

A small selection of examples of media and social media coverage highlighting welcoming town centres

My Council E-Newsletter examples – including town centre events, community safety updates and regeneration updates.

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Get festive with Stockton Sparkles

Start your Christmas celebrations with the Stockton Sparkles Launch on Thursday 27 November. From 5pm, Stockton High Street will come alive with festive fun, live music and the dazzling light switch-on. The celebrations continue with a Weekend with Santa on 29–30 November, the Christmas Market and free Victorian Fair from 5–7 December, and the magical Lantern Parade on Sunday 7 December at 4pm. For more information visit **Stockton Sparkles**.



Summer Family Fun Day: Here to Help event

Join us for a free family fun day on Saturday 19 July from 10am to 2pm on Stockton High Street. The event is organised by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council's A Fairer Stockton-on-Tees and Community Engagement teams and is themed around arts and crafts, with loads of creative activities for all the family to enjoy. There will also be a range of support and guidance available. Visit our [Here to Help page](#) for more information.



Remembrance Sunday across Stockton-on-Tees

Services of Remembrance will take place around the Borough on Sunday 9 November to honour those who gave their lives during both World Wars and more recent conflicts. Residents are invited to pay their respects at services being held in communities around the area.

A full list of services including times and locations can be found on the [Tees Valley What's On website](#).





Combatting anti-social behaviour

A multi-agency operation to combat anti-social behaviour and offending in Stockton Town Centre has started. Operation Shield, will see officers from the Council's Civic Enforcement Team, Licensing Team, CCTV and Public Health Team, Cleveland Police, Wellington Square, Stockton BID, local recovery support agencies and other partners join forces to combat substance misuse related offending and improve perception of safety in the town centre. Find out more about community safety [on the Council's website](#).

Stockton Waterfront Urban Park

New images show the progress of the construction of Stockton Waterfront urban park as it nears completion. Paving and street furniture are now in place at Finkle Square, and the three play areas are now complete. Work continues around the Oval Lawn and amphitheatre, alongside new road and traffic signal installations on the new carriageway of A1305 Riverside Road. Stockton Waterfront urban park will welcome its first visitors across the weekend of 20 and 21 June. Learn more about [Stockton Waterfront online](#).





Stockton Urban Waterfront Park

Construction continues across **Stockton Urban Waterfront Park**, due to be completed later in the Spring. The upper park's large play area is progressing well, including two striking timber towers over ten metres tall. Finkle Gardens is developing into a peaceful space with river views, while the new amphitheatre and accessible viewing platform is near completion. An 18-metre Platanus Orientalis 'Minaret' tree has been planted by the Oval Lawn and the Millennium Footbridge has been reconnected to the town centre once again.



Work continues at Urban Park

New images show exciting progress at the **Stockton Waterfront development**, with tree planting and new facilities taking shape in Finkle Square and Finkle Gardens. Work continues on the riverside amphitheatre, while paving on the Oval Lawn is now complete. The Riverside Road footbridge has reopened, reconnecting Silver Street to the riverside. Over the next month, more changes will unfold with additional paving and landscaping and new shelters being installed.



Urban Park on track for Spring 2026

Two years on from the first spade in the ground on the **Stockton Waterfront development**, significant progress has been made on the site, ahead of its completion in the Spring. The transformational urban park will create an iconic, new public space that residents and visitors will be able to enjoy, as part of Council plans to transform the town centre. It will include features such as exciting new play areas for families, flexible spaces for hosting a range of events and food and street trading opportunities.



Construction starts on iconic play area

A new play attraction with two huge timber towers, each standing over ten metres tall, is being installed in Stockton Waterfront urban park. The towers form part of a large play area with a wide range of equipment and features, all influenced by the previous industrial heritage of the site. This is one of three play spaces in the new urban park, along with 'play-on-the-way' features and an exhilarating six-metre slide from the amphitheatre to the riverside that will take children and families on a journey of discovery. Read more [on the Council's website](#).



Work begins on new leisure centre

Work is underway on a new £14 million, **state-of-the-art leisure facility** in Thornaby Town Centre, as part of the £23.9 million Thornaby Town Deal. The development will include a five-lane pool, gym, sauna and changing rooms. It will also feature a new entrance, extra parking and improved public spaces, connecting to the existing Thornaby Pavilion. Operated by Tees Active, the pool will offer more learn-to-swim opportunities and school swimming partnerships. The facility is due to open in summer 2027.

Stockton Waterfront campaign

Examples of media coverage generated:

[Stockton-on-Tees urban park scheme enters final stage - BBC News](#)

[Historic illustrations and sculptures among heritage features in Stockton Waterfront Urban Park | Teesside Live](#)

[Stockton Waterfront urban park opening dates confirmed as project in 'final stages of construction' | Teesside Live](#)

Example of a social media post on this campaign:

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Published by Jen Tomlin · 20 March ·

📍📷 On the ground at Stockton Waterfront! 📷

👉 Here's a sneak peek at some of the impressive spaces being created at Stockton Waterfront urban park.

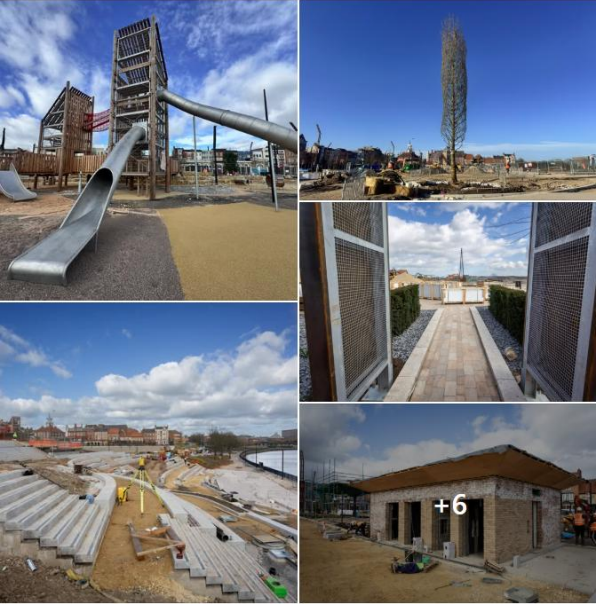
This includes:

- The large play area on the upper park, with two timber towers, each standing over ten metres tall.
- The Finkle Gardens area, set to be a more intimate setting, with a quiet garden space and views of the river.
- The creation of a large amphitheatre and accessible viewing platform which is nearing completion.
- The planting of a large 18 metre feature tree, a Platanus Orientalis 'Minaret', near to the Oval Lawn area.
- The construction toilet block shell, which will also include a changing places facility.

🌿📷 From events spaces and three exciting new play areas to trees and gardens, we're so excited to see how the site is changing each week.

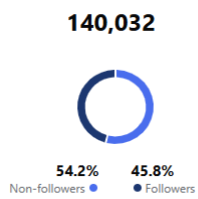
📍 The urban park is on track to open later in the spring and is the next step in Stockton High Street's transformation.

📄 Find out more about Stockton Waterfront: www.stockton.gov.uk/stockton/urban-park
Stockton BID | Tees Valley Combined Authority | Ryder Architecture | Timberplay Ltd [See less](#)



👍👍 North East Family Adventures, Timberplay Ltd and 480 others 339 comments 46 shares

Views ⓘ



Thornaby regeneration campaign:

Examples of media coverage generated:

['Eyesore' Thornaby hotel brought under council control - BBC News](#)

[Regeneration plans to take step forward with 'huge opportunity for expansion' | Teesside Live](#)

[Clearing the way for Thornaby's regeneration | Bdaily](#)

Example of social media posts on this campaign:

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Published by Jen Tomlin · 30 March · 🌐

🏗️ New images show the progress of the construction of a new leisure facility in Thornaby Town Centre.

🏊‍♂️ The two-storey leisure centre will include a five-lane swimming pool, gym, sauna and changing rooms.

🔨 Following work beginning on site in February, Groundworks have been taking place, including pouring the steel-reinforced concrete for the floor installation.

📅 This work is taking place ahead of the construction of the steel structure of the building, set to begin in late May.

📍 The building will connect into the existing Thornaby Pavilion, and feature a new entrance and car park, with an extra 46 car parking spaces.

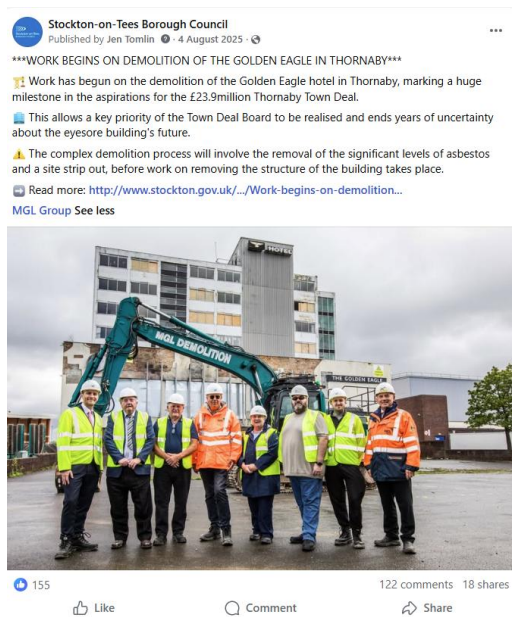
💡 This project is part of the £23.9million Thornaby Town Deal, set to bring long-term change and investment to Thornaby.

🔗 Find out more: www.stockton.gov.uk/thornaby

Galliford Try See less



👤 North East Family Adventures and 109 others · 43 comments · 18 shares



Operation Shield and 'Reducing the Strength' licensing scheme

Examples of media coverage generated:

[Six months of Operation Shield: A focus on Stockton's town centre | Cleveland Police](#)

[Stockton scheme tackles alcohol-related anti-social behaviour - BBC News](#)

Examples of social media post for this campaign:

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Published by Jen Tomlin · 24 June 2025 · 🌐

👮 Officers from Cleveland Police and the Council's Civic Enforcement Team were on hand in Stockton on Saturday to support and show appreciation for the contribution of veterans, cadets and all those who serve their country.

👮 They were patrolling as part of Operation Shield to ensure everyone could enjoy the weather and all of the activities the event had to offer.

❤️ It was a fantastic day in the town, with residents, businesses and visitors enjoying the event and outdoor market, with only one complaint received about anti-social behaviour throughout the entire day.

👮 Officers from the Licensing Team visited premises in the town centre with Change Grow Live to advise on the sale of high strength alcohol products.

👮 On Friday, a multi-agency taskforce also took part in an early morning outreach programme in the town centre. Staff from the Council's Adult Social Care team, the Homeless Team and Community Safety joined staff from Change Grow Live and The Moses Project, to visit and offer help to those who may be in need of support.

👮 Operation Shield sees officers from the Council, [Cleveland Police Wellington Square Stockton BID](#) local recovery support agencies and other partners join forces to combat substance misuse related offending and perceptions of safety. [See less](#)



Operation Shield Update

👮 Stockton BID and 33 others

10 comments · 8 shares

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Published by Laura Kelsey · 18 June 2025 · 🌐

👉 It's been a busy day in Stockton High Street today with lots of you making the most of the sunshine.

📺 You may have spotted BBC Tees on site, who were down speaking to the young market traders and regular market traders, finding out about the Borough's popular traditional markets and helping spread the word about becoming a trader of the future.

🎭 At lunch time talented students from The Northern School of Art's MA Directing & Theatre-Making courses were performing near the fountain giving a preview of A Bunch of Plays - a celebration of new work coming to ARC next week.

This festival of theatre marks the culmination of the students' creativity, passion, and dedication over the past academic year. Audiences will be able to enjoy seven original plays across four nights. Find out more: <https://arconline.co.uk/whats-on/?showcats=theatre>

👮 As part of 'Operation Shield', our Civic Enforcement team were also out on patrols alongside Cleveland Police to ensure everyone can enjoy the town centre safely.

Wellington Square | Stockton BID | Stockton Police | ARC Stockton Arts Centre | The Northern School Of Art | Stockton-on-Tees Markets [See less](#)



Wellington Square, Stockton BID and 234 others · 35 comments · 26 shares

👍 Like 💬 Comment ➦ Share

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Published by Laura Kelsey · 2 October 2025 · 🌐

👉 A new scheme aimed at tackling anti-social behaviour and reducing health issues caused by alcohol is being launched by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council.

✖ The Council's Licensing Team have been working with local businesses to introduce the 'Reducing the Strength' scheme which will see Premises Licence holders voluntarily agree to stop selling low cost, high strength alcohol such as beer, lager and cider above 6.5% Alcohol By Volume (ABV).


Reducing the Strength is being implemented following collaboration between the Council, local businesses and licence holders in Stockton Town Centre as well as partners at Cleveland Police, CGL Stockton Recovery Service, Public Health and Stockton BID.

👮 This scheme is being introduced in line with the wider Operation Shield approach to help make Stockton a welcoming place to visit, work and live.

Premises already signed up include a range of small businesses and national retailers, including Addison Newsagents, Pickwicks (formerly D&S News), Iceland, B&M Stores, Heron Foods, Savers, Yarm Lane Convenience Store, Quick News and Fanni Vapes.

Find out more 👉 <https://www.stockton.gov.uk/.../Reducing-the-strength-A...>

Wellington Square Stockton Police Stockton-on-Tees Markets [See less](#)



Stockton-on-Tees Markets, Stockton BID and 106 others · 95 comments · 8 shares

👍 Like 💬 Comment ➦ Share

Operation Shield

Working with you to make
our town centre safer



We want our businesses to thrive and together we can make Stockton Town Centre a welcoming place to visit and enjoy.

That's why we launched Operation Shield, a multi-agency initiative, which aims to combat anti-social behaviour (ASB) and offending in Stockton Town Centre, as well as supporting people with addiction issues into support and recovery services.

Operation Shield sees officers from the Council, Cleveland Police, Wellington Square, Stockton BID, local recovery and support agencies, and other partners, join forces to combat substance misuse related offending, and improve perceptions of safety in the town centre.





**Reducing the Strength
- Member -**

This shop has committed to stamping out low cost super strength alcohol above 6.5%.

We are working together to reduce street drinking and anti-social behaviour, and to make our town centre safer.

Find out more about the scheme, please scan the QR Code.



Public Space Protection Orders in Norton and Stockton Town Centre

Examples of media coverage generated:

[New orders ban urinating, excreting and irresponsibly driving in Stockton town centre | Teesside Live](#)

[Stockton Council enforcement of anti-social behaviour | Darlington and Stockton Times](#)

[Stockton and Norton orders aim to curb anti-social behaviour - BBC News](#)

Social media examples:


Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Published by Hootsuite · 9 April ·

The launch of the new Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) coincided with a further Operation Shield 'Day of Action' which took place in Stockton Town Centre over the Easter weekend.

The multi-agency Operation Shield aims to create a safe and welcoming town centre for residents, businesses and visitors, as well as supporting people to access recovery services.

The new PSPOs, which came into force on Friday 3 April, give the Council's Community Safety team and [Cleveland Police](#) greater powers to tackle anti-social behaviour, such as street drinking and begging.

With [Stockton Calling](#) bringing lots of visitors into the town centre on Saturday, the Council's Civic Enforcement, CCTV, Licensing and Trading Standards Teams were supported by Cleveland Police, [Cleveland Police Special Constabulary](#), [CGL Stockton Recovery Service](#), [Wellington Square](#) security and Stockton Calling event coordinators and venues, to ensure everyone had a safe and enjoyable time at the Bank Holiday weekend. [See less](#)



125 · 34 comments · 4 shares

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Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Published by Hootsuite · 27 March · 🌐

*** NEW EXTENDED PSPOs SET TO COME INTO FORCE ***

New extended Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) to target street drinking, begging, anti-social behaviour and using off road or e-bikes and scooters in Stockton Town Centre and Norton will come into force, next week, on Friday April 3.

PSPOs give the Council's Civic Enforcement Team and the Police more powers to fine individuals for specific and repeated anti-social behaviour problems in a given area.

Breaching a PSPO is a criminal offence and can be dealt with by issuing a £100 fixed penalty notices (FPN) or prosecution.

The new PSPOs will again target begging, including begging in a threatening or intimidating way, following people or begging near a cash machine or bus stop, and drinking alcohol in specified areas.

They have also been extended to cover using off road or e-bikes and scooters irresponsibly, urination and defecating in a public place and dog fouling.


The new PSPOs will allow authorised officers to direct people to leave the designated areas and not return for a period of 24 hours. If this occurs, personal details may be requested and those directed must comply.

The Stockton Town Centre order will include the new Stockton Waterfront urban park.

The Civic Enforcement Service, which operates from 7am until midnight every day of the year, will continue to work closely with Cleveland Police to enforce the new PSPO which is valid for three years.

You can report any concerns to our Civic Enforcement Service on 01642 528439 or email civic.enforcement@stockton.gov.uk

[Cleveland Police](#) [Stockton Police](#) [Stockton BID](#) [Wellington Square](#) [Stockton-on-Tees Markets](#) [See less](#)



👤 Stockton-on-Tees Markets and 108 others 65 comments 9 shares

👍 Like 💬 Comment ➦ Share

Bonfire Season Civic Enforcement including Billingham and Norton

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Published by Hootsuite · 31 October 2025 ·

*** BONFIRE SEASON PATROLS AND LETTER DROP UNDERWAY ***

🔥 Our Civic Enforcement team are patrolling the borough with a view to removing materials that can easily catch fire in areas where incidents of illegal bonfires and build ups of waste have previously taken place.

👮 Officers will be on the lookout for fly tipping and waste being built up in hotspot areas around the borough, where people have been known to set deliberate fires, until Thursday 6 November.

✉️ A letter drop has also taken place in parts of Roseworth, Ragworth, Hardwick, Newtown, Norton and Billingham to remind residents of the right ways to store and dispose waste lawfully.

🚗 Fly tipping waste is a criminal offence and can leave you subject to a fixed penalty notice of £400 or an unlimited fine and/ or imprisonment of up to five years if prosecuted.

📞 If you spot any fly tipping or waste being built up, please report it to our Enforcement team. You can do so by calling 01642 607943 or emailing civic.enforcement@stockton.gov.uk.

🚫 The sale of illegal fireworks can be reported to the Council's Licensing team, or any criminal activity can be passed on anonymously direct to Cleveland police via 101 or 999, the COPA app or online via the Cleveland police website at report a crime.

📞 Alternatively, you may want to report through Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 or online at crimestoppers-uk.org. You can also contact Firestoppers anonymously to report any deliberate fire setting on 0800 169 5558.

🗑️ If you have a large item, you need to dispose of it's easy to book a bulky waste collection from the Council. Visit: www.stockton.gov.uk/bulky-waste or telephone 01642 391959.

♻️ You can also arrange for waste to be disposed of at the Household Waste and Recycling Centre on Haverton Hill Road. Remember, you must book a slot in advance at <https://digital.stockton.gov.uk/hwrc-bookings>.

🚚 There are registered waste carriers that can take your waste which can be found on the Waste Carriers Register - <https://environment.data.gov.uk/.../search-waste-carriers...>

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, Cleveland Fire Brigade UK and Cleveland Police urge all residents to attend safe scheduled events and to follow the firework code and to not take part in illegal bonfires.

📅 You can find scheduled events within the Stockton area by visiting <https://teesvalley-ca.gov.uk/visit/whats-on> See less



Court Cases and Criminal Behaviour Orders

Examples of media coverage generated:

[Aggressive Stockton beggar is banned from town centre | The Northern Echo](#)

[Man who verbally abuses members of the public banned from Stockton town centre | Cleveland Police](#)


[Woman jailed after hurling abuse at Stockton Council workers | Darlington and Stockton Times](#)

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Published by Hootsuite · 5 March 2025 ·


✘ A repeat offender of anti-social behaviour in Stockton Town Centre has been sentenced to 12 weeks in prison and banned from entering Parish Gardens.

🔗 The Criminal Behaviour Order handed to Danielle Nellis comes as part of our work alongside partners such as [Cleveland Police](#), [Stockton BID](#) and [Wellington Square](#) on 'Operation Shield', to help ensure visitors to our town centre have a safe and enjoyable experience.

More information: <http://www.stockton.gov.uk/.../Prison-sentence-and-town...> See less



Court Result

 Stockton-on-Tees
BOROUGH COUNCIL

👍 46 💬 7 ➦ 6

Events – a small selection of town centre events which promote welcoming town centres:

S&DR200

S&DR 200 Celebrations this weekend!
Celebrate the bicentenary of the birth of the modern railway with S&DR200 - a fantastic festival for all ages to enjoy! This Sunday (28) Stockton takes centre stage with a once in a lifetime re-enactment of Locomotion No. 1's first journey followed by exciting activities in Stockton Town Centre. Don't miss the finale, Ghost Train: The Arrival, a magnificent outdoor show of epic scale and innovation taking place on Stockton Riverside. [Here's everything you need to know to have a fun-filled festival.](#)





Stockton-on-Tees Borough Cou... ..

Published by Hootsuite ·
28 September 2025 ·

🎉 Hundreds of people grabbed tickets to watch Locomotion steam into Stockton Station on its Anniversary Journey this morning!

🎨 As one of the highlights of S&DR Festival, the journey is a once in a lifetime reenactment of the inaugural journey of the Locomotion No. 1, which took place on 27 September 1825 and covered a 27-mile journey between Shildon and Stockton-on-Tees via Darlington.

🎪 And that's not all that's happening today - there's a programme of exciting activities in Stockton to mark the occasion. To see the full programme visit www.stockton.gov.uk/sdr200

S&dr200 See less



Views ⓘ

251,861



95% Non-followers ● 5% Followers ●

Viewers

200,504



Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council

Published by Harry Crowe · 17 September 2025 ·

The biggest outdoor show ever staged in Stockton is almost upon us...
The S&DR200 flag is now up above Fountain Shopping Mall - Home Of The Enterprise Arcade, along with special S&DR200 bunting in Stockton High Street and Preston Park Museum and Grounds.
And visitors to town may have noticed a giant 12-metre-high structure being installed in Riverside Road car park. It's part of the build ready for the Ghost Train, The Arrival, a magical, after-dark show which is arriving on Stockton Riverside on Sunday, September 28 at 7.30pm.
To find out more information on S&DR200 Festival, please visit <https://www.stockton.gov.uk/.../A-must-see-event.....>

Stockton BID



Views ⓘ

168,595



83.8% Non-followers
16.2% Followers

Viewers

104,113

THREE DAYS TO GO UNTIL GHOST TRAIN

👁️ Here's a sneak peek of what to expect at Ghost Train: The Arrival, happening on Sunday 28 September on Stockton Riverside as part of S&DR200.

🌟 From 11am, visitors to Stockton Town Centre will experience a packed festival programme of celebrations, activities, performances and food and drink opportunities.

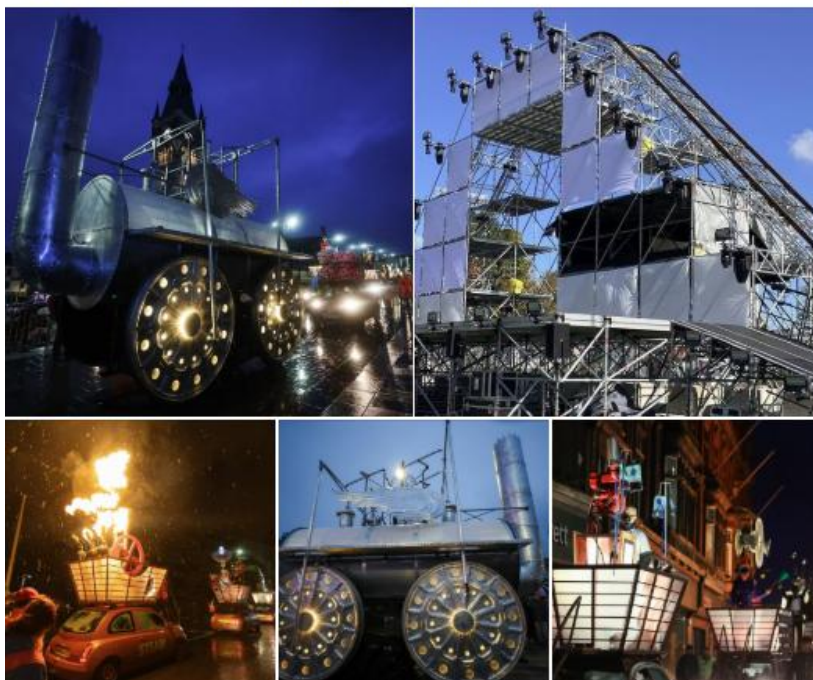
🎪 Then at 7:30pm, don't miss the magical after-dark finale, Ghost Train: The Arrival, the biggest outdoor show ever staged in Stockton!

🚂 Ghost Train is an epic performance, a creative and engineering feat which includes an amazing re-imagining of Locomotion No.1, with six illuminated carriages, travelling along a giant 12-metre-high structure in Riverside Road car park. It features a bespoke musical score from international composer Sarah Llewellyn, live music, pyro, projection and a 75-strong cast made up of prestigious national and local performers.

🏗️ The Ghost Train is a commission of the S&DR200 Project and is created and produced by Avanti Display Ltd and Walk the Plank, funded by S&DR200 and Tees Valley Combined Authority. It's the second part of the Ghost Train Story, which began in Darlington last week.

🔗 For more information about the event visit: <http://www.stockton.gov.uk/.../S-DR200-Here-s-everything...>

[Walk the Plank](#) | [Tees Valley Combined Authority](#) | [Stockton BID](#)



Views ⓘ

229,935



86.9% Non-followers ● 13.1% Followers ●

Viewers

141,037

Love Your Local Market:

📍 Stockton-on-Tees Markets 'Love Your Local Market' event returns to Stockton High Street this Saturday (16 May) between 10am and 2.30pm.

🔥 This year, Stockton's award-winning market is themed around the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the invention of the friction match by John Walker, who ran a chemist shop on Stockton High Street.

👉 For more information, visit: <http://www.stockton.gov.uk/.../Love-Your-Local-Market...> See less



*****LOVE YOUR LOCAL MARKET EVENT RETURNS TO STOCKTON HIGH STREET WITH A JOHN WALKER THEME*****

A special outdoor market event bringing fun for all the family returns to Stockton High Street on Saturday 16 May.

Stockton-on-Tees Markets 'Love Your Local Market' event will take place between 10am and 2.30pm and is part of the national Love Your Local Market fortnight.

Hundreds of markets across the country join forces to celebrate and encourage the community to shop local.

This year, Stockton Market's event is themed around the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the invention of the friction match by John Walker, who ran a chemist shop on Stockton High Street.

Read more: <http://www.stockton.gov.uk/.../Love-Your-Local-Market...>

Stockton BID | Love Your Local Market See less



Health and Wellbeing Festival

Come along to Thornaby Pavilion Leisure Centre on Thursday 23 October, 10am to 2pm for free refreshments, information stalls, activities and free goodies! Discover support and activities available to you, including:

- Health support
- Volunteering opportunities
- Wellbeing services
- Creative stalls
- Safety
- Social groups
- Staying active

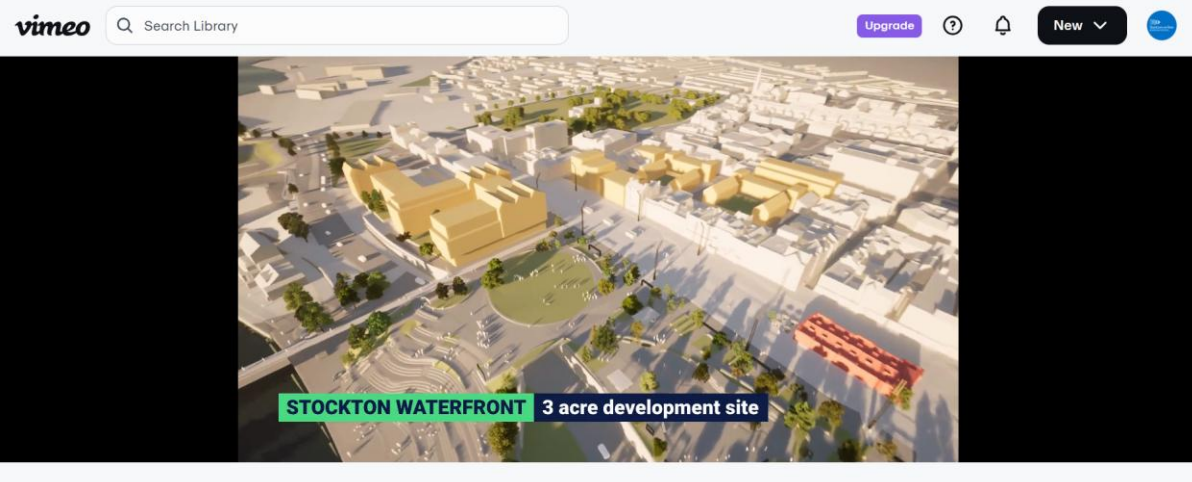




SIRF is back this weekend

The Stockton International Riverside Festival (SIRF) returns this summer. The world-renowned outdoor arts and street theatre festival will once again be wowing crowds in Stockton town centre with a jam-packed programme this Friday 1 to Sunday 3 August. Don't miss our incredible Friday launch show Life Lines by celebrated French performers Compagnie Lézards Bleus at 7.15pm in the Town Hall and fountain area. Find out more and plan your weekend by visiting [the SIRF website](#).

Promoting Stockton-on-Tees - Invest Stockton-on-Tees – Tees Central (video for UKREiiF and wider)



The image shows a Vimeo video player interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text 'Search Library' and a 'vimeo' logo. To the right of the search bar are buttons for 'Upgrade', a help icon, a notification bell, and a 'New' dropdown menu. The main video area displays an aerial architectural rendering of a city development. The rendering shows a mix of modern and traditional buildings, green spaces, and a waterfront area. A text overlay at the bottom of the video reads 'STOCKTON WATERFRONT 3 acre development site'.

[Introducing: Tees Central | Videos & Movies on Vimeo](#)

Working with partner agencies:

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Published by Jonathan Barber · 18 February 2025 ·

Councillor Norma Stephenson, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council's Cabinet Member for Access, Communities and Community Safety, said: "Our town centres across the Borough are popular spots during the day and on a night time, so it was a pleasure to join the Street Angels and view their selfless volunteering work in action to help ensure everyone has a safe night out.

👏👏 "Their presence and extra reassurance means people can relax and enjoy their evening and all our town centres have to offer.

✓ "Keep up the good work, everyone!" [See less](#)



Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland
18 February 2025 ·

PCC Matt Storey recently went out on a shift with the newly recruited Stockton Street Angels to see how they help vulnerable people at night. 🌟 [See more](#)

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Published by Ellie Simpson · 6 February 2025 ·

👏👏 If you're on a night out in town and feel unsafe, Safehaven will help you discreetly, on 01642 727333 but always call 999 if in danger.

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland [See less](#)



Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland
6 February 2025 ·

Girls just wanna have a safe night out..... [See more](#)

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Published by Hootsuite · 25 February 2025 · ⋮

👉 A multi-agency operation to combat anti-social behaviour and offending in Stockton Town Centre has started.

👉 Operation Shield, will see officers from the Council's Civic Enforcement Team, Licensing Team, CCTV and Public Health Team, [Cleveland Police](#), [Wellington Square](#), [Stockton BID](#), local recovery support agencies and other partners join forces to combat substance misuse related offending and improve perception of safety in the town centre.

👉 Councillor Norma Stephenson, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council's Cabinet Member for Access, Communities and Community Safety, said: "We want our town centres to be welcoming places, where residents and visitors can enjoy spending time and businesses can flourish.

👉 "Patrols currently take place daily by dedicated town centre civic enforcement officers but as part of Operation Shield these will be boosted by regular joint patrols with Cleveland Police plus targeted substance misuse support for those needing it.

👉 "Although crime is down in both Stockton Town Centre and the Ropner Ward we've listened to both residents and businesses about their concerns around safety in the town centre, and how this affects people's perceptions and experience. Operation Shield will reassure the public that we take their safety extremely seriously."

👉 Chief Inspector Andrew Evans, from Stockton's neighbourhood policing team, said: "Following on from the success of joint officer and local authority patrols over the last three months, we want to continue providing an even greater visible presence on foot.

👉 "This will further deter criminals who come into Stockton to commit offences such as shop lifting, thefts and anti-social behaviour. Meanwhile working alongside numerous partners will allow referrals for those in need of support.

👉 "We hope this will provide further reassurance for members of the public who live, work and visit the town centre."

👉 Matt Boxall, Centre Manager at Wellington Square, said: "It's fantastic to be teaming up with our local partners to provide a reassuring presence for both our customers and retailers. By engaging in key conversations and working together, we're making Stockton Town Centre a more welcoming place for everyone."

[Stockton Police](#) [See less](#)



👍❤️ Stockton-on-Tees Markets and 200 others 85 comments 17 shares

Cleveland Police •
20 October 2021 •

Stockton Neighbourhood Officers worked in partnership with [Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council](#) yesterday, Tuesday 19th October, to secure a closure order of a flat on Yarm Lane in Stockton.

The order was granted following a series of alleged incidents which took place in and around the flats over the last few months, including reports of fighting, the use of weapons and suspected drug activity.

Cleveland Police Acting Sergeant Mitch Baldwin said: "Police and partners will continue to respond to information and reports of drug activity and antisocial behaviour in our communities and we'll use everything in our power to tackle it.

"The closure of the address sends out a clear message to the public that we do listen to them and we do not tolerate criminal activity.

"If you have any criminal activity to report please contact us on 101 or 999 in an emergency. Crimestoppers can be contacted anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org." See less



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