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Council braced for wintry weather - page 5



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Taking the lead

WELCOME to the final edition of **'this is Redcar & Cleveland'** for 2011 – I hope everybody is looking forward to the Christmas and New Year festivities. I'm sure everyone will recall the extraordinary weather conditions we experienced last winter, with record early snowfall and freezing temperatures causing real difficulties for people trying to get on with their daily lives.



At times of really bad weather there is a need for residents to be kept up-to-speed with the latest information on everything from school closures to problems on the roads.

That is why we are launching a new alerts service on our website, aiming to provide people with constantly-updated details on any developments or changes to council services caused by adverse weather.

The social media boom means people are increasingly turning to Facebook and Twitter to access up-to-the-minute information and we will be taking advantage of this, to provide regular alerts.

I hope plenty of people take the opportunity to sign up – see page five for more details.

Meanwhile, our preparations for tackling the major financial challenges we face as a council are well under way.

The scale of public spending cuts affecting local authorities has been well documented and, unfortunately, some difficult decisions will have to be made.

We will be looking to make the savings required whilst remaining committed to protecting vulnerable people in our communities. Despite the cuts we will also be looking to mitigate any job losses for our staff in order that we can look to maintain quality frontline services.

Councillor George Dunning
Leader of the Council

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By royal appointment

REDCAR played host to royalty for the second successive year as the Prince of Wales was given an insight into the area's future economic prosperity.

The Prince visited Teesside in his role as president of Business in the Community, meeting some of the new workforce at the SSI steel plant which is set to be revived next month.

He also met coaches and boxers from Redcar Amateur Boxing Club, before taking part in discussions at the Redcar Community Summit, in Coatham Memorial Hall, with volunteers, business leaders and council representatives.

The Prince, who also visited Redcar in May last year, was given another enthusiastic welcome to the town as local schoolchildren put on a musical performance to greet him.





Grit expectations - council teams prepare for winter.

- Impacts on school transport;
- Public transport;
- Building closures;
- Any reductions in council services.

The Council will be using Facebook, Twitter, its own website and the newly-launched 'Looking Local' service to provide regular updates.

Last winter saw atrocious weather conditions wreak havoc across the entire country.

The Council has been making detailed preparations for this winter, with its gritting fleet operating directly from Boulby Mine for the first time.

Gritting teams worked round-the-clock last year, using 5,885 tonnes of salt, and will be ready to do all they can to keep the roads safe once again.

They have a diverse area to cover – the Borough's roads network spans 695 kilometres, including notorious problem spots such as Saltburn and Loftus banks, Birk Brow and the A171 Moor Road.

Priorities will be main roads, important commuter routes, known accident spots and roads serving main shopping areas. Residential roads will only be treated in periods of prolonged bad weather, after priority routes have been done.

The alerts service will include real-time details on any developments on our roads.

Many schools were also forced to close last winter amid treacherous conditions. But parents will be able to discover the latest news on their children's schools by checking any of our media channels.

Residents are also encouraged to look up the wealth of advice on driving safely during winter and keeping warm at home which will be available online and in many major public buildings.

Snow problem to get your winter alerts

WITH the icy grip of winter looming, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council is gearing up to provide residents with all the real-time information they need about its services during the chilly months ahead.

From gritters on Twitter and waste collections on the web to status updates on schools, the authority's new alerts service will aim to keep people up to speed with the very latest on the impact of wintry weather.

And residents are being encouraged to sign up for up-to-the-minute information on:

- **School closures;**
- **Roads affected by bad weather;**
- **Gritting;**
- **Bin collections;**
- **Recycling;**

Where to find our latest alerts

- Like us on Facebook – www.facebook.com/rcbcalerts
- Follow us on Twitter – @rcbcalerts
- Visit our website at www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/alerts
- Looking Local – press red on the Community Channel on TV (Sky 539/Virgin 233), mobile web, Wii and PC at www.lookinglocal.gov.uk, or download the Looking Local smartphone app from Android Market or the iTunes app store
- The Council's contact centre can also be reached on 01642 774774.



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Taking steps to imp



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EVERYBODY needs good neighbourhoods – and communities across Redcar and Cleveland are getting on the front foot to tackle issues affecting their residents' quality of life.

Walkabout sessions are taking place throughout the Borough, giving local people the chance to talk to council, police, fire and housing chiefs on their own doorsteps.

And as well as getting through some serious shoe leather, officials are using the events to deal head-on with the matters which mean the most to local people.

From fly-tipping and graffiti to grass-cutting and anti-social behaviour, residents are encouraged to flag up any issues they wish – safe in the knowledge that direct action will be taken, wherever possible, as a result.

In Grangetown, the walkabouts have become a familiar feature, with officials and councillors from Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council, the emergency services and Coast & Country Housing pounding the streets.

And they are already proving a major success, winning the support of residents.

"On the last walkabout, it was a sunny day and some residents were spending time in the park and a child's foot got caught in a grate," says Cabinet Member for Housing and Neighbourhood Renewal, Lynn Pallister.

"We got the grate concreted over. The neighbourhood officer came out within ten to 15 minutes of it being reported.

"We probably wouldn't know of something like that otherwise because it's not the sort of issue someone would come to see us about in our surgeries."



rove communities

Neighbourhood Officer Billy Kemp agrees.

"Doing the walks is proving to be a lot easier than inviting residents to meetings as some people might have to arrange childcare or have other commitments," he says.

"We have stopped and talked to people on the doorsteps on their way to and from school, which means we can answer their concerns there and then.

"We seem to get a lot more from people by meeting them on their own streets; they tend to talk a lot more and open up."

Resident June Williams, who lives on Westcroft Road, is also a fan.

"I like to be involved to help the local community and think some people are more likely to approach the group when I am around. I can help to get things sorted out by asking the right people. It's good because something is happening," she says.

For Simon Barron, who advises tenants of Coast & Country, the sessions are invaluable.

He says: "We are all coming onto the street to show the residents we do care about the area and we want to improve it for the future, making sure the community are involved in changing things."



Where to find your next neighbourhood walkabout

Brotton – December 6

Coatham – November 16

Dormanstown – November 30

Eston – November 16 and December 7

Loftus – November 14

Newcomen – November 9 and December 14

Ormesby – November 21 and December 12

Skelton – December 12 and January 27

South Bank – November 16 and December 14.



To find out more about your local walkabouts, contact:

Gary Cummins (Coastal)
on 01642 776960

Kevin Wilson
(Guisborough & East Cleveland)
on 01287 284270

Mike Richardson (Greater Eston)
on 01642 459035.

Pictures and video footage of the Grangetown and Eston walkabouts are available at www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/walkabout





Floral gold rush

Stanghow residents celebrate their success with the Mayor

Redcar and Cleveland winners were:

- **Best Small Village** – Stanghow gold and winner;
- **Best Village** – Moorsholm gold and winner;
- **Best Large Village** – Lingdale gold
- **Best Small Town** – New Marske silver, South Bank bronze;
- **Best Urban Community** – Eston gold and winner, Grangetown silver;
- **Best Coastal Resort** – Saltburn gold and winner, Redcar bronze;
- **Best Overall Entry** - Stanghow

Special awards:

- **May Woolley Award for Best Voluntary Project in support of Northumbria in Bloom** – Eston Residents' Association;
- **Tyne and Wear Trophy for Best Bus, Metro or Railway Station** – Saltburn Station;
- **Ken Sherwood Trophy for Best Park in Urban Community or Coastal Resort** – Saltburn Valley Gardens.

GREEN-FINGERED enthusiasts in communities across Redcar and Cleveland have been hailed for their outstanding efforts – after a gold rush swept the Northumbria in Bloom Awards.

The 2011 competition was held against a backdrop of public spending cuts affecting towns and villages throughout the area.

But judges said they were amazed at how communities had overcome the squeeze on finances to produce an array of eye-catching floral displays.

And they were so impressed that this year's awards ceremony, held in Saltburn, saw a record number of gold accolades handed out.

Winners in a host of categories – from villages and towns to cities and coastal resorts – were announced at Saltburn Learning Campus as Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council staged the prestigious ceremony for the first time.

Special awards were given out for particularly impressive achievements uncovered by the judges during their inspections.

Redcar and Cleveland swept the board, with Stanghow taking away the most coveted title of Best Overall Entry.

Secretary of Stanghow Residents' Group, June Murray, said: "To get the top prize as the best of the best is amazing – everybody in the village has helped in this."

Eileen Burn, chairman of Northumbria in Bloom, said: "Towns and villages and local authorities have faced up to the challenges of the year with tremendous enthusiasm and imagination. Everyone is to be congratulated on their contributions to these great results."

Jackie Taylor, co-ordinator of Saltburn in Bloom Group, said: "We are all very pleased how well this year's event has gone and are thrilled with the outcome. We work in partnership with the neighbourhood teams and are really pleased that Saltburn has won three awards this year. The Saltburn in Bloom group is proud to have been asked to represent the area again in next year's national competition."



Sophie Atkinson and fellow pupils celebrate the solar panel installation.

Sophie's a star with solar system design

LITTLE Sophie Atkinson has proved to be a real ray of sunshine - by using her creative skills to help her school harness solar power.

New solar panels have been installed on the roof at Lockwood Primary School, in Boosbeck, East Cleveland, as part of a drive to save both energy and money.

And Sophie put her artistic talents to good use to mark the development, by designing an electronic display panel for the main hall which allows children to

check exactly how much power their school is generating.

Sophie's drawing - which shows a building with solar panels and highlights various uses for the sun's energy - was chosen as the winner in a competition run for pupils by installers Aeris Solutions.

The new system was officially launched by Redcar & Cleveland

Borough Council's Environment Group at an event which saw pupils learn about renewable energy and the importance of reducing the use of fossil fuels.

The panels, which are in place on the nursery roof, will help to reduce electricity bills, generate income through a feed-in tariff and cut the Council's carbon footprint.

The 3.2kWp system can power 40 laptop computers, with the display panel also illustrating to pupils how the panels perform at different times of year and in various weather conditions.

Headteacher Grant Hopkins said the panels were a great addition to a school which was already committed to cutting electricity consumption through the work of a pupil-led eco-schools committee.

Going green this Christmas

THE two household waste recycling centres in Redcar and Cleveland have switched to winter opening times.

The Dunsdale facility is now open Mondays to Fridays, from 8am to 12.30pm; and Saturdays and Sundays, from 8am to 5pm.

The Warrenby centre opens Mondays to Fridays, from 1pm to 5pm; and Saturdays and Sundays, from 8am to 5pm.

Winter opening times are in force until March 31 next year.

The Council will also be collecting real Christmas trees from homes, following the festive period.

To find out when your tree will be collected – and to see the 2011/12 waste and recycling calendar - log onto www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/environment



Artist's impression of the landmark development at Redcar.

Start on site for seaside landmark

AN 80ft high structure providing the centrepiece of a £30m regeneration of Redcar seafront will start to take shape now that work has started on site.

Council contractors, Willmott Dixon, moved onto the seafront site near the Picture House last month to start work on the landmark building.

When the tower is completed next year it will allow spectacular rooftop 360 degree views of the dramatic coastline and the Redcar landscape.

As well as the viewing platform there will be studio and galleries providing a unique workspace for artists and creative industries to showcase their work, alongside a café open to the public.

The structure is part of a wider regeneration programme for Redcar which includes new sea defences being built by the Environment Agency, a creative business hub for the areas creative talent and improvements to the promenade.

The tower and creative business hub, which is also being built on the seafront, are part funded by the NE ERDF competitiveness programme 2007-13.

The Council are currently staging a community wide naming competition inviting the public to submit their own ideas as to what the development should be known as. To submit your name suggestion, log onto www.redcarcleveland.gov.uk/regeneration

Sea defences and promenade

REDCAR'S new sea defences are taking shape. The Environment Agency's contractor, Birse Coastal, has now installed over 300 metres of the new defences along the Esplanade.

The new sea wall and concrete steps will protect Redcar from coastal erosion and reduce the risk of homes and businesses being affected by flooding.

Work is now taking place in the main tourist area – between Dundas and the Lifeboat Slipway, so that as much of this work as possible can be finished before the start of the summer season next year.

The new road layout is in place beside the old nightclub site, and at the end of September the old nightclub area was handed over to the Council's contractor to start work on the new seaside landmark for Redcar.

Work is also ongoing at the Stray to remove the old surface of the ramped retaining wall in order to replace it. To carry out this work safely, the Stray footpath is temporarily closed.

For further information on the construction of the sea defences please contact the Environment Agency on 03708 506 506 or email enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk

You can also visit www.environment-agency.gov.uk/redcarfloodscheme or visit the Redcar Regeneration Centre on the seafront and speak to a member of staff or email redcarregeneration@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk



Jonathan Edwards examines a model of the leisure scheme with Redcar sports stars Danny Hart and Charlotte Ellis.

Olympic hero's jump-start for £31m leisure scheme

ONE of Britain's all-time great athletes came to Redcar to officially launch a £31m project to bring first-class sporting facilities to the town.

Former Olympic, world and Commonwealth gold medal-winning triple jumper Jonathan Edwards visited the site in Redcar which will be home to a 25-metre swimming pool, training and leisure pool, dance hall, fitness suite and junior gym, and a sports hall.

Mr Edwards was joined by two of Redcar and Cleveland's most promising sporting talents for the landmark occasion.

World and European paratriathlon champion Charlotte Ellis, of New Marske, and Redcar mountain biking star Danny Hart were on hand for the ceremony, along with the Mayor of Redcar and Cleveland, Councillor Olwyn Peters.

Charlotte, of the Cleveland

Triathlon Club and New Marske Harriers, has won the world and European titles in the Tri6 category for the past two years, as well as picking up a host of other medals since starting the sport in 2008.

And Danny recently became world champion with an outstanding performance at the Union Cycliste Internationale

Mountain Bike and Trials World Championships in Switzerland.

As well as providing an array of sporting facilities, the Redcar Leisure and Community Heart development, between Kirkleatham Street and Coatham Road, will also include business space, community facilities, car parking and landscaped public spaces.



Artists impression of how the new leisure centre could look

What's on:

www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/events



Friday November 25
The Mayor's People's Ball
Bydales School, Marske
at 7pm

An Oriental-themed fund-raising evening with drinks on arrival, two-course hot buffet, bar, raffle/tombola and entertainment, including singers, dancers and a disco.

Tickets £10, available by contacting 01642 444501 or e-mailing jane.holmes@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Saturday November 26
Aladdin
Saltburn Community Theatre
at 2.30pm

Large-scale contemporary shadow puppet theatre show. Suitable for ages four and over.

Tickets £5, available from Saltburn Health Foods on 01287 624622 and Guisborough Tourist Information Centre on 01287 633801.

Friday December 2
Christmas Craft Fayre
Skelton Primary School
at 2.30pm

Come and get in the festive spirit with this craft fayre – for more information contact the school on 01287 650689.

Friday December 2
Winter Wreathes
Guisborough Forest
and Walkway from 6pm - 8pm

Make your own Christmas wreath out of natural woodland materials.

Booking essential;
cost £6 per wreath.
Telephone 01287 631132.

Saturday December 3
Santa Bike Ride

One of the highlights of the festive calendar in Redcar and Cleveland is the annual Boundary 500 Club Santa bike ride, where funds are raised in aid of Zoë's Place. More than 200 Santas will be arriving at the museum. The procession will be accompanied by a fire engine, police motor bikes and Santa's sleigh.

Tuesday December 6
Christmas Choir Concert
St John's Church, South Bank

The Marske Fishermen's Choir, Topline Performing Arts and St Margaret's School Choir are performing to raise money for Zoë's Place Baby Hospice, Coatham House and the Mike Findley MND Fund.

Tickets £3 each, available by contacting 01642 444501 or e-mailing jane.holmes@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Saturday December 10
South Bank Christmas Event and Carol Service
St John's Church, South Bank

Drop in between 11am and 2pm and take part in a magical Christmas concert and event with lots of stalls and activities for all the family.

Saturday December 10
Vintage Arts Fair
Saltburn Arts Community Hall

Traders will be showcasing the region's top vintage and vintage-inspired loveliness for you and your home this December.

Admission is £1.50.

Contact Profile Gallery and Sitting Room for further details on 07903 548435.

Sunday December 11
Crafty Christmas
Guisborough Forest and Walkway from 1pm to 3pm

Come along and make some fantastic Christmas decorations from natural and recycled materials. The session costs £3 per person and is open to people of all ages - for more information contact 01287 631132.

Sunday December 11
Cavalcade of Carols
Skelton Civic Hall at 2.30pm

Christmas Carol Concert with Lockwood Silver Band, tickets £5 available from Anne Marshall on 01287 653848.

Wednesday December 21
Christmas Craft and Stories

Saltburn Library
from 2pm to 3pm

Craft and story session - contact Lynne Mackenzie on 01287 623584

Monday December 26
Boxing Day Dip
Redcar at 11am

Annual dip in the sea – for more information contact the event organiser John Colling on 07909 906249 or simply turn up.

this is Redcar & Cleveland

November 25, 26 and 27

Christmas Lights Weekend Extravaganza Redcar

Experience Redcar High Street lit up in spectacular style at the hands of Coronation Street's Jason Grimshaw (Ryan Thomas) on the Friday. Throughout the evening there will be entertainment and musical performances, with the big switch-on at 5pm.

This year is set to be bigger than ever with TFM Radio taking centre stage for the celebrations.

The High Street will then play host to a weekend of Christmas magic, with a log cabin market selling a range of festive treats, arts and craft fairs from local artists and suppliers, traditional choir singers, a ferris wheel and carousel, as well as Redcar's very own donkeys.

Switch-on dates across the borough:

- Saltburn - November 26
- Marske - December 1
- New Marske - November 25
- Guisborough - December 6



Christmas

at Kirkleatham Museum

Santa's Grotto

Santa's grotto will be open for children to visit between 10am and 3pm on December 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 and 23.

Santa will have gifts for all children who visit him. Place your wishes on the Christmas tree for his helpers to gather up. All events are payable on the day.

It's show time

Join in with carol singing and even be part of a children's Christmas show and display your singing and dancing talents.

Events take place on December 4, 11 and 17.

Tickets £5 each from Kirkleatham Museum on 01642 479500 and Redcar Tourist Information Centre on 01642 471921.

Christmas crafts

Why not come along and create your own Christmas tree decoration that can be treasured for years to come?

Events take place on December 18, 20, 21, 22 and 23,

from 10.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

Tickets £5 from Kirkleatham Museum on 01642 479500 and Redcar Tourist Information Centre on 01642 471921.

Breakfast with Santa

Enjoy a truly magical and unforgettable experience this festive season with the opportunity to share breakfast with Santa this Christmas.

Booking is essential, tickets are £6 per adult and £4 per child and are available from Kirkleatham Museum on 01642 479500 and Redcar Tourist Information Centre on 01642 471921.



28,000 savour a right royal treat

AN exhibition showcasing a stunning collection of 7th century royal treasure has attracted more than 28,000 visitors since opening.

The astonishing collection of artefacts, including rare pieces of jewellery from the final resting place of an Anglo-Saxon princess, went on display at Kirkleatham Museum, Redcar, at the end of May.

The discoveries were made by archaeologist Dr Steve Sherlock in Loftus, East Cleveland, between 2005 and 2007, at the only known Anglo-Saxon royal burial site in North-East England.

And they have captured the public imagination since going on show at Kirkleatham, with thousands of people flocking to get a glimpse of the historic treasure.

The display, for which admission is free, offers visitors a fascinating glimpse into life in Anglo-Saxon times.

Kirkleatham Museum is open Tuesdays to Sundays, from 10am to 4pm.

Private fostering plea issued

RESIDENTS are being encouraged to help ensure the welfare of children by highlighting cases of private fostering.

Arrangements when someone who is not a close relative cares for another person's child for 28 days or more are considered private fostering – and Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council needs to be notified of them.

The authority is eager to hear from anyone who has made such arrangements – or is aware of others doing so – so officials can make sure children are properly cared for and given any support required.

The Council is particularly asking people who work with children to be aware of private fostering and act immediately if they are aware such an arrangement is in place.

Private fostering laws apply to children aged under 16, or 18 if they have disabilities.

Children can end up being privately fostered for a host of reasons, from parents separating to being sent to the UK for healthcare or education by families living overseas.

Anyone planning to privately foster should alert the Council at least six weeks before the child comes to live with them, or within 48 hours if it occurs in an emergency situation.

The Council can be contacted on 01642 771500. For more information, log onto www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk or www.privatefostering.org.uk

MyPlace starts to take shape

REDCAR residents and visitors to the seafront will start to see the structure of the £4.9m MyPlace building take shape this month as work progresses on the world class facility for young people.

Council contractors BAM Construction have already established the foundations for the building which when completed next summer will provide an array of activities for 13

to 19 year olds in the area.

The centre will include exciting new facilities including:

- performance space for local bands
- recording studio
- dance studio
- arts and craft room
- digital media suite
- radio room
- hair and beauty suite
- café.

The new building will provide all the facilities necessary to develop and nurture creative activity in the areas young people.

For further information during the construction please contact Stuart Ainsley on 01642 444327 or email stuart.ainsley@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Hundreds check out Tesco jobs



Councillor Olwyn Peters with Tesco store development manager Simon Fearn.

HUNDREDS of long-term unemployed people have registered their interest in jobs being created by a new Tesco supermarket on Teesside.

The retail giant is building an eco-store, which is set to open in February, on land opposite Eston Recreation Ground.

The development is set to provide a major shot in the arm for the local economy, with 450

jobs available in the store.

And with half of those guaranteed for the long-term unemployed through a special regeneration partnership with Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council, demand for the roles is

already high.

The authority's Routes to Employment recently wrote to 1,500 people who had been unemployed for six months or longer and had previously declared an interest in the roles. Of those, 773 were later invited for informal meetings with Tesco.

More than 600 went on to attend the sessions at St Peter's Social Club in South Bank, with 559 now undergoing basic skills assessments for the roles.

Interviews for the long-term unemployed posts will follow, with the recruitment process for the remainder of the jobs starting this month.

Once completed, the store will complement on-going efforts to regenerate the Greater Eston area.

Councillor Lynn Pallister, the Council's Cabinet Member for Housing and Neighbourhood Renewal, said: "This exciting development is yet another landmark moment in the regeneration of the South Bank area.

"The demand for the hundreds of jobs available has been extremely high, particularly in these difficult economic times, and we look forward to seeing many local people as part of the workforce when the store opens for business."

To contact Routes to Employment call (01642) 495707 or e-mail routes2@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Safeguarding in the spotlight

IMPROVEMENTS to the care of people across Redcar and Cleveland have been showcased at a major conference.

Health and social care professionals from throughout the region came together at Gillbrook Technology College for the 'Safeguarding Adults in Redcar and Cleveland – One Year On' event.

The borough council was criticised by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) last year for some aspects of its adult services provision.

But with a comprehensive action plan in place, significant progress is already being made to address the issues raised by the CQC.

And the authority's work to safeguard vulnerable adults came under the spotlight at last month's conference.

Officials looked at how both the Council and other organisations could work together to meet a series of priorities.

These include developing and improving experiences for people using services, raising awareness of safeguarding and making sure everyone working with vulnerable people has undergone effective training.

If you have a concern about a vulnerable adult call 0844 2727127.

All smiles at £4.75m school



Headteacher Anne Johnson and pupils celebrate the opening of their school.

North East on behalf of Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council - incorporates a host of environmentally-friendly initiatives.

Biomass boilers, using wood pellets as a low-carbon renewable fuel source, will heat the premises during the winter.

A solar hot water system, low-energy lighting and natural ventilation features designed to keep children cool in the classroom in the summer have also been included.

Elsewhere, landscaped gardens are offering pupils an outdoor learning environment and a multi-use games area has been added.

Each of the 11 classrooms opens onto an outside learning space, while some have access to balcony areas.

A sensory room provides extra support for pupils with special needs and a new foundation base accommodates 56 children.

The school was designed by Space Architects and the project managed by Gardiner & Theobald.

Headteacher Anne Johnson said: "The smiles on the children's faces the first time they saw their new building were a delight. The new school has really lived up to expectations and it's going to be a fantastic place for the staff and pupils to work and learn in."

EAGER pupils are raring to go green - after starting life at a new £4.75m school boasting the very latest eco-friendly technology.

The revamped Dormanstown Primary School is thriving after opening its doors to 240 children.

The state-of-the-art facilities have replaced the old school buildings, which were demolished during the summer holidays.

And they have received the thumbs-up from pupils, staff and parents as a new chapter in Dormanstown school life begins.

Work on the two-storey building began in July last year and the finished school - built by Kier

Putting a freeze on cold-callers

RESIDENTS are being urged to stay on their guard against doorstep cold-callers offering home repair work - after a rise in cases reported to trading standards chiefs.

Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council issued the warning in the wake of fresh concerns about traders trying to con homeowners into having roof repairs or other costly building work carried out.

Trading standards officials said residents needing work on their properties should speak to friends, relatives or neighbours to see if they could recommend a trader and always get several quotes to compare prices.

An itemised breakdown of work should be obtained and people should get contact details for traders, in case of problems in the future - something genuine companies should provide in any case.

Residents have rights for all contracts made through either solicited or unsolicited visits, with doorstep selling regulations applying to agreements where there is a total payment of more than £35.

There is also a 'cooling off' period of a minimum of seven days, while cancellation rights should be clearly and prominently displayed in any written contract. These rights should also be provided in writing if there is no such contract.

Facing our budget challenge

THE full scale of the budget challenge facing the Council next year has been revealed.

The Council has already faced up to the huge task of making £15.1m worth of cuts in this financial year. Now it must make £8.7m worth of savings in 2012/13. In all, a total of £20.2m will have to be found by 2015/16 as the Council aims to tackle significant public sector grant cuts and spending pressures.

In order to achieve the £15.1m savings target a number of comprehensive service and business reviews have been undertaken to identify better ways of working.

The savings proposals

So far, the Council has identified £4.8m of the £8.7m savings which need to be made in 2012/13 – this is in the form of definite proposals or as a result of on-going feasibility studies. This leaves a shortfall of £3.9m for which proposals are still being sought.

The plans have been drawn up with four principles in mind – remaining focused on our priorities; protecting the vulnerable in the community; concentrating on the delivery of frontline services; minimising the impact on job losses.

Some of the savings proposals are listed below. The full list can be seen on line at www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

- Streamlining Sure Start management and business support structure, saving £266,378 – all Sure Start Children's Centres will remain open for the use of local communities;
- Merging the Council's transport and environment units, saving £83,500 – this will support neighbourhood working and help community based programmes.

- About 800 residents having to contribute some, or more, money to their care packages, saving £250,000 – this brings the Council's charges in line with neighbouring councils;
- Cutting staff numbers in the counselling and educational psychological service, saving £122,100 – some aspects of the service will now be sourced elsewhere by schools;
- Splitting up the Community Safety Division, with staff working as part of other teams, saving £224,344 – this will bring together the management of some neighbourhood-based services and improve opportunities to develop others;
- Reducing engineering staff numbers, saving £111,777 – there will be no impact on service users;
- Reviewing the Regeneration department's business support services, saving £60,000 – there will be no impact on users of these services;
- Reviewing cultural development services, saving £40,000 – work on how this may impact on the service is ongoing;
- Reviewing subscriptions to publications, saving £30,000 – there will be no impact on any services;
- Cutting levels of spending on print, design and publications, £100,000 – fewer information leaflets and newsletters will be printed;
- Asking schools to contribute to the Connexions careers service and cutting staff numbers, saving £109,000 – this will help provide a qualified, well regarded service in schools and prevents a further reduction of the service;
- Discontinuing the Support Time Recovery Service, which works in adult mental health services, saving £208,000 – elsewhere in the Tees Valley this service is

- provided by the Health Service ;
- Removing the Regulatory Services Manager post and combining licensing and administration teams, saving £162,070 – there will be no impact on service users;
- Reducing the number of countryside rangers, saving £36,041 – rangers will be working over larger geographical areas, volunteers will provide additional support;
- Reviewing facilities management services , saving £177,658 – restructuring work areas has enabled the division to be more proactive in generating and delivering schemes;
- Not recruiting to vacant posts in the Human Resources division, saving £127,000 – there will be no impact on services;
- Reviewing development services, including withdrawing from a Tees Valley- wide archaeology service, saving £130,000 – minimal impact on service users
- Cutting the Council's training budget, saving £70,000 – there will be no impact on services.

The Council must also decide whether to accept a second Government initiated council tax freeze. Unlike the previous council tax freeze where Government grant has been made available to councils to compensate for the loss of council tax revenue on a four year basis, the grant will only be available for one year, this means the council would need to make up the shortfall for future years, starting in 2013/14.

With no grant available in future years, councillors will have to decide whether a freeze, or a council tax rise in 2012/13, will be of more benefit to residents and services over the next four years.

Cabinet and Full Council will meet to agree the final budget on December 13.



Headteacher Kevin Aherne celebrates the Ofsted verdict with pupils.

Pupils thriving at outstanding school

PUPILS and staff are celebrating after inspectors declared their school to be outstanding - and lavished it with praise in a glowing report.

Ings Farm Primary School, in Redcar, was given the highest possible rating by Government education watchdog Ofsted after a thorough assessment of its work.

Inspectors were impressed by every aspect of school life, with pupils said to receive "an excellent all-round education".

The standard of teaching was found to be outstanding, offering clear instructions to pupils and excellent use of resources, such as IT equipment.

Children also benefited from a "lively, interesting, broad and balanced" curriculum which made "effective connections between different subjects to provide pupils with memorable experiences".

Inspector David Shearsmith's report adds: "Pupils develop extremely positive attitudes to learning and behave exceptionally

well. They are proud of their school and take on responsibilities, such as membership of the school council."

Leadership, management and governance was also rated outstanding, with parents and carers "engaged in the life of the school".

Headteacher Kevin Aherne said: "I have always maintained that Ings Farm Primary School is one strong unit, a united family - a family which includes staff, children, parents and governors and numerous members of our local community.

"Together we have developed a school to be very proud of. The wonderful judgements made by Ofsted reflect the hard work and true professionalism of all the staff here at Ings Farm Primary School."

Crime-fighting order extended

COUNCIL and police chiefs have extended a crime-busting order

A dispersal order covering the Closes estate, in Redcar, came into force in July, giving police and community protection officers the power to disperse gangs suspected of being up to no good.

After it proved successful, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council and Cleveland Police have agreed an extension until 11.59pm on November 20.

Officers have the authority to disperse groups of two or more people, with any members of such gangs who return to the area within 24 hours facing arrest and prosecution.

The order came into force following concerns aired by local residents about rising cases of arson and criminal damage on the estate.

The order covers the area bordered by Mersey Road from its junction with Roseberry Road along to Low Farm Drive; along Low Farm Drive to the junction with Rushpool Close; from this junction across to West Dyke Road and the junction with Edenhall Grove; along West Dyke Road to the junction with Troutbeck Road; along Troutbeck Road to the junction with Mersey Road, back to the junction of Mersey Road and Roseberry Road; and all the areas and roads within this boundary.

Do you know the facts about flu?

Here's four facts about flu.
You can find out more at www.nhs.uk

Myth: I had the flu jab last year, so I don't need it again

Fact: The flu virus changes every year which means that slightly different virus strains circulate from previous years. You will have no immunity to these new strains which is why you need the jab EVERY year to protect yourself from catching flu and to stop the virus from spreading.

Myth: Flu is a mild illness, I don't need to be vaccinated

Fact: For the majority of people, flu is simply unpleasant. But for those people who are at risk, flu is much more serious and they can develop serious complications such as bacterial chest infections, pneumonia and breathing difficulties which can be fatal.

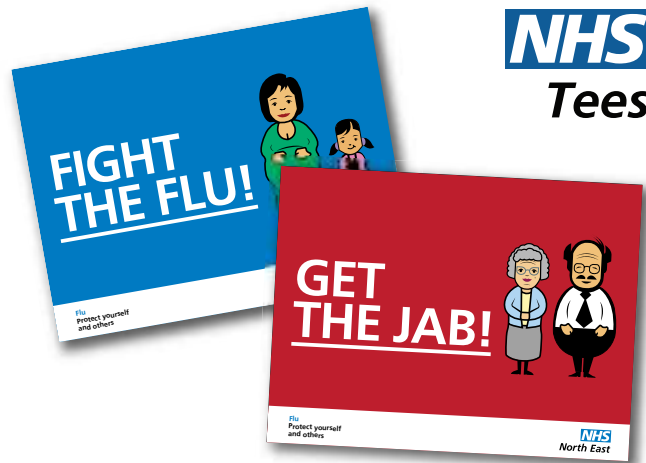
Myth: The vaccine gives you the flu

Fact: There is NO live virus in the flu vaccine and so there is absolutely NO possibility of catching flu from the vaccine! The vaccine works by tricking your immune system into thinking it has been infected with the flu virus so that it creates antibodies against it.

Myth: I can't have the vaccine if I'm pregnant

Fact: All pregnant women can have the flu jab and it can be given at any stage of pregnancy. The earlier you have the jab the better, as this means you will be protected for the whole winter and it may also give your unborn baby some protection against flu during the first six months of life.

NHS
Tees



Introducing Clinical Commissioning Groups

Five groups of GP practices have formed Clinical Commissioning Groups in Teesside and are among the 52 from across England that have been selected to be the first to take on commissioning responsibilities as part of the Government's plans set out in the NHS White Paper Liberating the NHS: Equity and Excellence. The groups selected, known as pathfinders, will work together to manage their local budgets and commission services for patients direct with other NHS colleagues and local authorities.

The pathfinders will now begin testing the new commissioning arrangements to ensure they are working well before more formal arrangements come into place. By being in charge of the decisions that affect their patients, the pathfinders will be able to commission high quality care that is tailored to the specific needs of their patients and the wider community.

Teesside's Pathfinders are spread across the area in Hartlepool, Greater Eston, Langbaugh, Middlesbrough and Stockton.

The Pathfinder programme will enable as many consortia as possible to 'shadow' Primary Care Trusts in commissioning health services in 2011/12 before they begin to take on their statutory responsibilities from April 2013. GP pathfinders will also be supported by the National Clinical Commissioning Network, the National Leadership Council and national primary care bodies.

Together with primary care trusts, North East Strategic Health Authority is leading work across the region to ensure a smooth transition to GP led commissioning and support pathfinders as they develop as future commissioners.

PCTs have a critical role to play until 2013, supporting unprecedented transition to enable commissioning to be carried out by local Clinical

Locally, through the pathfinder programme Hartlepool, Greater Eston, Langbaugh, Middlesbrough and Stockton Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) has been formed, receiving pathfinder status during 2011.

WE ARE
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CANCER SUPPORT



Want to help raise awareness of cancer?

Macmillan Cancer Support and NHS Tees are looking for volunteers to help run a series of roadshows across the area to raise the awareness of cancer.

If you've got some spare time we'd love to hear from you. **Contact Pete Moody, Macmillan Cancer Information and Volunteer Facilitator on 01642 745048 or email petemoody@nhs.net. You can also find out more at www.tees.nhs.uk/cancer**

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 log onto www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk for further details.

Area committees, which particularly focus on clean, safe and green issues affecting communities, include a one-hour open forum where you can ask questions, discuss issues, put forward petitions and suggest topics for the future. Written questions can be posted to Julian Feakes, Fairway House, Limerick Road, Dormanstown, Redcar, TS10 5JU or by e-mail to julian_feakes@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

NOVEMBER 2011

Tuesday 8 Guisborough Area Committee

6pm - 7pm
TBA

Thursday 10 Planning Committee

10:15am - 1pm
TBA

Tuesday 15 Cabinet Meeting

10am - 1pm
Committee Room 1
Eston Town Hall

Monday 21 Scrutiny Board

9:30am - 5pm
Committee Room 1
Eston Town Hall

Wednesday 23 Planning Committee

10:15am - 1pm
Belmont House, Guisborough

Thursday 24 Borough Council

2pm - 5pm
Council Chamber, Eston Town Hall

Tuesday 29 Standards Committee

2pm - 5pm
Committee Room 1
Eston Town Hall

Wednesday 30 Redcar Area Committee

6pm - 7pm
Zetland Methodist Church, The
Crescent, Redcar

December 2011

Wednesday 7 East Cleveland Area Committee

6pm - 7pm
Saltburn Community Centre,
Windsor Road, Saltburn.

Thursday 8 Planning Committee

10:15am - 1pm
Belmont House, Guisborough

Tuesday 13 Cabinet

10am - 1pm
Committee Room 1
Eston Town Hall

Greater Eston Area Committee

6pm - 7pm
The Generation Centre
Normanby Road, South Bank

Wednesday 14 Licensing Committee

10am - 1pm
Council Chamber, Eston Town Hall

East Cleveland Area Committee

6pm - 7pm
TBA

Monday 19 Scrutiny Board

9:30am - 5pm
Committee Room 1
Eston Town Hall

Tuesday 20 Guisborough Area Committee

6pm - 7pm
TBA

Thursday 22 Planning Committee

10:15am - 1pm
Belmont House, Guisborough

January 2012

Thursday 5 Planning Committee

10:15am - 1pm
Belmont House, Guisborough

Thursday 12 Borough Council

2pm - 5pm
Council Chamber
Eston Town Hall

Tuesday 17 Cabinet Meeting

10am - 1pm
Committee Room 1
Eston Town Hall

Standards Committee

2pm - 5pm
Committee Room 1
Eston Town Hall

Thursday 19 Planning Committee

10:15am - 1pm
Belmont House, Guisborough

Monday 23 Scrutiny Board

9:30am - 5pm
Committee Room 1
Eston Town Hall

Wednesday 25 Licensing Committee

10am - 1pm
Council Chamber, Eston Town Hall

WARD SURGERIES

Redcar and Cleveland councillors hold regular ward surgeries. The list of dates, venues and times is:

BROTTON

Brian Hogg (Lab)
and Doreen Rudland (Lab)

First Saturday at Jubilee Hall, Carlin How. Second and last Saturday at Brotton Library. Third Saturday at Skinningrove Community Centre.

All from 10am – 10:30am
Cllr Hogg - 01287 676900
Cllr Rudland - 01287 677336
(Please note: no surgery on Saturday 31st December)

Barry Hunt (East Cleveland Ind)

First Saturday at Brotton Library, Second Saturday at Jubilee Hall, Carlin How. Last Saturday at Skinningrove Community Centre. All surgeries held 10am – 11am
Cllr Hunt - 07787966810
or 01287 203649

(Please note: no surgery on Saturday 31st December)

COATHAM

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

Third Monday at Redcar Library - 2pm - 3pm.
Cllr Crawford - 01642 502476
Cllr Curr - 01642 475834

DORMANSTOWN

Ray Goddard (Lab)

First Friday at Cliff Houlding Park Court Community Centre, 6pm – 7pm.

Third Saturday at Severn Road Community Centre from 11am-noon.
Cllr Goddard - 01642 478377

John Earl (Lib Dem)
and Eric Howden (Lib Dem)

Second Saturday at Dormanstown Library from 10am - 11am.
Last Saturday at Severn Road Community Centre from 10am - 11am.
Cllr Earl - 07557540634
Cllr Howden - 07826 537805

ESTON

Olwyn Peters (Lab),
Steven Goldswain (Lab)
and Christopher Massey (Lab)

Second Saturday 10am – 11am Birkdale Community Centre then 11:15am- 12:15pm at Okley Walk, Bankfields. Last Saturday at Whale Hill Community Centre from 10:15 - 11am.

Lazenby Social Club from 11:15am - noon.
(Please note: no surgery on Saturday 31st December)

Cllr Peters - 01642 291460
Cllr Goldswain - 07557540630
Cllr Massey - 07557540627

GRANGETOWN

Peter Dunlop (Lab)
and Lynn Pallister (Lab)

Second Saturday at Grangetown Library. Fourth Saturday at Grangetown Neighbourhood Centre both from 11am – noon.
Cllr Dunlop - 01642 452022
Cllr Pallister 07765897339

(Please note: no surgery on Saturday 24th December)

GUISBOROUGH

Denise Bunn (Lab),
Joe Keenan (Lab)
and Bill Suthers (Lab)

First Friday at Guisborough Library from 5pm - 5:30pm.
Third Saturday at 8, Wilson Street from 11am - 11:30am.
Cllr Bunn - 01287 636314
Cllr Keenan - 01287 637514
Cllr Suthers on 07885060207

HUTTON

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

Second Thursday at Highcliffe School (except school holidays) from 6pm - 7pm.
Cllr Halton - 01287 635845
Cllr Jeffrey - 01287 635654
Cllr Spencer - 07811424303

KIRKLEATHAM

Mark Hannon (Lab)
and Dale Quigley (Lab)

Third Saturday at Roseberry Library from 10:30 am - 11:30am.
Cllr Hannon - 07825228014
Cllr Quigley - 07557540626

Brenda Forster (Lab)

Last Saturday at Langley House, Langley Close, both from 10:30am - 11:30am.
Cllr Forster - 01642 476855

LOCKWOOD

Steve Kay (East Cleveland Ind)

Second Saturday at Lingdale United Reform Church from 11am - noon.
Cllr Kay - 01287 660601

LOFTUS

David Fitzpatrick
(East Cleveland Ind)

Second and fourth Tuesday at the Station Hotel from 7pm - 8pm.
Cllr Fitzpatrick - 01287 640373

Mary Lanigan (Ind)

Last Wednesday and third Saturday
Cllr Lanigan - 01287 640993
or 07825228007

Eric Jackson (Lab)

First Saturday at Loftus Library, Second Saturday at William Harker Hall, Easington, third Saturday at Luke Senior Hall, Rosedale Crescent, fourth Saturday at Liverton Mines Community Centre, all held from 10:30 - noon.
Cllr Jackson - 01287 641516
(Please note: no surgery on Saturday 24th December)

LONGBECK

Norah Cooney (Con)

Last Thursday at Gleneagles Road Community Centre, New Marske from 5pm - 6pm.
Cllr Cooney - 01642 486368 for home visit.

(Please note: no surgery on Thursday 29th December)

Vic Jeffries (Lab)

Last Friday – New Marske Sports Club – 6pm - 7pm.

Last Saturday – Marske Leisure Centre, 11am – noon.

Cllr Jeffries - 07557540641

Victoria Reyer (Lib Dem)

First Saturday every other month - 5th November – at the Mermaid Pub in the Conservatory, 10am – 11am.

Cllr Reyer - 07557540625

NEWCOMEN

Chris and Glynis Abbott (Lib Dem)

First Tuesday at Westmorland Road Day Centre, from 6pm - 7pm.

Third Friday at the 9-0 Club, 42 West Dyke Road from 6pm - 7pm.

Cllr's Abbott - 01642 487557

NORMANBY

Billy Ayre (Lab)

Surgery is cancelled until further notice. Please contact Cllr Wendy Wall on 07818587883 or you can attend her surgery for further assistance.

Carole Simms (Lab)

Last Saturday at the Methodist Church from 10:30 - 11:30am.

Cllr Simms 01642 455642

Wendy Wall (Lab)

Second Saturday at the Methodist Church from 10:30am - 11:30am.

Cllr Wall - 01642 457254

ORMESBY

Glyn and Irene Nightingale (Lib Dem)

First Thursday at both Nunthorpe Community School (term time only) and Ormesby Library from 6pm - 7pm.

Cllrs Nightingale - 01642 315565

Ann Wilson (Lib Dem)

Fourth Friday at Ormesby Library from 6pm - 7pm.

Cllr Wilson - 01642 281268

SALTBURN

Joan Guy (Lab), Philip Thomson (Con) and Stuart Smith (Ind)

Saturday 12th & 26th November, 10th & 17th December at Saltburn Library from 11am – noon.

Cllr Guy - 01287 622212

Cllr Thomson - 01287 624883

Stuart Smith (Ind)

Saturday 19th November at the Station Portico outside Sainsbury's Supermarket – 9:30 - 10:30am and 11:30am - 12:15pm. Cllr Smith will attend both December surgeries with Cllrs Guy & Thomson.

Cllr Smith - 07557540628

SKELTON

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

Third Saturday at Skelton

Civic Hall – 11am - noon.

Cllrs McLuckie - 01287 651658

Cllr Briggs 01287 203921

SOUTH BANK

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

First and second Saturday at the Library @ South Bank from 11am – noon.

Cllrs Jeffrey - 01642 465796

Cllr Szintai - 01642 290956

ST GERMAIN'S

Tristan Learoyd (Lab & Co-Operative)

Third Saturday at Marske Library 11am – noon.

Cllr Learoyd - 07557540640

Sean Pryce (Lab & Co-Operative)

Second Friday at Marske Library 5pm – 6pm.

Cllr Pryce - 07766164817

Madge Moses (Lib Dem)

First Monday at Marske Library from 11am – noon.

Cllr Moses - 01642 486736

(Please note: no surgery on Monday 2nd Jan 2012)

TEESVILLE

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

Second Wednesday at the Eston Town Hall from 6pm - 7pm.

Cllr Clarke - 01642 466864

Cllr Dunning - 01642 315298

Cllr Pickthall - 01642 300384

WEST DYKE

Mike Carling (Lib Dem), Kay Helm (Lib Dem) and Mary Ovens (Lib Dem)

Second and fourth Thursday (including school holidays) at Rye Hills School from 7pm - 8pm.

Cllr Carling - 01642 478518

Cllr Helm - 01642 919481

Cllr Ovens - 01642 507104

WESTWORTH

David Williams (Lab)

First Friday and Last Friday

Cllr Williams – 07775411478

Carole Jeffery (Con)

Cllr Jeffery - 0773 8042833

ZETLAND

There is a by-election scheduled for Thursday November 17 in the Zetland Ward due to the resignations of Councillor Ron Harrison and Councillor Jim Rogers. Approximately 3,700 voters on the electoral register have been sent a polling card informing them of which of the two polling stations they should attend - Laburnum Road Library or Zetland Methodist Church. Postal packs have already been sent to the registered postal voters. The results of the contest will be published online at www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/elections from late morning on Friday November 18.

MPs' SURGERIES

Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland MP - Tom Blenkinsop

can be contacted via the constituency office at 6-8 Wilson Street, Guisborough, TS14 6NA. Telephone 01287 610878 or email info@tomblenkinsop.com

Redcar MP - Ian Swales

can be contacted via the constituency office at 12 Redcar Station Business Centre, Redcar, TS10 1RD. Telephone 01642 495704 or email ian@ianswales.com

recycle for Redcar and Cleveland

Garden waste collections will stop on December 1 and resume again on March 1.

Residents wanting to dispose of green/garden waste during this time can use the Household Waste Recycling Centres at Warrenby and Dunsdale.

Your refuse and recycling collection dates during the Christmas holidays are:

Normal Collection	Revised Collection
Tuesday December 27	Wednesday December 28
Wednesday December 28	Thursday December 29
Thursday December 29	Friday December 30
Friday December 30	Saturday December 31
Tuesday January 3	Normal collections resume



For any queries about refuse and recycling, telephone 01642 774774 or log onto www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/environment

