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the council magazine for the local community



**It's report
time...**

welcome to our annual review



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Taking the lead

Since the last edition of **this is Redcar & Cleveland** we have lived through one of the saddest days in the borough's history. On Friday, 19 February, Corus began to mothball Teesside Cast Products and, like many of you, I experienced a deep sense of loss at seeing the end of 170 years of steel production.

I had followed in my father's and grandfather's footsteps to work in the steel industry which has been a vital part of the heritage and prosperity of the area.

Over the last few months we have fought hard with partners to secure a buyer for the plant. Sadly, at the time of writing, no deal has been struck.

We have secured £60m to help fund our economic recovery plan across the Tees Valley. In the short term we are committed to helping those who have lost their jobs to get new ones. This includes support for those wanting to set up new businesses.

In the longer term we will develop a diverse economy by increasing jobs in the service sector while maintaining them in our local industries.

A major key to our future prosperity lies in large-scale regeneration and the creation of new industries. Our regeneration masterplan, based on what you told us through our Love it, Hate it consultation in 2008, will play a key role in shaping our future up to 2025. We will be sharing this with you in the summer.

Many people are now facing economic hardship and as a council we are working hard to show that we are providing good-quality, value-for-money services.

In this edition of **this is Redcar & Cleveland** we are looking at some of the highlights of these services over the last year.

We are also showing you how we asked for your views, listened and then acted on what you said.

There are many ways you can



get involved and a big thank you to everyone who took part in our budget consultation. The rise, £21 a year for the majority of council tax payers, is lower than last year's and it allows us to protect frontline services and invest in those which you say are most important to you. This includes an extra £1.6m into the care of older people and children and £500,000 to keep the borough clean and tackle crime and antisocial behaviour.

So keep on getting involved and we'll keep on listening to you.

Council leader
George Dunning

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Money matters

Amid some of the most challenging economic times in modern history, deciding how we as a council should best spend £364m over the coming year was never going to be an easy task.

In setting this year's budget, we were determined to provide excellent value for money and deliver the first-class services you said you wanted.

As a result, our biggest ever budget consultation exercise was also going to be our most important – and the public response was overwhelming.

From environmental issues and antisocial behaviour to education and public transport, people comprehensively delivered their verdicts on how every pound could be put to good use.

The consultation process began as far back as October. We were eager to build up as full a picture as possible of where residents wanted to see investment during a period of economic downturn.

Drop-in sessions in Redcar, Eston, Skelton, Loftus, South Bank, Marske, Normanby and

Guisborough allowed people to air their views face-to-face.

Community and voluntary groups, our residents' panel, trade unions and an array of other organisations were surveyed.

Residents could even recommend their own financial plans to us, using a budget simulator set up on our website and that of the Evening Gazette.

It was a huge exercise and one that threw up a diverse range of comments, all useful in helping us address the priorities identified to boost the borough's prosperity.

You called for greater support to enable elderly people to live independently. You wanted the regeneration of Redcar's iconic seafront. You asked for investment in our market towns. You stressed the importance of keeping communities clean, safe and green.

All of these views, and countless others, were taken into account when we agreed a budget that included the council tax rise limited to 2.5 per cent. We were grateful for your input and we

valued your comments.

Now we face the challenge of delivering that budget and providing the first-class frontline services you said you wanted.

And by continuing to listen to the people who know their communities better than anyone, we aim to succeed.

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Getting our priorities right

It's been an eventful past year and we have helped to make improvements in areas which you say are important to you.

These areas include improved health, driving up educational standards, tackling crime and boosting tourism. These are achievements that the people in the borough can take pride in.

This special edition of **this is Redcar & Cleveland** is highlighting some of these successes. They are linked to 14 priorities created as a result of consultation with local people. These priorities will help ensure the borough thrives as strongly as possible, even in challenging times.

We are also outlining some of the ambitions we have for the coming year.

Priority 1

What we said we would do:
Improve educational achievement among young people

Some of our achievements

- a record-breaking batch of GCSE results set hundreds of students on the path to promising futures, with nearly 70 per cent gaining the national benchmark of five A* to C grades – a significant rise on the previous year. Just under half of those students achieved five A* to C grades, including the crucial English and Maths qualifications
- Caedmon Primary School, in Grangetown, was named the best in the country in the Times Educational Supplement's annual awards. Judges hailed it "a truly community-based school with great achievements" and reserved particular praise for its "international dimension". The school has forged links with Africa, Denmark, France and Cyprus, giving pupils a greater understanding of the wider world
- two new primary schools – Newcomen Primary in Redcar and Saltburn Primary, which completed the £16.5m Saltburn Learning Campus – were opened, providing outstanding educational environments for local children

What we still need to do

Ian Jeffrey, cabinet member for children's services and education, said: "We are keen to secure the £90m investment that is potentially available under the Building Schools for the Future programme to fund refurbishment and rebuilding of secondary schools."

Priority 2

What we said we would do:
Get more young people involved in education, employment or training

Some of our achievements

- ninety-three per cent of school leavers entered full-time education, employment or training – an increase on the previous year
- the number of 16 to 18-year-olds not in education, employment or training dropped to 11.8 per cent last year, despite the national trend of rising adult unemployment
- Nearly 400 unemployed young people were involved with the Engagement in Learning, Information, Training and Education scheme, with 228 going on to continue their learning

What we still need to do

Ian Jeffrey, cabinet member for children's services and education, said: "We will strive to increase the number of employment, education and training opportunities for young people aged 16 and over."



Creating better learning environments encourages learning – in the past year we opened two new schools, the £4.9m Newcomen Primary School in Redcar and Saltburn Primary School which completes the £16.5m Saltburn Learning Campus.



Priority 3

What we said we would do:
Keep our children and young people safe

Some of our achievements

- our adoption service was labelled outstanding by Ofsted, with inspectors praising its "rigorous, careful and conscientious approach which promotes the welfare of children above all other considerations". Ofsted also rated the fostering service and Bylands Children's Home as good
- our 'Children in Care' pledge, containing 45 promises, was produced following consultation with young people, including the Children In Care Council – and went on to scoop a national honour at the Skills for Care Awards
- the council received the go-ahead for a flagship youth development, dubbed 'myplace', with work due to begin at Coatham this November. The plans for the venue were inspired by consultation with 13 to 19-year-olds across the borough and it is due to be open by early 2012

What we still need to do

Ian Jeffrey, cabinet member for children's services and education, said:
"Safeguarding children and young people is our number one priority and this is an area we will continue to work on and improve as best we possibly can."



Our award-winning young people pictured with awards presenters at Skills for Care national event. Photo by stillphotographyeni.com

Priority 4

What we said we would do:
Reduce health inequality

Some of our achievements

- more than 1,300 people were helped to quit smoking – a habit which kills 300 people in the borough each year – thanks to a range of services expanded to include 16 community pharmacies
- residents under 19 and over 65 made a splash by enjoying nearly 100,000 free sessions at local swimming pools
- Sure Start Children's Centres, as well as schools, have been promoting the benefits of healthy eating

What we still need to do

Helen McLuckie, cabinet member for health and social wellbeing, said: *"We will strive to improve the array of services surrounding the health of expectant mothers across the borough. We want to help women to stop smoking during pregnancy and encourage more new mums to breastfeed their babies."*

Priority 5

What we said we would do:
Transform services for adults and older people

Some of our achievements

- a free and confidential dementia service was launched in December to help sufferers – and their families and carers – enjoy a good quality of life after diagnosis
- a new support programme has allowed nearly 600 people to assess their own needs and decide how their personal budgets should be spent
- we supported 5,500 older people in living independently in their own homes, with extra support available to them if required. Each admission to residential care that is prevented in this way saves local tax payers about £20,000 a year

What we still need to do

Helen McLuckie, cabinet member for health and social wellbeing, said: *"We hope nearly 2,000 people will have a personal budget by the end of 2010/11, in control of how their care and support should be delivered, with much greater choice of support and accommodation. We are also consulting on a plan to develop more extra care housing for older and disabled people, and working with Jobcentre Plus staff to see how disabled people can be better supported in employment in the future."*



Our new dementia service was launched last year to help sufferers and carers. Pictured here are advisers Toni McHale, pictured left, and Claire Hopper. They are based at Carers Together, in Queen Street, Redcar. You can contact them on 01642 488408.



Self-directed support has been liberating for mum Anna Taylor and her two sons, Daniel, left and James.

Choice decisions

James and Daniel Wood love the special adult-size play equipment their mum bought for them through their personal budget.

Both have disabilities. Their mum Anna Taylor is absolutely delighted that she can plan for what they need and then use their personal budgets to pay for it.

Self-directed support is part of the transformation of adult social care and it enables people to take control

of their own lives.

"It's a brilliant system," said Anna, who lives in Redcar. "We were able to buy age-appropriate equipment which has sensory benefits for my sons. They love it!" James, for the record is 20 and Daniel, 18.

In the past year more and more people have been able to live life to the full through self-directed support.

Priority 6

What we said we would do:

Tackle anti-social behaviour and reduce criminal damage

Some of our achievements

- at the time of writing crime is at its lowest since records began. Crime figures dropped by 5.1 per cent between last April and December, compared with the same period in 2008. There was also a major drop in criminal damage, falling 15.8 per cent from last April to March this year
- more than 350 children and young people were taken off the streets, and alcohol seized, under Operation StaySafe. Young people were either taken home or to a safe place until parents arrived, with follow-up advice given to the families
- we issued record numbers of fines for dropping litter and for not scooping up dog mess – more than 500 people were penalised, with many named and shamed in local press

What we still need to do

Dave McLuckie, cabinet member for community protection, said: *“We are dedicated to working with the police and health services to help all young people to become great citizens and to improve public perceptions of them.”*

Tackling antisocial behaviour

A gang of rowdy youths playing football on Millennium Green at Dormanstown were using a nearby bus shelter as a goal and making life a misery for local people.

Not so now. Those same lads are now FC Dormo. They have goalposts on land at the back of the local primary school, proper strips and last year they played local councillors, police officers and antisocial behaviour team members for the new Cliff Houlding Memorial Shield. For the record, FC Dormo won the game and hope to hold on to the shield when the teams meet again on 23 May.

Our sports development team organised coaching lessons for some of the young people and they now coach other team members.

“It’s made a really big difference to the quality of life for local people,” said Stuart Haines, who chairs Dormanstown Ward Community Forum which provided the shield. “People aren’t intimidated any more and the lads sometimes come along to the forum meetings.”

It’s a great example of partnership working.

Claire Vodden, one of the local police support officers, had asked the young people what they wanted. She took their plea for goalposts to a wider range of partners who then sprung into action.

The result? Less antisocial behaviour, happier residents, young people who know they are listened to and who are getting involved in decision-making, coaching certificates for CVs, a community group which is helping to make a difference ... a win-win situation, in fact!

Antisocial behaviour is one of your big concerns. We and our partners are listening and being creative in how we tackle it.



Some of the FC Dormo team in action while the team of partners who listened, then did something to make project happen, look on.

Priority 7

What we said we would do:

Re-design and improve our services in disadvantaged neighbourhoods

Some of our achievements

- three neighbourhood management teams were introduced across the whole council to allow services to be delivered according to the needs of local people
- residents took part in 'Take the Lead', a one-year programme supporting people to make positive contributions to their communities and influence council policy
- more than £1m was awarded to voluntary and community groups to allow them to continue providing quality services, such as Shopmobility and credit unions

What we still need to do

Lynn Pallister, cabinet member for housing and neighbourhood renewal, said: *"Closing the gap between the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods and the rest of the borough will continue to be a key priority for us. The roll out of neighbourhood working to all areas of the borough will make a big difference to the responsiveness of local services."*



Priority 8

What we said we would do:
Tackle worklessness and poverty

Some of our achievements

- we secured £942,000 from the Government's Future Jobs Fund to create 145 new posts, mainly for young people, last July
- we helped 837 people find jobs, 192 businesses get started and aided the expansion of 192 firms
- we supported redundant Corus workers to help them find training and employment
- we lobbied the Government for £60m of funding to help secure future employment opportunities for the area

What we still need to do

Mark Hannon, cabinet member for economic development, said: *"We are determined to provide the help needed to create new industries and support businesses to secure more jobs for local people."*

Priority 9

What we said we would do:
Deliver improvements in our towns and villages

Some of our achievements

- our town centre makeover programme has improved empty shops in our high streets
- the independent housing charity, Shelter, ranked us as the third best council in England for meeting the need for new affordable housing in our area
- the Redcar Rangers team was created – a 12-strong team providing extra environmental services. The Rangers are tackling a variety of issues in town centre streets, back alleys and the seafront

What we still need to do

Lynn Pallister, cabinet member for housing and neighbourhood renewal, said: *"We are committed to making every part of the borough cleaner, safer and greener for local people, businesses and visitors."*

A new day for Mark

Mark Whetter from Eston knows what it's like to be made redundant but now, thanks to little help from us, he has his own windscreen repair business.

The 42-year-old has been repairing windscreens for 24 years, he turned the disappointment of redundancy into an opportunity to start up on his own.

He received £1,000 towards

special tools from our Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI) team and has applied for a further £1,000 to buy scaffolding so he can repair truck windscreens. We have £11m of LEGI funding to help local entrepreneurs start businesses and expand current ones.

"The team have been really good with advice and guidance,"

said Mark. "I started Advanced Windscreens 'North East' last July and the name's getting known now. I'm getting repeat business and doing work for insurance companies as well.

"If your windscreen gets a chip you could have the stone damage repaired before it spreads into a costly replacement."

Mark can be contacted on 07883 439534 or you can visit www.advancedwindscreensne.com
For more information about LEGI call the team on 01642 495731.

Priority 10

What we said we would do:

Create a regeneration blueprint for the whole borough

Some of our achievements

- a blueprint for the regeneration of the borough between now and 2024 is to be launched this summer. It is based on the views given by 10,000 people during consultation
- regeneration work will include a multi-million pound makeover of Redcar seafront. We have secured £30m to make this happen
- the £500m redevelopment of Greater Eston was boosted by the drawing up of innovative plans for 'The Great Park', which will be on the site of Eston Recreation Ground

What we still need to do

Mark Hannon, cabinet member for economic development, said: *"We are determined to regenerate the borough to make lasting improvements for residents, visitors and businesses, no matter what obstacles we face."*

Redundancy became the spring board for Mark Whetter to start his own business, with help and financial support from our LEGI team.



Priority 11

What we said we would do:
Reduce our carbon footprint

Some of our achievements

- we scooped an award for recording the highest recycling rates in the North-East – 42 per cent in 2008/09
- those high recycling and composting levels helped Redcar and Cleveland be named one of the top-performing councils for waste reduction. We were 24th out of 201 local authorities in a national league table
- photovoltaic panels (PVs) have been installed on the roof of Redcar and Cleveland House to save us all money

What we still need to do

Sylvia Szintai, cabinet member for the environment, said: *"We will continue to focus on initiatives to reduce our carbon footprint, so that our services can better protect our communities. Twelve new energy-efficient homes are to be built as part of our plans to regenerate Greater Eston."*

Priority 12

What we said we would do:
Grow our tourism potential to deliver economic and cultural opportunities

Some of our achievements

- Odin's Glow dramatically lit up the peak of Roseberry Topping – and the faces of 10,000 delighted visitors. Newton under Roseberry was transformed into a gallery during the event, which showcased dozens of installations by artists and community groups
- our £2.4m programme to refurbish all the borough's leisure centres is almost complete
- the Great North Walk was confirmed as coming to the borough for the first time, with thousands of people expected to descend on the Guisborough area next month

What we still need to do

Sheelagh Clarke, cabinet member for culture, leisure and tourism, said: *"We are constantly working to develop creative industries in the borough to attract tourists and create jobs. This year we are going to start a programme to improve public toilets and other facilities which will benefit residents and visitors alike."*

Odin's Glow attracted more than 10,000 visitors and delighted residents.



Priority 13

What we said we would do:
Promote an integrated and efficient public transport system

Some of our achievements

- we have replaced 19 of our buses, bringing improved safety and comfort for passengers. This will save us £300,000 over the next five years compared with current vehicle costs
- we improved our management of road works throughout the borough, taking steps to ensure that major projects are often combined with street cleaning and grass-cutting to help minimise disruption

What we still need to do

Mary Lanigan, cabinet member for highways, transportation and planning, said: *"We are striving to tackle the restrictions imposed by current public transport systems, working alongside other agencies to boost access to work, social and health facilities."*

Priority 14

What we said we would do:
Deliver our top ten business improvements

Some of our achievements

- children's social workers have done their bit for the carbon footprint after an £83,000 government grant secured new hardware and software, allowing them to work away from the office. Each worker now travels 3,500 fewer miles each year and saves £1,376 in fuel costs
- we have pursued external funding over the past 12 months and as a result, council tax will only contribute 15 per cent of the £364m to be spent during the coming year
- a major restructuring process within the council has saved more than £4m per year, has led to management being reduced and has allowed for more emphasis to be placed on front-line services which meet public needs

What we still need to do

Peter Scott, cabinet member for corporate resources, said: *"Our aim is to implement the our top ten business improvement projects – and capture the savings that are being generated – by working to deliver services more effectively and efficiently."*





Listening to you

New schools, how we should be run as a council, the Great Park at Eston, local bus services, the council budget ... phew, it's been a busy year when it comes to asking you for your views.

Listening to you is important to us because we want to create the sort of borough, and local neighbourhoods, that you like living in.

Hundreds of you have given us your views in a variety of ways, including face-to-face in places such as supermarkets, at special presentations events, in tents, by post, by email and by completing feedback forms.

For example, 200 people came to an event around the proposed Great Park at Eston. Your feedback was appreciated and was very positive – 90% of you were in favour of the plans.

Over a three-month period last summer and early autumn we went out to 26 venues across the borough to get your views on local bus services.

More than 250 gave us written feedback on how bus services in their neighbourhoods could be improved. We're now working with bus companies to find solutions to the issues raised.

On the move

Our customer services one stop shop is moving from the town hall at Eston to the new library at Low Grange District Centre, Normandy Road, South Bank, on 10 May.

Our customer services team is working alongside library staff to make it even easier for people to get information about council services.

You can make enquiries about any council service including refuse collection, recycling, council tax and housing benefits. You can also report faulty street lights and pot holes and access services provided by the Citizens Advice Bureau, Welfare Rights, Connexions and the Shaw Trust.

Get involved...

Viewfinder

Viewfinder is made up of around 1,600 local people from different neighbourhoods, age groups and ethnic backgrounds who influence decisions made in the borough.

Topics can be about anything that affects the lives of the majority of citizens and impacts on our communities.

Panel members are asked to complete questionnaires about important issues in the borough. The latest survey is currently underway. **To find out more, call the Viewfinder team on 01642 774 774**

Your council

You can get involved in local decision-making by going along to a wide range of council, cabinet, committee meetings. See them listed on p15.

If you're interested in becoming a local councillor so you can help make a difference where you live you can find out more by calling Rachel Dooris on 01642 774774 or email rachel_dooris@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk



Well, did you?

The general election has been and gone but there will be local elections next May.

Voting is one of the most important ways you can be involved in decision-making. If you missed out on 6 May, then you need to make sure you are on the electoral voter register.

The register is based on the annual canvass. Look out for annual canvass forms which will be delivered throughout the borough later this year.

Remember, too, that you can opt to vote by post. For more information call 01642 444410 or email electoral_registration@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Council diary...

You are free to attend any of the meetings listed here. Information is correct at the time of going to press and you can call 01642 774774 or visit www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk for further details.

Area committees include a one-hour open forum where you can ask questions, discuss issues, put forward petitions and suggest up-and-coming topics.

Written questions can be posted to Julian Feakes, Fairway House, Limerick Road, Dormanstown, Redcar TS10 5JU or by email to julian_feakes@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Please note that two committees have changed their name and boundaries.

May

Wednesday 12

Redcar Area Committee

6pm
Cliff Houlding Centre, Park Court, Dormanstown

Wednesday 19

East Cleveland Coastal Area Committee

6pm
Gleneagles Community Centre, New Marske

Thursday 20

Council (annual general meeting)

10am
Town Hall, Eston

Tuesday 25

Cabinet

10am
Town Hall, Eston

Standards Committee

2pm
Town Hall, Eston

Greater Eston Area Committee

6pm
Nunthorpe Youth and Community Centre, Guisborough Road

Wednesday 26

Planning Committee

10.15am
Belmont House, Guisborough

East Cleveland Area Committee

6pm
Moordale Court Community Centre, Davison Street, Lingdale

Thursday 27

Council Meeting

2pm
Town Hall, Eston

June

Tuesday 1

Guisborough Area Committee

6pm
Charltons Community Centre, Charltons

Thursday 10

Planning Committee

10.15am
Belmont House, Guisborough

Tuesday 22

Cabinet

10am
Town Hall, Eston

Wednesday 23

Redcar Area Committee

6pm
Greengates Primary School, Kielder Close

Thursday 24

Planning Committee

10.15am
Belmont House, Guisborough

Wednesday 30

East Cleveland Coastal Area Committee

6pm
Saltburn Community Hall, Windsor Road

WARD SURGERIES

BROTTON

**Brian Hogg (Lab),
Richard Rudland (Lab)
and Peter Scott (Lab)**

first Saturdays at Carlin How Community Centre,
second and last Saturdays, at Brotton library,
third Saturdays at Skinningrove Community Centre,
all 10am-11am.
Contact 01287 677336.

COATHAM

**Josie Crawford (Lib Dem)
and Irene Curr (Lib Dem)**

third Tuesdays
at Redcar Central Library's room 3,
2pm-3pm.
Contact 01642 502476.

DORMANSTOWN

Ray Goddard (Lab)

first Fridays at the Park Court Community Centre, 6pm-7pm,
third Saturdays at Severn Road Community Centre, 11am-noon.
Contact 01642 478377.

Ken Lucas (Lib Dem)

fourth Saturdays at Severn Road Community Centre, Redcar,
10am-11am.
Contact 01642 488091.

Eric Howden (Lib Dem)

second Saturdays
at Dormanstown library,
10am-11am.
Contact 07961 522830.

ESTON

Ann Higgins (Independent)

second Mondays
at Oakley Walk Community Centre, Bankfields, 4.45pm-5.15pm,
at Birkdale Community Centre, 5.30pm-6pm on June 14, August 9
and at Whale Hill Community Centre, 3.45pm-4.15pm and
Lazenby Village Hall, 4.30pm-5pm on May 10, July 12, September 13.
Contact 01642 452329.

Liz Beadle (Independent)

fourth Fridays
at Whale Hill Community Centre,
1pm-1.45pm
and Wilton Primary School Community Room,
2pm-3pm.
Contact 01642 458854.

Olwyn Peters (Lab)

last Saturdays
at Whale Hill Community Centre, 10.30am-11.15am,
Lazenby Social Club, 11.30am-12.15pm,
Birkdale Community Centre, 4pm-5pm.
Contact 01642 291460.

GRANGETOWN

**Lynn Pallister (Lab)
and Peter Dunlop (Lab)**

second Saturdays
at Grangetown library,
fourth Saturdays at Grangetown Neighbourhood Centre,
both 11am-noon.
Contact 01642 462477.

GUISBOROUGH

**Denise Bunn (Lab)
and Joe Keenan (Lab)**

first Fridays at Guisborough library, 5pm-5.30pm,
third Saturdays at 8 Wilson Street, 11am-11.30am.
Contact 01287 636314.

Bill Clarke (Con)

third Fridays at Stump Cross Community Centre, 6pm-7pm,
first Saturdays at Raithwaite House, Wilton Lane, 11am-noon,
last Saturdays at Guisborough library, 11am-noon.
Contact 01287 638769.

HUTTON

**Valerie Halton (Con),
Graham Jeffery (Con)
and Peter Spencer (Con)**

second Thursdays at Highcliffe School, except school holidays,
6pm-7pm.
Contact 01287 635845.

KIRKLEATHAM

**Brenda Forster (Lab),
and Mark Hannon (Lab)**

third Saturdays at Roseberry Library, last Saturdays at Langley House, Langley Close, both 10.30am-11.30am.
Contact 01642 476855.

John Hannon (Lib Dem)

third Fridays at Roseberry Library, 5.45pm-6.45pm.
Contact 01642 480538.

LOCKWOOD

**Steve Kay
(East Cleveland Independent)**

second Saturdays at Lingdale United Reform Church,
11am-noon.
Contact 01287 660601.

LOFTUS

**David Fitzpatrick
(East Cleveland Independent)**

second and fourth Thursdays
at Station Hotel, 7pm-8pm.
Contact 01287 640373.

Mary Lanigan (Independent)

first Wednesdays at the Community House, Westfield Estate, 2pm-4.30pm,
third Saturdays at Liverton Mines Community Centre, 11am-noon.
For surgeries at Easington,
contact 01287 640993.

Eric Jackson (Lab)

first Saturdays at Loftus Library,
second Saturdays at William Harker Hall, Easington, third Saturdays,
at Loftus Leisure Centre, fourth Saturdays, at Liverton Mines Community Centre,
all 10.30am-noon.
Contact 01287 641516.

LONGBECK

Vera Moody (Con)

last Saturday in June
at Marske Leisure Centre, last Saturday in May at New Marske Sports Club, all 11am-noon.
Contact 01642 472458.

REDCAR and Cleveland councillors hold regular ward surgeries.

The list of dates and venues is:

Norah Cooney (Con)

last Wednesdays at Gleneagles Road Community Centre, New Marske, 6pm-7pm.
Contact 01642 486368 for home visit.

Mike Findley (Independent)

second Tuesday in June at Wheatlands Farm Pub (Wacky), 6pm-7pm,
last Saturday in May at Marske Leisure Centre, 11am-noon.
Contact 07805 764212.

NEWCOMEN

Chris and Glynis Abbott (Lib Dem)

first Tuesdays at the Lakes OAP Centre, Westmorland Road, third Fridays at the 90 Club, 42 West Dyke Road, both 6pm-7pm.
Contact 01642 487557.

NORMANBY

Billy Ayre (Lab)

third Saturdays at St Gabriels Church Hall, Allendale Road, 10am-11am.
Contact 01642 469423.

Carole Simms (Lab)

last Saturdays at Methodist Hall, Cleveland Street, 10.30am-11.30am.
Contact 01642 455642.

Wendy Wall (Lab)

second Saturdays at Methodist Hall, Cleveland Street, 10.30am-11.30am.
Contact 01642 457254.

ORMESBY

Glyn and Irene Nightingale (Lib Dem)

first Thursdays at both Nunthorpe Community School (term time only) and Ormesby Library, 6pm-7pm.
Contact 01642 315565.

Ann Wilson (Lib Dem)

fourth Fridays at Ormesby library, 6pm-7pm.
Contact 01642 281268.

SALTBURN

Joan Sands (Con), John Robinson (Con) and Philip Thomson (Con)

first and third Saturdays at Saltburn Library, 11am-noon.
Contact 01287 622341.

SKELTON

One of Dave or Helen McLuckie (Lab) or Brian Briggs (Lab)

third Saturdays at Skelton Civic Hall, 11am start.
Contact 01287 651658.

SOUTH BANK

Ian and Sue Jeffrey (Lab) and Sylvia Szintai (Lab)

first Saturdays at South Bank Library, second Saturdays at South Bank Neighbourhood Centre, South Terrace, both 11am-noon.
Contact 01642 465796.

ST GERMAIN'S

Madge Moses (Lib Dem)

first Mondays at Marske Library, 11am-noon.
Contact 01642 486736.

Margaret Wilson (Lib Dem)

third Fridays at Marske library, 5pm-6pm.
Contact 01642 479495.

Deborah Dowson (Lib Dem)

second Tuesdays at Thrushwood Community Centre, 11am-noon.
Contact 01642 500561.

TEESVILLE

Sheelagh Clarke (Lab), George Dunning (Lab) and Norman Pickthall (Lab)

second Wednesdays at the James Finegan Hall, 6pm-7pm.
Contact 01642 466864.

WEST DYKE

Joyce Benbow (Lib Dem), Mike Carling (Lib Dem) and Mary Ovens (Lib Dem)

second and fourth Thursdays at Rye Hills School, including school holidays, 7pm-8pm.
Contact 01642 485314.

WESTWORTH

Carole Jeffery (Con) and David Williams (Westworth Ind)

are available to help on ward issues.
Call Carole on 07738042833 or David on 07971873720

ZETLAND

Bob Stanway (Con)

first Fridays at Laburnum Road Library, 6pm-7pm.
Contact 01642 484343.

Norma Hensby (Lab)

first Mondays at Laburnum Road library, 10am-11am and third Fridays, 6pm-7pm.
Contact 01642 472096.



Local gems: Cleveland Ironstone Mining Museum

Did you know that Cleveland was once the most important ironstone mining district in Victorian and Edwardian Britain? And that the UK's only mining museum on an actual mining site is there?

Cleveland Ironstone Mining Museum, which is on the site of Loftus Mine in Skinningrove, is rich in history. In fact, it's a popular local gem and last year it enjoyed its best ever year with almost 6,000 visitors.

The mine, the first in Cleveland, opened in 1848 and its north drift was very productive.

At its peak the industry supported 82 mines from which nearly seven million tons a year were extracted.

It was local journalist Tom Leonard who dreamed of setting up a museum devoted to the memory of miners and their industry. He was passionate and determined but sadly died before the museum opened in 1983.

A team of committed, knowledgeable volunteers continued his work and have gone on to improve the museum.

Volunteer guides conduct regular 90-minute tours. Visitors can hear the story of a trappy lad on his first day underground in the darkness and the friends he made there.

Visitors can also go underground and explore the skills, customs and lives of local miners and learn how stone was drilled then charged with explosives.

Do you want to volunteer to help at the museum? To find out more call museum officer Christine Corbett on 01287 642877.



What's on:

HEALTH WALKS

Tuesday mornings

Venue:

Saltburn Leisure Centre

Time: 11.15am

Thursday mornings

Venue: Manor House

Surgery, Normanby

Time: 11am

Friday afternoons

Venue: Loftus

Time: 1pm

Every Sunday

TABLE TOP SALES

Venue: Saltburn Station
Portico (Outdoors)

Time: 9am-2.30pm

Charge: Free

Every second Saturday

SALTBURN FARMERS' MARKET

Speciality Farmers' Markets with locally produced foods and crafts

Venue: Saltburn Station
Square, Saltburn By Sea

Time: 9am-3pm

Charge: Free

Tuned In! 2 Creative Links

Tuned In! 2 Creative Links are offering the following free sessions for 11 to 18-year-olds in Redcar and Cleveland.

To book a place or for more information call 01642 496442 or

email donna_harding@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

All the sessions here are held during term time.

Mondays

BOOM DANG BIG NOISE

A drumming session like no other! Plenty of talent, passion and big noise!

Venue: Lingdale Primary School

Time: 3.30pm-4.30pm

MOVE N FUZE

A funky fusion of dance, singing, song writing and other creativity!

Opportunity to gain bronze and silver Arts Award

Venue: Activities Hall, Laurence Jackson School, Guisborough

Time: 3:30pm-5.30pm

Tuesdays

TUNED IN @ SHINE EVENT PLANNING TEAM

We are looking to recruit a team of young leaders to plan and manage a summer festival. Places are limited.

Venue: Compass Centre, Redcar Community College

Time: 6pm-8pm

Fridays

BREAKDOWN

Urban dance and film project including lockin, poppin, krump, breakin and street

Venue: Huntcliff School, Saltburn

Time: 5pm-6pm



Until Sunday 9 May EXHIBITION – A FRAGMENT OF COLOUR

Pen and ink drawings with just a hint of colour by Kirkleatham-based artist, Dorothy Lumb, who is very much influenced by her local environment.

Venue: The Little Gallery, Kirkleatham Museum, Redcar
Time: Tuesday-Sunday 10am-4pm.
Closed Mondays (except Bank Holidays)
Charges: Free

Saturday 1 May - Sunday 6 June EXHIBITION – WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR 2009

This popular, prestigious exhibition from the Natural History Museum in London is back for the second year running. Last year it attracted record numbers of visitors.

Venue: Pavilion Building, Kirkleatham Museum, Redcar
Time: Tuesday-Sunday, 10am-5pm.
Closed Mondays (except Bank Holidays).
Charges: Free

Until Sunday 16 May EXHIBITION – MANY HAPPY RETURNS

Kirkleatham Museum is hosting a touring exhibition to celebrate the 300th birthday of its building. The exhibition features 150 birthday cards dating from the 1860s to the 1940s.

Venue: Kirkleatham Museum, Redcar
Time: Tuesday to Sunday, 10am-5pm.
Closed Mondays (except Bank Holidays).
Charges: Free

Saturday 22 May - Sunday 4 July RECENT WORK BY SUE CHIPCHASE

A selection of paintings by Saltburn-based artist Sue Chipchase, produced during the past two years and reflecting the continued interest she has in the poetics of deserted spaces.

Venue: The Little Gallery, Kirkleatham Museum, Redcar
Time: Tuesday-Sunday, 10am-5pm.
Closed Mondays (except Bank Holidays).
Charges: Free



Friday 21 May - Sunday 23 May KITE SURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010

Airborne display of kite surfers battling it out to become champion in a number of different categories. Free sessions for spectators who want to give it a go.

Venue: Redcar seafront (near Majuba Car Park)
Time: Daily events
Charges: Free to spectators, entry fee for competitors

Saturday 15 May DAWN CHORUS WALK

Hear the dawn chorus and learn about the birds.

Venue: Meet at Margrove Heritage Centre, Margrove Park, off the A171
Time: 4.30am

Charges: Free
Booking essential (01287 610368)

Saturday 15 May - Sunday 16 May SURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010

A display of surfers pushing their skills to the limit and riding the waves at Saltburn in a bid to be crowned champion.

Venue: Saltburn Seafront
Time: Daily events
Charges: Free for spectators

Sunday 16 May WATERY WONDERLAND

Come and see what lives underwater and create your own ID chart.

Venue: Guisborough Forest & Walkway
Time: 10-12pm and 1pm-3pm
Charges: £2



Tuesday 18 May WALK IN THE WOODS

Join us for a pleasant evening stroll through the woods

Venue: Guisborough Forest & Walkway
Time: 6.30pm
Charges: £2
Booking essential (01287 631132)

Thursday 27 May ERRINGTON WOOD WALK

Was this the site of the mysterious Marske alum works? Join Beth for a three-hour walk and find out more about the history of these wonderful woods.

Venue: Meet at Errington Woods car park
Time: 1pm
Charges: Free

What's on:

Monday 31 May REDCAR RACES GOLD CUP

Have an action-packed day at Redcar Races – Tote Zetland Gold Cup Day.

Venue: Redcar Racecourse

Time: 2pm

Charges: £5-£37.50



Wednesday 2 June FAMILY FOSSIL FOSSICK

Fossil finding fun and learn about the giant sea monsters that lived here 200million years ago. Under 12s must be accompanied by an adult.

Venue:

Coast Road Car Park, near Marske by the Sea

Time: 1pm

Charges: Free

Wednesday 2 June DEN BUILDING DAY

Have a go at shelter building with totally natural materials.

Venue: Guisborough Forest & Walkway

Time: 1-4pm

Charges: £2

Saturday 5 June ZETLAND PARK FUN DAY

Family fun with music, tombola, stalls, disco, face painting and bouncy castle.

Venue: Zetland Park, Redcar

Time: 11am-4pm

Charges: Free

Tuesdays 8 and 15 June BADGER WATCH

Bus departs from the Visitor Centre at 6pm. A chance to see badgers in their natural surroundings at our hide near Pickering.

Venue: Bus leaves from Guisborough Forest & Walkway Visitor Centre

Time: 6pm

Charges: £15 (includes minibus fare).

Booking essential (01287 631132)

Thursday 3 June BOUNTIFUL BUTTERFLIES

Join a ranger for a short walk around the park and look out for butterflies and learn they are there and where they go in the winter.

Venue: Flatts Lane Woodland Country Park

Time:

1.30pm- 3.30pm

Charges: £2.

Booking essential (01642 459629)

Friday 11 June COALS FOR COATHAM

Learn about the importance of landlocked Coatham as a port and find out more about the ill-fated attempt at a coal mine.

Venue: Coatham Marsh Nature Reserve car park, Redcar

Time: 1pm

Charges: Free

Sunday 20 June GET THE RECYCLING BUG!

It's Insect Week! Try your hand at making insect houses and recycled bugs.

Venue: Guisborough Forest & Walkway

Time: 10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm

Charges:

£2 for craft session, £4 for insect box

Sunday 20 June GREEN MAN FAMILY DAY

Friends of Saltburn Valley invite you to an afternoon of fun in the valley.

Venue: Saltburn Valley Woodland Centre

Time: 12pm- 4pm

Charges: £1 per adult & 50p per child.

Wednesday 23 June TODDLERS INSECT WATCH

Hunt for some beasties, make your own and then listen to a beastly story

Venue: Guisborough Forest & Walkway

Time: 1pm-2.30pm

Charges: £2

SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES

The Sport with Support programme offers adults sport specific sessions across the borough.

Booking is advised but not essential, £2 per session. Call 01642 496430 for more information

Monday & Thursday evenings NETBALL

A fun netball session for over 16s with an emphasis on participation rather than competition.

Venue: DeBrus Sports Hall, Skelton (Monday), Huntcliff School, Saltburn (Thursdays)

Time: Debrus, 5.30pm-6:30pm and Huntcliff, 6pm-7pm

Thursday evenings BASKETBALL

A fun basketball session for over 16s with an emphasis on participation rather than competition.

Venue: DeBrus Sports Hall, Skelton **10am-11am**

Friday mornings BADMINTON

Venue: DeBrus Sports Hall, Skelton **Time:** 5.30pm-6.30pm



Sunday evenings BADMINTON

A fun session of badminton with coaching in partnership with Marske Badminton Club.

Venue: Bydales School
Time: 8pm-9pm



**Saturday 12 June -
Sunday 13 June
MODEL
ENTHUSIASTS'
WEEKEND**

To coincide with the end of the exhibition, Two Men and a Collection: Meccano, Dinky & Hornby Treasures. This fun weekend event will showcase the interests of local model groups to a wider public.

Venue: Pavilion Building, Kirkleatham Museum, Redcar
Time: 10am-4pm
Charges: Free

**Friday 2 July -
Sunday 4 July
VOLKSPower
2010**

A large collection of VW cars and vans, live music, children's rides and disco, on-site pub, catering, and trade stalls.

Venue: Redcar Rugby Club
Time: Daily events
Charges: Free during day, various ticket prices for evenings

**Sunday 4 and
Sunday 11 July
TAI CHI IN
THE FOREST**

Join Terry Doyle and revitalise your mind and body – be at one with nature!

Please wear comfortable clothes that are easy to move in.

Venue: Guisborough Forest & Walkway
Time: 10am-12noon
Charges: £3.
Booking essential
(01287 631132)

**Friday 9 July
SALTBURN
JAZZ NIGHT**

Venue: Saltburn Community Hall
Time: Bar 7pm, starts 7.30pm
Charge: Tickets £7 from Saltburn Health Foods

**Saturday 17 July
REDCAR
BEACH
VOLLEYBALL
TOURNAMENT**

For all Clubs in the Tees Valley. Free taster sessions for general public.

Venue: Redcar Beach – Majuba car park
Time: All day
Charges: Free

**Sunday 18 July
CREATIVE LINKS
PRESENT SHINE
FESTIVAL 2010**

A day to celebrate the young people's creative talent in Redcar & Cleveland.

Venue: Zetland Park, Redcar
Time: 11am-3pm
Charges: Free



Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson who came to Redcar to launch the marathon earlier this year.

**Sunday 13 June
On your marks...**

The race is on to recruit runners for the 2010 Start Fitness 27th Redcar Half Marathon which takes place on Sunday 13 June.

It's a great opportunity for you to get into shape and raise cash for charity as well. In other years the run has been held in April, but it's hoped the milder June weather might encourage more people to put on their running shoes.

Last year 1,600 people took part and raised thousands of pounds for charities.

The race will be launched at one of Redcar's most popular attractions – Coatham Boating Lake, which will form part of the scenic 13.1 mile route.

Entry forms are available online from the Tees Valley Leisure and Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council websites. Please visit www.teesvalleyleisure.co.uk or www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Family fun run

And while the serious runners are on their half marathon, families are invited to join the 3k charity fun run.

It's hoped 1,000 adults and children will enjoy the safe, off-road course on **Sunday 13 June**. All entrants will receive a goody bag.

Entry forms are available at Tees Valley Leisure sites and pools (Eston, Guisborough, Saltburn, Redcar and Loftus). For further information visit www.teesvalleyleisure.co.uk.

Joanne Jackson, Great Britain's race walker, launching the family fun run at her former school, the Scared Heart in Redcar.



What's on:



**Monday 5 July -
Friday 9 July**

TEES VALLEY GOLF WEEK

Golfing competition
for Tees Valley
golf clubs.

Venue: Various

Time: Daily events

Charges: Various
(Call 01429 523508)

**Thursday 22 July -
Friday 23 July**

MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Popular touring theatre
company Oddsocks are
back by popular demand.

Venue: Kirkleatham
Museum, Redcar

Time: 7.30pm

Charges: To be
announced

Saturday 24 July

REDCAR ROCKS

Redcar Rocks and Tall
Ships events, a nautical
themed family fun day
including a competition
for local bands.

Venue: Redcar town
centre

Time: Daily events

Charges: Free

Sunday 25 July

CIRCUS SKILLS WORKSHOP

Make your own juggling
ball then join Marko to
learn juggling, Diabolo,
plate spinning and much
more.

Venue: Flatts Lane
Woodland Country Park

Time: 1pm-3pm

Charges: £3
Booking essential
(01642 459629)

Tuesday 27 July

ORIENTEERING EVENT

Venue: Saltburn

Time: Morning

Charges: Free
(Call 01287 624521 for
details)

Tuesday 27 July

SHE SELLS SEASHELLS

Bring a clean, empty
jam jar and a walk
down to the beach to
collect shells then
decorate your jar and
make a useful
container.

Venue: Saltburn
Valley Woodland
Centre

Time: 1-3pm (drop in)

Charges: £1



The big sail

Here's a date for your diary - Saturday 7 August

**That's the date that dozens of beautiful sailing
ships will arrive at Hartlepool as part of the Tall
Ships Races 2010.**

We're one of the councils in the Tees Valley
supporting the event which is expected to attract
up to one million visitors to the region.

The ships will sail from Kristiansand, in Norway,
to Hartlepool in the second and final race. They will
stay until Tuesday, 10 August when they will wave
goodbye in an impressive Parade of Sail.

It will be the biggest free event in England this
year and the ships will not return to the North Sea
until 2014. It's estimated that visitors will spend
£16m in Tees Valley during the event.

Around 3,000 crew members will be
on board the ships which represent
nearly 20 countries. Vessels
include the spectacular 300ft Mir
from Russia, the Alexander Von
Humbolt from Germany, and
the Indonesian Ship, the
Dewaruci.

Other attractions include live
music, a crew parade, firework
displays over three evenings, street
theatre and a Continental market.

**So put the date 7-10 August
in your diary!**





we asked...

What are the problems in your area?

you said...

Teenagers behaving anti-socially

we did...

Operation Equinox an award winning initiative targeting youth anti-social behaviour. It involves:

- Neighbourhood officers going into schools and engaging with young people on the streets.
- Diversionary activities to keep young people off the streets
- Targeting of known offenders through letters to parents, home visits and the use of anti-social behaviour powers such as Anti-Social Behaviour orders

Weeks of Action are organised during school holidays - recent activities have included a dance competition, soccer out reach in conjunction with Teesside Athletic Club and a rugby scheme with Guisborough Rugby Club

Set up a Youth Independent Advisory Group to provide a voice for young people regarding policing in Redcar & Cleveland. If you are interested in joining this group please contact Sergeant Schofield on 01642 302667.

Set up a Cadet Scheme giving 20 young people from across the Borough the chance to develop valuable skills and qualifications whilst contributing to their local community

Useful numbers

For all council enquiries: 01642 774 774

8am-6pm Monday-Friday

9am-1pm Saturdays

or email: contactus@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk



Abandoned vehicles: 01642 774 774

Adult and Children's Services (including safeguarding): 01642 771 500

Minicom users telephone Tynetalk 18001 01642 771 500

Out of hours and emergencies 08702 402 994

Minicom users telephone 01642 602 346.

Anti-social behaviour Unit: 01642 774 774

Benefit advice:

Welfare Rights 01642 771 166

Council Tax and Housing Benefit 774 774

Births, deaths and marriages: 01287 632 564

Carers' information and advice: 01642 771 500

Coast & Country Housing (repairs and out of hours emergencies): 01642 771 300

Clean, safe and green: 01642 774 774

Waste, bulky collections, recycling, refuse collection, highways maintenance, street lighting, graffiti removal, fly tipping, tree maintenance, dog wardens, allotments, playgrounds etc

Community protection officers: 01642 774 774 or out of hours 01642 771 300

Consumer advice: 08454 04 05 06

Customer services (including one stop shops and contact centre): 01642 774 774

Dial-a-Ride/concessionary fares: 01642 444 973

Families' Information Service: 0800 073 8800

Housing advice: 01287 612 453

Money advice: 01287 612 489

Parking and permits: 01642 774 774

Public transport: 0871 200 22 33 (minimum charge 16p)

Sports development/active lifestyles: 01642 496 430

Supporting People (housing related support for vulnerable people): 01287 612 505

Tees Valley Leisure Centres:

Eston 01642 452 488, Guisborough 01287 633 311, Loftus 01287 642 020,

Redcar Leisure Centre and Redcar Bowl 01642 480 636, Saltburn 01287 623 761

Tourist Information Centres:

Gisborough Priory 01287 633 801, Redcar 01642 471 921,

Saltburn 01287 622 422, Saltburn cliff lift 01287 622 528

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