector, and leave feeling inspired.

For more information and to book your place, click the link below.

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Digital Trade Testbed Interactive Demo Day

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Date: Wednesday 21 October

Time: 9.30am - 11.30am

Venue: Teesside International Airport, Darlington, DL2 1LU

Teesside University is hosting a free demonstration event, in partnership with Tees Valley Combined Authority and Teesside Freeport, to show SMEs how the Digital Trade Testbed can cut paperwork, reduce errors, strengthen security and improve how import and export systems connect.

Attendees will be able to meet experts and partners from trade, logistics, finance and government, watch practical demonstrations, identify common challenges and explore first steps to make importing and exporting smoother without a major transformation project.

The event is ideal for SMEs that already export or are considering exporting, offering practical guidance to make international trade processes smoother, lower risk and less admin heavy.

The event is open to the public and no booking is required. For more information, visit the link below.

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