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Village Halls to see major revamp as Platinum Jubilee fund opens

£3 million capital fund opens for applications. Village halls in England will now be able to apply for grants to renovate vital community assets



Village halls across England can now apply for grants to improve and modernise their facilities, as the Platinum Jubilee Village Hall Fund opens for applications.

Launched to mark the occasion of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022, the fund recognises the important role that

village halls play in supporting rural communities.

Village halls are key cornerstones in the fabric of rural life, providing essential services and bringing people together through social and recreational activities.

They are vital resources for those unable to travel great distances and are key drivers of community cohesion which positively contribute to the health and wellbeing of rural communities. But many are in poor repair and in need of modernisation to better serve the communities that they represent.

The fund is managed by the charity Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE). It is anticipated that the fund will support around 125 village halls over a three-year period creating bigger, better and brighter village halls for

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"...just a thank you - we have today received confirmation of a grant from the Julia and Hans Rausing Trust for £39,870 for help towards our increasing foodbank costs.

Thanks for the weekly funding news - it really does make a difference!"

Ruth Fox, CEO

[Footprints in the Community](#)

Funding Shorts

[Resilient Theatres: Resilient Communities Grant Programme](#)

Capacity building grants are available to support the restoration, reopening or revitalising of community theatres on the Theatres Trust's Theatres at Risk Register.

[Fisheries Improvement Programme \(FIP\)](#)

Funding for projects to improve habitat and facilities for anglers is available for clubs, non-government organisations, local authorities, commercial fisheries and landowners in England

[Sylvia Waddilove Foundation UK](#)

Grants are available to registered charities in the UK for projects relating to education, veterinary science, animal welfare and animal surgery), the visual and performing arts

[PRS Foundation - Open Fund for Organisations](#)

Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations based in the UK to support new music projects led by promoters, large performance groups, talent development organisations, venues, festivals and curators.

The funding is intended to help support, sustain and promote the growth of the new music infrastructure in the UK.

The Foundation's funding priorities are:

- To support the creation and performance of outstanding new music in any genre.
- To enable the UK's most talented music creators to realise their potential.
- To inspire audiences at a local, regional, national and international level.

Organisations may apply for up to £10,000.

Administration costs relating to the project can normally be funded to a maximum of 15% of total budget.



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Lord Benyon, Minister for Rural Affairs, said:

The Platinum Jubilee Village Halls Fund will create a national network of legacy projects to benefit rural communities.

This will be a lasting tribute to the long, exceptional service of Her Late Majesty the Queen and will support village halls, many of which were built in commemoration of Her Majesty's predecessors, Queen Victoria and King George V. Today, village halls remain a key community asset and efforts to modernise these spaces will ensure that they are used by generations to come.

James Blake, Chair at Action with Communities in Rural England said:

We are delighted to be administering this grant fund. Village halls are the beating heart of rural communities across England. They provide warm, welcoming spaces that bring people together, combat loneliness and support countless livelihoods which is especially important at a time when the cost-of-living crisis is bearing down on many.

This investment, combined with the specialist support and advice of ACRE members will help modernise many of these important buildings so they can continue serving local communities.

The Platinum Jubilee Village Hall Fund will be open to applications from projects aiming to deliver a positive impact on the local environment, reduce rural loneliness, support the rural economy and contribute to community life.

Village halls interested in applying can request grants from £7,500 to £75,000, and up to a maximum of 20 per cent of eligible project costs. Capital grants will be allocated to support infrastructure improvements, the refurbishment of facilities, such as kitchens and toilets, and measures to improve energy efficiency.

The application window will close on 20 January 2023, with successful applicants being able to draw on the funding from April 2023.

For further information, including how to apply for the fund visit:

<https://acre.org.uk/platinum-jubilee-village-halls-fund/>





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Electrical Safety Fund

REDUCING FIRE RISKS IN HOMES ACROSS REDCAR & CLEVELAND

With almost half of all domestic fires – that's 20,000 each year – caused by electricity, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council Trading Standards Team will be hosting Electrical Safety Events in February 2023.

The events will take place over the 6th & 7th February 2023 with venues to be confirmed.

Funded by Electrical Safety First, the events will offer free testing for small portable electric heaters & electric blankets with replacements, subject to availability, for any failed items.

Also at the events will be representatives from Victim Care and Advice Service (VCAS), Cleveland Police, Age UK and Cleveland Fire Service who will be able to offer advice and guidance on the cost-of-living crisis and electrical safety.

Electrical Safety First is a campaigning charity dedicated to preventing deaths, injuries and damage caused by electricity. To find out more, go to www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk

We've been successful!

Delighted to announce we've secured funding from Electrical Safety First to run a project which aims to keep our community electrically safe.



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Intervention . Support . Education

**CALL OUR 24/7 CONFIDENTIAL HELP LINE
0300 555 2222**

#stoploansharks reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk

Loan Shark Awareness Training

The purpose of this session is to increase awareness around illegal money lending, how it relates to your work and how we can help those who have borrowed from illegal lenders. The length of the session is approximately one hour and a Teams link will be sent to you a few days before.

It will include key things to look out for as a sign that a friend, client or colleague may be involved with a loan shark. The session will demonstrate the impact that illegal lenders have on victims and communities, and how we can work together to stop people falling into the clutches of criminals.

[Reserve a spot](#)



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[New Grants from Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust](#)

Funding to address inequality and injustice, and create new systems that put equity, justice and peace first.

The Grassroots Movement Fund is a pilot programme which will see £1 million awarded to small third sector organisations throughout 2023 to support the sustainability of grassroots social justice work.

To be eligible to apply, groups must:

Be based in the UK with work primarily focused on the UK.

Be not-for-profit (this can include informal groups and collectives).

Have systems for making decisions and managing money.

Be able to demonstrate they are part of a grassroots movement.

Be able to demonstrate they are working towards transformative change.

Grants of £10,000 to £70,000 are available for up to two years.

There is also a Care and Accessibility Pot, which offers an additional sum of up to £400 per applicant in order to remove some of the barriers that may hinder groups from applying such as translation costs, childcare and the labour of writing an application for those on a low-income.

The type of work that can be funded includes (but is not limited to):

Providing resources that help grassroots groups to run smoothly and support members to keep involved (eg equipment, access to places to meet).

Increasing awareness and understanding of injustice through events that recognise that everyone has something to share and that gives people the chance to tell their stories.

Radically reimagining and developing new systems and solutions that address injustice and inequality.

Although the funders are unable to fund core costs (eg salaries, office rent) for most organisations which are not registered charities, they will include an appropriate amount to cover day-to-day running costs.

The deadline to apply is 19 February 2023.



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Call for Partners - 'Smoking Zones' FULLY FUNDED opportunity - Deadline Extended

We have extended the deadline for an exciting new opportunity to partner with Keep Britain Tidy to tackle cigarette littering. We're seeking applications for up to eight partners to run the project in their area

When smokers emerge from a long train journey, a busy shopping centre or an office, many want to start smoking quickly. But without well-designed facilities for smokers, these areas can become littered with butts.

Our [Centre for Social Innovation](#) has developed a simple, research-based solution. By providing people with a designated, well signed area, and bespoke bins designed to meet smokers' needs, our Smoking Zones have reduced cigarette litter by up to 89%.

What is the project?

Smoking Zones: We are looking to run an extended trial of '[Smoking Zones](#)': Keep Britain Tidy's established solution to cigarette littering. This will build on our previous work from 2015 by running the intervention at a larger scale, understanding how 'Smoking Zones' can best be set up to reduce littered cigarette butts in a range of different hotspot areas across the country. So if you have a location that could benefit from a Smoking Zone, we want to hear from you!

Cost?

This project is fully funded and requires no financial contribution from partners.

Project partners will be responsible for the installation of the Smoking Zones. If any partners are unable to carry out the installation, we can arrange for this to be outsourced, the cost of which would be charged separately.

Interested?

If you are interested in partnering on the project, please see the information and form attached, or get in touch with Tara.Cahill@keepbritaintidy.org for a chat to learn more.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on Monday 10th January

We're looking forward to hearing from you!



[Sport England Reopens Small Grants Programme](#)

The Sport England Small Grants Programme aims to support local community sport projects that encourage people in England, regardless of age, background or level of ability, to feel able to get involved in sport and physical activity.

Grants of £300 to £15,000 are on offer for a twelve-month period to the following types of organisations:

Applicants do not have to be a sports organisation to apply as Sport England is more interested in the applicants' knowledge of and track record in the community that will benefit from the project.

The fund will support projects delivering recognised sports and physical activity and can cover costs such as:

Coaching—Volunteer training—Service alterations—Additional equipment.

The funders are also looking to support activities which focus on environmental sustainability.

The deadline to apply is 30 June 2023.



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Cost of living Support

Food Support

Redcar Area Foodbanks

You will need a referral to secure a foodbank voucher and access a food bank. Referrals can be provided by Citizens Advice. GPs and Social Care professionals can also support you with a referral.

To get a referral and access a foodbank voucher, you can call 0800 144 8848 / 01642 030000 to speak to Citizens Redcar and Cleveland (Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm).

Visit: redcararea.foodbank.org.uk

You can find a map of local foodbanks on our website: www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support/food-banks, or alternatively call 01642 774774 for more info.

Affordable Groceries

A number of organisations provide low cost groceries in Redcar and Cleveland.

Community Grocery Redcar, Redcar Baptist Church, Park Avenue, Redcar, TS10 3LJ

Tel: 01642 925511 or visit

communitygrocery.org.uk/redcar

Hope for East Cleveland Community Grocery

Hope Church East Cleveland, High Street, Loftus, TS13 4HW.

Contact: hope4eastcleveland@gmail.com

In Harmony Food Revolution

145 High Street, Redcar, TS10 3DQ

Visit: www.inharmonyfoodrevolution.com

Home and Energy

The Tees Valley Warm Homes Fund

If your home has never had a central heating system before, you may be eligible for a free central heating installation from the Tees Valley Warm Homes Fund.

Tel: 01642 526100

Home Upgrade Grant

Some funding available to improve energy efficiency in private/rented homes, subject to the eligibility criteria. Permission will also be required from your landlord if you are in private rented accommodation.

Tel: 01642 771289

Visit: www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/housing/home-upgrade-grant

Cleveland Fire Brigade – Stay Safe and Warm

In an emergency, they can offer a free home assessment and borrow equipment such as heaters and thermal blankets. Advice can be offered for managing fuel bills.

Tel: 01429 874063

Middlesbrough Environment City

Providing affordable warmth and similar advice to residents, following direct approaches or referrals from agencies including RCBC.

Tel: 01642 579820



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Benefits and Financial Advice

R&C Welfare Rights

Welfare Benefit advice, including benefit eligibility checks and support with benefit

applications. Visit www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/benefits-and-supportwelfare-benefits or more information or contact us on 01642 771166.

Redcar and Cleveland Money Advice Provided by the Council and partners and

aiming to ensure you have access to financial information, advice and support covering:

- Benefit Entitlement and Disputes
- Affordable Housing
- Accessing Community Banking
- Improving Digital Skills
- Accessing Community Banking
- Planning for Retirement
- Budgeting Support
- Help with Utilities

To register, visit: <https://redcar-cleveland-selfachieveservice.com> or call 01642 771166

Other Useful Contacts

R&C Citizens Advice Bureau Confidential advice online, over the phone and in person for free. Tel: 0800 144 8848 or visit citizensadvisedrc.org.uk

StepChange Debt Charity

A free, flexible debt advice charity.

Tel: 0800 138 1111 or visit www.stepchange.org

South Tees Community Bank

Offering services to those in financial distress who may be turned away from a traditional bank.

Tel: 0191 2767 963. www.southteescommunitybank.org.uk

Visit: Email: admin@moneywise.org.uk

South Bank Credit Union

Tel: 01642 463700

Email: info@southbanksavingscu.co.uk



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National Support

Energy Helpline

Price comparison advice service that ensures energy switching is swift, simple and hassle free.
Tel: 0800 074 0745 (Monday to Friday - 9am to 8pm, Saturday and Sunday - 9am to 5pm)

National Energy Action

Working to ensure everyone in England, Wales and Northern Ireland is warm and safe at home.
Tel: 0800 304 7159 (Monday to Friday – 10am to 12noon)

Simple Energy Advice

Impartial and independent advice surrounding energy bills and services. Tel: 0800 444 202
(Monday to Friday – 8am to 8pm, Saturday and Sunday - 9am to 5pm)

Age UK Advice Line

Information that is up-to-date and reliable, aimed at and accessible to older people and their families.
Tel: 0800 678 1620 (Every day - 8am to 7pm)

Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline

Independent advice on how to reduce energy costs and keep a warm home. Tel: 0808 223 1133
(Monday to Friday - 9am to 5pm)

Debt Advice Foundation

Charity offering free, confidential support and advice to anyone worried about loans, credit and debt.
Tel: 0800 043 40 50 Helpline is open Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm.

National Debt Line

Charity for debt, budgeting, financial advice and information over the phone or online.
Tel: 0808 808 4000 or visit www.nationaldebtline.org for more info.

Northumbrian Water

If you are on a low income, they may be able to reduce your bill by up to 50%. To find out more, contact 0345 733 5566 or visit www.nwl.co.uk/supportplus

Warm Spaces

This winter, many people are worried about the cost of heating their homes. To support residents, the Council, local businesses and organisations have opened up spaces for you to keep warm - with some including offers such as:

- Free Hot Drinks
- A range of Free Activities
- Family specific spaces with free toys and books

To find more info, you can visit our website which has a map of all the listed warm spaces, details about what they can offer, and contact details:

www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support/warm-spaces

or alternatively call 01642 774774 for more info. We are updating this list with new warm spaces often, so keep checking!



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Taste of Redcar & Cleveland

Enjoy...



A TASTE OF REDCAR AND CLEVELAND

We are excited to contact you to explain a new initiative to promote and support independent food and drink businesses in Redcar and Cleveland.

Taste of Redcar and Cleveland is a new, repeating, campaign designed to really shout about our great food and drink businesses to boost trade, attract new customers and to offer a special twist to your existing offer twice a year.

Taste of Redcar and Cleveland has been developed by Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council for two reasons; to promote the strength of our food and drink offer and as a response to the changing market and peoples buying habits.

When

Taste of Redcar and Cleveland will run from the 25th of January through to the 5th February 2023 a time when businesses have told us is a quieter period and a drive to increase footfall is needed. This time frame ensures that we encompass two weekends.

What do I have to do to take part?

To take part in Taste of Redcar and Cleveland is completely FREE, to add value to the campaign all we ask is that your offer / discount is in line with the price points of £5, £10, £15 and £20 and **exclusive** to Taste of Redcar and Cleveland and is not something that you regularly offer to your customers.

How do I sign up?

Sign up is quick and easy, all you need to do is follow the link below and complete the form –

[A Taste of Redcar and Cleveland Sign Up Form](#)

Or alternatively contact the Enjoy Redcar and Cleveland team via email at Enjoyredcar-cleveland.gov.uk or call 01642 444600 and we will help you on board.



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Benefits of taking part?

This is an exciting opportunity for you and your business to be involved in. The campaign is designed to keep the spending pound in Redcar and Cleveland whilst really shouting about our great food and drink businesses to boost trade and attract new customers in the quieter periods and is also a response to the consumers buying habits and changing market that affect the food and drink sector.

As a result of taking part each participating business will benefit from more custom (customers will be attracted by the type of exclusive offer / discount you provide), **FREE** advertising throughout the Taste of Redcar and Cleveland campaign and inclusion on Redcar and Cleveland's dedicated tourism platform www.enjoyredcarcleveland.co.uk

Participating businesses will also be supported with:

- **Inclusion into the RCBC Ambassador Network**
- **Improved digital footprint including enhanced web listings where appropriate**
- **Professional photography – location photography of participating businesses where applicable**

The basis of the campaign is straightforward and all you need to do is offer an exclusive offer / discount for customers during the campaign period.

Taste of Redcar and Cleveland is inclusive, it is open to all Redcar and Cleveland based, independent, bars, cafes, bistros, restaurants, and hotels.

It allows you choice and flexibility of your offer / discount based on price-points of £5, £10, £15 or £20. This means there is a variety of ways you can get involved to suit your business. Options could range from a coffee/cake combo, three-course meal, drinks packages or a simple discount from the final bill. Offers can be redeemed in a way that suits you too, i.e., stated at time of booking, you can ask customers to present a copy of the offer when dining or you can simply activate the offer to all customers who dine in your establishment during the campaign period.

Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council will lead on the promotion and drive of the campaign. It will be fully promoted and supported with a full marketing programme promoting the opportunity to customers inside and outside of the borough. The campaign will feature on Redcar and Cleveland's dedicated tourism platform www.enjoyredcarcleveland.co.uk, where all participating businesses will feature under this campaign alongside their offer / discount.

Finally, it is completely **FREE** – there is no charge take part in the campaign – we wish to support you.

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