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*“I am Ellie. I am disabled and need help daily. One of my care workers slapped and pushed me. It was very frightening. Someone told me to ring the local Safeguarding Adults Team. I have new care workers now who are very kind to me.”*

## See it, Report it!

If you suspect a neighbour, friend or family member is being neglected or abused or you need help yourself



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# Taking the lead

WELCOME to the first 'this is Redcar & Cleveland' of 2012. This year will be one of the toughest we have ever faced as a local authority, with some well-documented and unprecedented financial challenges lying ahead.



I am fully aware that, in the present economic climate, residents are also feeling the pinch.

And in the course of setting our budget for this coming year, we have done all we can to protect the vital frontline services which residents value so much and safeguard the vulnerable people in our communities.

Difficult decisions had to be taken and I can assure everybody that this did not happen lightly. Please see pages eight and nine for further information on our latest budget position.

Despite the significant challenges, we are forging ahead with the ambitious regeneration programme which is crucial to our future economic prosperity.

One of the first schemes to be completed this year will be the Eco Village in South Bank.

The development is a breath of fresh air for the community, following all of the demolition work, and this combined with the

new Tesco eco-store and Low Grange Health Village is positive news for the area.

In Redcar, work is continuing apace on several projects which will bring a massive boost to the town.

The Vertical Pier is quite literally on the rise on the seafront and will provide an eye-catching focal point when it is opened later this year.

Work is also under way on the Redcar Leisure and Community Heart, and the MyPlace young people's venue.

Meanwhile, we are eagerly looking forward to the revival of Teesside steelmaking after a long, hard-fought battle to maintain our proud industrial heritage.

The reigniting of the blast furnace will be an historic and iconic moment for so many people in our communities and one which we are excited about witnessing.

**Councillor George Dunning  
Leader of the Council**

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# At your service - wh

## Where to get your winter alerts

HUNDREDS of people have signed up for Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council's social media alerts – giving them the very latest information on how winter weather is affecting services.

The authority has taken to Facebook, Twitter and Looking Local to keep residents up to speed on a host of issues.

They are providing real-time information on school closures, roads affected by bad weather, gritting, bin collections, recycling, impacts on school transport, public transport, building closures and any reductions in other council services.

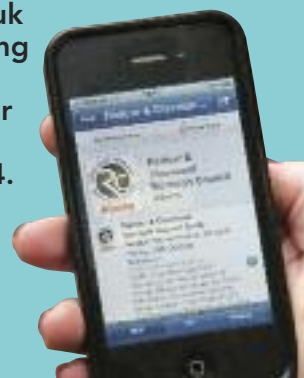
And for the first time, people can take advantage of the Looking Local service – a new media channel accessible through televisions, PCs, Wii and mobile web.

The interactive tool helps residents contact the Council to get advice and view up-to-the-minute alerts.

People can also request services, read news items and access more information about their neighbourhood.

## Where to find our latest alerts

- Like us on Facebook – [www.facebook.com/rcbcalerts](http://www.facebook.com/rcbcalerts)
- Follow us on Twitter – @redcargcleveland and @rcbcalerts
- Visit our website at [www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/alerts](http://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](http://www.lookinglocal.gov.uk) or download the Looking Local smartphone app from Android Market or the iTunes app store. Use the quick code 774.
- The Council's contact centre can also be reached on 01642 774774.



## No business like snow business

The Council is offering a wealth of support to residents, traders and communities which could face weather-related problems over winter.

In East Cleveland, for example, the authority has joined forces with local businesses to help them keep trading during any lengthy periods of snow.

Snow shovels and grit have been distributed to more than 90 shops, courtesy of the Council's East Cleveland Area Committee.

And the volunteers' work will give the Council a valuable boost as it works to keep communities running smoothly in adverse weather.

The Council has also issued a few winter tips to help residents during the chillier times:

- **Don't be put off clearing paths because you're afraid someone will get injured.** Remember, people walking on snow and ice have a responsibility to be careful themselves. And don't believe the myths - it's unlikely you'll be sued or held legally responsible for any injuries if you have cleared the path carefully.
- **Clear the snow and ice early in the day.** It's easier to move fresh, loose snow than hard snow that has

packed together from people walking on it. You can then cover the path with salt before nightfall to stop it refreezing overnight.

- **Prevent slips.** Pay extra attention to clearing snow and ice from steps and steep pathways - you might need to use more salt on these areas.
- **Use salt or sand - not water.** Don't make the pathways more dangerous by causing them to refreeze.
- **Take care where you move the snow.** When you're shoveling snow, take care where you put it so it doesn't block people's paths or drains. Make sure you make a path down the middle of the area to be cleared first, so you have a clear surface to walk on. Then shovel the snow from the centre of the path to the sides.
- **Offer to clear your neighbours' paths.** If your neighbour will have difficulty getting in and out of their home, offer to clear snow and ice around their property as well. Check that any elderly or disabled neighbours are alright in the cold weather.

# Whatever the weather

## Caring for the vulnerable

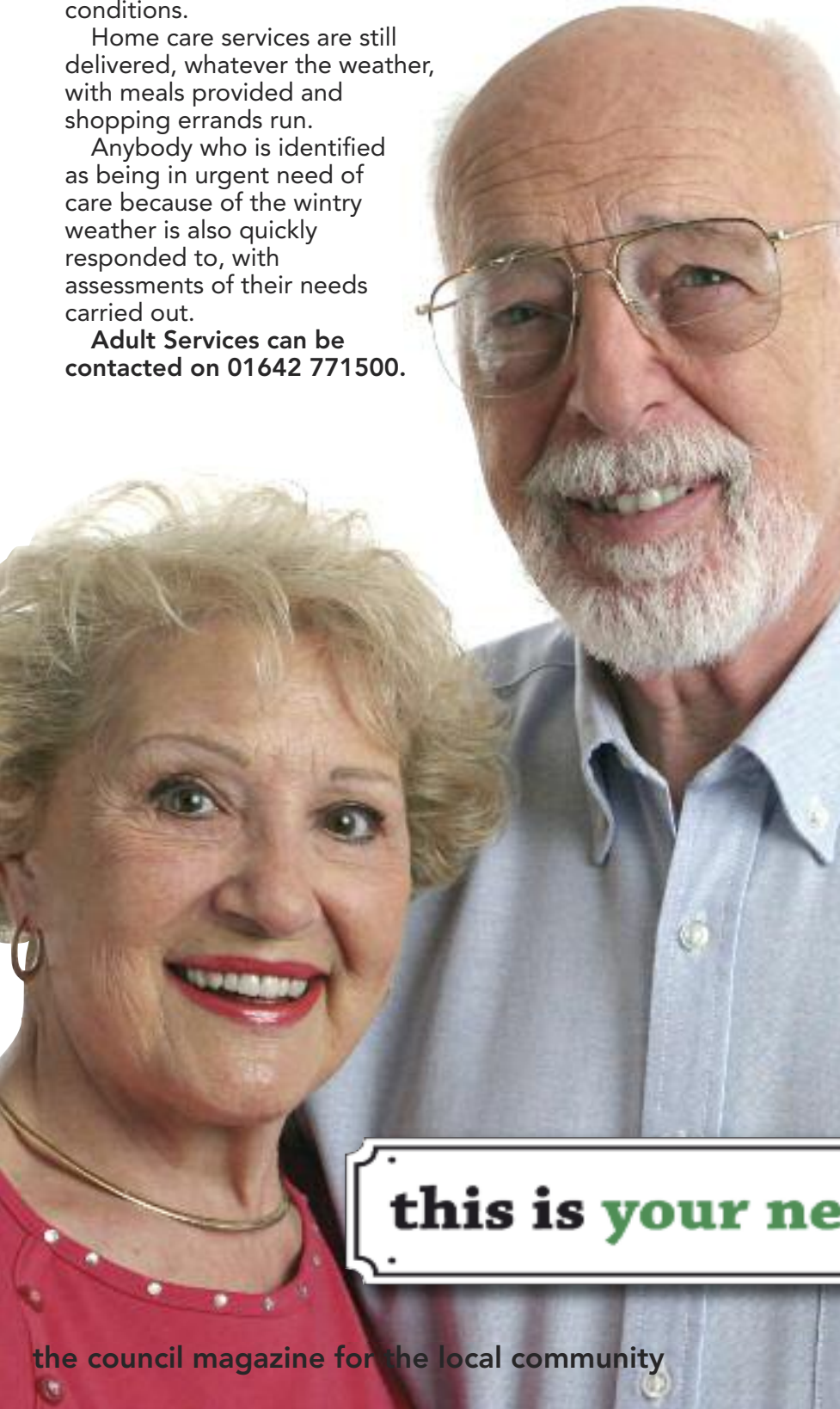
Looking after the needs of elderly and vulnerable people in our communities is one of the Council's most urgent priorities – and becomes even greater during periods of bad weather.

The authority's adult services team will continue to provide services for people who have already been assessed as needing care and those whose personal situations are made worse by adverse conditions.

Home care services are still delivered, whatever the weather, with meals provided and shopping errands run.

Anybody who is identified as being in urgent need of care because of the wintry weather is also quickly responded to, with assessments of their needs carried out.

Adult Services can be contacted on 01642 771500.



## Be prepared for winter weather

- Have you got sturdy footwear for walking in snow? Do you own any Wellington boots?
- Have a week's worth of food and safety supplies, including bread in the freezer, long-life milk and foods to reheat.
- If you feel your property is particularly vulnerable to extreme temperatures, keep a supply of drinking water in the house. Extreme cold can cause water pipes in your home to freeze and sometimes break. Learn how to shut off water valves (in case a pipe bursts).
- Ensure you have a supply of your prescription drugs and other medicine in the house when bad weather is forecast.
- Have a wind-up torch and radio, in case of power cuts.
- Add the following supplies in preparation for winter weather to your emergency kit:
  - Rock salt or table salt to melt ice on walkways
  - Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment
  - Adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm
- If you become housebound, you might find the following advice useful:
  - Have regular hot drinks and at least one hot meal a day if possible - eating regularly helps to keep energy levels up during winter.
  - Wear several light layers of warm clothes.
  - Keep as active as possible.

**this is your neighbourhood**



# Volunteer for the new year

Countryside volunteers at Guisborough Forest & Walkway take a break from building the new play facilities

**WHETHER** you're looking to fill a few hours at the weekend or make a major contribution to a local community group, there are lots of ways to volunteer in Redcar and Cleveland.

Donating just a few hours each week can make a real difference and in return you get the satisfaction of time and effort well spent, the opportunity to meet new people and gain new skills and experience.

From working on projects to improve the local environment to becoming a school or college governor, there are lots of ways to help.

The Council's Volunteer Coordination Officer, Karen Preston would recommend volunteering to anyone thinking about it:

"The range of opportunities for volunteering in Redcar and Cleveland is huge and whatever skills and experience you have, there is something for you to do.

Once you have found an organisation you are interested in working for it is useful if you go and meet them for an informal chat to find out more about what you would like to do.

This is a great opportunity to ask questions and see the place where you will be working and meet some of the people you might work with."

And searching for an

opportunity couldn't be easier by applying online using the do-it.org database. You select the type of volunteering you are interested in and enter your postcode for a list of opportunities in your area.

Mike Berry, Countryside Volunteer at Guisborough Forest & Walkway is also a fan:

"I wanted a complete change from the job I was doing before I retired and thoroughly enjoy the work I do as a Countryside Volunteer – I would recommend volunteering to anyone thinking about it."

Sports development volunteer, Sam Fletcher said:

"I would eventually like to become a sports coach and my volunteering role is helping me gain the right skills and experience.

If anyone my age is thinking of volunteering then I would encourage them to give it a go."

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## Top tips for volunteering

- Think about what you want from volunteering – new skills, fun, a chance to contribute to a cause?
- Think about what you have to offer – enthusiasm, work skills, life skills?
- Work out how much time you have to give, and how many times a week or month
- Search the do-it.org database to find out about volunteering opportunities
- Remember that everyone can volunteer – whatever your skills, experience or background
- Ask questions – don't be shy about asking questions as you go through the process of applying for an opportunity
- Just try it – often the most difficult part of volunteering is taking the first step.

To find out more about volunteering in Redcar and Cleveland please contact:

**Karen Preston,**  
**Volunteer**  
**Coordination Officer**  
on 01642 496428  
or email  
karen.preston@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

**Redcar &**  
**Cleveland Voluntary**  
**Development Agency**  
on 01642 440571  
or email trish@  
rcvda.org.uk or visit  
www.rcvda.org.uk



Volunteer Sam Fletcher (left) coaching young people.

## Volunteers needed for British Red Cross befriending project

A project which helps vulnerable people aged 50+ in East Cleveland is looking for volunteers.

British Red Cross volunteers support residents who want to live independently in their own homes.

Volunteers visit and keep in touch with individuals, take people to clubs, events and to the shops, and can also support vulnerable people following their discharge from hospital.

Anyone interested can call Ailsa Adamson, volunteering team coordinator, on 07803 018355.

Pictures and video footage of local volunteers and further information on volunteering is available at [www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/volunteering](http://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/volunteering)





# Meeting our budget challenges

REDCAR & Cleveland Borough Council has agreed its budget for 2012/13 and over the full five years of its medium-term financial plan.

The authority held a special meeting on Tuesday, December 13, at which a raft of proposals were approved.

They included a Council Tax increase of 3.5 per cent for 2012/13, which will help maintain frontline community services which otherwise may have faced cuts.

The Council did have the option to receive a grant instead, the equivalent of a 2.5 per cent Council Tax rise, but this only covered one year and would have left the authority needing to make a further £7m in savings over the

course of its medium-term financial plan.

In addition to the Council Tax increase, an array of saving solutions have been agreed to allow the authority to have a balanced budget position for the next two financial years.

By setting its budget well ahead of the start of the new financial year, the Council has given itself time to get detailed implementation plans in place to deliver the savings set out.

Savings for 2012/13 and 2013/14 will allow the Council time to develop a range of

detailed business cases highlighting different ways of providing and commissioning services in the future. Provision to fund this work has already been set aside.

However, the budget for 2012/13 is based on a balanced outturn for the current financial year 2011/12, which is currently forecasted to be overspent by £500,000.

**Further information about the savings set out in the budget is available via the home page of the Council's website at [www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk](http://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk)**

# Get involved and have your say

**AS the Council faces up to the challenging economic times, residents' views on major issues are more important than ever.**

A series of consultation exercises is presently taking place, seeking opinions on how the Council is performing and potential changes to services.

**The latest consultations are:**

## Our budget proposals

Public views are being sought on the budget proposals which are likely to impact on users, community groups and staff. To find out more, please visit [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BudgetConsultation2012\\_2013](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BudgetConsultation2012_2013) or e-mail [consultation@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk](mailto:consultation@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk)

## Proposed changes to adult transport services

The Council currently provides a free transport service for adults with a learning disability and older people who use day services and in-house respite care provision. The current annual cost of our adult day service transport is almost £500,000, with about 200 adults currently travelling free to day centres.

## Proposed changes to fairer charging policy

The Council is asking for your views on proposals to make changes to how much we charge for care services for older people and people with a disability. The proposed changes may affect people who are currently assessed for a charge for services including care at home, personal care or day care.

**To find out more about these consultations – and how you can have your say – log onto [www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/consultation) or telephone 01642 444515 for further information.**

# News:



Deputy Registrar Jenny Brodie launches the Tell Us Once service.

## You only need to tell us once...

A SCHEME designed to make life easier for residents facing important changes to their personal circumstances has been launched in Redcar and Cleveland.

People wanting to report births and deaths have previously needed to inform a host of different authorities separately.

But the 'Tell Us Once' service ensures that people only need to make one phone call or visit to a council office - and the

information will then be passed on to all relevant agencies.

The Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council initiative will prove particularly useful for parents of newborn children and the next of kin of anyone who has recently died.

People taking advantage of the 'Tell Us Once' service can have a range of organisations contacted on their behalf, including the Department for Work and Pensions, JobCentre Plus, HM Revenue and Customs, housing benefit and council tax benefit offices.

**For further information about 'Tell Us Once' in Redcar & Cleveland, contact Guisborough Register Office on 01287 632564.**

## Making contact with the Council easier

**LOOKING Local is a national service, helping you to find a new job, get the latest traffic news, access public services and search for local information and advice.**

Did you know that you can now use this service to catch up with all Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council information on your TV? You can now also contact us on your mobile via an app, on Facebook, on your PC, via our contact centre or even on a Wii!

Looking Local is an interactive public services tool that will help you contact the Council for many different things. You can now get advice, view alerts, get up-to-date school and road closures before you even leave home. You can also request services, read news items and access lots more information about your neighbourhood and council.

Looking Local also has a page on Facebook. A quick code, 774 can be used on all your searches either via your TV, Facebook, mobile etc. This will speed you through the screens to reach your local council and start your search.

Press red on the Community Channel on your TV (Sky 539/Virgin 233) or check the site out on [www.lookinglocal.gov.uk](http://www.lookinglocal.gov.uk) or download the Looking Local smartphone app from Android Market or the iTunes app store.

The Council is the first local authority in the Tees Valley to launch the service.

**If you need to contact Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council you can as always use our webpage [www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk](http://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk) or telephone the contact centre on 01642 774774.**



# Brewery toasts 100th apprentice

**APPRENTICE** Michael Duckworth is raising a glass to a promising new career - after taking up a landmark role.

He is the 100th young person to secure an apprenticeship with the support of Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council's Routes to

Employment team.

Michael, of Guisborough, is now working as a sales representative with the North Yorkshire Brewing

Company at Pinchinthorpe.

He will spend a year with the firm, gaining on-the-job skills and experience as well as working towards a Level 2 sales qualification.

And he was given a civic welcome to the role by the Mayor of Redcar and Cleveland, Councillor Olwyn Peters, when she visited the brewery to hear more about the apprenticeship scheme.

Routes to Employment has proved a major success in placing scores of young people, aged 16 to 24, in apprentice positions throughout the Borough.

The team has worked with employers and training providers in a variety of sectors to create the opportunities, with a £125,000 grant scheme - supported by the NHS - funding half of the apprentices placed to date.

The scheme's first apprentice - Alana Goodhall, who was given a placement at the Mulroy's Sea View nursing home in Redcar - also attended the civic celebration.

Michael said: "I have been volunteering in this role for seven months, but the grant from the Council enabled my employer to offer me this apprenticeship, which includes training to develop my skills further."

**For further information, log onto [www.routestoemployment.co.uk](http://www.routestoemployment.co.uk)**

# Blue badge charge in force

**CHANGES** to the 'Blue Badge' parking permit scheme for disabled residents of Redcar and Cleveland are now in force.

The cost of a permit has risen from £2 to £10 in the wake of Government-backed reforms which will lead to increased costs for Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council to run the local service.

The scheme is designed to help people - both drivers and passengers - with severe mobility problems get access to goods and services, by allowing them to park closer to facilities.

As part of the reforms, the Department for Transport has introduced the Blue Badge Improvement Service aimed at improving administration to tackle fraud and dealing with misuses of the scheme.

People will be able to apply for a Blue Badge, request renewal and notify changes of circumstances online through the Directgov website, although application forms can still be sent to the Council.

Payments can also be made online and badges, which are valid for three years, will be sent to holders' home addresses.

The new-look badges will have a 'true security print' design - already used in passports - helping to prevent forgery, copying and alterations.

The rise to £10 will cover having badges designed, manufactured and delivered, although it still costs the authority more to process applications.

**For further information about Blue Badges, contact the Parking Office on 01642 774774.**



## Kimberly shows enterprising spirit

A BEAUTY therapist is taking her talents on the road after setting herself up as a mobile make-up artist – with the support of a successful business scheme.

Kimberly Rose, 22, of Loftus, worked in the cosmetics industry for international brands including Clarins and Clinique before deciding to strike out on her own with her business Make Up Confidence.

And with a little help from Redcar and Cleveland's Enterprise Team, the venture is capturing the

imagination of the public.

"When I started Make Up Confidence, I went to the Enterprise Team for some guidance," said Kimberly, pictured.

"I'm an experienced make up artist so it wasn't really that aspect of my business that I needed help with, but promoting and

marketing a business was new to me.

"They sent me on a marketing course and set me up with a business mentor, Mike Gibson, and a 'business buddy', a lady called Bernie Sowa-Smith who has been through the same process as I'm going through.

"It's really helpful to be able to go and bounce ideas off someone who has been through the process and knows how I feel."

Kimberly plans to upload instructional videos onto You Tube and her own website, to encourage women to practice at home.

For further information from the Redcar and Cleveland Enterprise team, telephone 01642 495707 or log onto [www.thisisenterprise.co.uk](http://www.thisisenterprise.co.uk)

## Inspectors hail children's services

**SERVICES for children and young people in Redcar and Cleveland are performing well, according to Government inspectors.**

Ofsted's annual children's services assessment found the Council to be strong in several important areas.

The majority of services, settings and institutions inspected were said to be good or better,

with almost all provision helping children and young people learn well and stay safe.

Strengths included early provision and childcare for under-fives, with youngsters well prepared for school. Provision in the Borough's primary schools was also good, as was that in secondary schools, where numbers of students gaining five

GCSEs including English and Maths reached record levels.

Results for young people from low-income families were improving.

The quality of post-16 learning in the area's two colleges was "consistently good", while provision for looked-after children and young people was also praised.

# What's on:

[www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/events](http://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/events)

Every Friday  
until March 9

## Battle of the Bands

Redcar Bowl,  
6pm to 11pm

60 local bands are battling it out to be in with a chance of winning a prize fund of £3,000, a headlining spot at the Shutdown Summer Solstice Festival and a single released by Satellite records.

Tickets are just £5  
and available on the door.

Wednesday,  
February 8

## Yuan Shen – Pianist Concert

Sir William Turner's  
Almshouses,  
2.30pm

Tickets are £10 each and  
available on (01642) 477200.

## Saturday, February 25 The Lost Forest

Saltburn Theatre, 2.30pm

There's magic and mayhem in the rainforest! Animals' homes are at risk as bulldozers and diggers crash their way through trees and foliage. Who will come to the rescue and fight the evil Endorro? Can we save the rainforest? The Lost Forest is a fun and dynamic show, using Wayang Golek (colourful rod puppets from West Java), stunning rainforest projections, shadow theatre and original music.

Presented by the Indigo Moon Theatre Company.

All tickets are £5 and are available via [www.saltburnarts.co.uk](http://www.saltburnarts.co.uk) or by calling 01287 624997. The performance is suitable for those aged five and above.

Sunday,  
March 25

## Ironstone Heritage Trail Walk

From Eston  
to Pinchinthorpe

Join us for this six-mile walk across the Eston Hills to Pinchinthorpe, looking at the Industrial Heritage.

This is one of the first of two walks that visit the industrial heritage of Redcar and Cleveland.

Booking is required -  
for further details  
contact 01642 496425  
or 01642 496426.



Saturday, March 31

## The Saxon Princess Exhibition Event

Kirkleatham Museum

This special event as part of the successful Saxon Princess Exhibition will include fashion show, workshops, demonstrations and talks from the experts.

Booking is required -  
for further details contact  
01642 496425 or 496426.





L to R Glyn Jones, Project Manager, Willmott Dixon, John Finley, Managing Director, Finley Structures Ltd and Sue Radcliffe, Headteacher of Coatham Church of England Primary School with the year 5 pupils.

# Pupils steel themselves for seaside landmark

PUPILS from Coatham Church of England Primary School in Redcar were given a behind the scenes tour of a steel factory recently to see Redcar's Vertical Pier being made.

The schoolchildren were shown round the shop floor of the fabrication factory at Finley Structures and saw first hand how raw steel will form the structure of

the 80 ft tower.

And the pupils then had the chance to sign a circular steel plate with their initials which will be welded and incorporated into

the construction.

The Vertical Pier will have seven floors allowing spectacular rooftop 360 degree views of the Redcar landscape - 534 steel beams are being used to form the structure.

The Vertical Pier, providing the centrepiece of a £30m regeneration of Redcar Seafront, is currently being built on Redcar's seafront and is due for completion later in the year. It is part funded by the NE ERDF competitiveness programme 2007-13.

## Sea defences and promenade

**WORK to protect Redcar from coastal flooding is progressing well and the new sea wall is now in place along the Esplanade.**

The new wall is higher than the previous sea defences so that Redcar is better protected from the sea. Later in the year parts of the promenade will be raised so that residents and visitors will still be able to enjoy the sea views.

Work to replace the sloped wall and wooden groynes at The Stray is ongoing and should be completed by the end of the year. During the work the Stray footpath will be closed.

The road on the Esplanade has been closed between the Royal Slipway and the Park Hotel - at the junction of the Esplanade and the High Street. This is so the flood wall can be built in this area.

There are clear road diversion signs in place and the work should be finished by the spring.

Sea wall foundations along Granville Terrace have also started. This work will be carried out from the beach with the road being closed towards Easter time for the construction of the wall on top of the foundations.

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](mailto:enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk)

You can also visit [www.environment-agency.gov.uk/redcarfloodscheme](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/redcarfloodscheme) or visit the Redcar Regeneration Centre and speak to a member of staff.

# Ian's at the art of Redcar revival

**SCULPTOR Ian Randall visited pupils at Zetland Primary School in Redcar recently to give local schoolchildren the chance to stamp their mark on the new seafront artwork.**

The renowned artist is about to start work on two installations that will become landmark features once the drive to breathe new life into the seafront is finished.

And local schoolchildren and residents will get the chance to influence the creations, as well as the new promenade paving with further workshops being held in the New Year.

Mr Randall was commissioned to produce two sculptures and new promenade paving as an integral feature of the £30m seafront revamp by Redcar & Cleveland Council and the Environment Agency, which also includes an 80ft seaside landmark and strengthened flood defences.



Olivia Brown holding up her Peacock design mould for the new paving.

The seafront artwork is being part funded by the NE ERDF competitiveness programme 2007-13.

The Leeds born artist is no stranger to creating centrepieces for regeneration schemes, having installed a six metre high bronze sculpture in the heart of his home city's Brewery Wharf in 2006.

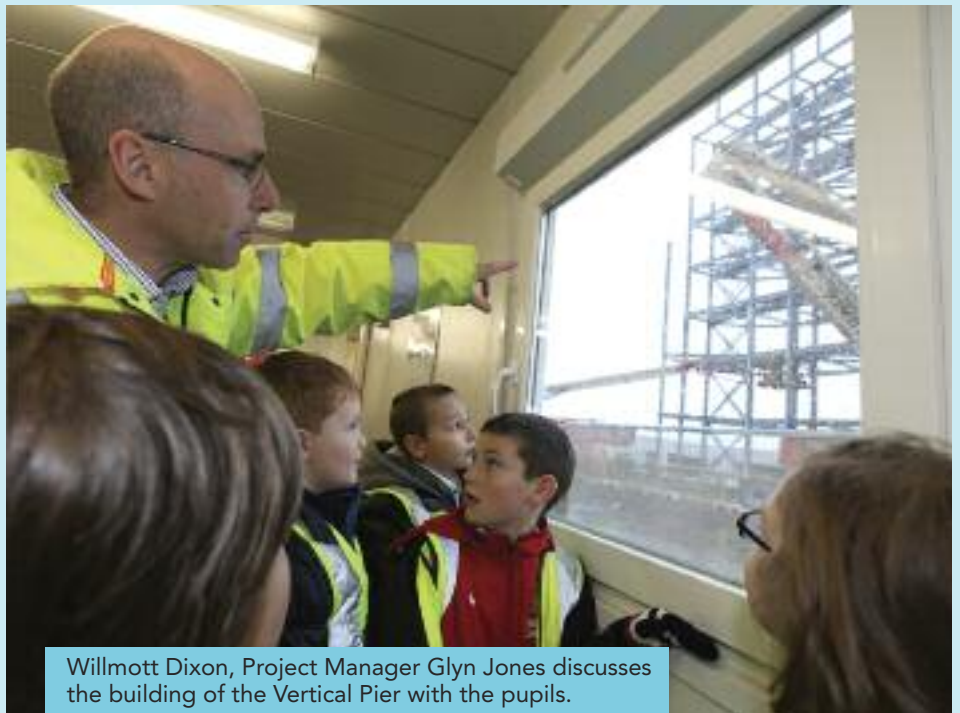
# Landmark visit for Coatham primary

**COATHAM Primary School pupils were among the first visitors to take a close up look at the construction of the Vertical Pier on Redcar seafront when they visited the site.**

The tour began with a visit to the Station Business Centre in Redcar where they looked at scale models of all the regeneration projects taking place on the seafront and then moved on to the Regeneration Centre on Redcar's seafront.

Their final stop off was a visit to the site of the Vertical Pier for a close up view of the steel structure that will form Redcar's Seaside Landmark. Willmott Dixon's Project Team members building the structure were on hand to answer questions.

The 80 foot tall Vertical Pier is currently being built on Redcar's seafront. Scale models of the Vertical Pier, The Hub and Redcar Leisure and Community Heart can



Willmott Dixon, Project Manager Glyn Jones discusses the building of the Vertical Pier with the pupils.

be viewed at the Regeneration Centre on Redcar seafront, telephone 01642 495359.

The project is part financed by

the European Union and European Regional Development Fund 2007 – 2013.

To take a virtual tour of how the new-look Redcar seafront will look, log onto [www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/redcarseafront](http://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/redcarseafront)



# News:

## Plugged into a greener Redcar and Cleveland



Energy Manager, Wendi Wheeler gets to grips with the new charging point

ELECTRIC vehicle drivers in Redcar and Cleveland can relax and recharge their batteries thanks to the installation of the first of 12 new charging points across the borough.

The scheme part of the 'plugged in places' initiative provides local authorities in the region with the opportunity to apply to One North East for match funding to install charging points in their area.

Redcar & Cleveland Council has taken the lead and the first charging point is now in place for the public

to use at Belmont House car park in Guisborough.

Charging points will also be installed at the following locations over the coming months:

- Guisborough Forest & Walkway centre car park - Pinchinthorpe
- Redcar & Cleveland House Car Park - Redcar
- Windy Hill Lane car park - Marske
- Cat Nab car park - Saltburn
- North Road car park - Loftus
- Westgate - Guisborough
- High Street - Redcar.

Drivers of electric vehicles can register to use the charging points by visiting [www.chargeyourcar.org.uk](http://www.chargeyourcar.org.uk)

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# Olympic star Jonathan hits new heights



judges were impressed by his on-court successes over the past few years.

Jonathan developed a love of basketball when he was a pupil at Kirkleatham Hall School, honing the skills which eventually took him all the way to Olympic glory.

He was part of a northern region team which won gold at the Special Olympics in Leicester in 2009 and, this year, joined Team Great Britain at the same prestigious event in Athens.

The team left Greece with bronze medals after a series of outstanding performances.

And Jonathan's personal contribution was honoured at a council-run 2011 awards ceremony at Bydales School, Marske, where young people aged up to 21 were praised for their work in everything from volunteering and sports to academic excellence.

Jonathan, who now lives in Acklam, is hoping to represent his country again in the future - as he continues to cram basketball training, part-time work and college studies in painting and decorating into a hectic schedule.

He said: "I would love to play for Team GB again - I really enjoyed it. It was a surprise to get the achievement award, but I was delighted to receive it."

**BASKETBALL** star Jonathan Moscrop has some lofty ambitions for the future after scooping a coveted award recognising his athletic talents.

The 20-year-old was one of a host of worthy winners at an achievement awards ceremony for children and young people both presently and previously in the

care of Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council.

Middlesbrough College student Jonathan was victorious in the sporting excellence category after

## 10,000 take a ride on the buses

**MORE** than 10,000 passengers have got on board a bus service linking communities across Redcar and Cleveland.

The Local Link service operated by Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council hit the road last October.

The low-floor buses operate hourly through more than 20 towns and villages on six evenings a week, from Monday to Saturday.

They run through Redcar, Marske, Saltburn, Brotton, Carlin How, Loftus, Liverton Mines, North

Skelton, New Skelton, Skelton, Skelton Green, Boosbeck, Lingdale, Margrove Park, Charltons, Slapewath, Guisborough, including an extension into Hutton Village, Dunsdale, Yearby and Kirkleatham Village.

**Anyone wanting to find out more about the service, including timetables and fares, should telephone 01642 444973 or view the route map and timetable at [www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk](http://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk)**

# Watch out for chance to boost health

A NEW organisation dedicated to improving health and social care services in Redcar and Cleveland is to be launched next year.

It will aim to put patients and the public at the heart of everything these services do – and will come into effect in April 2013.

Until then, the Local Involvement Network (LINK) and PCT Patient Advice Liaison Service (PALS) will continue to operate.

The Redcar & Cleveland LINK is there for you, listening to what you have to say about health and social care services in the Borough, as well as helping you to be involved in the planning and delivery of these services locally.

Anyone wanting to know more about LINK should log onto [www.redcarandclevelandlink.co.uk](http://www.redcarandclevelandlink.co.uk) or telephone 01642 636161.

## Give us your views

To help us make sure that Redcar & Cleveland HealthWatch meets your needs, the Council is inviting you to help shape the future by giving us your views.

### We're asking just a few simple questions such as...

- What do you want from Redcar & Cleveland HealthWatch?
- Where do you currently get information and advice about health and social care?
- Which individuals or organisations do you think would best represent your local community?
- What things would attract you to help with the work of Redcar & Cleveland HealthWatch?

To have your say and get involved, log onto [www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk](http://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk) and complete our questionnaire

## What will Redcar & Cleveland HealthWatch do?

- Provide information and support to help you make the right choices - for example, what to do and where to go for health and/or social care services;
- Provide a contact point for everyone who wants, needs, or has used health and/or social care services;
- Listen to your experiences (good or bad) of these services;
- Make these service providers aware of what you think and, when appropriate, hold them to account and help puts things right;
- Provide the help and support you need to make complaints about NHS services.

## How will it do this?

- Feed in your views to the Redcar & Cleveland Health and Wellbeing Board, which brings together the people who plan and run services, elected councillors and patient champions to make important decisions about local services;
- Work closely with both HealthWatch England and the Care Quality Commission – the national watchdog for health and care services;
- Be an organisation which is independent of both the NHS and the Council;
- Involve a wide range of organisations and individuals who volunteer to take part;

# Keen to go green at Eco Village

RESIDENTS and community leaders were given a glimpse of a green future - as an innovative £3.5m eco village threw its doors open for the first time.

A special open day in South Bank offered a sneak preview of work so far on the new and refurbished properties, with the development on track to be completed soon.

Fifteen new two and three-bedroom homes are being built, with some featuring the very latest green technology that will save owners an average of £1,000 a year on energy bills, compared to traditional properties.

They come complete with modern kitchen facilities and sizeable gardens, with buyers able to take advantage of a range of financial options through developer Gentoo.

The Sunderland-based firm is building the properties on behalf of Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council, which has placed the eco village at the heart of its regeneration work in South Bank.

The Council secured £936,000 from the Homes and Communities Agency for the project.

Four of the houses meet level six of the Government's stringent 'Code for Sustainable Homes', with triple-glazed doors and windows, photo-voltaic panels and composting facilities.

A further 11 terraced properties on Queen Street have been refurbished - to include second-floor balconies with stunning views over the Eston Hills - and will be available to rent.

For further information about the Eco Village, log onto [www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/regeneration](http://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/regeneration)



## Bargains are on the cards as loyalty scheme expands

**A LOYALTY scheme for shoppers hoping to bag a bargain in Redcar is proving a major success – and more people are being encouraged to sign up.**

The RedcarD initiative is part of the drive to boost trade in the town, offering an array of cut-price deals in participating stores.

The scheme was launched by Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council and the TownTalk organisation.

And more than 1,500 people have already

registered for the card, making them eligible for savings of up to 50 per cent on purchases.

The project is looking to expand further this year, with more businesses coming on board.

The cards are available at Redcar's Tourist Information Centre on the High Street and through various retailers.

For further information, log onto [www.redcar.towntalk.co.uk/redcard](http://www.redcar.towntalk.co.uk/redcard)

# Redcar Primary Care Hospital officially opens its doors... and Santa made an appearance too!

Redcar's fantastic new community healthcare facility, Redcar Primary Care Hospital has been officially opened by the town's very own Secret Millionaire.

David Jamilly had a tour of the building and met staff and patients before officially opening the new £37m hospital on Friday 9 December 2011.

The new hospital includes an inpatient ward with single en-suite rooms, a physiotherapy department with rehabilitation gym and hydrotherapy pool, a diagnostic suite with x-ray and ultrasound, an Urgent Care (minor injuries) Unit and an outpatients department including podiatry and audiology. It also houses five local GP surgeries and has its own café and free parking.

Stephen Childs, Chief Executive of NHS Tees said: "We are delighted David Jamilly was able to join us for this special occasion. I hope that David is as impressed with Redcar Primary Care Hospital as we are. It is much busier than the old Stead Memorial Hospital and we are working to ensure more services are provided in this fabulous new hospital."

Following the official opening, the hospital held its annual Christmas event which saw a host of stalls

before the star of the night 'Santa' made an appearance on his sleigh to greet all the children in his grotto.

Working in partnership with RSRM, OCS and Robertson FM, the event was an opportunity for the community of Redcar and Cleveland to come together this Christmas to help raise money for local charities.

Keeping with the community spirit Redcar and Cleveland College kindly offered to build Santa's sleigh for the event. They held a competition for the best design in which pupil Emiley Jones who is studying for an extended diploma in Art and Design was the lucky winner.

Also during the evening pupils from Riverdale Primary School and the Salvation Army sang festive carols as the public got into the festive spirit.

All proceeds from the raffle and Santa visit will go to both The Salvation Army and Carers Together.

Ron Abrahams, General Manager of RSRM added: "We are really pleased to continue to support this event and the charities that will benefit. We see this as part of our long term commitment to the Hospital and the residents of Redcar and Cleveland".



# 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](http://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](mailto:julian_feakes@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk)

## FEBRUARY 2012

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**Thursday 2**  
**Planning Committee**  
10 am - 1pm  
Belmont House, Guisborough

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**Tuesday 14**  
**Cabinet Meeting**  
10am – 1pm  
City Learning Centre,  
Eston

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**Thursday 16**  
**Planning Committee**  
10:15am - 1pm  
Belmont House, Guisborough

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**Monday 20**  
**Scrutiny Board**  
9:30am - 5pm  
City Learning Centre,  
Eston

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**Thursday 23**  
**Borough Council**  
2pm - 5pm  
City Learning Centre,

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**Tuesday 28**  
**Standards Committee**  
2pm – 5pm  
City Learning Centre,  
Eston

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**Wednesday 29**  
**Planning Committee**  
2pm – 5pm  
Belmont House, Guisborough

## MARCH 2012

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**Monday 5**  
**Cabinet Meeting**  
(Special Cabinet)  
4pm - 5pm  
City Learning Centre, Eston

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**Borough Council**  
(Special Borough Council)  
5pm - 6-15pm  
City Learning Centre, Eston

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**Wednesday 7**  
**Licensing Committee**  
10am -1pm  
Belmont House, Guisborough

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**Tuesday 13**  
**Cabinet Meeting**  
10am – 1pm  
City Learning Centre, Eston

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**Thursday 15**  
**Planning Committee**  
10:15am – 1pm  
Belmont House, Guisborough

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**Monday 19**  
**Scrutiny Board**  
9:30am - 5pm  
Belmont House, Guisborough

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**Thursday 29**  
**Planning Committee**  
10:15am – 1pm  
Belmont House, Guisborough

**Audit Committee**  
2pm - 5pm  
City Learning Centre, Eston

## APRIL 2012

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**Thursday 5**  
**Borough Council**  
2pm - 5pm  
City Learning Centre, Eston

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**Tuesday 10**  
**Standards Committee**  
2pm – 5pm  
City Learning Centre, Eston

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**Thursday 12**  
**Planning Committee**  
10:15am – 1pm  
Belmont House,  
Guisborough

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**Tuesday 17**  
**Cabinet Meeting**  
10am – 1pm  
City Learning Centre, Eston

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**Wednesday 18**  
**Licensing Committee**  
10am -1pm  
Belmont House,  
Guisborough

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**Monday 23**  
**Scrutiny Board**  
9:30am - 5pm  
City Learning Centre, Eston

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**Thursday 26**  
**Planning Committee**  
10:15am – 1pm  
Belmont House,  
Guisborough

# 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

**Barry Hunt (East Cleveland Ind)**

First Saturday at Brotton Library, Second Saturday at Jubilee Hall, Carlin How. Third Saturday at Brotton Village Hall.

Last Saturday at Skinningrove Community Centre.

All surgeries held 10am – 11am

Cllr Hunt - 07787966810

or 01287 203649

## 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 Oakley Walk, Bankfields.

Last Saturday at

Whale Hill Community Centre from 10:15 - 11am.

Lazenby Social Club

from 11:15am - noon.

Cllr Peters - 01642 291460

Cllr Goldswain - 07557540630

Cllr Massey - 07557540627

twitter: @cmmassey

## 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

## 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

(expect school holidays)

from 6pm - 7pm.

Cllr Halton - 01287 635845

Cllr Jeffery - 01287 635654

Cllr Spencer - 07811424303

## KIRKLEATHAM

**Mark Hannon (Lab)**  
**and Dale Quigley (Lab)**

Third Saturday at Roseberry Library from 10:30am - 11:30am.

Cllr Hannon - 07825228014

Cllr Quigley - 07557540626

Twitter: @DaleQuigley

**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 - please contact - Cllr Lanigan -

01287 640993 or 07825228007

**Eric Jackson (Lab)**

First Saturday at Loftus Library, Second Saturday at Village Hall,

Grinkle Lane, 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

## LONGBECK

**Norah Cooney (Con)**

Last Thursday at

Gleneagles Road

Community Centre,

New Marske from 5pm - 6pm.

Cllr Cooney - 01642 486368

for home visit.

### **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 – 3rd March – at the Mermaid Pub in the Conservatory, 10am – 11am.

Cllr Reyer - 07557540625

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## **NEWCOMEN**

### **Chris 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 Abbott - 01642 487557

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## **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

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## **ORMESBY**

### **Glyn and Irene Nightingale (Lib Dem)**

First Thursday at both Nunthorpe Community School (term time only)

and Ormesby Library from 6pm - 7pm.

Cllr's Nightingale - 01642 315565

### **Ann Wilson (Lib Dem)**

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

Cllr Wilson - 01642 281268

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## **SALTBURN**

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

Second and Fourth Saturday at Saltburn Library from 11am - noon.

Cllr Guy - 01287 622212

Cllr Thomson - 01287 624883

### **Stuart Smith (Ind)**

Third Saturday at the Station Portico outside Sainsbury's Supermarket – 9:30-10:30am and 11:30am-12:15pm.

Cllr Smith - 07557540628

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## **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

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## **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

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## **ST GERMAIN'S**

### **Tristan Learoyd (Lab & Co-Operative)**

Third Saturday at Marske Library 11am – noon.

Cllr Learoyd - 07557540640

Twitter: @tristanlearoyd

[www.tristanlearoyd.com](http://www.tristanlearoyd.com)

### **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

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## **TEESVILLE**

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

Second Wednesday - TBC

Cllr Clarke - 01642 466864

Cllr Dunning - 01642 315298

Cllr Pickthall - 01642 300384

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## **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

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## **WESTWORTH**

### **David Williams (Lab)**

First Friday and Last Friday Cllr Williams – 07775411478

### **Carole Jeffery (Con)**

Cllr Jeffery- 0773 8042833

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## **ZETLAND**

### **Ron Harrison (Lib Dem)**

### **Josh Mason (Lib Dem)**

1st Tuesday

at Durham Road

Community Centre

3rd Tuesday

at Zetland Methodist Church

Cllr Harrison - 07724195690

Cllr Mason - 07909 888 872

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## **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](mailto: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](mailto:ian@ianswales.com)

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