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# Welcome to the November edition of Stockton-on-Tees News

Christmas is just around the corner and on pages 12 and 13 you can read all about the exciting events happening across the Borough. From the popular Stockton Sparkles programme through to Christmas tree festivals and Community sing-alongs, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Turn to page 3 to learn how you can help support members of our communities who are having a difficult time this winter by donating items such as toiletries, hats, gloves, chocolates and gifts as part of The Community Gift.

Throughout our Borough we know there are individuals, groups and businesses who go above and beyond throughout the year to make a difference in their communities. Each year the Mayor's Civic Awards make sure many of these people get the recognition they deserve for the great work they do. If you know anyone whose remarkable contributions are improving the lives of people in our Borough find out how you can nominate them for an award on page 6.

2025 will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Stockton and Darlington Railway and there's a packed programme to get involved in. Turn to page 11 to read about the exciting

plans happening across Stockton-on-Tees including a spectacular outdoor, street theatre performance which will tell the story of the beginning of the railway.

As the cold weather creeps in, the Council's winter maintenance team are on standby to help keep the Borough's roads safe. On page 18, you can read how the teams work tirelessly across the winter and also find out about our new gritters, named by children from across the Borough.

Did you know you can receive Council news and updates direct to your inbox? Turn to page 19 to find out how you can sign up to the My Council Newsletter.

Finally, on behalf of Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, I wish you all a safe and healthy 2025.



**Mike Greene**  
Chief Executive,  
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council



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# A FAIRER STOCKTON-ON-TEES

The Council is committed to supporting its residents and we know it can be even more difficult over the winter months. Here is some of the support available.

## Here to Help

Not sure where to start looking for help? Our 'Here to Help' guide gives an overview of the support services available across the Borough. The handy booklet can be picked up from your local library, community centre or local businesses. You can also find the information online at [www.stockton.gov.uk/here-to-help-hub](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/here-to-help-hub)



## Community Spaces

More than 60 venues are open all year round and offer a great way to meet others and get support and advice on a range of issues.

Drop by your nearest Community Space to have a chat, access a range of information, get involved with free activities and more. To find your nearest Community Space, visit [www.stockton.gov.uk/community-spaces-directory](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/community-spaces-directory)



## Warm Welcome

Warm Welcome social events are weekly and open to anyone to come along for a cuppa, meet old and new friends over a game of cards, dominoes or bingo, and have a friendly chat.

Warm Welcome sessions		
<b>Roseworth New!</b>	Monday 1pm – 3pm	Hope Church Centre, Ragpath Lane, Roseworth, TS19 9AT
<b>Thornaby</b>	Tuesday 10am – 12pm Thursday 1pm – 3pm	Thornaby Pavilion Wrightson House, Thornaby, TS17 9EW
<b>Billingham</b>	Tuesday 10.30am – 12.30pm	Billingham Forum The Causeway, Town Centre, TS23 2LJ
<b>Stockton New!</b>	Wednesday 10.30am – 12.30pm	Fountains Shopping Mall, Enterprise Arcade 35–37 High Street, TS18 1SB
<b>Salterns Lane New!</b>	Friday 10am – 12pm	Salterns Lane Community Centre, Hunwick Walk, Stockton-on-Tees, TS19 8AF
<b>Newtown</b>	Friday 11am – 1pm	Newtown Community Resource Centre 123 Durham Road, Stockton-on-Tees, TS19 0DE

Could you come along to one of the sessions and volunteer to make cups of tea and put a smile on people's faces?

Visit [www.stockton.gov.uk/warm-welcome](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/warm-welcome) for more information.

## The Bread and Butter Thing

Five 'The Bread and Butter Thing' hubs are open across the Borough, offering high-quality, low-cost food. Prices range from £5 for a single bag, £8.50 for the standard three-bag package and £17 for a six bag 'family' deal. Membership is free of charge. Visit [www.stockton.gov.uk/the-bread-and-butter-thing](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/the-bread-and-butter-thing) for details on hub locations, service times and more.

## Stockton-on-Tees Health and Wellbeing Festival

Visit Thornaby Pavilion from 10am to 2pm on Thursday 28 November for free refreshments, information stalls, a wellness choir and free raffle. You can get support and advice on health and wellbeing services, volunteering opportunities, creative activities, safety, social groups and staying active.

For more information on our 'Here to Help' drop-in events, visit [www.stockton.gov.uk/here-to-help](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/here-to-help)

## The Community Gift

This festive season, you can help support your communities by donating items such as toiletries, socks, hats and gloves, chocolates, biscuits and other gifts.

Follow our Community Partnerships on Facebook for details of our Community Gift drop-in sessions where you can donate a gift, enjoy a festive treat and lend a hand wrapping gifts.

Visit [www.stockton.gov.uk/the-community-gift](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/the-community-gift) for more information.



A Fairer Stockton-on-Tees is the Council's commitment to tackling inequality and making the Borough a better place to live for everyone. Find out more at [www.stockton.gov.uk/a-fairer-stockton-on-tees](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/a-fairer-stockton-on-tees)

# WARM HOMES HEALTHY PEOPLE

Support is available to help residents in the Borough keep warm this winter.

The Council's Warm Homes Healthy People scheme offers emergency heating, energy saving advice, welfare benefits advice and boiler repairs to eligible residents.

Elaine Burns, a resident from Norton, recently benefited from the scheme after having issues with her boiler which resulted in her spending more money on her heating bill.

She told us: "It felt unbelievable that help was available. My heating would not turn off so I was really worried about my bills as I couldn't turn the heating off, I ended up having to turn off the whole system.

"The lad that came out was lovely, really friendly, he explained everything to me.

"I was so relieved once the boiler had been fixed, it was a weight off my shoulders. I would 110 per cent recommend the scheme to friends and family."

For further information, call the team on **01642 528215** or visit [www.stockton.gov.uk/warm-homes-healthy-people](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/warm-homes-healthy-people) to see if you're eligible.



Resident Elaine Burns with David Blakeley, Domestic Plumber.

## KEEP WELL THIS WINTER

There's lots you can do to stay well this winter:

### Get your winter jabs

The flu jab and COVID-19 booster are the best ways to protect yourself and others this winter from serious infections. You're eligible for a free flu vaccine if you're aged 65 or over, you're pregnant, or you have certain long-term health conditions.

Find out more at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)



### Be safe at home

Our Home Improvement Agency (HIA) offers a free handyman service for eligible residents that can help make your home safer to prevent falls and accidents.

Find out more at

[www.stockton.gov.uk/HIA](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/HIA)



### Look out for each other

Check in on older neighbours, relatives, and those with health concerns to make sure they're safe, warm and have stocks of food and medicines.



### Get help if you need it

Go to a pharmacy, contact your GP or use the NHS 111 service.

Visit [www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/keep-warm-keep-well](http://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/keep-warm-keep-well) for more tips.

We have information to help with your physical and mental health at [www.stockton.gov.uk/public-health-and-wellbeing](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/public-health-and-wellbeing)



# RECYCLE THIS CHRISTMAS



Over the festive period we often end up with much more rubbish but did you know that a lot of it can be recycled?



## Blue Box

- Glass bottles
- Batteries (within their own clear bag)



## White sack

- Cardboard boxes and packaging
- Christmas cards (non-glittery)
- Cans and plastic bottles
- Crisp tubes, egg boxes and frozen food boxes
- Sweets/chocolate tins and tubs
- Wrapping paper tubes, toilet and kitchen roll tubes
- Yoghurt pots and spread tubs



## Paper pocket

- Envelopes
- Newspapers
- Magazines



## Real Christmas tree collections

Christmas trees will be collected on normal collection day, commencing Tuesday 7 January 2025.

Alternatively, you can recycle your tree at the Household Waste and Recycling Centre at Haverton Hill in Billingham. For details of opening times, visit [www.stockton.gov.uk/haverton-hill](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/haverton-hill)

Teesside Hospice is also running their annual Tree Cycle campaign. For a donation, Teesside Hospice and their volunteers will collect your tree on one of the following collection dates: 9, 10, 11 and 12 January.

Visit [www.teessidehospice.org](http://www.teessidehospice.org) to register for your collection.

See the back cover of the magazine for your Christmas and New Year recycling dates.

For more information on recycling visit [www.stockton.gov.uk/what-can-i-recycle](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/what-can-i-recycle)



# BE SAFE THIS CHRISTMAS

## Top safety tips from Cleveland Fire Brigade:



- Water real trees to prevent them drying out and becoming a fire hazard
- Make sure sockets aren't overloaded and light bulbs don't touch paper or fabric
- Never hang decorations or cards on or around the fireplace
- Don't leave candles unattended and keep them away from curtains or other flammable objects
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working correctly and test them regularly

For extra precaution, you can also book a Safer Homes Visit by calling **01429 874063**

## Guard your cash from scams

Scams increase during the festive season. Here are our top tips to avoid scams:

- If you receive an email or message that looks suspicious, don't open it, click links or download attachments
- **Criminals can send fake offers of cost of living support payments** – Government support payments are usually automatic and don't ask for your bank details
- **Loans and investments** – authentic providers will not cold call or ask for an advance fee. Always read the terms and conditions and visit [www.fca.org.uk](http://www.fca.org.uk) for more information.

Report scams to Action Fraud by calling **0300 123 2040**, or for further information, visit [www.stockton.gov.uk/scams](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/scams)



# Nominate your community hero

Nominations for the Mayor's Civic Awards 2024 to 2025 are now open. The awards shine the spotlight on individuals, groups and businesses making a positive impact in their local community.

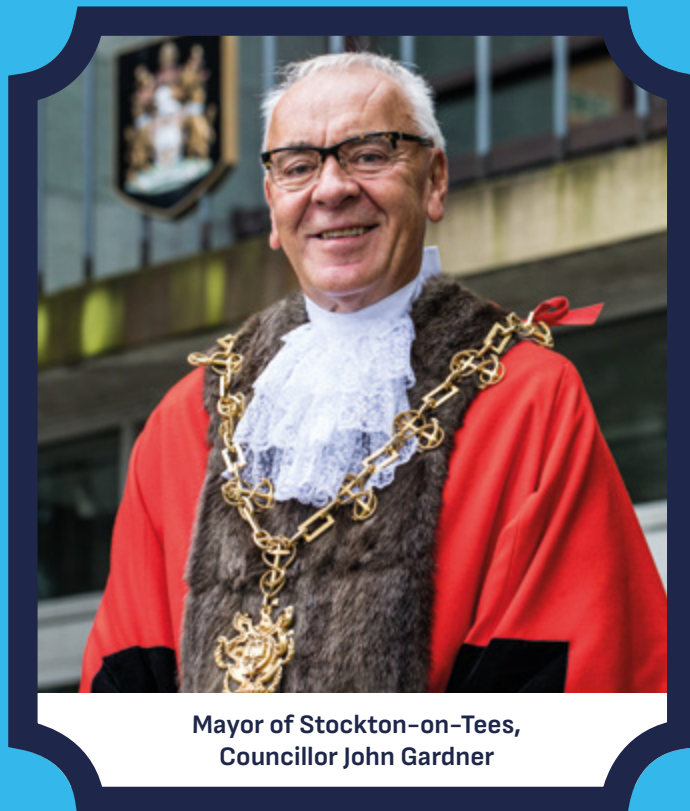
You can nominate a person, group or business in one of the following categories:

- Young Person Award
- Service to Community Award for Individuals
- Service to Community Award for Groups and Organisations
- Service to Community Award for Businesses
- Health and Wellbeing Award
- Green Award
- Carer/Foster Carer Award

For more information and to find out how to nominate, visit [www.stockton.gov.uk/mayors-civic-awards](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/mayors-civic-awards)

Mayor of Stockton-on-Tees, Councillor John Gardner, said: "Stockton-on-Tees is lucky to have many residents who go the extra mile to help our communities. My Civic Awards give the opportunity to shine the spotlight on our unsung heroes, and I encourage everyone to nominate these inspiring individuals and groups."

The submission deadline for nominations is Friday 31 January 2025.



## MEET OUR NEW APPRENTICES

Social Workers, Countryside Rangers, and apprentice Trading Standards and Licensing Officers are among the 44 new apprentices hired by the Council.

The new starters are in apprenticeships ranging from level two up to level six.

Since 2019, we've recruited more than 200 apprentices into roles across the Council, and more than half of those have successful careers with us.

An apprenticeship allows you to combine work and study, blending on-the-job training with academic learning. You're employed to do a real job with the Council, gaining valuable work experience and earning a wage while you study for a formal, recognised qualification.



There's more information about apprenticeships and careers with the Council available at [www.stockton.gov.uk/apprenticeships](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/apprenticeships)

# VOLUNTEERING

## Stockton-on-Tees Volunteers

Volunteering is a great way to learn new skills and experience, meet new people and give back to your community.

There are lots of different ways to volunteer. From sports coaches to carers, fundraisers to fun runners, gardeners to board members, the list goes on.

If you are interested in volunteering, the Stockton Volunteers website hosts a range of different live opportunities along with information on what the role requires and how you can join in.

Visit [www.stocktonvolunteers.co.uk](http://www.stocktonvolunteers.co.uk) to get started.

## Radio Stitch need your help!

Radio Stitch is a hospital radio which has been broadcasting for almost 50 years. The station broadcasts to three main hospitals in the Tees Valley - University Hospital of North Tees in Stockton, University Hospital of Hartlepool and The James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough.

The team is on the lookout for volunteer radio presenters to join their team. If you are interested, please call **01642 624337** or email [nth-tr.radiostitch@nhs.net](mailto:nth-tr.radiostitch@nhs.net)

## Stockton Angels

A volunteer team of 'street angels' is being built to help keep Stockton town centre safe on a Saturday evening.

The street angels will hand out flip flops, water, blankets, and other necessities to anyone that needs care after a night out to help ensure emergency services aren't needed.

The initiative is being funded by a £6,000 grant from the Cleveland Unit for the Reduction of Violence (CURV).

For more information on how to apply to be a volunteer, visit [www.stocktonvolunteers.co.uk](http://www.stocktonvolunteers.co.uk)



Radio Stitch Trustees and Presenters



Stockton Angels volunteers

# COMMUNITY STARS

Residents have been recognised for the contribution they make to their community at an annual celebration event.

This year 40 residents were nominated for the Community Star Awards, recognising their efforts in going the extra mile to help others. The winners were presented with their awards at a celebration event in September.

A big congratulations to each of the winners, who were Abubakarr Conteh, Alan Foster, Alan Swales, Claire Andrews, Craig Simcox, Dave Wilson, Gary Wilson, Jak Emery, Jake Anderson, Aaron Malcolm, Jude Smith, Joan Naylor, John Christie, Judy Laverick, Kathy Warrick, Leslie Shannon (Lebe), Maria Lacey, Michael Todd, and Stuart and Ann Blakey.

Carolyn Nice, the Council's Director of Adults, Health & Wellbeing said: "It's heart-warming to hear about the efforts of our Community Stars and it fills me with pride knowing that residents go above and beyond to help others in their communities. Thank you all for your hard work and kindness. You're an inspiration to us all."

Follow us on social media to see pictures from the awards event.





**Rebecca Marshall**  
Support Worker,  
Adults, Health and Wellbeing



## A DAY IN THE LIFE

"I work in a team that all go above and beyond to meet the needs of our residents and ensure they are always listened to."

Supporting the choices and views of adults with learning disabilities is a central part of the role for Rebecca Marshall, a key worker at one of the Council's residential care homes.

She said: "The focus of the team is to ensure that people's preferences are respected so we can support them to achieve goals and enjoy a fulfilling life."

Rebecca began her 25-year career at the Council as a Residential Care Officer in children's and families and has spent the last ten years in adults, health and wellbeing.

"A typical day for me involves person-centered support in all aspects of daily living needs. I encourage residents to join in daily activities, social events and themed celebrations, particularly anything meaningful and important to them. I try to adapt the range of services we provide to meet their needs and help them develop the skills to stay safe and happy."

Rebecca and the team at the care home promote independence through the development of life skills. Residents are allocated a key worker like Rebecca who will provide additional support and plans for the individual. This means that residents can access a health service designed around their needs.

"It's so important to respect everyone's uniqueness. We enable people to integrate with the local community. With our help they can maintain their health and wellbeing which might be something we take for granted like accessing health appointments."

The team work closely with the residents and their family and carers to support and enable them to live their lives in a way that they choose.

Rebecca continued: "A career in adult social care can often be challenging, but it is rewarding and fulfilling. I enjoy working in an environment that involves helping others and making a difference in their lives. Supporting someone to have a little more independence can bring so much pleasure, satisfaction and accomplishment."

If you would like to explore a career in adult social care, visit [www.stockton.gov.uk/asc-careers](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/asc-careers)



# THANKING OUR CARERS

Celebration events were held at the Halcyon Centre, Rosedale Centre, Community Based Options, Lanark Short Breaks, and Allensway Day Service, to thank adult social care staff for the contribution they make.

Speaking during Professional Care Workers Week, Carolyn Nice, Director of Adults, Health & Wellbeing said: "It is always a pleasure to spend time with colleagues celebrating what they do best, and I want to thank all of our professional carers for their commitment and dedication to the people of the Borough. They support the people of our communities when they need it the most and for that we are all grateful."

Starting a career in adult social care can be very rewarding. Visit [www.stockton.gov.uk/asc-careers](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/asc-careers) to find out about the range of flexible ways for you to develop your skills, experience and opportunities for further training, promotion and progression.

If you would like to join our Adult Social Care team, keep checking our vacancies at [www.stockton.gov.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/job-vacancies)



## Open your heart and your home to support someone living with dementia

**Could you support someone living with dementia and help them maintain their independence?**

Our Shared Lives scheme matches adults who need care and support with a family to be supported in a caring home environment.

Shared Lives care can help to improve the lives of people living with dementia and help them to remain at home for as long as possible, offering respite opportunities as an alternative to residential care. It also provides support for unpaid family carers.



You can support someone living with dementia on a long term, short term or respite basis. You could support someone for a few hours, or for overnight stays, and as a Shared Lives Carer you will receive an allowance.

If you or someone you know would like to become a Shared Lives Carer, visit [www.stockton.gov.uk/shared-lives](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/shared-lives)

For more information contact the team on 01642 524494 or [carerssupport@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:carerssupport@stockton.gov.uk)

# Remember a loved one at Stockton-on-Tees Crematorium

Stockton-on-Tees Crematorium is holding a special Christmas Memorial Service on Wednesday 4 December, 6pm to 7pm (service will start at 6.30pm), with readings, poems, music and carols.

During the service you can commemorate your loved ones by writing dedications on biodegradable stars, which will hang on the beautiful Christmas tree. Then in the New Year, the stars will be composted and scattered into the Crematorium gardens, so the space will always hold your dedication to that special someone.

After the service, you are welcome to stay for refreshments and should you need advice or support at what can be a difficult time of year, Cruse Bereavement Support will be there to help.

The event is free to attend, and everyone is welcome.



For more information about the Stockton-on-Tees Crematorium, visit [www.stocktoncrematorium.co.uk](http://www.stocktoncrematorium.co.uk)

## Fair-trade coffee and sweet treats at Starbooks café

If you fancy a cuppa and a catch up with friends, we have the perfect place for you.

Starbooks café is located within Stockton Central Library and is open Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 1.30pm.

Serving tea, fair-trade coffee, cold drinks, sandwiches, cakes, scones, and other tasty treats plus daily specials, there is something for everyone.

Come along to our friendly café and also browse our wonderful library. For more information about Stockton Central Library, visit [www.stockton.gov.uk/find-library](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/find-library)



The Council also continues its commitment to using Fairtrade products in the Borough, which was first agreed 20 years ago. And as part of the commitment, only Fairtrade marked food and drink options are used at Council meetings.



A number of other partners around the Borough also support Fairtrade, including Durham University Queen's Campus, Vela Housing, churches, community groups, schools, restaurants and shops.

To find out more, visit [www.stockton.gov.uk/get-involved-community](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/get-involved-community)

## Making it Real Board Update

The Making it Real Board puts people with lived experience of adults and health services at the heart of decision making, here is our latest update.

We have now appointed a Chair and Vice Chair to our Board and co-produced and agreed our Terms of Reference.

We have continued work on the 'Local Account' report to inform residents what has been happening across Adults, Health and Wellbeing services over the last year and our priorities for the year ahead and we will share this in the coming months.

We are really keen to have new members on the Board to reflect all our communities and ensure we 'make it real' for all our residents across the Borough. If you would like to find out more or to join us email [involvement@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:involvement@stockton.gov.uk) or call 01642 528622



# 200TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS ANNOUNCED



Exciting plans to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the first journey on the Stockton and Darlington Railway (S&DR) have been unveiled.

The original 26-mile journey on the S&DR between Shildon and Stockton, via Darlington, on 27 September 1825, transformed the world.

S&DR200, a nine-month festival taking place across the Tees Valley and County Durham, will bring a series of free, world-class street theatre and large-scale performances, events, exhibitions and art commissions to the region from March to November 2025.

## Highlights in Stockton-on-Tees include:

A newly renovated replica of Locomotion No.1 (the first train on the S&DR) will travel on sections of the original S&DR line as part of the three-day Anniversary Celebration which starts in Shildon, before heading to Darlington, and ending in Stockton on 28 September.

A monumental, outdoor, street theatre performance will tell the story of the birth of the modern railway with a spectacular re-imagining of Locomotion No. 1 arriving into Stockton, at the town's famous Riverside on 28 September.

The new exhibition space at Preston Park Museum and Grounds will host artworks of national significance, related to the railways and the communities they served, shown for the first time in the region.

New public artworks including a sculpture at Stockton Riverside.



The S&DR Discovery Trail, is also planned take in the world's first train platform, the oldest railway bridge in continuous use and other landmarks.

To see the full programme, visit [www.sdr200.co.uk](http://www.sdr200.co.uk)  
S&DR200 is being delivered by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, Darlington Borough Council and Durham County Council. Major funders include Arts Council England, Tees Valley Combined Authority, The National Heritage Lottery Fund and partner organisation, Network Rail.

# CHRISTMAS ACROSS THE BOROUGH



There's something for everyone this festive season in Stockton-on-Tees.

Here are a few ideas but visit [www.teesvalley-ca.gov.uk/visit/whats-on](http://www.teesvalley-ca.gov.uk/visit/whats-on) for more details.

## Ingleby Barwick Christmas Light Switch On

📅 Friday 22 November  
📍 The Myton Pub Car Park, Ingleby Barwick

Expect plenty of festive cheer with performances from the community choir and brass band. Children's rides will be open from 4.30pm.



## Stockton Sparkles Stories with Santa

📅 Saturday 30 November and Sunday 1 December  
📍 Stockton High Street

Join Santa himself on Stockton High Street from 12pm - 5pm for a rolling programme of free stories and festive singalongs, plus seasonal crafting, delicious food and drink, and face painting.



## Stockton Sparkles Launch

📅 Thursday 28 November 📍 Stockton High Street

Stockton Sparkles will launch in style from 5pm with an evening full of live music and entertainment, hot food and drinks, and the moment everyone has been waiting for: the Christmas light switch-on!



## Billingham Christmas Light Switch On

📅 Saturday 30 November 🕒 2pm - 5pm  
📍 Billingham Town Centre

The Town Council's annual Christmas celebrations will feature a music performance from Girl Band "Pink Lemonade", alongside carols around the Christmas tree performed by Singing Sue's Vocal Academy. The evening will end with the Christmas tree light switch on by the cast of the Forum Theatre pantomime Cinderella.



## Christmas Tree Festival

📅 Friday 29 November - Sunday 8 December  
🕒 2.30pm - 6.30pm (open daily)  
📍 St. Mary's Church, Norton Green

Back for a second year by popular demand! View the wonderfully creative Christmas trees designed by local businesses, schools and youth organisations.

## Norton Advent Trail

📅 Sunday 1 - Tuesday 24 December  
📍 Across Norton

Follow the illuminated window trail throughout Norton and discover the advent story. Don't forget to pick up a trail map from participating businesses.





### Yarm Christmas Tree Lights Switch on and Carols on the Cobbles

📅 Sunday 1 December ⌚ 2.30pm - 5.30pm  
📍 Yarm High Street

Enjoy children's fairground rides, face painting, festive food, drink and treats all accompanied by the Infant Hercules Choir and other surprise strolling musicians. The lights switch-on ceremony begins at 3.30pm, with a grand finale featuring Mike McGrother leading a massed choir from Yarm and beyond - the spectacular 'Singing Christmas Tree'.



### Stockton Sparkles Lantern Parade

📅 Sunday 8 December ⌚ 4pm  
📍 Stockton High Street

The annual Illuminated Lantern Parade will bring festive cheer to Stockton High Street when hundreds of participants from school and community groups will dazzle their way sporting a glittering array of community created lanterns, street theatre and festive music.



### Carols around the Lamps

📅 Friday 6 December ⌚ 6.30pm  
📍 Five Lamps, Thornaby

Join Thornaby Town Council at the Five Lamps in Thornaby to sing your favourite Christmas carols to celebrate the festive season. With appearances from the Salvation Army Band and Thornaby school children.

### Friends of Ropner Park Christmas Fair

📅 Sunday 8 December  
⌚ 11am - 1.30pm  
📍 Ropner Park, Stockton

Come along and see Father Christmas arriving on his Trishaw Bike, with his entourage of elves. They'll be joined by "Early Doors", a local ukulele group and the Latte Singers, leading carol singing round the bandstand. Browse a mix of stalls selling food, craft items, jewellery, woodcraft, local canned and bottled beer and spirits. The café will be open to sell drinks and hot and cold food.



### Stockton Sparkles Christmas Market

📅 Friday 6 - Sunday 8 December  
📍 Stockton High Street

Visit Stockton Sparkles Christmas Market to pick up a special gift for your family and friends. Browse local traders, makers, artists and bakers, and join us for delicious festive food and music. Plus the much loved free Victorian Fair returns.



### Santa on Wheels

📅 Thursday 12 December - Sunday 15 December  
📍 Various locations across the Borough

Stockton's famous Santa on Wheels is back! Santa will wave and cheer across the whole of the Borough. Watch out for him visiting a street near you this December.



# BOOKS AROUND THE BOROUGH

**A brand new electric mobile library vehicle has hit the Borough's roads.**

Visiting villages, care homes, local businesses and places where there's no branch library within easy reach, the mobile library is free to join and open to everyone. A lift is available to help people access the vehicle and our friendly staff are waiting to welcome you on board.

Browse and borrow from a range of books or request titles from any library across the Borough.

To find out where your nearest stop is, take a look at the schedule by visiting [www.stockton.gov.uk/mobile-library](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/mobile-library) or calling 01642 528045



# Preston Park Museum & Grounds awarded over £200k

Preston Park Museum has been awarded £237,000 by The National Lottery Heritage Fund through their Dynamic Collections campaign to allow hundreds of its unseen objects to be put on public display.

The objects will be housed in a new interactive and visible collection store, which is being built in addition to the wider transformation of Preston Park. This major project includes a new two-storey extension to the existing museum, which is being funded by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

The two-year project will ensure the museum's amazing collections are preserved for years to come, and local communities and visitors from further afield can learn more about the Tees Valley's rich heritage.

Visit [www.prestonparkmuseum.co.uk](http://www.prestonparkmuseum.co.uk) for more information and to find out about the exciting transformation that is taking place.



## Worried about an adult or a child?

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council will be working in partnership with Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board (TSAB) and partner organisations across Teesside to mark Safeguarding Adults Week from 18 to 22 November.

Safeguarding means protecting the rights of adults and children to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect.

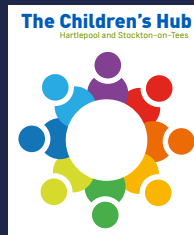
Find out how to report abuse and neglect at [www.tsab.org.uk/report-abuse](http://www.tsab.org.uk/report-abuse)



If you are worried about something that has happened, but you don't think it is a crime, then you can get in touch with our First Contact Team:

☎ 01642 527764

✉ [FirstContactAdults@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:FirstContactAdults@stockton.gov.uk)



If you have concerns about a child's welfare or safety, contact The Children's Hub.

The Hub provides information and advice on services and support for children, young people, and families. It will assess the child's needs and decide if action or support is needed.

Contact the Children's Hub Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees:

☎ 01642 130080

✉ [childrenshub@hartlepool.gov.uk](mailto:childrenshub@hartlepool.gov.uk)



## Access to defibrillators across the Borough

Did you know there are more than 200 Community public access defibrillators (cPADs) around the Borough?

A cPAD is a defibrillator that is available for members of the public to use in an emergency. The 999 operator will tell you where the closest available cPAD is, and the code to access the device. Most cPADs are available 24 hours a day.

You can find your nearest location of a defibrillator at [www.defibfinder.uk](http://www.defibfinder.uk)

You can also find out more by visiting [www.stockton.gov.uk/defibs](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/defibs)

# HEALTHY STREETS, HEALTHY PEOPLE

Local youth groups from Hardwick and Newtown Community Centres have joined forces with two local artists to create wall murals at both community centres to help brighten the area.

The murals come as work to help residents in Newtown and Hardwick have fun outside in a safe, welcoming and attractive environment continues.

Funded by Public Health, the 'Healthy Streets' pilot project aims to improve residents' physical and mental wellbeing by undertaking activities such as walking and cycling.

And the mural was developed following engagement with the community to capture the aims of the Healthy Streets project and the creativity of the young people involved.

This is just part of the work happening to improve the area. There's also a home security scheme in Newtown and new games and trails in local greenspace using the Love Exploring app.

The pilot will continue in the two wards until April 2025. If you're interested in seeing updates, visit [www.stockton.gov.uk/healthy-streets](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/healthy-streets) or email [placedevelopment@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:placedevelopment@stockton.gov.uk).



## A message from your local Chief Inspector Dan Heron

I'm pleased to report that crime across Stockton-on-Tees has seen reductions month on month compared to last year, particularly in the Ropner area where Operation Harmony is underway.

Operation Harmony is a project with partners including the Council where we are working in the Ropner community to target local issues - and we are starting to see positive changes. We hold a monthly drop-in session where you can come and talk to us and partners. Come and see us at the next events on Thursday 28 November and 19 December, 3-5pm at Stockton Family Hub, Yarm Road, Stockton, TS18 3PJ.

I'm acutely aware of the impact off road bikes are having. This is a complex national problem needing a whole community approach and we've set up a multi-agency group to tackle this. The Council has recently installed measures on land at Portrack to restrict access for off road bikes and to tackle anti-social behaviour through using Safer Streets funding provided by the Home Office.

My Billingham team has seen some recent restructuring which puts more officers in the area. Whilst reported crime is reducing there, we want to engage with the local residents and to ensure our officers are visible to tackle issues the public are telling us about.

We have also made progress to disrupt the supply of drugs into communities and we continue to shut down drug houses in partnership with the Council.

Modern policing is challenging, but my team are determined to do their best for Stockton-on-Tees.

If you need to report an issue call 101 or visit [www.cleveland.police.uk](http://www.cleveland.police.uk)

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**Dan Heron**  
Chief Inspector,  
Cleveland Police



# More than just a youth group

Bright Minds, Big Futures (BMBF) is a national award-winning youth-led movement, working together with Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council to make the Borough a great place to grow up.

The group host their own activities, help with the Council's events like SIRF, plan social nights and of course meet to discuss issues affecting young people in the Borough, often being a consulting body on Council matters.

One of the group's members, Ethan, joined BMBF last year and his parents told us about how it's helped him to be more social. Ethan is now a member of Youth Parliament and Chairs BMBF.

"Ethan joined BMBF in 2023 after hearing some of the amazing things that the group have been involved with", Ethan's mum Kelly said.

"It's been brilliant for his confidence and for giving him opportunities to be social with the other group members both younger and older."

Ethan's dad Andy said: "It's really helped Ethan to broaden his social group.

"Other than lifts to and from the BMBF meetings there's very little support needed from parents or carers. We wish we'd known about it sooner so he could have been involved in more of the fantastic activities!"

Anybody aged 11-19, or below the age of 25 with disabilities, can join BMBF. For more information on joining visit [www.stockton.gov.uk/BMBF](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/BMBF)

✉ @\_bmbf /BrightMindsBigFutures



BMBF Chair, Ethan.

## Dream job thanks to the Employment and Training Hub

Local resident Steve is enjoying a new career post-retirement after visiting the Stockton-on-Tees Employment and Training Hub.

He'd worked for most of his career as a document controller in the manufacturing industry but wanted to see what else he could do, as retirement just wasn't for him.

Steve had done a brief stint covering local schools as a sports leader, a role he thoroughly enjoyed. This led to discussions about potential part time roles in schools.

As 40 years had passed since Steve last worked in a school, he enrolled onto the Preparing to Work in Education course at the Hub, where he learnt valuable skills including safeguarding and codes of practice. The Hub also supported Steve to create a new CV and found vacancies in local schools. He was supported with his application form and subsequently got an interview.

Steve started work as an exam invigilator in February 2024, just two months after asking for the Hub's help. Steve is loving his new role and happy to be using his skills to help young people in the Tees Valley.

The Hub is available to support you in taking the next step of your career – whether you're employed, unemployed, a student or recently retired.

You don't need an appointment to visit, just drop in or contact the Hub on 01642 528392, email [hub@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:hub@stockton.gov.uk) or visit [www.stocktonemploymenttraininghub.co.uk](http://www.stocktonemploymenttraininghub.co.uk)



Steve (left), with Employment and Training Hub Recruitment Coordinator, Jon Darbey



Athena Metcalfe aged 5 from The Links Primary School and Abigail Glen aged 9 from Bewley Primary School with the gritters they named.

## Keeping the Borough's roads safe this winter

As the colder weather arrives, the Council's winter maintenance crews are on standby to help keep the Borough's roads safe.

The team is responsible for treating the roads when ice and snow are forecast, helping to keep the Borough moving. They work tirelessly throughout the winter and are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including Christmas and New Year to respond to the bad weather.

Did you know around 2,300 tonnes of salt is currently stored in a purpose-built salt barn? The team also maintain 371 salt bins across the Borough for residents to use.

This year, our team have seven new gritters, which have been named by children from across the Borough. Make sure you look out for Gritty Gritty Bang Bang, Salt 'N' Gritter, Stuart Grittle, Ice Queen, Snowy, Frosty, and Powcicle when they hit the roads this winter.

For more information on gritting and snow clearing, visit [www.stockton.gov.uk/gritting-snow-clearing](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/gritting-snow-clearing)



## Winter flooding and advice

Heavy rainfall or sudden thaws of heavy snow and ice are big causes of flooding in winter.

The following steps can help you stay prepared:

- Sign up to the national flood warning service to receive free flood alerts and get the flooding history of your property
- Create a flood plan - you can download a template online from [www.gov.uk/prepare-for-flooding/future-flooding](http://www.gov.uk/prepare-for-flooding/future-flooding)
- Check your home insurance, making sure you are covered for flooding.

For more information visit [www.stockton.gov.uk/flooding](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/flooding)



## PROUD NORTHERNER?

We are too but we all need a little extra help sometimes.

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# STOCKTON-ON-TEES: AN ASSET FOR ANY BUSINESS



Southern Asset Management Ltd is an award-winning business based at Mandale Wharf, specialising in non-destructive testing (NDT) and asset management of lighting columns, masts, signs and structures across street lighting networks throughout the UK.

The company was founded by Steve Southern in July 2022. Born and bred in Stockton-on-Tees with over 23 years of experience in the testing of lighting columns, Steve spotted a gap in the market to develop a bespoke and intuitive digital platform to allow clients to easily see their assets and testing information.

Steve said: "I wanted to build my business in Stockton-on-Tees due to my roots in this area and with some fantastic support from

the Council, I found the right business accommodation that fitted our budget and provided space for us to grow. The business prides itself on its excellent service to customers and staying at the forefront of technology, using state-of-the-art testing software to deliver the precision and efficiency their clients require.

"The business has gone from strength to strength and due to our success, we are now able to support more sectors, such as onshore wind turbines and the rail sector. We were also recently awarded ISO 9001, ISO 45001 and Safe Contractor, showing our dedication to providing a quality service.

"We have also recently secured exciting contracts with Transport for London (TFL), Leicestershire County Council, Conwy County Borough Council and more. We will be presenting our portal at events across the Tees Valley in the coming months, and I can't wait to see how much further we can expand."

Find out more about what Southern Asset Management can offer by visiting [southernassetmanagement.co.uk](https://southernassetmanagement.co.uk)

If you're interested in setting up your own business or want to expand an existing one, visit [www.investstocktontees.co.uk](https://www.investstocktontees.co.uk) to see why it's a great place to live, work and play.

## National recognition for Council services

A number of Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council's services have been in the running for national awards.

The Council was shortlisted in the 'Best Collaborative Working', 'Best Community Initiative' and 'Best Service Team - Cemetery and Crematorium Service' in this year's prestigious Association of Public Service Excellence Awards.

There were nominations in the 2024 Social Work Awards for Emma Crowe who was put forward for 'Mental Health Social Worker of the Year' and Andrew Jamieson for 'Approved Mental Health Professional Social Worker of the Year'. The Council was also shortlisted in the 'Technology - Enabled Practice and Innovation in Practice Award' category.

And there are 14 nominations in a number of categories of the North East and Scotland regional finals of the upcoming Great British Care Awards too.



## Keep up-to-date with the My Council e-newsletter

You can get the latest news, events and updates from across the Borough direct to your inbox with the My Council e-newsletter.

More than 26,000 residents are already signed up and it's easy for you to join them.

You can join by registering for a My Council account by visiting [www.stockton.gov.uk/register](https://www.stockton.gov.uk/register) and select to receive the e-newsletter.

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## Free festive fun and food

**Eligible children can take part in free Holidays Are Fun (HAF) activities this Christmas.**

Sessions are free for school age children from Reception to Year 11 who live in the Borough and whose family is in receipt of benefits-related free school meals, Universal Credit, or experiencing financial difficulties.

The sessions are running throughout the Christmas holidays and offer the chance to try new things and make friends. Plus, there's a nutritious meal included each day too. Activities include gymnastics, arts and crafts, bushcrafts and SEND specific sessions.

HAF is funded by the Department for Education and delivered by the Council in partnership with Catalyst.

Bookings will open in November for the Christmas holidays. Find out more:

[www.stockton.gov.uk/haf](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/haf) [haf@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:haf@stockton.gov.uk)

01642 527752



## Childcare around the Borough

There's a range of childcare available across the Borough, including early years provisions, childminders and nurseries, plus extended breakfast club and after school places.

And 15 hours of free childcare per week is now available to all children aged nine months and over.

From September 2025, working parents of children under the age of five will be entitled to 30 hours free childcare per week.

This year, several schools across the area have also helped support working parents by increasing their offer of before and after-school childcare options, thanks to grant funding.

For more information, contact your child's school and for more details on childcare options, visit [www.stocktoninformationdirectory.org/childcare-listings](http://www.stocktoninformationdirectory.org/childcare-listings)

# A CUT ABOVE THE REST



A Stockton-on-Tees barber has been crowned Barber of the Year after beating competition across the region in the North East Health and Beauty Awards.

Bobby has worked in the hair industry for seven years after quitting his retail job to follow his passion. He's now self-employed as RM Barbering based in Luxe in Norton.

It's not easy to be crowned Barber of the Year – Bobby first had to finish in the top six of an online popular vote, with thousands of votes cast from clients, friends and family. The final six were then invited to a ceremony at the Rainton Arena in Sunderland where judges had selected a single winner after scrutinising each nomination.

Before winning the prestigious award in September, a photograph of Bobby went viral reaching more than 100,000 people after he was pictured sat at a reception desk cutting a young boy's hair. The boy, who had previously found haircuts to be uncomfortable, looks relaxed and calm sat on Bobby's knee. Since then, he has become known as a specialist in working with clients with complex needs.

"Barbering brings me so much joy and fulfilment", Bobby said. "I genuinely care, I understand the client's needs. I am here to provide services to all walks of life.

"It's more than just a haircut: it's about creating that safe space, creating friendships, and transforming people's lives for the better."

You can find RM Barbering online and on social media by searching RM Barbering.



## NOT A NUMBERS PERSON?

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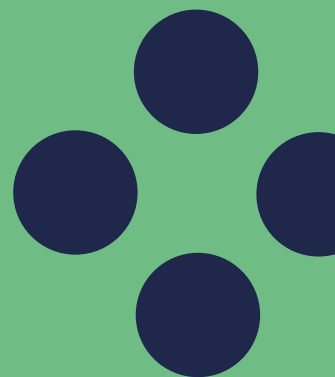
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## Are you a private foster carer?

Do you care for someone else's child under the age of 16 (or under 18 if they have a disability) for 28 days or more, and you're not their parent or close relative? This may be a private fostering arrangement.

If you live in Stockton-on-Tees, you must notify Children's Services if you have a private fostering arrangement. A social worker will visit to make sure that the child's needs are being met and make sure appropriate support is being given to both the child and the carer.

If you or someone you know is a private foster carer or plans to be and has not yet told us, email [childrenshub@hartlepool.gov.uk](mailto:childrenshub@hartlepool.gov.uk), call 01429 284284, or visit [www.stockton.gov.uk/private-fostering](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/private-fostering) for more information.



# OUR SIX TOWNS



## Work continues on Stockton Waterfront urban park construction

The construction of Stockton Waterfront urban park is continuing at pace and recent drone images show the progress of the park's construction.

The realignment of Riverside Road is continuing and significant progress has been made on the first of two retaining walls, which will be 120m long and 7.5m high.

Paving is being laid in front of the shops on Finkle Street and soon work will start in Finkle Square and beyond which will be part of the park.

Over the next few months a second retaining wall will be built along Riverside Road ahead of the construction of the new carriage way beginning.

The Riverside Walk footpath between the Millennium Footbridge and the Riverside Road Walkover footbridge will be closed until the completion of the urban park's construction in 2026, with an accessible diversion in place.

Find out more about the project at [www.stockton.gov.uk/stockton](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/stockton)

## Blueprint for the future of Central Stockton and North Thornaby unveiled

**Ambitious proposals for Central Stockton and North Thornaby over the next 25 years have been announced.**

The Central Stockton and North Thornaby Blueprint outlines Council plans to create mixed-use neighbourhoods and a stronger town centre with increased footfall.

The vision will be used to help ensure the area is a vibrant place fit for future generations that attracts investment, creates opportunities, and improves the lives of communities.

It also builds on ongoing regeneration in Stockton Town Centre to transform Castlegate Shopping Centre site into Stockton Waterfront urban park and reconnect the High Street to the river.

The Blueprint was developed in consultation with residents, businesses and partners, including young people from Stockton Riverside College.

Key proposals in North Thornaby also include the Tees Valley Care and Health Innovation Zone, with a new Transport Hub at Thornaby Station, an 'Open Innovation Campus' and care and health-focused residential neighbourhoods.

Find out more at [www.stockton.gov.uk/blueprint](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/blueprint)



## Norton improvements near completion

Improvements to Norton High Street for the residents, businesses and visitors to enjoy will be finished this month.

This will support Norton's growing daytime and evening economy and includes new seating and planting as well as more pedestrian areas.

Final road surfacing works have been taking place to create a northbound one-way system at the southern section of Norton High Street, together with additional car and taxi space provision, to also allow for new opportunities for further growth to this thriving area.

The improvements compliment the refurbishment of the duck pond at the opposite end of the High Street which took place in 2022.

## Council takes control of the Golden Eagle hotel

The Council has taken control of the Golden Eagle in Thornaby, using funding from the Thornaby Town Deal.

The acquisition allows a key priority of the Town Deal Board to be realised and ends years of uncertainty about the eyesore building's future.

The Council has acquired the leasehold interests on the building and will now move forward with plans to demolish it in spring 2025 using further Town Deal funding. This will provide a cleared site for future redevelopment, led by the current town centre owner, LCP Proudreed.

Tackling long-term vacant properties in Thornaby Town Centre to create opportunities for new development is one of the key areas that the Town Deal Board identified as a priority for the £23.9million of Town Deal funding.



## Historic building in Stockton gets facelift to preserve its heritage

A historic building in the heart of Stockton Town Centre has been given an impressive facelift as part of the Stockton Northern Gateway Townscape Heritage Project.

6 High Street in Stockton, which is occupied by takeaway Ali's Pizzeria, is the first property to benefit from a grant to improve its shop frontage and external appearance.

The Townscape Heritage Project aims to preserve and restore the town's heritage and is funded by the Council and The National Lottery Heritage Fund, thanks to National Lottery players.

Work to the building included extensive external works to the frontage and traditional features to the property which have been lost over time have been reinstated using conservation appropriate materials. This includes a traditional timber shop front and hand painted signage, a bay window to the first floor, timber sliding sash windows to the second floor and cast iron rainwater goods. The slate roof was also replaced.

This work, which was funded by the Townscape Heritage Grant and investment from the building's owner, complements previous improvements to the public realm at nearby Tennant Square to create a more open and inviting public space in the area.

The Townscape Heritage project aims to improve the historic environment at the northern end of Stockton High Street, covering from Regent Street, up Norton Road to Queen Street.

More grant schemes to buildings in the area will be starting on site soon. For more information about the scheme, visit [www.stockton.gov.uk/townscape-heritage](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/townscape-heritage)





## Tree planting across the Borough

Travelling around the Borough, you may have noticed the vast number of trees being planted.

In fact, last winter volunteers and groups worked with the Council to plant 6,500 tree whips, committing 479 hours of volunteer time. 577 standard trees and 74 fruit trees were also planted.

The ambitious tree planting programme continues this winter with 7,500 more tree whips and 220 standard trees on the way, bringing the total number of trees planted since 2021 to more than 35,000.

The Council would love to hear from any volunteers, businesses or organisations wishing to help. To find out more, email [treeproject@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:treeproject@stockton.gov.uk)

## Climate Coalitions taking action for the environment

The Council is continuing to progress work alongside four 'climate coalitions', which bring residents and organisations together across the Borough to help reduce the impact of climate change.

They are:

**Youth Coalition** – this is led in partnership with Bright Minds Big Futures and the Council's engagement team.

**Communities Coalition** – this is alongside our partners Catalyst at the heart of the community.

**Business Coalition** – we are working with a range of businesses across the area.

**Creative Coalition** – this coalition is led by ARC Stockton.

Recently, the coalitions have set up a greener business sticker scheme for local businesses in collaboration with Stockton Business Improvement District (BID), attended site visits to our local waste processing and recycling centres, and are planning a second Youth COP in November for our young people.

To find out more about how you can get involved, email [environmentalstrategy@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:environmentalstrategy@stockton.gov.uk)



Staff at two greener businesses in Stockton-on-Tees, Tuk Tuk In and Remember Me Tearooms holding their greener business stickers.





# Fairfield By-Election Results

A by-election was held in Fairfield on Thursday 19 September to elect two local Councillors. Councillor Jack Miller (Local Conservatives) and Councillor Mohammed Mazi (Local Conservatives) were elected. The turnout was 32 per cent.



Councillor Mohammed Mazi



Councillor Jack Miller

To have your say in any future elections, you need to be registered to vote. You can do it online and it only takes five minutes. Visit [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)



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## Air quality in Stockton-on-Tees

Data from our annual air quality report has shown we experience good air quality and levels across the Borough which compare favourably with the national average. But no amount of air pollution is good, and we are working hard to reduce these levels further.

Each year we celebrate Clean Air Day by engaging with residents and encouraging ways to improve air quality levels.

Environmental Health continue to work with our primary schools to deliver Key Stage Two assemblies and lesson plans to educate our next generation about air quality.

And we are currently working on our first Air Quality Strategy, which will set out how we aim to reduce air pollution throughout the Borough.

You can read more about how we monitor and promote good air quality at [www.stockton.gov.uk/air-pollution](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/air-pollution). If you would like a copy of our Air Quality Annual Status Report 2024, email [Environmental.Health@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:Environmental.Health@stockton.gov.uk)



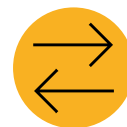
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Find out more and let us know about changes by visiting [www.stockton.gov.uk/change-of-address](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/change-of-address)

# WARD SURGERIES

There are 27 wards across Stockton-on-Tees with between one and three councillors representing each ward.

There is no need to wait for ward surgeries. Councillors can be contacted at any time with any ward concern you may have.

If you want to discuss any issues with your local councillors you can find their contact details in the following pages. For more information visit [www.stockton.gov.uk/councillors](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/councillors).

## Billingham Central



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**Councillor Barry Woodhouse**  
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📍 Billingham Community Centre  
📅 4 December 2024 6pm - 7pm  
8 January 2025 6pm - 7pm  
5 February 2025 6pm - 7pm  
5 March 2025 6pm - 7pm

## Billingham East



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**Councillor Mick Stoker**  
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📍 New Life Family Centre  
📅 13 December 2024 4.30pm - 6pm  
10 January 2025 4.30pm - 6pm  
14 February 2025 4.30pm - 6pm  
14 March 2025 4.30pm - 6pm

## Billingham North



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**Councillor Clare Besford**  
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📍 High Grange Community Centre  
📅 5 December 2024 7pm - 8pm  
2 January 2025 7pm - 8pm  
6 February 2025 7pm - 8pm  
6 March 2025 7pm - 8pm

## Billingham South



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**Councillor Paul Weston**  
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📍 Port Clarence Community Centre  
📅 4 February 2025 6.30pm - 7.30pm  
📍 Billingham Town Football Club  
📅 3 December 2024 6.30pm - 7.30pm  
4 March 2025 6.30pm - 7.30pm  
📍 St Cuthberts Hall  
📅 7 January 2025 6.30pm - 7.30pm

## Billingham West and Wolviston



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📍 The Kings Arms, Wolviston  
📅 6 January 2025 6.15pm - 7pm  
10 March 2025 6.15pm - 7pm

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📍 Preston and Eaglescliffe Social Club  
📅 4 December 2024 8pm - 9pm

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📍 Fairfield Library  
📅 4 December 2024 4pm - 4.30pm  
8 January 2025 4pm - 4.30pm  
5 February 2025 4pm - 4.30pm  
5 March 2025 4pm - 4.30pm

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📍 St Pauls Church, Bishopton Road  
📅 9 December 2024 12pm – 1pm  
13 January 2025 12pm – 1pm  
10 February 2025 12pm – 1pm  
10 March 2025 12pm – 1pm

📍 St John's Church, Durham Road  
📅 18 November 2024 12pm – 1pm  
16 December 2024 12pm – 1pm  
20 January 2025 12pm – 1pm  
17 February 2025 12pm – 1pm

📍 Grays Road Institute  
📅 5 December 2024 6pm – 7pm  
2 January 2025 6pm – 7pm  
6 February 2025 6pm – 7pm  
6 March 2025 6pm – 7pm

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📍 Elmwood Youth & Community Centre  
📅 2 December 2024 5pm – 6pm  
6 January 2025 5pm – 6pm  
3 February 2024 5pm – 6pm  
3 March 2025 5pm – 6pm

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📍 Activ8 IB Leisure Centre  
📅 3 December 2024 6pm – 7pm  
7 January 2025 6pm – 7pm  
4 February 2025 6pm – 7pm  
4 March 2025 6pm – 7pm

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📍 Hardwick in Partnership  
📅 11 January 2025 11am – 12pm  
8 February 2025 11am – 12pm  
8 March 2025 9.30am – 10.30am

📍 Salters Lane Community Centre  
📅 18 January 2025 9.30am – 10.30am  
8 February 2025 9.30am – 10.30am  
8 March 2025 11am – 12pm

## Ingleby Barwick North



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📍 The Rings Community Hub  
📅 10 December 2024 6pm – 7pm  
14 January 2025 6pm – 7pm  
11 February 2024 6pm – 7pm  
11 March 2024 6pm – 7pm



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📍 The Rings Community Hub  
📅 27 November 2024 6.30pm – 7.30pm  
29 January 2025 6.30pm – 7.30pm  
26 February 2025 6.30pm – 7.30pm

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📍 Virtual Ward Surgery  
📅 28 November 2024 6pm – 7pm  
30 January 2025 6pm – 7pm

📍 Victoria Park Community Hall  
📅 2 December 2024 1pm  
6 January 2025 1pm  
3 February 2025 1pm  
3 March 2025 1pm

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📍 Norton Library  
📅 4 December 2024 6pm  
8 January 2025 6pm  
5 February 2025 6pm  
5 March 2025 6pm

## Norton North



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📍 The Glebe Community Centre  
📅 5 December 2024 10am – 12pm  
2 January 2025 10am – 12pm  
6 February 2025 10am – 12pm  
6 March 2025 10am – 12pm

📍 Moline Cross  
📅 5 December 2024 6pm  
2 January 2025 6pm  
6 February 2025 6pm  
6 March 2025 6pm

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📍 Albany Resource Centre,  
Surrey Road  
📅 27 November 2024 5pm – 6pm  
11 December 2024 5pm – 6pm  
8 January 2025 5pm – 6pm  
29 January 2025 5pm – 6pm  
12 February 2025 5pm – 6pm  
26 February 2025 5pm – 6pm  
12 March 2025 5pm – 6pm

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📍 Stockton Family Hub  
📅 10 February 2025 6pm – 7pm  
📍 The Ivy Tree, Yarm Road  
📅 9 December 2024 6pm – 7pm  
10 March 2025 6pm – 7pm  
📍 Encounter Church, Oxbridge Lane  
📅 13 January 2025 6pm – 7pm

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📍 Redhill Family Centre  
📅 10 December 2025 4.30pm – 5.30pm  
14 January 2025 4.30pm – 5.30pm  
11 March 2025 4.30pm – 5.30pm  
📍 Ragworth Neighbourhood Centre  
📅 11 February 2025 4.30pm – 5.30pm

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📍 Stockton Central Library  
📅 26 November 2024 5.15pm  
28 January 2025 5.15pm  
25 February 2025 5.15pm

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# WHAT'S ON

A look at what's going on across Stockton-on-Tees from November 2024 until the next issue of Stockton-on-Tees News in March 2025.

## NOVEMBER 2024

### The Mohawk, the travelling medicine show

📅 Thursday 21 November ⌚ 10.30am – 12pm  
📍 Stockton Central Library

The Mohawk, the Travelling Medicine Show and the Father of the Town: A Tale of Two Funerals in Victorian Middlesbrough. Moses Carpenter, an aboriginal Canadian from the Sequah Travelling Medicine Show and William Fallows, a man who gave his life to serving the community of Middlesbrough.

[www.stockton.gov.uk/book-library-event](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/book-library-event)



### Ripping Yarms Comedy Club with headliner Adam Hills

📅 Sunday 24 November ⌚ 7pm  
📍 Princess Alexandra Auditorium, Yarm

Adam Hills is bringing his world-class humour for one unforgettable night. The popular host of The Last Leg is renowned for his side-splitting comedy leaving audiences doubled over in hysterical laughter.

[www.thepaaonline.org](http://www.thepaaonline.org)



### In The Sick Of It

📅 Wednesday 27 November ⌚ 7.30pm  
📍 ARC, Stockton 🎟 Pay What You Decide  
👤 Suitable for 12+

Join Wake the Beast in a heartfelt collision of music, medical mayhem and satire created from 500+ verbatim interviews with NHS and Social Care staff.

[www.arconline.co.uk](http://www.arconline.co.uk)



This is just a selection of the fantastic events to enjoy in the Borough. You can find out more at [www.teesvalley-ca.gov.uk/visit/whats-on](http://www.teesvalley-ca.gov.uk/visit/whats-on)

All listings were correct at the time of going to print. Please check with the event organiser for the latest updates.

### A Fistful of Ska – TeesSka

📅 Saturday 30 November ⌚ 2pm  
📍 The Georgian Theatre, Stockton

A Fistful of Ska comes to Teesside! Legendary Ska event which found its home in Leeds, is spreading out with an exciting collaboration between Northern SkaFace Promotions and Flaming Head Promotions.

[www.georgiantheatre.co.uk](http://www.georgiantheatre.co.uk)



## DECEMBER 2024

### Cinderella

📅 Wednesday 4 December 2024  
- Sunday 5 January 2025  
📍 Forum Theatre, Billingham



A spectacular family pantomime Cinderella, featuring spellbinding effects, dazzling costumes, toe-tapping musical numbers, laugh-out-loud comedy, stunning scenery, beautiful costumes and plenty of boos and hisses!

[www.forumtheatrebillingham.co.uk](http://www.forumtheatrebillingham.co.uk)

### The Funk Collective: The Funk Before Christmas

📅 Saturday 7 December ⌚ 8pm 📍 ARC, Stockton

Following on from last year's sold-out funk extravaganza, the North East's number-one funk and soul band, The Funk Collective, return to ARC this Christmas and invite you to join them for their annual Christmas party.

[www.arconline.co.uk](http://www.arconline.co.uk)



# JANUARY 2025

## The Bootleg Beatles

📅 Thursday 12 December 🕒 7.30pm  
📍 Stockton Globe

The Bootleg Beatles and their orchestra will take you on a whistle stop trip through the celluloid career of the Fab Four in their brand new spectacular multi-media stage show.

[www.stocktonglobe.co.uk](http://www.stocktonglobe.co.uk)



## Elkie Brooks – The Long Farewell Tour

📅 Friday 17 January 🕒 7.30pm  
📍 Princess Alexandra Auditorium, Yarm

Having started her career in music in 1960, a remarkable 64 years of performing live, Elkie Brooks will embark upon her 'Long Farewell Tour', joined by her incredible band.

[www.thepaaonline.org](http://www.thepaaonline.org)



## Simply the 80s with the Pet Shop Men

📅 Saturday 14 December  
🕒 8pm  
📍 The Georgian Theatre, Stockton

The Pet Shop Men are a tribute to the Pet Shop Boys playing songs from the classic 80s back catalogue. Favourites such as West End Girls, It's a Sin, Go West and more. It promises to be a great party to get your Christmas started.

[www.georgiantheatre.co.uk](http://www.georgiantheatre.co.uk)



## Matt Reed's Junk Box

📅 Friday 24 January 🕒 8pm 📍 ARC, Stockton

Junk Box is exactly what it says on the tin... a box full of junk. Matt has to pull one item out at a time and make it funny. Whether it be an old DVD, a rude-looking vegetable, a newspaper cutting or a family heirloom – he'll find a way.

[www.arconline.co.uk](http://www.arconline.co.uk)



## Six

📅 Tuesday 17 December – Thursday 2 January 2025  
📍 Stockton Globe

This musical tells the history of Henry VIII's wives in a way audiences haven't seen before. From Tudor Queens to Pop Princesses, the six wives of Henry VIII take to the mic to tell their tales, remixing five hundred years of historical heartbreak into an 80-minute celebration of 21st century girl power.

[www.stocktonglobe.co.uk](http://www.stocktonglobe.co.uk)



## Def Leppard & Motley Crue Rock Rampage Tribute Night

📅 Saturday 25 January 🕒 8pm  
📍 The Georgian Theatre, Stockton

Rock Rampage presents a night packed with huge rock anthems from two of the UK's finest tribute bands. Hailed by their fans as the world's greatest tribute to one of British rock's most iconic bands, Def Leppard.

[www.georgiantheatre.co.uk](http://www.georgiantheatre.co.uk)



## 15 Years of The Inbetweeners: In Conversation with Joe Thomas

📅 Saturday 25  
January  
🕒 7.30pm  
📍 Forum Theatre,  
Billingham



Joe Thomas was a budding actor/writer headed for the Edinburgh Festival Fringe alongside university writing partner, Simon Bird. While performing their two-man show The Meeting, the pair were spotted by TV producers. In this stripped back event, Joe will be in conversation about his time on The Inbetweeners, taking questions from the audience.

[www.forumtheatrebillingham.co.uk](http://www.forumtheatrebillingham.co.uk)

## Digital Session

📅 Tuesday 11 February 🕒 9.30am – 11am  
📍 Stockton Central Library

Digital Session aimed at upskilling parents, grandparents and carers around how to keep children in their care safe on the internet including setting up parental controls and recognising signs of cyber bullying.

[www.stockton.gov.uk/book-library-event](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/book-library-event)



# FEBRUARY 2025

## An Evening with Jimmy White: with guest Ken Doherty & host John Virgo

📅 Wednesday 5 February  
🕒 7.30pm  
📍 Forum Theatre,  
Billingham



Hosted by none other than the voice of world snooker, Mr John Virgo, the show includes a trick shot masterclass from the man himself and special guest snooker commentator and 1997 world champion, Ken Doherty.

[www.forumtheatrebillingham.co.uk](http://www.forumtheatrebillingham.co.uk)

## Frog Crafts

📅 Wednesday 26  
February  
🕒 10.30am - 11.30am  
📍 Yarm Library



Hop along to Yarm library to celebrate our green froggy friends and create some frog-themed crafts.

[www.stockton.gov.uk/book-library-event](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/book-library-event)

# MARCH 2025

## Ben Fogle – Wild UK Tour 2025

📅 Thursday 6 March  
🕒 7.30pm  
📍 Princess Alexandra  
Auditorium, Yarm

This show brings to life stories and tales of hope, possibility, and positivity. From his extraordinary encounters with the human and natural world; Ben will take you on a journey with inspiring and uplifting tales of self-discovery, that will leave you enchanted, enlightened, and entertained.

[www.thepaaonline.org](http://www.thepaaonline.org)



THE UK'S NUMBER 1 SCIENCE SHOW FOR KIDS



## Ministry of Science LIVE – Science Saved the World

📅 Saturday 8 February 🕒 12.30pm and 4pm  
📍 Stockton Globe

Join presenters as they dive deep into the world of science and look at how science shapes the modern world we live in with a few loud bangs along the way.

[www.stocktonglobe.co.uk](http://www.stocktonglobe.co.uk)

# CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES



For full details of Christmas and New Year opening times for Council services, visit [www.stockton.gov.uk/festive-hours](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/festive-hours). Opening hours for all services will return to normal from 2 January.

Customer Services	
Main Switchboard	01642 393939
Care For Your Area	01642 391959
Council Tax	01642 397108
Housing Benefits	01642 393829

Emergency Services	
Adults' Helpline	01642 527764
Children's Helpline	01642 130080
Out of Hours Duty Team	01642 524552
Homelessness and Housing Solutions	01642 528389

**Customer Services Opening Hours** - Please note telephone lines for Homelessness, Children and Adults Services are open until 5pm on 24 and 31 December. All other lines close at 1pm.

Customer Services Telephone Contact Centre Opening Hours	
Monday 23 December	8.30am - 5pm
Tuesday 24 December	8.30am - 1pm
Wednesday 25 & Thursday 26 December	CLOSED
Friday 27 December	8.30am - 5pm
Saturday 28 December	9.30am - 12.30pm
Sunday 29 December	CLOSED
Monday 30 December	8.30am - 5pm
Tuesday 31 December	8.30am - 1pm
Wednesday 1 January	CLOSED

Customer Services Face to Face Opening Hours	
Monday 23 December	8.30am - 5pm
Tuesday 24 December	10am - 1pm
Wednesday 25 & Thursday 26 December	CLOSED
Friday 27 December	10am - 5pm
Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 December	CLOSED
Monday 30 December	10am - 5pm
Tuesday 31 December	10am - 1pm
Wednesday 1 January	CLOSED

**Registration Services at Nightingale House, Stockton and Bereavement Services at Stockton-on-Tees Crematorium**

Bereavement services	
Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 December	8.30am - 5pm
Wednesday 25 & Thursday 26 December	CLOSED
Friday 27 December	8.30am - 4.30pm
Saturday 28 December	CLOSED
Sunday 29 December	CLOSED
Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 December	8.30am - 5pm
Wednesday 1 January	CLOSED

Registration services	
Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 December	8.30am - 5pm
Wednesday 25 & Thursday 26 December	CLOSED
Friday 27 December	8.30am - 4.30pm
Saturday 28 December	8.30am - 5pm
Sunday 29 December	CLOSED
Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 December	8.30am - 5pm
Wednesday 1 January	CLOSED

**Library Opening Hours**

Stockton Central, Thornaby Central and Billingham Library	
Monday 23 December	8.30am - 5pm
Tuesday 24 December	10am - 1pm
Wednesday 25 & Thursday 26 December	CLOSED
Friday 27 December	10am - 5pm
Saturday 28 December	9.30am - 4pm
Sunday 29 December	CLOSED
Monday 30 December	10am - 5pm
Tuesday 31 December	10am - 1pm
Wednesday 1 January	CLOSED

**Christmas waste and recycling collections**

Date	Revised Collection Day:
Tuesday 24 December	Normal collection
Wednesday 25 December	Bank Holiday (no collection)
Thursday 26 December	Bank Holiday (no collection)
Friday 27 December	Collection (Wednesday catch up)
Saturday 28 December	Collection (Thursday catch up)
Monday 30 December	Collection (Friday catch up)
Tuesday 31 December	Tuesday normal collection
Wednesday 1 January	Bank Holiday (no collection)
Thursday 2 January	Collection (Wednesday catch up)
Friday 3 January	Collection (Thursday catch up)
Saturday 4 January	Collection (Friday catch up)

Our libraries will be open 10am - 1pm on Christmas Eve, closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Library opening hours will vary during the Christmas period, so please speak to your local library for their opening times.

The mobile library will stop its rounds from Monday 23 December until Monday 6 January.

