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It's key to our plans for the 200th anniversary of the Stockton & Darlington Railway in 2025

It is a unique symbol of Darlington's proud railway heritage.

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already signed our online petition

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www.darlington.gov.uk/saveourloco

Welcome to One Darlington

Welcome to the summer edition of One Darlington. We've enjoyed welcoming customers back to the town centre in recent weeks, and to our shop in Skinnergate. As someone who was born and grew up in Darlington, I've been really proud of the way the town has coped in recent months. It's been really difficult and emotional few months, so it's great to feel a part of the community. I'm proud to come from Darlington.

My husband Anthony and I opened our refill shop Mutiny Zero Waste in Skinnergate in March 2019 after years of travelling and seeing the devastating effects plastic is having on our beautiful planet. After a really great first year, we'd just celebrated our first anniversary when we got locked down. It has been a scary few months, both personally and from a business point of view; there are a lot of unknowns. But we're happy to be open again and we're following the guidelines to make our customers as safe as they can be when they shop with us.

There's no denying that the town centre is different to how it was before lockdown, but it's been great to see how the place is being adapted to welcome people back in a safe and secure way. Long may that continue. In this issue, we hear from a host of town centre businesses about how they are welcoming people back to our Darling Town. Turn to pages 4 and 5 to read more. I would urge you to support your local independent shops and businesses wherever you can.

Although things are starting to feel a bit more normal, we mustn't forget that the virus hasn't gone away and on pages 6 and 7 we look back at how the Council's community support HUB helped people during the lockdown and share details of how Darlington would cope in the event of a localised outbreak.

Getting outdoors and enjoying the fresh air is so important for everyone's mental health and wellbeing, and we celebrate Darlington's wonderful open spaces on page 8. The summer edition of the magazine is usually packed with details of upcoming events. Although things are a little different on that front this year, on page 18 you'll find details of some events which are able to go ahead in virtual format this year, both in Darlington and across the Tees Valley.

Enjoy the issue and stay safe.



Laura and Anthony Phoenix – with daughter Cece.
Mutiny Zero Waste in Skinnergate

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WELCOME BACK...

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We're OPEN for business!

So what's changed?



THE OUTDOOR MARKET

The market has returned to the market square, a move that's been popular with shoppers. The move gives more space for people to browse the stalls and frees up space on High Row so you can keep a safe distance from others.



AS YOU WALK AROUND

You'll notice stickers and signs to remind everyone to observe social distancing. There are one way systems in place inside indoor shopping areas to help people move around safely. As the situation changes these will be reviewed so look out for updates around the town centre and on social media.



FREE PARKING

This will continue in all council run car parks and on street parking for the time being. We've had to make some changes to on street parking in certain areas of the town centre, such as Duke Street and Grange Road. This is to allow more space for pedestrians to pass safely on the pavement. Car parking in all areas will continue to be reviewed as things change. Look out for updates.



EVENTS

Look out for some great street entertainment around the town throughout August.

Check out www.

OUR

DARLING TOWN

That's the message ringing loud and clear throughout Darlington as shops and businesses open their doors and welcome back customers old and new.

Things might be a little different in the town centre but don't let that stop you from sampling all that Darlington has to offer.



THE INDOOR MARKET

This was a lifeline for many during lockdown as traders offered a great range of fresh food that was difficult to find in larger supermarkets. Traders continue to offer great food and friendly service. Times are tough for local businesses so please shop local and support local where you can.



PUBS AND CAFES

We have lots of fantastic pubs, cafes and restaurants and for many people these are the main reason to come into town. Lots of your favourite places have managed to trade throughout the lockdown by offering takeaway and home delivery services.

FLORAL ATTRACTION

Three hundred hanging baskets are now in place around the town, adding a splash of colour and giving a warm welcome to visitors.



WHAT NEVER CHANGES?

The friendly welcome you will receive from your favourite traders as you pop back into town is something that will never change. Also, visitors will always have a great range of choice from small, independent shops, cafes, bars and restaurants to larger, High Street names.

enjoydarlington.com for the latest information.

**ENJOY
DARLINGTON**



**DARLINGTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Support still here for you

Our COVID-19 community support HUB has helped people worst affected by the pandemic.

The HUB is now no longer open at weekends, as demand for the service begins to drop.



During the peak a team of 502 amazing volunteers answered more than 7,300 calls, with over 1,000 callers asking for help with food or shopping.

A further 675 calls to the HUB came from people asking for help with medication and volunteers helped 900 callers get in touch with other services offering support.



The HUB is now open from 8.30am-4.45pm Monday to Wednesday, from 9.30am-4.45pm Thursdays and 8.30am-4.15pm Fridays.

To find out what support is available, call **405000** or visit **www.darlington.gov.uk/coronavirus**

Help with care costs

You can now check online if you are eligible for financial support to pay for any care you, or a loved one, receives.

The new tool does not replace the need for a financial assessment to be undertaken by the council, but completion of the self-assessment will inform you what your own contribution would need to be.

Check **www.darlington.mycostofcare.com/OFA**

Play your part



Public Health officials have produced a plan that sets out how we would control any local outbreaks of the virus.

There are four ways we can work together to do this and help keep Darlington on the right track.

PREVENT We can all play our part in preventing the virus from spreading by:

- Washing hands regularly
- Cleaning surfaces and touch points
- Keeping the 2m distance where possible, and taking extra precautions where it's not possible.

CONTAIN If you do catch the virus – help us to contain it and limit the spread

- Look out for symptoms – new persistent cough, change in smell or taste, high temperature
- Self-isolate if you have symptoms OR you are contacted by **NHS TEST AND TRACE**.

RESPOND We will respond by:

- Acting on data given to us by NHS test and trace
- Keeping in close contact with partners and communities so we can act fast.

MONITOR We will continuously monitor the situation and address any issues by:

- Keeping you informed of any changes to the plan
- Updating you on what you need to do to help us contain the virus and keep Darlington safe.



NHS TEST AND TRACE

To book a test call 119. Get tested, and tell NHS test and trace who you've been in contact with. NHS test and trace will contact you from the number 0300 0135 000, or text you from NHStracing.

Keeping Darlington on the right track **#letsworktogether**
Find the plan at **www.darlington.gov.uk/controlplan**

Keep moving out of lockdown and beyond



Lots of people took the opportunity during lockdown to get active and enjoy the great outdoors whether walking or cycling. As restrictions ease it might be easy to slip back into old habits but here's some inspiration to keep you moving more.



Keep walking

With 350km of public rights of way, ten local nature reserves, 16 parks, three community woodlands and lots of other open spaces, there is a lot to explore in Darlington. Click on the walking section of www.letsgoteesvalley.co.uk to find out more.



Keep cycling

Lots of people had fun on their bikes with family or riding solo during lockdown. Darlington has eight main cycle routes and links to the rest of the Tees Valley. Visit the cycle section of www.letsgoteesvalley and take a look at the new Bike Buddy scheme to help you cycle to work. Copies of cycle maps are available by calling 405040 or emailing info@letsgoteesvalley.co.uk



Keep moving

You can enjoy exercising outdoors at Eastbourne Sports Complex. Take part in a Nordic walking class or book a slot on the running track or football pitch. The Eastbourne bowling green is also open. To book call 405400 or email movemore@darlington.gov.uk



Did you know?

Being active has many benefits for your physical and mental health. As little as 10 minutes movement at a time can be really good for you.





Still here to give advice

We have made some changes to the way we work to help keep everyone in the community safe during the Covid-19 pandemic.

This includes protecting our firefighters who give safe and wellbeing advice to residents. At the moment, our safe and wellbeing visits are limited, but we are available to give you a call to discuss your situation and give advice.

If you would like home fire safety advice, or have a question about making your home safe from fire, please give us a call on 0345 2234 221 and our community safety team will arrange a convenient telephone appointment for you.

We are still working with our health and wellbeing partners and will be able to refer the most vulnerable and at risk residents to organisations who can give them extra help.

There are occasions where it may still be necessary to visit you at home, with your consent. Please remember, all our staff carry official fire service ID, so if you do get a visit from us, always ask to see our ID before letting us into your home.

As we head into a new normal, we intend to fully resume our safe and wellbeing programme for Darlington residents.



#StaySafe

**Always ask
to see our
fire service
ID!**



County Durham and Darlington
Fire and Rescue Service

Contact your councillor

Key: (C) Conservative
(G) Green (I) Independent
(L) Labour (LD) Liberal Democrats

Your councillor is there to listen to you and find out about the issues that are affecting life in your ward. There are no ward surgeries at the moment but you can still email or call your local councillor. Find out more at www.darlington.gov.uk

Emailing councillors

To email your councillor, their email address is **firstname.lastname@darlington.gov.uk**

For example, if you want to email Heather Scott, type in heather.scott@darlington.gov.uk

The only exceptions are Andy Scott (Haughton and Springfield), Ian Bell (Harrowgate Hill) and Anne-Marie Curry (North Road). Their email addresses are shown with their contact details.

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Youth unemployment a priority for new mayor

The first ever virtual handover of the mayor's chains of office took place recently, with Councillor Chris McEwan taking over as Darlington's first citizen.

Usually a ceremonial occasion, this year's mayoral handover was much more stripped-back because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Cllr McEwan, who has been a councillor for 21 years, set out the following priorities for his year in office:

- Tackling youth unemployment, particularly in light of the pandemic
- Encouraging health and wellbeing initiatives
- Supporting the charities Dementia Friendly Darlington and Lullaby Trust, which helps parents affected by cot death.

Cllr McEwan said: "Having a virtual handover was not in my original plan, but one thing I have learnt after years in local government – expect the unexpected, and just get on with it and embrace it.

"I am immensely proud to be taking up this role. I will be reaching out to groups, organisations and businesses to say that, as we move forward as a community, as your mayor I'm here, ready and willing to help in whatever way I can.

"I recognise the challenge the town has been through in recent months, and the efforts of council staff and those of a great many organisations.

"I would like to pay tribute to the people of Darlington, who have shown the best of themselves during this time of uncertainty and anxiety.

"My wife Amanda and I came here 27 years ago. I am proud that our three children were brought up and educated here and have had a great start in life.

"I will support any efforts to raise the profile of our railway heritage and the bicentenary in 2025. I am keen, as are others, to make this celebration an event that attracts world-wide attention and leaves a lasting legacy."

Outgoing mayor Nick Wallis described his time in office as 'a year to remember'. He said: "Highlights of my term include being the first serving mayor of Darlington to visit one of the Gypsy and Traveller sites in the borough and seeing them represented at the town's Remembrance Sunday parade for the first time. They do fantastic work raising money for charity and breaking down prejudices. I am looking to continue that work."

For updates from the mayor, follow @MayorOfDarlington on Facebook.



Darlington mayor Cllr Chris McEwan.



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If you...

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TIP!**



If you...

**DROP
LITTER!**



If you...

don't pick up your

**DOG
WASTE!**



We will catch you...

Your waste is your respo



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- During May, we investigated dozens of fly tipping incidents and other environmental crimes – issuing fines totalling £8,200.
- If you pay/let someone take away your waste, you are responsible for making sure it is disposed of legally. Check they have a valid waste carrier licence - if they dump **YOUR** waste **YOU** could be fined.
- You can take most household items to the tip for free but don't forget to book a slot online before you go at www.darlington.gov.uk/tip
- If you can't get to the tip you can book a bulky waste collection. It's just £18.22 for up to six items. Visit www.darlington.gov.uk/bulkywaste
- More than 300 flytips were reported in both March and April this year. If you see a flytip report it at www.darlington.gov.uk/reportit



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How your local is responding to



Over the past few months, County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (CDDFT) has dedicated its efforts to responding to and caring for patients with Covid-19. This response from #TeamCDDFT, partners, and the public has been, and continues to be, tremendous.

The Trust has been overwhelmed and humbled by the response and support received from our local communities. This has been shown in a number of ways, not least in the form of many generous donations and gifts in kind to the Trust's charity. Knowing they're in people's thoughts has meant a great deal to our teams and given them a huge boost during an extremely difficult and challenging time.

The Trust moved at pace to change services, first in preparation for the forecasted number of patients with Covid-19, and then transitioning to the management and treatment of those patients. This included creating two emergency care departments at Darlington Memorial Hospital to separate Covid and non-Covid patients.

Bishop Auckland Hospital and our community hospitals also played key roles in helping us to care for patients safely.



NHS trust

COVID-19

Find us on
social media!



@CDDFTNHS

Safe ways of working

Keeping patients and our staff safe is at the heart of all we do. In recent months we put some changes in place to protect patients, many of whom were very ill, and our staff. We reorganised services so there are two separate streams for Covid-19 (and suspected Covid-19) and non-Covid-19 patients.

This, together with a range of safety and infection control measures, meant we were able to continue urgent and emergency and cancer services and have now been able to gradually restart services we paused, such as routine outpatients and elective surgery.

We appreciate how difficult visitor restrictions have been for families and we did all we could to keep patients connected with loved ones, including using some of the generous donations to our charity to buy iPads for virtual visits. This even made the BBC Breakfast news! Once guidance allowed, we were very happy to begin the reintroduction of visitors in mid-June.

Whilst it's important to record our thanks and to share the positives that have come to light, it is also important that the human toll of Covid-19 is not lost or forgotten and the Trust extends its deepest sympathies to all those who have lost loved ones. Also in our thoughts are those who have been, or continue to be, ill or who are recovering.



Virtual clinics

We've been using technology as part of patient care in a number of our services for several years and many of our outpatient clinics have now introduced virtual clinics. This means, where appropriate, following a clinical review of a patient's history, they may be offered the option to have a consultation remotely using secure technology. Just as with a face-to-face consultation the patient and clinician are able to see each other and talk in confidence.

For those patients who need to come to one of our sites we've put systems in place to offer them reassurance. We've introduced social distancing signs and infection controls including the provision of hand-sanitiser, restrictions on lift capacity and redesigning seating in waiting areas. Our priority is to give patients the safe, compassionate and joined-up care they need, in the most appropriate way, whilst also protecting our staff.

Finally, we would like to thank you for all your support. Your understanding, kindness and generosity have given our staff a much needed boost as they worked hard to support patients.

Become a... **Foster Care Hero** or **Supported Lodgings Superstar**

Our fostering and supported lodgings team has been working around the clock to make sure looked after children and their carers have the support they need through these difficult times.

There are still many children in Darlington who need your help, especially older children and teenagers.

Could you be the fostering hero they're looking for?

Teenagers in care need loving and understanding people to guide them through a difficult time in their lives. Support and guidance is invaluable for their development, and you can offer this help by becoming a foster carer for older children.

Fostering a teenager can be challenging, but it's incredibly rewarding to give them the confidence to achieve in school, further education, and in the workplace. You will also help them to develop friendships and support networks to prepare them for adulthood.

Supported lodgings is a stepping stone between leaving foster care and independent living. Some young people need support after leaving care to continue to develop essential life skills. Supported lodgings providers allow young people (aged 16+) while they help and encourage them to develop these skills.

Supported lodgings superstar Carol explains more:

"I have been offering supported lodgings for five years now. It is rewarding as I know I'm making a difference to improving someone's life - not just giving a safe home, but being there to care, listen and support. It is so lovely to think that I am helping a young person's confidence and personality grow and blossom."

"Although it's been hard for everyone during lockdown, myself and the young person have helped each other to stay positive and look forward to a better future. We have taught each other to appreciate the things which we may have taken for granted in the past."

"I am so privileged to have this opportunity to help, nurture and make a difference."

Young people in Darlington need your help and becoming a supported lodgings provider or foster carer offers you the incredible opportunity to change their future. You'll get a competitive fee, help from a tight-knit team and the reward of helping a young person reach their potential.



Supported lodgings provider Carol and young person Bobbie-Jo

If you want to change a child's future and become a foster carer or supported lodgings provider:

Call: 406222 (choose option 5)

Email: fostering@darlington.gov.uk

or supportedlodgings@darlington.gov.uk

Visit: www.darlington.gov.uk/fostering



Here to help you



Support is always available to help victims of crime. If you are concerned about yourself, or someone you know, the following services are here to help you.

Victim Care and Advice

Service (VCAS) offers free, independent and confidential support to victims of crime, witnesses and their families.

They will support you immediately after a crime and help with long term recovery.

Web: victimcareandadvice.service.uk

Telephone: 0302 040 1099



Meadows Sexual Assault

Referral Centre (SARC) provides support for anyone (male and female) who has experienced rape or sexual assault. The centre offers help with both the physical and emotional needs of victims and their families.

Web: themeadowsdurham.org.uk

Telephone: 24 hour crisis support service
03333 448283 (Option 2)



Harbour supports victims of domestic abuse and those living in a situation

where there is domestic abuse. Support is available to anyone regardless of gender, age, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.

Web: www.myharbour.org.uk

Telephone: 03000 20 25 25 (24 hours)



Halo supports victims of so called honour-based violence, forced marriage and female genital mutilation (FGM). They can offer support to you or someone you are concerned about.

Web: www.haloproject.org.uk

Telephone: 01642 683045



Rape and Sexual Assault Counselling Centre

is available for all victims of sexual violence to talk in confidence. Sexual violence takes many forms but the survivor is never to blame and help is available.

Web: www.rsacc-thecentre.org.uk

Telephone: 0300 222 5730



Hate Crime Advocacy provides free, impartial and confidential advice to anyone who has been the target of hate because of gender, sexual orientation, religion, skin colour, ethnicity or disability. Help is available whether or not you choose to report an incident to the police.

(Please note the wrong contact details for Hate Crime Advocacy were printed in the last edition of One Darlington. Apologies for any confusion.)

Telephone: 01325 360524

Email: advocacy@darlingtondisability.org

Silent solutions is a service for those who need the police but, for whatever reason, can't speak. Dial 999; listen to the questions from the 999 operator; cough or tap your handset in response if you can; when prompted dial 55 and you will be put through to the police.

Our events programme may not be as busy as usual but there's still lots coming up over the summer so you can Enjoy Darlington!



Roaming street entertainment – Saturdays and Mondays in July - September – Town centre, various intervals 11am-3pm. Hilarious entertainers will bring family fun during the holidays including; Team BGee, Nautical Nonsense, Belladonna & her Venus Flytraps, Big Bloomer and Mind your Peas & Cues. Also local singers and musicians will perform around the town centre to entertain you whilst you shop.



Darlington Pride Weekender – Saturday & Sunday 8-9 August – A host of virtual celebrations will take place on the market square.



Darlington 10K – Sunday 9 August – This year's road race goes virtual. Check out @Darlington10k on Facebook for details.



Last Train Home – Saturday 5 September – Virtual popular music and comedy performances return due to popular demand!

**ENJOY
TEES VALLEY**

There's lots to see and do across the Tees Valley, including SIRF at Home community carnival and Thriftfest Upcycled. Visit www.enjoyteesvalley.com for full details.

Darlo Drum Festival – Saturday 19 September – Performances and workshops, online and in town centre.



Mish Mash – Saturday 26 September – Los Capitanes are 'headlining our virtual mini Mish Mash Festival. There will be a family singing and dance workshop to try out and more band information to come. Follow Love Darlo on Facebook for more.



Head of Steam is now but you need to book in advance. Visit www.head-of-steam.co.uk or call the museum on 405060.

All information is printed as provided. Please check with venue before travelling. Visit www.enjoydarlington.com for full details.

Darlington is open for business



I am delighted that in recent weeks the town centre has started to reopen and shops, pubs, restaurants, hairdressers and other businesses have begun to welcome us back. Trading has been good and traders have adapted well to new work practices and are doing everything they can to help visitors feel safe.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who have worked so hard, alongside council staff, to make sure their businesses are safe for staff and visitors. It is a strange time for everyone but by following a few simple rules I am confident that it is safe to shop in Darlington and support our local businesses.

Please shop local if you are able to – whether in the town centre or in your neighbourhood. Our local traders need us now more than ever and your support is greatly appreciated.

It was wonderful last month to welcome our first weddings back to the Town Hall. So many celebrations have had to be postponed or cancelled in recent

months and it was lovely to know that some ceremonies could go ahead. Hopefully in the coming weeks we will be able to make announcements about more council services returning and reopening. Please keep an eye on our website and social media channels for the latest news.

While we look to the future, it is important we don't forget our heritage and how important it is to us all. The campaign to keep Locomotion No1 in Darlington continues. We have looked after the iconic Locomotion No.1 for more than 160 years and, as we start to plan for the 200th anniversary of the Stockton & Darlington Railway in 2025, it's imperative that we keep it in the town.

Please show your support and sign our petition to prevent this unique symbol of our proud railway heritage being moved. Visit www.darlington.gov.uk/saveourloco



Councillor
Alan Marshall,
Cabinet member
for Economy



In this instalment of the #50Faces series, we meet one of our team whose job changed dramatically when the Covid-19 pandemic hit

Lee Hutton
aquatics manager

#50Faces

www.darlington.gov.uk/50faces

“I’ve worked for the Council for nearly 20 years and I’m usually employed as the aquatics manager at the Dolphin Centre. My day job involves the management of anything and everything to do with the pool.

“I have a passion for health and leisure and love working in a role where I can put the customer first and see people achieving their goals. The facility at the Dolphin Centre is one that I, and the town, can be very proud of.

“Throughout the pandemic my job has been very different! I’ve been managing the delivery side of the community HUB with my colleague Helen. I’ve had a team of drivers who’ve delivered food and necessities and carried out welfare checks on the most vulnerable. I take great pride and satisfaction knowing the difference we’ve made to people’s lives.

“We’re coming through some unprecedented times, and I can honestly say it is an honour and pleasure to be part of a great team working for Darlington Borough Council!”

Meet more of our #50faces at www.darlington.gov.uk/50faces



Flights Return as Teesside International Opens Doors to Passengers Once Again

I am delighted to say that Teesside International Airport is once again open to passengers following its temporary closure due to the coronavirus pandemic.

We started as we meant to go on with the relaunch because, as well as daily Monday to Friday routes to Aberdeen and Belfast with Eastern Airways, we welcomed both a brand new route and the return of a much-loved air connection to the capital.

The flights to London City Airport, announced back in January, began just days after the airport opened its doors, running daily between Monday and Friday, which will increase to twice-daily routes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays as soon as the market allows. And people from across Teesside, Darlington and Hartlepool can now fly direct from the airport to Newquay with Eastern Airways, which is operating a once-a-day flight on Mondays and Fridays to the hugely popular holiday destination.

This means that people looking for a summer staycation now that lockdown restrictions have eased can have the choice of jetting off for a weekend, a week, or even longer to take in the beaches and the surf of the South West.

KLM has also revealed that daily flights to Amsterdam Schiphol will return on 3 August, increasing back to three-times daily as soon as possible. It comes after the airline gave our airport another vote of confidence by signing a deal which would see flights to the Dutch capital continue for at least the next five years.

We are in continued discussions with all of the airline partners over the reintroduction of services from Teesside Airport, with more announcements on the return of more flights.

The health, wellbeing and safety of passengers and staff is a priority as the airport reopens. A new six-step health and safety

procedure, including hand sanitisers and the wearing of face masks, has been put in place.

For more information on our new six steps for staying safe at Teesside International, see the graphic below. Whether you're travelling for business or leisure, the Teesside International team and I can't wait to welcome you back through our terminal as we work to see the airport take off once more.

Tees Valley Mayor | Ben Houchen

Step 1
Clean your hands and collect a face mask to protect yourself and others

Step 2
Check in at one of our socially distanced desks. If you don't have hold luggage why not check in online?

Step 3
Use contactless payment to pay for your Passenger Facility Fee (PFF) ticket or alternatively book online

Step 4
Minimise what you carry to help us avoid hand searches during security checks to assist with social distancing

Step 5
Sit two metres apart from passengers outside of your party in the departure lounge

Step 6
Board your flight making sure your face mask is on to protect yourself and others



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Global Aviation Firm Secures Airport Hangars for Maintenance Base

We have not only spent time in the lockdown getting ready to reopen and showing how the airport can think outside of the box by hosting events – we have also made a major deal to bring a global aviation company to Teesside International.

Willis Asset Management Ltd has chosen the airport as its location for a European aircraft maintenance base, potentially creating a significant number of new high skilled jobs.

We beat a number of possible locations across the continent for this base, with Willis leasing the use of Hangars to house

aircraft and parts while carrying out maintenance, storage and disassembly of a wide variety of commercial aircraft types. Around 20 highly skilled engineering and management jobs will be created in the first phase, with an option for further development of additional hangar facilities and additional jobs.

This is a fantastic coup for our airport, demonstrating our hard work to support businesses and drive investment to help us deliver on our ambitions for the airport. The announcement will complement my previously revealed plans to develop a £200million major logistics and manufacturing park at the airport's

Southside. Infrastructure work has begun on the 270-acre site and, once complete, it has the potential to create 4,400 jobs and deliver £3million per year to reinvest into the airport.



Feeling the Covid pinch? Darlington BEAT can help you...



Many people are struggling financially during the pandemic, whether due to redundancy, lower wages, loss of income or health problems.

The good news is that Darlington BEAT (benefits entitlement action team) can help.

THIS IS HOW WE CAN HELP YOU

Self employed and received a lump sum?

If you received a lump sum from the Government you may have been temporarily taken off Universal Credit. It would be a good idea to pay close attention to your income. Call Darlington BEAT for advice.

Facing redundancy or lower wages?

If your income has fallen due to a lack of business, or if you've been furloughed or are facing redundancy, you may be entitled to financial aid. Darlington BEAT could help you find out what you're owed.

Do you claim statutory sick pay due to shielding?

Statutory sick pay (SSP) for those who are shielding will be paused from August. If you qualify for pay on these grounds, you may no longer receive SSP. If you are in this position you may still qualify on other grounds - contact us for advice.

Are health problems making it hard to work?

If you're out of work due to health problems, call Darlington BEAT - you could be entitled to life changing financial aid.



DarloMillions is now part of Darlington **BEAT (Benefit Entitlement Action Team)**.

Call the BEAT line on **0800 048 7023** at the following times:

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Tuesday 9.30am 4.30pm

Friday 9.30am 1pm

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