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**THIS IS  
SOUTH  
TYNESIDE**



Councillor Tracey Dixon, Leader of the Council

**South Tyneside Council is undergoing a significant period of change.**

**A new beginning and a new way of working putting our residents at the heart of everything we do.**

We want you, our residents, and businesses, to come on the journey with us so that together we can shape a better South Tyneside for all of us.

Over the summer we will be out and about talking to you about a range of subjects so that we can get your views and help shape our future plans for the whole borough. Please get involved when you can so that your voice is heard.

I'm delighted that the summer festival is back in 2022, bigger and better. There's much to celebrate in South Tyneside, let's have a fantastic summer!

*Tracey Dixon*

# MEET THE NEW SOUTH TYNESIDE CABINET

The Council Constitution requires that the Leader appoints a Cabinet, including a Deputy Leader.

The Cabinet is made up of elected members, who each have a portfolio that they lead on behalf of the Council.

Cabinet Members work as a team to consider what changes they should make to reflect the needs and aspirations of those who live, visit and invest in South Tyneside. They take on board information from a range of sources, including local residents, external support as well as reflecting on what the area needs as we emerge from the coronavirus pandemic and support those most severely affected by the changing economy.

The portfolios for 2022/23 are made up of a group of services which reflect the Council's priority areas in a more joined up and transparent way. The Leader of the Council has made these changes so that each portfolio reflects the key areas that are important to our residents. This provides both leadership and accountability for the development and implementation of the council's policies, budget, strategies, and service delivery.

You can find out more about each Lead Member and the services they are responsible for at [www.southtyneside.gov.uk](http://www.southtyneside.gov.uk)

*Your new Cabinet are excited to be working in this new way for you.*





Cllr Joan Atkinson  
**Deputy Leader – Culture,  
Leisure and the Visitor  
Economy**



Cllr Adam Ellison  
**Children, Young People  
& Families**



Cllr Anne Hetherington  
**Adults, Health and  
Independence**



Cllr Jim Foreman  
**Housing and  
Community Safety**



Cllr Ernest Gibson  
**Transport and  
Neighbourhoods**



Cllr Ruth Berkley  
**Voluntary Sector,  
Partnerships and Equalities**



Cllr Margaret Meling  
**Economic Growth, Skills  
and Climate Change**



Cllr Joanne Bell  
**Governance, Finance and  
Corporate Services**





# Our South Tyneside

**When it comes to the regeneration of our area, South Tyneside Council is listening to you. Over the last decade, right across the Borough, we've invested in projects to drive footfall to our town centres - and now we want to talk to you about the next decade and beyond.**

While the Council does not own the Mountbatten Centre, we used the land we do own to provide a modern facility to attract people to the town at Hebburn Central. This has inspired wider retail confidence with new stores. More recently, we've brought pop up food markets, which have proven incredibly popular with the people of Hebburn as well as existing business owners.

In Jarrow, we delivered the new Jarrow Focus, which has state of the art facilities. The Council does not own the Viking shopping centre, but we have invested in public realm, creating green space to the east of Jarrow Focus, as well as improving Jarrow Riverside Park which leads visitors to Jarrow Hall, housing a modern café, adjacent to the improved Council-owned play park facilities.



In South Shields, we delivered improvements to the Market, including The Word library and tourist attraction. We created Harton Quay Park providing a high quality arrival to the town from the ferry, as well as improvements along Ocean Road to guide people to and from the foreshore.

We delivered a new transport interchange to attract visitors to revitalised parks, foreshore and Haven Point Leisure facility.

We know that Town Centres are changing. You know they are too, and we listen when you give your views. However, our conversation must be based on facts. The Council can't reduce business rates for shops - these are set by Central Government. The Council can't reduce shop rents - we don't own the shop buildings.



# HAVE YOUR SAY

The Council can't transform the South Shields Gasometer into a department store – we don't own the gasometer and we simply don't have that kind of funding.

A decade ago, the South Shields 365 masterplan set out an ambition for a new supermarket and a cinema to drive footfall. A decade on and a range of socio-economic factors means these are no longer viable. The pandemic led to much greater numbers of people turning to online shopping and much of our leisure economy is still recovering. There remains limited prospect that the private sector will commit to this scale of investment in the short-term.

## However, we want to talk to you about what we can do.

The Council **can** use our influence to seek and secure future investors – to shop retailers, leisure owners and beyond. We've been doing that with local education partners and hope that soon we can formally communicate plans for investment in South Shields Town Centre. When we do, we want to hear from you, our residents, as well as our younger residents whose education is ahead of them and who will be uniquely placed to shape the future place they want to use.

We want to collect a range of opinions and ideas to connect your voice to investors when they are looking at places to invest. From pop up markets, open air music and performance, public art to green space.

### Get involved

✉ | [OurConversation@southtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:OurConversation@southtyneside.gov.uk)

🔍 | [www.southtyneside.gov.uk/haveyoursay](http://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/haveyoursay)



# South Tyneside's Local Plan

## What is the Local Plan?

The Local Plans address the needs and opportunities of residents in relation to housing, the economy, community facilities and infrastructure. It also acts as a basis for protecting and enhancing the natural environment, adapting to climate change and securing good design.

## Why does South Tyneside need one?

Local Plans are a statutory requirement and are the starting point for guiding decisions about individual development proposals and are used for planning applications.

## What would happen if we didn't produce one?

Without an up-to-date Local Plan, South Tyneside could be subject to speculative development proposals. There's also a risk that if we fail to produce an up-to-date Local Plan, Central Government may intervene and take over the writing of the Local Plan. This would mean we'd have no control over what development is imposed on South Tyneside.

## What are the aims of South Tyneside's Local Plan?

Our vision for the Local Plan can be broadly defined into 6 key objectives:

- ✓ Building a stronger local economy
- ✓ Regenerating the Borough
- ✓ Meeting the needs for new homes
- ✓ Tackling climate change
- ✓ Delivering an environmentally sustainable borough
- ✓ Promoting positive healthy choices

## How will the Local Plan meet the needs of local people?

The Local Plan is central to meeting the current and future needs of all members of our community.

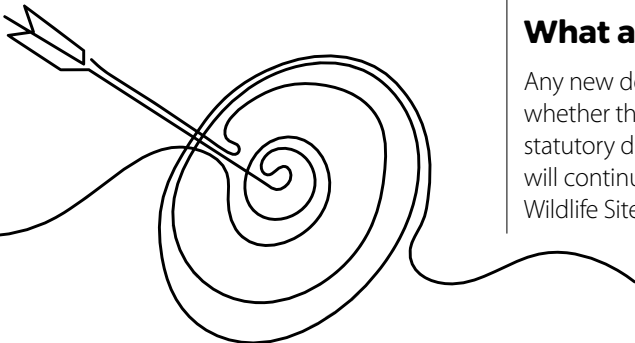
We want to make sure young people, have access to affordable housing and skilled jobs within the Borough. Policies within the Local Plan seek to deliver new affordable homes across the Borough and support new jobs and businesses, so that South Tyneside is an attractive place to live, work and invest in.

We want to ensure we meet the needs of an ageing population through delivering new easy access homes, sheltered/supported housing, and wheelchair accessible homes. The Local Plan also supports policies which seek to improve the health and wellbeing of its residents by delivering high quality, accessible and safe environments.

The Local Plan aims to provide excellent community facilities – new schools, medical centres, shops and roads – all of which will support thriving communities.

## What about the impact on our natural environment?

Any new development is likely to have some impact upon our natural environment, whether the development site is brownfield or Green Belt. The Local Plan has a statutory duty to protect our most valuable and sensitive environmental assets; these will continue to be protected through existing environmental designations (e.g. Local Wildlife Sites, Sites of Special Scientific Interest, etc).





## How can I have my say?

It is important to let us know what you are supporting or objecting to, why, and what changes you feel need to be made to the Draft Plan.

[www.southtyneside.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/localplan)

Our Officers will be attending drop-in events across South Tyneside where you can view the plan and have your say.

You can also respond by

- 🔍 [www.haveyoursay.southtyneside.gov.uk](http://www.haveyoursay.southtyneside.gov.uk)
- ✉ [Local.Plan@southtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:Local.Plan@southtyneside.gov.uk)
- ✉ In writing to the Local Plan Team, South Shields Town Hall, Westoe Road, South Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE332RL.

### What are the next steps?

After the consultation closes, responses will be recorded, summarised and published on the website. The findings of the consultation will be formulated into a report that will be published and used to inform the next stage of plan preparation.

### Who will make the final decision on South Tyneside's Local Plan?

The final decision on the Local Plan and the development it proposes will be made by the independent Planning Inspector, appointed by the Government, following the examination. The Council will then need to make the formal decision



# Businesses pledge support for a better Borough

1 More Than 2 Brew Co.  
Founder Chris Donovan

**More than 100 organisations have signed up to the South Tyneside Pledge, to help create a thriving future for the Borough.**

Launched in the New year, the pledge sets out nine commitments for organisations to spend, recruit and support South Tyneside with the aim of boosting local economic activity, cut carbon emissions, and enhance civic pride for the benefit of the whole Borough.

By signing up to the charter, organisations can collectively bring about positive change.

**1 More Than 2 Brew Co. in Portberry Street, South Shields, has signed up to the pledge.**

The first 'community brewery' in South Tyneside opened in September 2020 and prides itself on its partnerships with other independent businesses in the borough and wider region. Founder Chris Donovan has a firm belief in showcasing fellow South Tyneside businesses and ultimately keeping money within the local economy.

The Brewery works in partnership with South Shields Football Club as the sole provider of real ale at Mariners Park and has teamed up with Colman's to create the 1926 Blonde Ale, available exclusively at their restaurants.





They're supporting the third sector too: to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the Manchester bombings, they've created a Chloe and Liam Foundation-branded beer, raising the charity's profile and with all profits going to the Foundation.

Chris and his team hold a monthly business quiz so that organisations of all sizes can meet and network in a relaxed environment. The agenda is focused on what they can do to help each other and with an average of 18 teams each month, it is an excellent way to collaborate.

The brewery has also taken on a new starter through the Kickstart Scheme, which was put in place to create jobs for 16- to 24-year-olds on Universal Credit who are at risk of long-term unemployment.

Chris said:

**"It's important that we include the community to ensure we continue with our original philosophy of brewing beer South Tyneside can be proud of. Local partnerships and collaborations are also paramount to business success, and we are proud to champion our area and the wonderful businesses within it.**

**"Our whole ethos is that the Brewery becomes an institution that kickstarts new businesses and ideas, and allows the local community to dream a little bigger."**

As part of ambitious growth plans, the brewery has diversified into events and has supported others into business.

Organisations, public and private, big, and small, can sign up at any time and become part of the Pledge South Tyneside network

**Businesses can sign up now:**

🔍 | [www.southtyneside.gov.uk/southtynesidepledge](http://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/southtynesidepledge)

To find out more about 1 More Than 2 Brew Co. visit

🔍 | [www.1morethan2brew.com](http://www.1morethan2brew.com)



Quadrus Business Centre



## South Tyneside Business Centres

Whatever your business needs, our portfolio of offices and manufacturing units provide a range of facilities to support your business as it grows.

Whether it's location that is the priority, a secure workspace or a high-quality town centre office there is something suitable in South Tyneside.

Our aim is to make your selection of business space easy - we provide flexible terms in South Shields, Boldon and Jarrow.

**We offer:**

- Competitively priced, fully managed workspace
- Easy in, easy out and flexible terms
- On-site security allowing out of hours access
- Free parking and convenient transport links
- A range of meeting rooms and conference facilities

Talk to our friendly team or request a tour.

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# Helping older people to retain their independence



living better lives

Supporting older people and vulnerable communities is one of the Council's priorities.

Over recent months a number of measures have been taken to help older people retain their independence. This in line with the Council's 'home-first' approach to adult social care following feedback from residents who said they wanted to live well at home rather than go into residential care

Twelve empty flats in Thomas Bell House – a sheltered housing facility in South Shields - are being used to accommodate people coming out of hospital while 24/7 care on site allows them to benefit from additional support before going back home. Previously, without the right type of support and accommodation, some people were being discharged from hospital straight into a care home which could impact upon their independence and skills.

Blenkinsop Court in South Shields has also been converted from a Housing Plus to an Extra Care scheme with a care and support team on site 24 hours a day. The support means that fewer people will have to go into residential care.

One resident who now lives there is 97-year-old Doris Dawson who lived in her own home until two years ago when she had a stroke.

Her daughter-in-law, Lesley Dawson, said: "Doris is thriving in Blenkinsop Court. She has company when she wants it and it's massively important to us that she is keeping her independence.



Doris Dawson with Council Leader Cllr Tracey Dixon and Cllr Anne Hetherington

**For the first time in a long time, we can actually relax, knowing that care is available on site for Doris if she needs it. Her carers go above and beyond, Blenkinsop Court has been a godsend all round. I cannot praise it highly enough.**

# Top marks for service which helps people live independently

A service which helps more than 3,000 South Tyneside people live independently has been assessed as top quality.



The Council's Living Better Lives Technology and Independence service has just been accredited by the Quality Standards Framework. The audit means that users can be assured that the assistive technology offered by the Council is safe and effective and is further evidence that the Council is delivering on its priority of supporting older and vulnerable communities.

The service offers a range of equipment to help people live independent lives in their own home. This includes alarm pendants and panic buttons which can be used to raise the alarm in the event of a fall, sensors that monitor how long people have been away from their bed or chair, pill dispensers with sounds and visual alerts to remind people to take their medication and GPS tracking for

people with memory impairment who may wander away from their home.

One person who uses assistive technology is South Tyneside resident Peter Marshall. Peter, 84, has dementia and is prone to falls. He has had fall and doors sensors installed at his home at the Lawe Top in South Shields which alert his son, Tim, when he leaves his home. A GPS tracker also means his family know where he is when he is outside.

Tim, who lives at The Nook in South Shields, said:

**“Dad always wanted to stay in his own home and telecare allows him to do just that. We feel he is safe at home and it's the best place for him.”**

## New support for South Tyneside's retiring generation



A new service to connect those in South Tyneside aged 65+ to the people, activities and services they may need as they move into a new phase of their lives is to launch.

A Future You aims to support people around retirement age and beyond to stay connected to the things they enjoy doing, develop new interests, be active and age well by:

- Connecting them to activities, events and groups they may be interested in
- Preventing ill health by understanding the positive things they can do to stay socially, emotionally and cognitively well
- Maintaining their quality of life through ageing well services

Dedicated advisors will listen to each person's needs and interests, before signposting them to the right services and activities.

A Future You is run by Age Concern Tyneside South and Vision & Hearing Support, with support from South Tyneside Council.

Call A Future You free on **0800 996 1864** or visit **[www.afutureyou.org.uk](http://www.afutureyou.org.uk)** for more information.

# Support for care leavers praised by ofsted



## Ofsted inspectors have praised South Tyneside Council's Children's Services for the support they give to young people leaving care.

Following a focused visit, inspectors agreed that "dedicated and committed workers" support young people and prepare them to leave care extremely well.

They found most of the young people supported by the service benefit from long-standing, trusting relationships with support individually tailored according to the young people's needs and wishes.

The report by inspectors adds: "A comprehensive local offer, combined with a range of creative and generous opportunities from the Council and its partners is contributing to positive outcomes for care leavers."

The inspectors found children in care to be well supported through the transition into leaving care services and adulthood. .

Personal advisers are allocated when children are 16 years old while social workers start to plan for transitions by completing pathway plans with children to ensure that their involvement and voice are central to the planning for their future.

The report adds: There is a real focus in South Tyneside on acknowledging achievements that are important to the young person. Workers are clearly proud of how young people overcome challenges in their lives. Workers are very ambitious and have high aspirations for young people.

"Participation and engagement to obtain young people's views are embedded throughout the services and constitute a real strength in South Tyneside. Service developments co-designed with young people are innovative and young people have a service that is meaningful for them."

## Infants, children and families to benefit from boost in support



To support parents, 75 local authorities have been announced as eligible for a share of £302 million to create new Family Hubs in their areas. South Tyneside Council are confirmed as one of those eligible authorities.

We strive to provide responsive, high quality and accessible services for children and families and this opportunity will enable us, together with families and partners, to build on existing services to continue to improve outcomes for children, young people, and families in the Borough. The Start for Life offer ensures our Family Hubs have a range of services such as health, breastfeeding, infant feeding, mental health support, SEND, parenting programmes and family support services which babies, children, and family need from pregnancy through the early years.

Support services are also offered beyond the early years, right up to the age of 19 years (25 years for young people with additional needs). By bringing services together within a co-located Family Hub model, this provides easier access for families to know about, and find the services they need, when they need them. Family Hubs also provide online support through a digital help and support service.

We will update residents with more information in the coming months. To find out more visit: [www.gov.uk/government/news/infants-children-and-families-to-benefit-from-boost-in-support](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/infants-children-and-families-to-benefit-from-boost-in-support)



Spread the word!

**FOSTER IN  
SOUTH  
TYNESIDE**

**Make a difference to the lives of children in your area. Become a foster carer!**

**All you need are life skills and to be able to provide a safe, secure, loving home.**

**Why foster with South Tyneside Council?**

- South Tyneside is one of a small number of councils delivering the Mockingbird Family Model programme which links foster families together to create one big supportive family known as a 'constellation'. We launched our second constellation in May 2022 which will help support even more current, and new foster carers.
- Regular events and information evenings
- You'll be teamed up with a Fostering Officer who will offer support and guidance
- Courses designed to be friendly, welcoming, informative and enjoyable
- Broader support network will include access to psychologists, nursing and schools

Discover more

[www.southtyneside.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/fostering)

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# RESTART SOUTH TYNESIDE DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

Helping all victims of domestic abuse and their families to live in safety by accessing the support they need to live free from violence.

**Some of the services Restart offers:**

- Confidential, non-judgemental support
- Specialist support for children
- Risk management and safety planning
- Perpetrator Intervention Programme

To access this service, please email

[DomesticAbuseReferrals@southtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:DomesticAbuseReferrals@southtyneside.gov.uk) or [Isha.Hussain@southtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:Isha.Hussain@southtyneside.gov.uk)

For more information and support, visit [www.southtyneside.gov.uk/domesticviolence](http://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/domesticviolence)



# Cutting the cost in bulky waste trial

From the 1 April South Tyneside Council reduced the fee for a bulky waste collection. This is set for a six-month trial period to gauge its impact on flytipping levels across the Borough.

Bulky Waste Collections are ideal for residents wanting to dispose of items like furniture, white goods or large electrical appliances - items that are usually taken when people move house. Residents using the Bulky Waste Collection service can be assured that their waste is disposed of legally, safely and correctly.

However, those who choose private disposal services are urged to check that the businesses they use are legitimate waste carriers and that they receive a Waste Transfer Notice.

We are seeing more and more cases where unlicensed waste carriers either come recommended by others or offer to take away rubbish on the cheap. Even though residents are paying them in good faith, the waste is often not legitimately disposed of and is flytipped by the roadside or at Borough beauty spots instead.

As well as checking the business has a valid waste carriers licence, we would always encourage residents to obtain a Waste Transfer Note, otherwise they could be held responsible if their waste is found to be flytipped.

Bulky Waste Collections are not for the disposal of hazardous or commercial waste such as rubble and plaster. They also do not cover fixtures or fittings such as bathroom suites, kitchen units, doors and laminate flooring, which can be collected as part of the Borough's house or garden clearance schemes.

Residents using the Recycling Village can get a free Household Waste Permit from the Council if they want to dispose of their waste using a trailer, pick up or van.

**BULKY  
WASTE  
COLLECTIONS  
now £12.50  
for up to  
8 items.**

For further information about the many ways to dispose waste safely in South Tyneside, including details of the Bulky Waste Collection Service, booking online, and what can and cannot be collected, visit [www.southtyneside.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling](http://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling)

Flytipping can be reported through the Council's Customer Contact Centre on (0191) 427 7000 (open from Monday to Friday, 8am to 6.30pm). All calls will be treated in the strictest confidence. Alternatively Report It online via the Council's website at [www.southtyneside.gov.uk/reportit](http://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/reportit)





Cllr Ernest Gibson pictured with members of South Tyneside Homes Handy Estates team

# Help turn the tide on beach litter

**80% of marine litter comes from the land and we all have a role to play to reduce this. Even if you don't live at the coast your actions will have an impact.**

**For example, litter dropped elsewhere in the borough (even as small as a cigarette end) can eventually end up in the sea.**

South Tyneside Council and Homes take great pride in keeping our coastal area clean and tidy, and our waste and cleansing teams continue to work tirelessly to ensure it looks its best.

With good weather, and the summer holidays just around the corner, residents and visitors will flock to our beautiful coastline as families enjoy the outdoors.

While we know that most people dispose of their litter responsibly, there is a minority of people who don't seem to care. We listened to residents and new litter bins are now installed across the seafront.

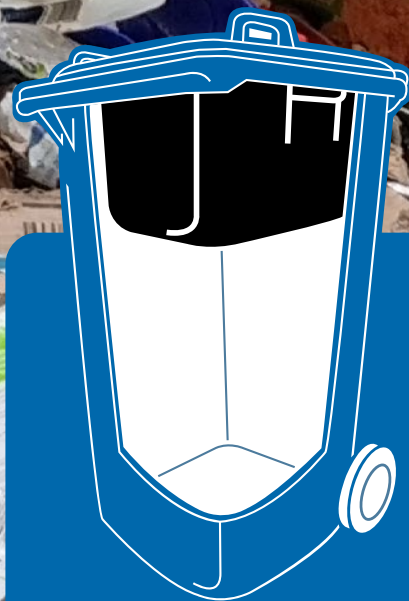
Please help us protect our coastline and our wildlife by putting litter in the bins provided or taking it home. It is extremely important that people do the right thing and dispose of their litter safely and responsibly.

**We want a litter free South Tyneside. Leave only footprints on our beaches this summer.**



# CRACKDOWN ON

Contaminated waste from residents in South Tyneside



Lots of good quality plastic, glass, card and paper is sent every week to be processed into new materials and we'd like to thank the thousands of households who recycle right each week. Unfortunately, thousands of households don't recycle right in South Tyneside, and it is important we tackle contamination.

The wrong item going into recycling is a growing problem across the country and impacts on how much can be successfully recycled. We're asking households to make sure their blue recycling bin only contains the right materials.

- ✓ **Cardboard packaging** (cereal boxes, egg boxes, ready meal sleeves, toilet and kitchen cardboard roll holders) - No greasy takeaway boxes such as pizza boxes
- ✓ **Plain card like birthday/ Christmas cards** (not with any glue/glitter/metallic/3D pictures)
- ✓ **Glass bottles and jars** (beer, wine, perfume, medicine bottles, pasta sauce)
- ✓ **Food tins** (baby milk formula, tins, pet food)
- ✓ **Drink cans**
- ✓ **Aerosols**
- ✓ **Cartons** (milk, juice)
- ✓ **Plastic** (milk, juice, water, shampoo bottles, washing up liquid, bleach, fabric softener bottles, yoghurt, soup, noodle pots, margarine, ice cream tubs)
- ✓ **Paper** (Newspapers letters, writing paper, magazines, brochures)

## TAGS ON BINS

Our waste teams will be out checking what is in blue recycling bins. When bins contain wrong items, they will not be emptied.

We don't like not emptying bins but it's important we tackle this growing problem. Several wrong items in a bin contaminates the whole load of recycling.

The household will be left with a tag on the bin handle with a reason why it cannot be recycled.

If you get a tag, remove the wrong items, then present your bin with the right items at your next collection.

The crew will not make a special return journey just for you. Make sure you have the right items in the right bin.

**More information**  [www.southtyneside.gov.uk/recycle](http://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/recycle)



# CONTAMINATION

## RECYCLE RIGHT

We understand that some people aren't sure what can be recycled which is why we ask everyone to check our website [www.southtyneside.gov.uk/recycle](http://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/recycle)

It's easy to make mistakes, which is why we will be looking at dropping a leaflet to households to remind them of what can be recycled.

Nothing has changed. The same items cannot be recycled. Common items remain including nappies, crisp packets, clothes, shoes, blankets and food.



Nappies



Food waste



Clothes and shoes



Textiles (curtains, blankets etc)



Batteries

### TOP TIP!

Use the dishwasher after washing your dishes and give the yoghurt pots, tins, bottles and cans a quick rinse.

**Recycling could also increase** if residents gave their yoghurt or milk cartons a quick rinse before putting them in the blue bin.

**DON'T BAG recycling.** Drop it straight into the bin. We don't want any black sacks or plastic bags of any kind in the recycling bin.

## BATTERIES

Every household across South Tyneside has a sticker on their bins reminding them to not put batteries in the bins.

It's important that you dispose of batteries properly. This is to prevent fires in the sorting plant and to protect our crew. There are lots of places in South Tyneside where you can recycle batteries. As well as the Recycling Village, many shops and supermarkets offer a drop off point.

Find a full list at [www.southtyneside.gov.uk/article/73312/Battery-recycling](http://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/article/73312/Battery-recycling)



Thousands of pounds of your tax could be spent on important community matters rather than contamination.



Government data shows thousands of tonnes of recycling collected by local councils is being rejected at the point of sorting because it was contaminated.



South Tyneside has one of the highest levels of contamination in the North East and the highest amount of waste per household.



We'd like to change that with your help. Simply check your recycling before placing in the bin.



**Junk mail** - The Mailing Preference Service (MPS) is a free service which enables consumers to have their names removed from lists used by the advertising industry.

In South Tyneside alone, we estimate that we have to deal with over 2,000 tonnes of this type of waste each year. To found out more details about the scheme or to register free visit: [www.mpsonline.org.uk](http://www.mpsonline.org.uk)

# THIS IS SOUTH TYNESIDE festival 2022

We are extremely excited for the return of the Borough's much-loved free festival of live music, entertainment and family friendly events this summer.

Back this year, and rebranded as This is South Tyneside Festival, the hugely popular event will run from June to August. Remember to save the dates in your diary to ensure you don't miss out on the fabulous 3-month long programme of events, and join us in making this year's festival one to remember. South Tyneside is the place to be this summer!



## This is South Tyneside PARADE

SATURDAY 2 JULY • 12.30PM-5PM

The biggest carnival of its kind in the North East, the hugely popular South Tyneside Festival Parade takes place this year on Saturday 2 July.

Join us as the parade makes its way from South Shields Town Hall to Bents Park on South Shields Seafront, where there will be even more entertainment to enjoy. The parade will follow a new route via Beach Road and Anderson Street, before continuing along Ocean Road and Sea Road to Bents Park, where there will be a full programme of family-friendly entertainment for the remainder of the afternoon.

The parade programme is also being expanded this year to help create a carnival weekend with artists, including stunning street theatre and an impressive circus show, performing on the Sandhaven promenade on Sunday 3 July. The Summer Parade and street theatre is being organised by South Tyneside Council and supported by Arts Council England.



Supported using public funding by  
**ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND**



## PROMS IN THE PARK

Sunday 3 July

3pm-5.30pm



A warm welcome for the return of proms in the park.... get ready to enjoy a whole host of classical performances and singers at an open-air concert in the Bents Park, South Shields.

Music lovers are invited to bring along their picnics and deck chairs, flags and voices ready for the best sing song in South Tyneside.

THIS IS SOUTH TYNESIDE festival 2022



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# FREE SUNDAY CONCERTS

## Bents Park in South Shields



We're delighted to announce  
the return of our open-air **FREE Sunday Concerts**  
as part of **This is South Tyneside Festival** this summer.

We've secured all the artists we promised you in 2020 along with an exciting new addition, Dance Revival, for an afternoon full of your favourite 90s pop and dance anthems!

The concerts will take place in Bents Park in South Shields, on the following dates in 2022:

**10 July**

**Will Young**

**Beth Macari**

(local support)

**17 July**

**Ella Henderson**

**The South**

(featuring ex Beautiful South  
singer, Alison Wheeler)

**24 July**

**Dance Revival**

featuring Whigfield,  
D:Ream, Phats & Small,  
Sonique, Kelly Llorenna

**31 July**

**Shalamar**

**The Fizz**

(Three original members of  
Eurovision winners – Bucks Fizz)

**Rivelino**

(local support)

### PRIORITY TICKETS

£6 per person per concert – under 5s free

A ticket guarantees:

- Earlier access into the park to pick the best spot
- Access to a dedicated bar area and toilets

Tickets can be purchased in advance from:

- [www.ticketmaster.co.uk/southtynesidefestival](http://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/southtynesidefestival)
- In person at the Shop @ The Word

**TICKETS  
ON SALE  
NOW**

If you purchased a ticket for the  
2020 concerts, your ticket will  
still be valid. You do not need to  
get a replacement ticket.

For further information about all the events please visit



**[www.southtynesidefestival.co.uk](http://www.southtynesidefestival.co.uk)**

# BRASS BANDS AT SANDHAVEN AMPHITHEATRE

Join us this summer for another brass band season!

From June to September

FREE

Join us every Sunday afternoon (except Sunday 3 July) at Sandhaven Amphitheatre for FREE, relaxing musical performances from the likes of, Bright Street Band, Westoe Brass, Bear Park and Esh Colliery Band and South Tyneside Summer Music Showcase just to name a few.



# LIVE MUSIC AT THE AMPHITHEATRE

Come along and enjoy live performances from some of the best bands and performers in the area.

Every Thursday and Saturday evening in June & Wednesday 13 July



FREE



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# KIDS FUN FEST SOUTH SHIELDS' SEAFRONT AMPHITHEATRE

Throughout August

FREE



Afternoons of free fun, games and activities with a host of amazing performers and entertainers. It's a great way to keep the kids entertained during the school summer holidays! Arbuthnot & Pals will be providing the fantastic entertainment on the afternoons of 2, 4, 9 and 11 August followed by Craig and Stevie on the afternoons of Tuesday 16, 18, 23 and 25 August.



# SUMMER PARKS ENTERTAINMENT

Throughout August

A month-long programme of live music and children's entertainment in parks and open spaces across South Tyneside!

FREE

Featuring a mix of different performances from some of the region's finest brass and jazz musicians, local artists, and a selection of children's entertainers such as, Vieux Carre Jazzmen, Cats Night Out, Off-Key Music, Tree Stump Theatre, and many-many more!



For further information about all the events please visit



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

# Spread the word!

South Tyneside has it all. Not only does the seafront come alive during the summer season with events, performers, and music but right on your doorstep you can explore roman ruins, farm animals, history, heritage and culture! Take time out this summer and make sure you explore everything great in South Tyneside.

## HADRIAN'S WALL 1900 FESTIVAL 24 JANUARY - 23 DECEMBER 2022

Hadrian's Wall 1900 Festival will mark the 1900th anniversary of the start of the building of Hadrian's Wall. Organisations, communities, and individuals are planning to celebrate this unique anniversary in a different way across 2022 in a packed programme that will include everything from community events to high profile arts commissions.

Full events can be found at:  
[www.1900.hadrianswallcountry.co.uk/events](http://www.1900.hadrianswallcountry.co.uk/events)



### Arbeia Roman Fort

If you haven't explored Arbeia you should! Home to some of the UK's finest Roman reconstructed buildings. Explore the buildings and find out who the people that built the fort in A.D. 160 were. Don't forget to take a close look at all the remarkable objects found at Arbeia. Another reason to visit - Crafty Romans is returning this August.

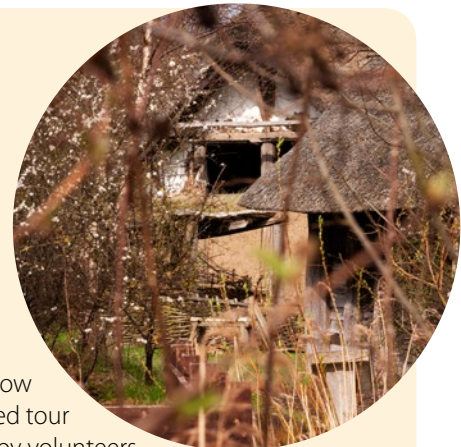
Find out more at [www.arbeiaromanfort.org.uk](http://www.arbeiaromanfort.org.uk)



### Jarrow Hall

Pay once for 2022!

A visit to Jarrow Hall should be on the calendar this summer. Pop down to the farm and meet the lovable pigs, goats, sheep and dexta bullocks. Grab a coffee at the café at Jarrow Hall and request a guided tour of the herb garden run by volunteers. The Museum is also worth a look with over 12,000 accessioned objects!



If you have a child aged 8-12 years then definitely visit the website to find out about the morning farm club on a Sunday morning. Numbers are strictly limited – so make sure you book!

For more information and events visit  
[www.jarrowhall.com](http://www.jarrowhall.com)

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## The Customs House

The Customs House is a famous local landmark in South Tyneside. The venue boasts a theatre, gallery, café, and cinema. This year's events programme is one not to be missed!



### The little theatre with the big heart.

The year-round programme is very exciting, and residents can expect everything from professional touring productions to musicals and even comedies with Jason Cook. Pop down for a cuppa and a look at what's on offer this summer or visit [www.customshouse.co.uk](http://www.customshouse.co.uk)

This summer is not to be missed at The Customs House.

## South Shields Museum & Art Gallery



A favourite for many residents in South Tyneside. Pushing the Boat Out: Shipbuilding and Ship Repair in South Tyneside is in the Museum until November. This exhibition will tell the proud story of shipbuilding, ship repair and associated industries in South Tyneside, from early wooden vessels through to the Heyday of mighty ships of iron and steel.

Creature corner offers visitors a chance to see snakes, spiders and lizards. As well as a beautiful gallery and exploring the tales of South Tyneside.

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



## Souter Lighthouse

Not only is Souter a famous landmark with fantastic coastal walks it also offers some great summer activities.

### The Summer of Sport.

**Mondays and Wednesdays, 25 July – 31 August, 11am- 3.30pm.**

Have a go at outdoor games and mini-sports activities for all the family including football, badminton, and archery.

### Moth & Storm: Petrel night.

**30 July. Meet some of Souter's nocturnal wildlife. 9.30pm- 11.45pm.**

Join wildlife experts to find and identify our local moth population and see them ringing 'stormies', elusive seabirds which arrive by night. Part of an annual series of surveys which help to build a picture of nature in South Tyneside. Drop by and stay as late as you like while the team do their thing. Suitable for over 4's – children must be accompanied by an adult.

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



# Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton Relay

South Tyneside is gearing up to welcome the Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton Relay to the Borough this summer.

Birmingham 2022 is hosting the 16th official Queen's Baton Relay – an epic journey bringing communities together across the Commonwealth during the build up to the Commonwealth Games Opening Ceremony on 28 July.

In the final leg of the journey – a 25-day tour of England – the Queen's Baton will visit South Tyneside on Friday 15 July during its two days in the region.

Communities are encouraged to line the route along Sea Road, between the

New Crown Roundabout and Harbour Drive North at Littlehaven. The baton is expected to arrive early morning.

The Queen's Baton Relay is being carried through Commonwealth territories by thousands of Batonbearers – local people who have inspired others, made an impact in their community or are representative of the values of the Games.

Nine people will carry the Baton through South Tyneside.



Community champion Ann Walsh, of East Boldon, is one of the inspirational people chosen as a Batonbearer after being nominated by the Council.



Ann Walsh

Ann was selected in recognition of her tireless work raising hundreds of thousands of pounds for Cancer Research UK and organising the annual Relay for Life at Jarrow's Monkton Stadium.

Ann, aged 63, said: "It's a huge honour and privilege to be chosen to represent the area on such an important occasion.

"I was delighted to learn I had been nominated to be a Batonbearer and finding out the nomination was made by the Council made it even more special. The Council has always been supportive of my charity work and to have its support for this means a great deal. When I found out I had actually been selected I couldn't believe it."





Communities across South Tyneside have been celebrating in style as Her Majesty The Queen marks her Platinum Jubilee.



The Borough joined communities around the world to celebrate The Queen's 70th year on the throne with a range of events and activities over the extended four-day bank holiday weekend of 2-5 June.

In the run up to the celebrations, the Council worked with local groups to plant 70 new trees as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative. An avenue of cherry trees was also planted in South Marine Park, South Shields.

Schools, libraries and community organisations also held their own celebrations to mark the historic milestone, from jubilee-themed crafts and reading activities to street parties, fun days, sports tournaments and afternoon teas – to name a few.

Many of the activities and community projects were supported by the Council's Platinum Jubilee Community Grant – a new £30,000 fund dedicated to supporting local events and projects celebrating the Platinum Jubilee around the Jubilee Bank Holiday.

The grants scheme supported around 100 applications across a wide range of clubs, groups, residents' and community associations, schools, 'Friends of' groups and older people's housing and supported living projects.

As part of the national celebrations, South Tyneside joined towns and cities across the country in the lighting of more than 1,500 beacons – including a special beacon lighting ceremony at the Lawe Top in South Shields.

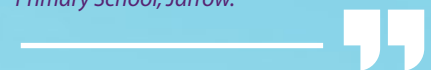
Local people also came together to take part in the national Big Jubilee Lunch event, enjoying street parties with their neighbours, garden barbecues or picnics in their local parks.



**"We were so grateful to receive a grant from the Council. The money supported us to hold a jubilee picnic for our children, their families and staff.**

**We wanted to arrange a special treat for our school community and give them the chance to experience a celebration and have an event which allows us to develop our British Values across school. It was a wonderful afternoon full of fun, music, food, flags and bunting."**

*Jane Crawford, of Valley View Primary School, Jarrow.*





Partners across South Tyneside's cultural sector came together to launch the new Cultural Strategy, Making Waves.

# New Cultural Strategy set to Make Waves

**Arts, heritage and creative partners came together earlier this year to launch an exciting new shared vision for South Tyneside's cultural sector.**

Making Waves 2022-2027, South Tyneside's new Cultural Strategy, builds on the Borough's unique and vibrant cultural offer, drawing on its vast creative talent and strengths and developing them to help reach more people.

It also focuses on the positive impact culture has on the health and wellbeing of people, on the wider local area and the significant contribution it makes to the local economy, jobs and tourism – helping to promote South Tyneside as an attractive place to live, invest and enjoy.

The strategy looks at how partners can work together more collaboratively, share experience and pool resources to help generate more opportunities for creative groups, provide innovative new cultural experiences and deliver bigger and better events across the Borough.

Making Waves was developed following a Borough-wide public consultation in which more than 500 residents, community groups and key stakeholders shared their views.

It was created in partnership with key cultural and heritage partners including Arts Council England, The Customs House, The Cultural Spring, Tyne and Wear Museums and Archives, Groundwork North and South Tyneside, Creative Seed CIC, the National Trust and many more.

The strategy was launched in spring during one of a series of creative sessions supporting artists, creatives and small enterprises to build their networks, be inspired and make the most of South Tyneside's assets.

For further information visit [www.southtyneside.gov.uk/culture](http://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/culture)





Blue plaque unveiled in tribute to George Orwell's first wife, Eileen O'Shaughnessy



A blue plaque honours historian and photographer Amy Flagg



Celebrating Local Democracy Fortnight with Westoe Crown Primary School children.



Paying tribute on Workers' Memorial Day



Planting a Jubilee tree in Monkton Dene Park, Jarrow.



Marking Bangladeshi Independence Day



Marking International Women's Day



Anzac Day commemorations

# Civic Pride Strong in South Tyneside

As the Mayor and Mayoress of South Tyneside enter their second year in office, they continue to enjoy a busy schedule of key events and civic engagements.

The Mayor, Councillor Pat Hay and Mayoress, Jean Copp have met hundreds of people across South Tyneside and beyond while representing the Borough, promoting civic pride and raising money for the Mayor's Charity, which is supporting The Customs House and Cancer Connections, among other good causes.

Some of the highlights over recent months include unveiling special blue plaques honouring notable local people, marking International Women's Day and Bangladeshi Independence Day and celebrating the Borough's first Local Democracy Fortnight.

On behalf of South Tyneside, the Mayor and Mayoress have presented awards and gave 'thanks' to local people for their outstanding contributions to their local communities and enjoyed Easter celebrations and led poignant Anzac Day and Workers' Memorial Day commemorations.

They have also joined tree planting activities for the Queen's Green Canopy initiative as well as a series of special events bringing communities together across South Tyneside, the UK and Commonwealth to mark the historic Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The Mayor said:

**"The Mayoress and I have had a fabulous year in office so far and have met so many wonderful people who make the Borough such a special place. It's been particularly exciting to be representing the Borough during the momentous year that marks the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We are so honoured and continue to embrace our civic duties with great pride."**



# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2022



# GADGETEERS

This year's Summer Reading Challenge theme is 'Gadgeteers', a special science themed challenge delivered in partnership with Science Museum Group, which will inspire you to use your imagination and creativity.

Presented by The Reading Agency. Delivered in partnership with libraries.

Science is all around you! What do you love doing? Are you a brilliant baker? Or a mega music fan? Are you the tech wizard amongst your friends? Join the Gadgeteers to discover the amazing science and innovation behind the world around you, including some of your favourite things!

Children aged 4-11 can join in the challenge, which will feature amazing books, awesome rewards and plenty of ideas for cool experiments and activities to discover the science all around you.

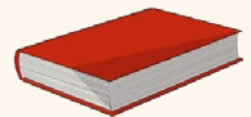
From **Saturday 9 July**, children can sign up at their local library and read six books of their choice and return them before **Saturday 17 September** to complete the challenge. There are rewards to collect along the way and it's FREE to take part.

All children who sign up and borrow a minimum of two books will, when they return their books and borrow another minimum of two books, receive a poster and two sets of stickers. Once they have completed the challenge, they will then receive the last set of stickers, a pencil and a certificate. Children can choose from a large selection of books, as long as they are borrowed from the library.



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South Tyneside  
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**SATURDAY 9 JULY - SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER**

The Summer Reading Challenge will be delivered in libraries across South Tyneside including the Council's multi-service hubs (The Word, Hebburn Central, Jarrow Focus and Cleadon Park) and the community libraries run by volunteer-based organisations (Boldon and Cleadon, Perth Green and Whitburn).

For more information including how to sign up, visit [www.southtyneside.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/libraries)

**SCIENCE MUSEUM GROUP**

**IGNITING IMAGINATION  
INSPIRING INNOVATORS**

**20 YEARS THE READING AGENCY**

**SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**



# South Tyneside Libraries Groups and Activities

There's a great range of activities that take place across our libraries which offer a chance to try something different, learn new skills and socialise.

## Reading Groups

Reading groups are a great opportunity for you to read with others, share your thoughts on books and to meet new friends. Joining is FREE so all you need to do is pick a time and place that suits you. Groups take place monthly across our libraries.



## Early Years Groups

We have a range of activities for babies and toddlers, from birth up until four years old.

- **Baby Bounce** - from birth up to the time when they start to become mobile
- **Bounce and Wobbles** – For babies up to 1 year old who are mobile
- **Wobbles and Wiggles** – For ages 1-2 years old
- **Jiggle and Wiggle** – For ages 2-3 years old
- **Peek-a-Book** – For ages 3-4 years old

Activities take place during term time. Baby Bounce takes place during term time and school holidays. Sessions are FREE and are drop-in. Spaces are available on a first come basis.

## Library Memberships

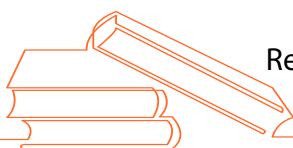
FREE to join. Sign up at your local library or online at [www.southtyneside.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/libraries)

### For more information:

[www.southtyneside.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/libraries)

[library.support@southtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:library.support@southtyneside.gov.uk)

Libraries can be contacted direct by phone: The Word: (0191) 427 1818  
Hebburn Central: (0191) 424 7831 Jarrow Focus: (0191) 489 7786  
and Cleadon Park: (0191) 424 6194




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## Home Readers Service

If you or someone you know is unable to visit one of our libraries in person, our home readers service provides a free, personal and friendly service to supply books or books on CD to you in your own home, residential home, sheltered housing or nursing home. Whether you're unable to get to the library yourself or to carry books due to disability, sickness or old age, the service is available to help.

A member of staff will visit your home, giving you the chance to get to know each other and discuss the type of books you may want to read.

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# Community Mapping



## Community Collaborations event

Inspire and the Council are holding a Community Collaborations event on

**Wednesday 22 June  
at Jarrow Hall**

to meet the group organiser, find out more about what you do and offer information and support.

If you missed the event – don't worry. We still want to hear from you. Please fill in the survey and we'll be in touch.

We'll share the information we've gathered from the survey and the event, and we'll be looking at all the fantastic assets in South Tyneside.

We'll also share what ideas and actions we can do to support any gaps that might be highlighted.

We plan on sharing and promoting all groups, activities, or services to promote the great work that you're doing in South Tyneside. This is a way to make residents aware of what is taking place in their local community.



## We need your help!

Community Mapping is all about involving residents in identifying the assets of their neighbourhood, looking at opportunities and creating a picture of what it is like to live there. We know that South Tyneside is a great place to live and that there is a lot of local groups across South Tyneside doing fantastic things such as walking groups, support groups for a specific medical condition, park group, litter picks etc.

Do you organise or you attend any kind of group, activity or service in South Tyneside then South Tyneside Council and Inspire want to hear from you.

We want to expand on our #LoveSouthTyneside community spirit and celebrate and promote all the fantastic support currently taking place in South Tyneside. It doesn't matter what age or what your group or activity does – we want to find out them all.

We would like a better understanding about what might be missing in our borough - whether its support for a particular age group, communities, or a type of activity. To do this, we have created a quick survey for you to complete.



## Complete the survey

Please tell us about what you or your group do by completing our survey at: [www.southtyneside.gov.uk/communitymapping](http://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/communitymapping)

The survey will help us to create a map of community activities available in South Tyneside.

## Other way the Council can help

As well as grant opportunities, South Tyneside Council can also offer a range of marketing opportunities.

# Supporting our Armed Forces Community

The Council helps to support the armed forces through the Navy, Army, Airforce and Families Institute (NAAFI) Break - a dedicated face-to-face drop in service, established in 2016, which enables serving and ex-service personnel, reservists and their families, to socialise and get support on civilian life.

Joe Mills, Army veteran and NAAFI Break chairman, is truly committed to NAAFI Break and this dedication comes from his own experiences. Joe joined the Army, the Royal Irish Fusiliers (Princess Victoria's Own) North Irish Brigade (Regiment of the Line), in 1964 as an Infantry soldier and served for six years.

Later, he joined a veteran's branch of the Royal Irish Rangers at Gaza Barrack, which lasted two years due to low membership. In 2006, himself and colleagues of the Royal Irish Rangers formed a second branch in Catterick which is still going today.

Joe Mills said: "While running The Royal Irish Rangers Association in Catterick, I soon became aware of the difficulties ex-service personnel face when leaving the military service; homelessness, marital and addiction issues to name but a few.

"When I became aware of NAAFI Break supporting veterans in my hometown of South Shields, as a veteran I was keen to attend. The reservist who ran it left his position and I didn't want the veterans who attended to suddenly not have the support system that was gaining new attendees on a regular basis, so I decided to continue to volunteer and keep NAAFI Break running."



Joe Mills (Chairman of NAAFI Break)

The NAAFI Break group has grown from strength to strength. In 2020, the veterans formed a committee and constitution and welcomed Lieutenant General Robin Brims as their Patron.

Through its Armed Forces Community Covenant pledge, the Council works to ensure services personnel are not disadvantaged when accessing public services.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, NAAFI Break's usual meetings were temporarily suspended, however they utilised virtual

platforms to ensure veterans continued to get vital support. Face-to-face meetings returned at the end of 2021.

This dedication and commitment led to Joe Mills, and his daughter Kirsty Mills, to be nominated for a #LoveSouthTyneside Award and shortlisted in the top three nominees.

For further information about support for the Armed Forces community in South Tyneside visit [www.southtyneside.gov.uk/armedforces](http://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/armedforces)



NAAFI Break is held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month.

🕒 10am – 12noon

📍 Trinity House, Café at the House, Laygate, South Shields

# #LoveSouthTyneside



The Mayor and Mayoress, Cllr Pat Hay and Mrs Jean Copp, help children from Hadrian Primary School to plant a tree

## Tree Planting

**Over the course of the last financial year, South Tyneside Council worked with communities to deliver on its priority to plant 3000 trees per year. Together with communities, we've more than delivered and the whole borough is greener as a result!**

Tree planting started in April 2021 when the council distributed 75 fruit trees to local schools to plant.

Funding was also secured under the Urban Tree Challenge Fund to plant and maintain 600 heavy standard trees on new sites around the borough.

The council then secured further funding from the Local Authority Treescape Fund to plant over 80 heavy standard trees to replace trees naturally lost. The majority have been planted in parks across the borough, with most major parks receiving trees.

Furthermore, the council planted 150 heavy standard trees as part of its routine annual tree planting target, as well as 3000 whips, mostly in Temple Park, South Shields and Jubilee Wood, Jarrow. This was partially funded by Council budget and the newly established North East Community Forest and Trees For Cities organisation.

The council was not alone in its tree planting endeavours, with colleagues from the Durham and Northumberland Wildlife Trust, the many "friends of" groups and many elected members pitching in to plant trees across the borough.

Unfortunately, the unprecedented storms over the last year meant that many trees were lost due to severe storm damage. However, the sheer volume of trees planted means that there was still a net gain in tree canopy coverage. These new trees are susceptible to damage or decline during establishment and the Council is monitoring and watering these trees regularly, with a view to replacing any that don't survive.







## Thank You!

The #LoveSouthTyneside Thank You made a triumphant return in February 2022, and we have had so many heart-warming nominations for people who go above and beyond every single day.

But we know that there are so many more out there that our doing fantastic work in South Tyneside!

Nominate someone for a special #LoveSouthTyneside Thank You. The nominee can be any person, business or organisation who you think deserves to be recognised for volunteering, improving the environment, helping others or promoting South Tyneside.

Every person nominated will receive a personal thank you from the Mayor of South Tyneside.

If you feel there is someone who deserves recognition you can nominate them today by visiting [www.lovesouthtyneside.co.uk](http://www.lovesouthtyneside.co.uk)

# Start a Volunteering group to support the environment

Volunteering is a great way to:

- Meet new people
- Improve your fitness levels
- Develop new skills
- Be part of a team
- Support your wider community

South Tyneside Council encourage volunteers to work with the council to help us continue to improve the Borough's open spaces.

There are a number of volunteer groups already operating in South Tyneside and to find out about local groups in your area you can contact the council's Community Engagement Officer, [Emily.Ross@southtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:Emily.Ross@southtyneside.gov.uk)

If there isn't an established volunteer group in your area, you may wish to consider creating a new group. You can do this by contacting Emily who will provide you with all the necessary details to begin the application process.




Becoming an established group and working in partnership with South Tyneside Council brings many benefits, including:


- Allowing groups to carry out work and operate on Council land
- A one-off £2,000 grant from the Council to help with set-up and administration
- Support in writing bids for external funding
- Support in applying for Community Area Forum (CAF) funding
- Health and safety advice including risk assessments and method statements
- Support from the Green Space Forum
- Advice and support on operational issues
- The opportunity to occupy Council owned premises through licence or lease arrangements

For more information you can visit [www.southtyneside.gov.uk/article/71895/Set-up-an-established-volunteer-group](http://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/article/71895/Set-up-an-established-volunteer-group)

### Get involved

If you want to find out how you can #lovesouthtyneside, get involved in volunteer opportunities or promote and improve your local area, visit [www.lovesouthtyneside.co.uk](http://www.lovesouthtyneside.co.uk) or follow us on social media:

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**If your dog fouls in a public area, it is your responsibility to ensure the mess is picked up and properly disposed of.**

# Dog fouling. Bag It. Bin It.

Dog fouling is a big concern, not just because of the mess it causes, but because it can also be a health risk. Many dog owners in South Tyneside are responsible and bag their dog mess, but the minority are spoiling our streets, play areas and open spaces.

## What are we doing?

The Council is committed to raising awareness about the issue of dog fouling and will respond reactively and pro-actively to reported incidents.

The Council is currently:

- Using stencils to paint 'No Fouling' in key areas in South Tyneside
- installing bins where they haven't been provided previously - but, did you know you can use any public bin to dispose of your bagged dog waste?
- utilising Council and private CCTV / mobile phone material - to identify irresponsible dog owners who do not pick up after their dogs

- training officers on the street - Council and South Tyneside Homes officers are being trained to issue Fixed Penalty Notices, talk to people, encourage responsible dog ownership and hand out poop-scoop bags.

**We need your help. If you see it. Report It.**

## Did you know...

- Around 100 cases of toxocariasis are diagnosed each year in the UK
- Local authorities in the UK receive approximately 226,000 complaints about dog fouling every year

- The cost to British taxpayers of clearing up after dogs is around £2.3 million per year
- It is an offence for anyone in charge of a dog on public land to fail to remove dog faeces deposited by that dog

## How are dog fouling incidents enforced?

The Borough of South Tyneside is covered by a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) which prohibits the fouling of land by dogs.

Allowing a dog that you own (or are in control of) to foul public land without picking it up immediately, is an offence that attracts a fixed penalty. A number of Council and South Tyneside Homes officers can enforce the Public Space Protection Order.

If you have photographic, CCTV or video evidence of a dog fouling incident, you can report it to the Environmental Health Team by calling 0191 427 7000 or emailing [environmental.healthmailbox@southtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:environmental.healthmailbox@southtyneside.gov.uk).

**Report It online at:**  
[www.southtyneside.gov.uk/reportit](http://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/reportit)





**Let us know if it's affecting you!**

# Time to put the brakes on nuisance bikers

**South Tyneside Council, Northumbria Police and South Tyneside Homes are working together to deal with motorcycle nuisance in the borough.**

Riding on open land, parks, rights of way and footpaths is almost always illegal. Even on private land, permission is required from the owner of the land.

## Report motorcycle nuisance

**If you are affected by motorcycle nuisance please help us prevent it by reporting it:**

- Northumbria Police call 101
- Report an incident <https://beta.northumbria.police.uk/our-services/report-it/report-an-incident/>
- Email: [community.safety@southtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:community.safety@southtyneside.gov.uk)

**It is helpful if you let us know:**

- Details of the motorcycle (e.g. number plate, make, model and colour and where it is stored)
- Details of the rider (e.g. name, address and what they are wearing)
- When and where the motorcycle is being used (e.g. days, times and routes)

Any information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

## What can we do?

- Seize the motorcycles and have them destroyed
- Take tenancy enforcement action against the owner of the motorcycles
- Use our Public Spaces Protection Order to issue fixed penalty notices

## Riding a motorcycle on a road

To be used on a public highway, motorcycles must be constructed to a specific standard and are required to have:

- **A VALID MOT**
- **INSURANCE**
- **ROAD TAX AND**
- **BE REGISTERED**

**The rider must also:**

- **BE AGED 17 OR OVER**
- **HOLD A VALID DRIVING LICENSE**
- **WEAR A SUITABLE CRASH HELMET**

## What is 'a road'?

As well as the carriageway, footpaths alongside roads are part of the road. Pushing a motorcycle along the footpaths means it is on the road.

## The law

Under the Police Reform Act, the police can seize motor vehicles that are used to cause alarm, distress, or annoyance to members of the public. Repeat offenders are warned that they may have their motor vehicle taken from them and disposed of and they may have to pay the cost of recovery.

Parents are warned that they may be liable to pay a recovery fee on any cycle seized from their child. Think twice before you let your child out on that motorbike!

You can only ride an off-road motorbike legally if it is on private land and you have the land owner's permission. Land owned by the local council is not classed as private land. In law off road motorbikes are regarded as motor vehicles which must be constructed to a specific standard in order to be ridden on a public highway. Most off road motorbikes do not meet this standard. Visit the Department for Transport website: [www.dft.gov.uk](http://www.dft.gov.uk) for more information.

**For more information visit [www.southtyneside.gov.uk/communitysafety](http://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/communitysafety)**





# Get Involved with TenantTalk!

The South Tyneside Homes Involvement Team have recently launched TenantTalk, a brand new way for our customers to easily share their thoughts on our services.

TenantTalk is a private Facebook Group which you can apply to join by scanning this QR code – or visiting [www.facebook.com/groups/sthtenanttalk/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/sthtenanttalk/)

Within TenantTalk you can vote on polls, give feedback, chat to other tenants and our Involvement Team, and have the platform to make your voice heard. Getting involved has never been easier!

To join TenantTalk, you simply need to be a customer of South Tyneside Homes. It is a great community and a fantastic way to get involved on the go! We would love to have you as our newest member.

Discover more, scan here



## Fire Safety work earns Top Award

We are thrilled to have won Best Fire Safety Innovation at the Housing Digital Innovation Awards!

Our approach to fire safety in residential tower blocks saw us be recognised at the national awards ceremony. Here at South Tyneside Homes, we have implemented 'TwinnedIt' technology to create 3D imaging of the borough's high-rise blocks. The TwinnedIt process creates a 'digital twin' of buildings and stores information such as construction details and materials all in one place. This data can then be shared with the emergency services, residents, and partners.

Cllr Jim Foreman, Lead Member for Housing and Transport, said: "We're delighted to have won this award which recognises just how much importance we place on our residents' safety."



# Great British Spring Clean Success!

Our dedicated Handy Estates Team have been celebrating the annual Great British Spring Clean across the borough.

The Great British Spring Clean is Great Britain's biggest environmental campaign. It encourages members of the public to make a real difference in their communities by either hosting or participating in an organised litter pick. It's a great way to make a difference in your local area!

Over a two-week period, we organised 5 litter picking events and invited members of the community along to help us keep our beautiful Borough cleaner and greener. A big thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to support Handy Estates.

Make sure to follow our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/stynesidehomes](http://www.facebook.com/stynesidehomes) to be notified about our future events.



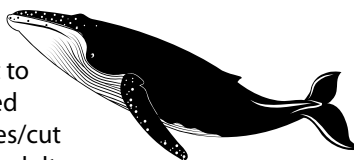
# 11 years of being eco-friendly

Have you heard? We've successfully completed our ISO14001 audit for the 11th year in a row! A huge congrats to our dedicated team on this amazing achievement.

The ISO14001 is our commitment to being as environmentally friendly as possible across our services. We're sure you'll join us in congratulating the team.

## Fun fact:




As part of South Tyneside Homes' commitment to achieving environmental excellence we recycled 50,465 tonnes of UPVC window and door frames/cut offs in 2021. That's the equivalent weight of an adult humpback whale!



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## Keep in touch with us!

Did you know South Tyneside Homes are on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter? Follow us on social to stay up to date with service changes and latest news!

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# Staying healthy



## Social Determinants of Health

**Social determinants, sometimes called wider determinants, are a diverse range of social, economic and environmental factors which impact on people's health**

Where we are born, live, work and how old we are all affect our health and wellbeing. Many experts agree that these social determinants can be more important than actual health care services.

In the last Director of Public Health's annual report, hypothetical children Jack and Emily were used to demonstrate the differences of two children born on the same day but from different parts of the borough.

The report detailed the impact that this had on their health and wellbeing

throughout their lives. Jack was born in Simonside and Rekendyke and Emily in Cleadon and East Boldon. Their journeys through life are shockingly different, resulting in Jack expecting to live 75 years and Emily 87 years; a whole 12 years longer.

The examples of social determinants described in the 2019 report included childhood experiences, housing, education, social support, family income, employment, communities and access to healthcare. We'll be covering these topics in more detail in future editions.

## Active Travel Challenge

**Active travel means getting about in a way that makes you physically active, like walking or cycling.**

It usually means short journeys, like walking to the shops or local school, cycling to work or to see friends and family. Many journeys that people make using cars are under 5 miles, so there's real potential to swap the car for walking and cycling.

Not only can active travel have a positive effect on our health and wellbeing, walking, cycling, scooting or wheeling can also help reduce our impact on the environment. Choosing an active mode of transport provides opportunities for us all to be more physically active and develop our road safety skills. It also helps tackle congestion and reduce air pollution.

South Tyneside Council invited local schools to take part in an Active Travel Challenge which took place throughout May 2022. We wanted see children, parents/guardians and school staff opting for a more sustainable way to travel to school whether this be walking, cycling, wheeling or

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# this Summer



scooting. We invited all schools in South Tyneside to take part in the challenge and be in with a chance of winning up to £2,000 for their school to help support future active travel initiatives. Schools used the #STactivetavelchallenge hashtag to share photos and videos on Twitter or Facebook to show how children, parents/guardians and teaching staff applied active travel to the school run and beyond.

It was great to see so many South Tyneside residents take part in the challenge. Some children searched for treasures and flowers whilst others enjoyed riding their scooter to school.

The top five prizes are due to go to schools with the best selection of engaging and innovative posts. South Tyneside Council encouraged posts that shone a light on the environmental benefits of active travel! We also wanted to see how schools encouraged children, parents and staff to choose an active mode of transport as a long-term option and not just throughout the month of May!

## 'A Better U' Lifestyle Programme

**You can get regular face to face advice & support to lose weight, get fitter & lead a more active life with the 'A Better U' Lifestyle Programme.**

This is a FREE 12-week lifestyle programme for adults and families in South Tyneside. When you've signed up you'll attend weekly lifestyle education sessions that will support you to make positive changes that will become lifelong habits.

To find out more visit [www.firstcontactclinical.co.uk/Lifestyle-Programme](http://www.firstcontactclinical.co.uk/Lifestyle-Programme) or call **0191 4329838**.



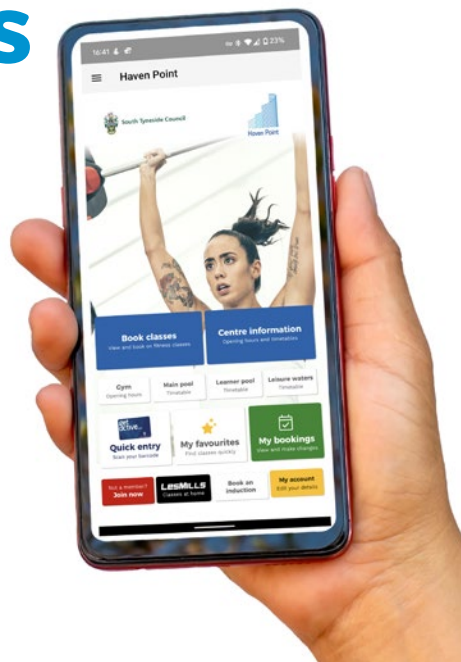
## Summer Health

**A lot of us welcome the warmer weather, but when it's too hot there can be health risks, especially for the very young, elderly or those with long term medical conditions.**

If hot weather hits this summer, make sure it does not harm you or your loved ones by following these top tips:

- Protect your skin with clothing, including a hat, t-shirt and sunglasses
- Stay out of the sun between 11am and 3pm
- Use a 'high protection' sunscreen of at least SPF 30 which also has high UVA protection and apply it generously and frequently when in the sun.
- Keep babies, young children and the elderly out of direct sunlight
- Close curtains on rooms that face the sun to keep indoor spaces cooler and remember it may be cooler outdoors than indoors
- Drink plenty of fluids and avoid excess alcohol
- Never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle, especially infants, young children or animals
- Avoid exercising in the hottest parts of the day
- If you are going into open water to cool down, take care and follow local safety advice

# Coming soon to our leisure centres



- **New Mobile App** - easier and faster way to book and pay for classes and activities. Be kept up to date with our latest news and review your information and bookings. Quicker facility access

- **Self-Serve Kiosks** - check in and book activities without the need to queue at reception

- **Electronic check-in** - for class programmes via tablets outside of studios

More information on the upcoming leisure developments can be found at [www.southtyneside.gov.uk/leisure](http://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/leisure)

# get active...

feel great

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- 2 Steam rooms
- Over 200 classes

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