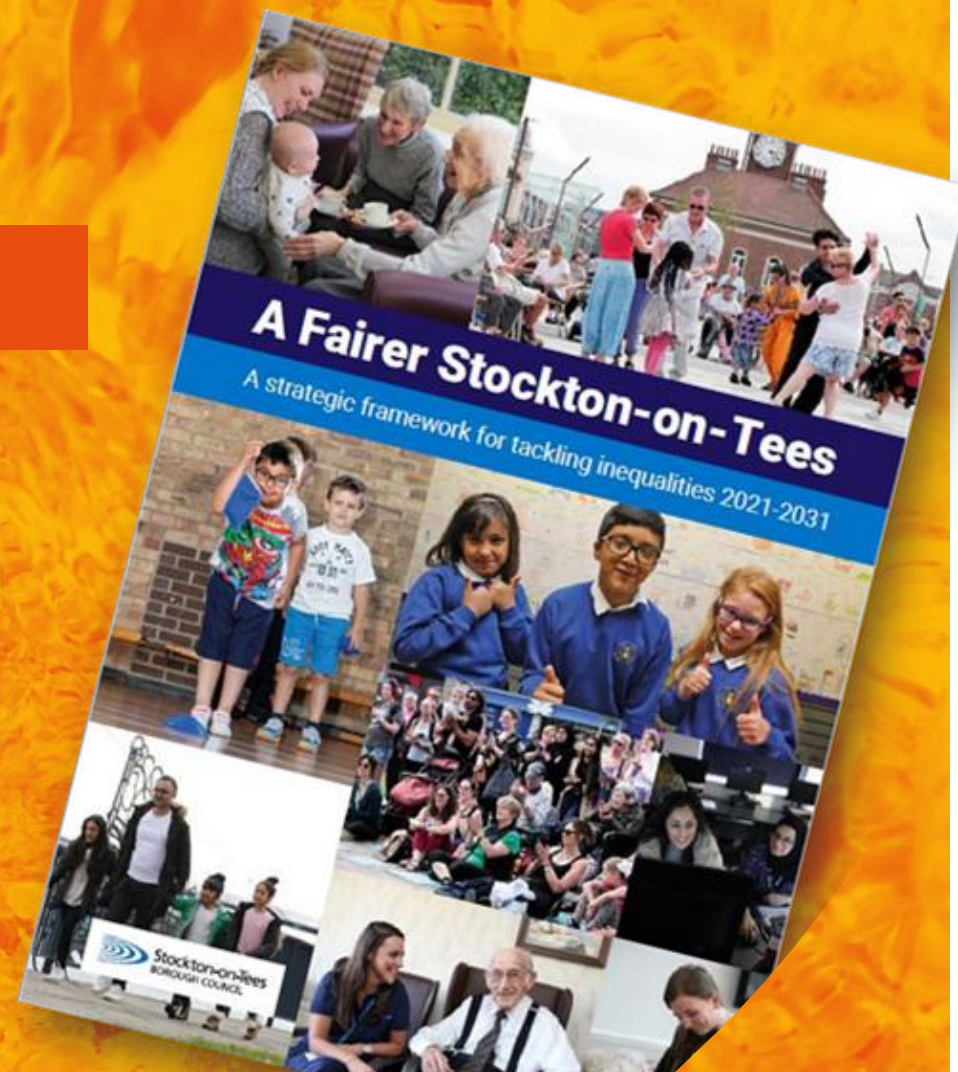


A Fairer Stockton-on-Tees

Supporting our residents through the Cost of Living situation

Fairer Stockton-on-Tees (FSOT) – the Council's strategic framework to reduce inequalities, address the underlying causes of poverty whilst focusing activity on our most deprived neighbourhoods



Key statistics



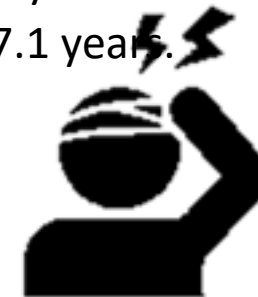
Average male life expectancy is 77.4 years. It is lowest in Stockton Town Centre Ward (67.4 years) and highest in Ingleby Barwick East Ward (84.1 years), a difference of 21.1 years.



Under 75 mortality rate from all causes (2018-2020) Stockton 395.3 compared to England 336.5. Directly age-standardised rate per 100,000 population



Average female life expectancy is 80.4 years. It is lowest in Stockton Town Centre Ward (71.8 years) and highest in Ingleby Barwick East Ward (90.3 years), a difference of 17.1 years.



19% of the population live with a limiting long-term condition against 21.6% in the North East. The percentage is highest in Stockton Town Centre (27%) and lowest in Ingleby Barwick West (8%).

Key statistics



7.5% of the population aged 18-24 (965) are claiming out-of-work benefits against 4.6% nationally.



23.9% of population aged 16-64 are economically inactive against 21.4% nationally.



24.3% of children are living in poverty against 15.1% nationally (after housing costs).



There are 560 children in our care, a rate of 132 per 10,000 children, against a national rate of 67.0 per 10,000 children

What are we Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council doing already?

Some examples

- **Delivered** Council Tax Rebates and Discretionary payments made to residents.
- **Delivered** 3 rounds of the Household Support Grant.
- **Provided** energy saving schemes and advice services delivered i.e. Warm Homes Healthy People.
- **Delivered** the Holiday Activities Fund and Free School Meals initiatives.
- **Supported** residents via our Welfare Assistance programmes i.e. Back on Track.
- **Worked** with partners to deliver Household Health Checks.
- **Provided** employment and training support through our Training & Employment Hub.
- **Supported** families through our network of Family Hubs.
- **Valued** the VCSE sector (worked collaboratively with Catalyst, SDAIS and Moneywise to deliver/support essential services).
- **Tackling poverty** – Community Partnerships

The Cost of Living situtaion

- The pandemic left many households in our borough facing financial difficulties. The current cost of living situation led to many in our borough facing new challenges.
- The impact of the cost-of-living situation led the Council in to take immediate steps to support our residents.
- Our key areas of focus have been:
 - Energy Crisis
 - Food Crisis
 - Employee Engagement
 - Employee Upskilling
 - Child Poverty and
 - Corporate Social Responsibility



Cost of Living response

- Cost of Living Hub
- Here to Help booklet
- Warm Spaces (Community Spaces)
- Food Aid Fund
- Corporate Social responsibility (CSR) response
- Employee support video
- Employee drop in sessions
- Child Poverty work

Cost of Living Hub



Cost of living support

Here you will find information on the benefits, advice, and support available to you to help you through the cost of living crisis.

Fuel, energy and housing Warm Spaces Energy saving schemes and advice Energy advice helpline Help with household repairs and maintenance	Food insecurity and poverty Food banks Apply for free school meals Stockton-on-Tees Food Power Network
Money and debt Benefits for households Household budget checks Check your benefits and financial support Turn2Us benefits calculator	Health and wellbeing Lifestyle and health services Get health advice and information Holidays Are Fun (HAF) Programme
Skills and employment Get help with everything employment and training related.	A Fairer Stockton-on-Tees We are committed to fighting the fundamental unfair differences that negatively impact people's life chances, quality of life and life expectancy.
Stockton Information Directory Stockton Information Directory provides details of services, advice and support for adults, children, young people and families living in Stockton-on-Tees including our Local Offer.	

Community Spaces

Warm Spaces in Stockton-on-Tees

Warm Spaces are inclusive, non-judgemental spaces where our residents can go to get warm, take part in activities, receive support and advice, avoid social isolation, reduce their anxiety about the cost of living and generally stay well.



Food Aid Fund



Amal Project Teesside | A WAY OUT Charity | Challoner House Community Centre |
Groundwork NE & Cumbria | Iron Guidance Charity | Nite Light CIC | Purple Rose
Stockton | The Moses Project | Thornaby Food Bank | Chad's Pantry | Stockton Baptist
Church | Mill Lane Primary School | BCT Aspire CIC | Billingham Town Council | Norton
Methodist Church | Salvation Project | St John the Baptist Primary | Yarm Wellness |
High Clarence Primary School | Friends of Ropner Park | ReGenerate - Hope For
Autism | Portrack Baptist Church | Billingham and Stockton Borough Foodbank | North
East Migration Project | Teesside Vineyard Church | Thornaby FC Women | Oxbridge
Lane | Community Grocery Ragworth | St Therese of Lisieux Parish | Billingham South
Primary School | Bowesfield Primary School

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

CSR activity can support immediate priorities such as work to tackle the problems arising from the ongoing cost of living challenges can be seen in this [video](#).

- Giving Time
- Giving resources



Child Poverty

- Feed in service issues affecting Children in Poverty as a result of the Cost of Living situation
- Exploring possibilities around breakfast club provisions, Child Poverty Fund, promotion of HAF services etc.
- Represented at the North East Child Poverty Commission
- Child Poverty Scrutiny review

Employee support and awareness

Employee Support

- Drop in sessions across the organisation
- Up and coming roadshow

Employee Upskilling

- Video created to provide employees of Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council with information on Cost of Living support that is available for themselves and residents across the Borough. The course aimed to provide employees with the wide range of support options available, useful links and details on how to help our residents with Cost of Living related matters.

Other Cost of Living projects

The [A Fairer Stockton-on-Tees](#) team have also partnered with Tees Active Leisure to offer discounted leisure sessions from Monday 28 November (term-time only) including swimming for £1.50 at Thornaby Pool (Mondays 1.30pm to 2.45pm, Tuesday to Friday 1.30pm to 3pm) and soft play for £1.50 at Billingham Forum (Monday, Wednesday and Friday – 10.30am to 11.30am and Tuesday and Thursday – 1.30pm to 2.30pm).



Home Alone, Elf and Frozen 2 among free films for movie lovers at warm space this winter

Stockton Arc is offering a string of great films to watch as families stay warm during the cost of living crisis

WHAT'S ON By Jamie Smith

14:44, 23 NOV 2022

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Comments

Catalyst

Working alongside partners to address inequalities



- Catalyst secured bid to the National Lottery Fund which is directly aimed at reducing inequalities
- Catalyst FSOT Co-ordinator
- The VCSE Directory gives details of over 300 organisations in the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector in Stockton-on-Tees.

Cost of Living – next steps

Planned activity

- Ongoing quarterly [newsletter](#) for all employees and partners is developed;
- On-going work to develop the [COL HUB](#)
- COL events are also to be organised across the seven Community Partnership areas through a project task and finish between Sept 23 – March 24.
- Up to date [COL booklet](#) to be developed.
- COL Network meetings are held bi-monthly with Senior Officers from across directorates to ensure that the work reflects current priorities
- COL related projects include the Databank Project are also to be developed to support the most vulnerable
- APSE nominated! - Best Community and Neighbourhood Initiative



Warm Spaces in Stockton-on-Tees

More than 40 venues across the Borough remain open this summer! The need for inclusive and welcoming places for people in need isn't going anywhere. Recent feedback is evidencing how vital these local hubs in the community are to help fight against social isolation and the impacts of the current cost of living. The FSOT team is on with developing an action plan to maximise the Warm Spaces venues to deliver targeted support, activities and more.

To stay up to date, visit the [Warm Spaces webpage](#).

The bread and butter thing.

Introducing The Bread and Butter Thing



- * **Save** over £20 a week on your shopping
- * **New** hub opening: **1.30pm, Tuesday 12 September**
**At The Salvation Army, Palmerston Street,
Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 1NU**



Opening in September 2023:

- Salvation Army, Palmerston Street, Stockton, TS18 1NU – Tuesdays @ 1.30pm [launches Tuesday 12 September]
- Victoria Park Community Hall, Peel Street, Thornaby, TS17 6HL – Mondays @ 1.30pm [launches Monday 18 September]

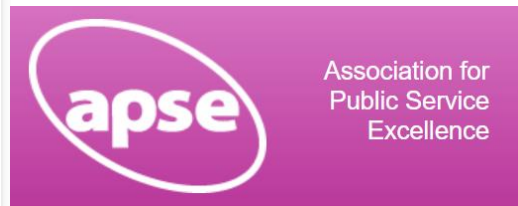
Discussions ongoing with community partners and volunteer networks with a view to establishing the remaining three hubs by December 2023:

- Newtown Community Resource Centre, Durham Road, Stockton, TS19 0DE – Wednesdays @ 1.30pm
- St Andrew's Methodist Church, Hardwick, TS19 8PH – Fridays @ 1.30pm
- Community venue in Billingham East TBC – Thursdays @ 1.30pm

Next steps

- Planned work agreed through Cabinet /Council
 - Development of an Anti-Poverty Action Plan
 - Equality and Poverty Impact Assessment Toolkit
 - Cost of Living- planned activity

Thankyou!



Welfare assistance schemes

Crisis support
Get help if you are in crisis and need help immediately.

Back on Track Policy 2021-22

Settlement support
Get help to make your home a safe place to live.


Adults


Care Leavers


Children, Young People & Families


SEND Local Offer



Foodbanks

and more food resources in Stockton-on-Tees

Although every effort has been made to ensure this information is correct, please double check with the organisation and their Facebook page before travel. Usually, foodbanks require a referral from an organisation, like the Stockton District Advice and Information Service (SDAIS): 01642 633877

Billingham & Stockton Foodbank, Stockton Central - Open Wed & Fri, 10am till 1pm
Hebron Church, Corner of Vicarage Street & Bishopsgate Street, TS19 0AJ. Telephone: 07845 689012

Billingham & Stockton Foodbank, Norton Central - Open Mondays 12.30pm - 2.30pm
St Michael's and All Angels Church, Imperial Avenue, Norton, Stockton on Tees, TS20 2EN
Telephone: 07505 464005 Email: nortonfoodbank@gmail.com

Billingham & Stockton Foodbank, Billingham Central - Tues & Thurs, 11-2pm
4-6 West Precinct, Billingham Town Centre, Billingham, TS23 2NH
Telephone: 07583 575522 Email: info@billinghamstocktonborough.foodbank.org.uk

Stockton Salvation Army Foodbank - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, 9.30-12pm
Palmerston Street, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 1NJ
Telephone: 01642 617629 Email: stockton.cla@salvationarmy.org.uk

Thornaby Foodbank - Open for collections on Thursdays between 12pm-1pm.
Thornaby Baptist Church, Thornaby Road, Thornaby, TS17 8DH
Telephone: 01642 677328 Email: thornabyfoodbank@gmail.com

Billingham Town Council - check with organisation
Billingham Library & Customer Service Centre, Billingham, TS23 2LN
Telephone: 01642 551171 Email: info@billinghamtowncouncil.co.uk

The Mouses Project (men 25+ only) - check with organisation
Foundation House, Alma Street, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 2AP
Telephone: 01642 688901 Email: admin@themosenproject.co.uk

NiteLite free monthly stall - free food, toiletries & hygiene essentials
First Monday of every month, 11am-1pm (except bank holidays, date is moved to the following Monday). Dovecot Street, Stockton, Near The Ivy House, opposite Barnacles.
Telephone: 07790627499 Email: info@nritelite.co.uk

 Stockton-on-Tees Food Power Network  SFPN@catalyststockton.org



**Cost of living:
Help and support
Winter 22/23**

 Stockton-on-Tees
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