

Welcome to

Stokesley



A GUIDE
FOR BUSINESSES



Stokesley is pleased to welcome both new and expanding businesses to the town.

Stokesley is one of five fantastic market towns located in the Hambleton district. Hambleton District Council (HDC) works in partnership with other organisations such as Stokesley Town Council to help businesses locate and develop here.

HDC and Stokesley Town Council acknowledge that Stokesley's success relies on businesses, residents and others working together to keep the town vibrant, so that Stokesley truly is a location people want to live, visit and support.

Through this partnership we have collated some information you might find useful about the various resources that are available for businesses, whether you are already in business or just starting out.

Don't forget that if you have any questions you can always contact us using the details provided.



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Finding premises in Stokesley

Many premises are advertised by local agents however you can visit HDC's website where you will find a commercial property register featuring land and property for sale or rent within the district. You can view the commercial property register at [here](#).

The register is updated every two months and relies on contributions from estate agents and property owners; entries are free. You can send in details of properties for the register by contacting the Business and Economy Team:

econdev@hambleton.gov.uk

For general enquiries and availability contact:

Judith Turner, Workspace Principal Officer
judith.turner@hambleton.gov.uk 01609 767050

● HDC WORKSPACES IN STOKESLEY

HDC owns Springboard, a purpose built modern and fully serviced business centres.

Springboard is located on Stokesley Business Park and offers a combination of 20 x 35m² offices set round a central atrium for businesses, conference and meeting facilities and access to a range of on-site support services including virtual offices and meeting room hire.



Virtual Office - Mail Address - starting from £25 + VAT

Meeting Room Hire - starting from £10

Contact Springboard at [here](#).

● WAINSTONES COURT

HDC owns Wainstones Court a range of seven self contained light industrial units. Units range from 93.6 - 200m² (1,007 - 2,150ft²).

Contact **judith.turner@hambleton.gov.uk** or 01609 767050

● TERRY DICKEN BUSINESS PARK - STOKESLEY

Alternatively other offices and industrial spaces are available through the website [here](#). Existing industrial sites are now complemented by significant growth in the digital and creative, IT, communications, consumer, advanced manufacturing and engineering industries.

Town Centre Businesses

- BUILDING CHANGES AND SIGNAGE

In order to preserve Stokesley's historic buildings, the town has a conservation area which means **that you are likely to need advice and permission before you change any signage or make any other changes to the appearance of the building/premises.**

We strongly recommend that you make contact with HDC at planning@hambleton.gov.uk

Prospective buyers and existing businesses should gain advice as to whether other factors such as planning permission, listed building consent or advert consent are required for a commercial property.

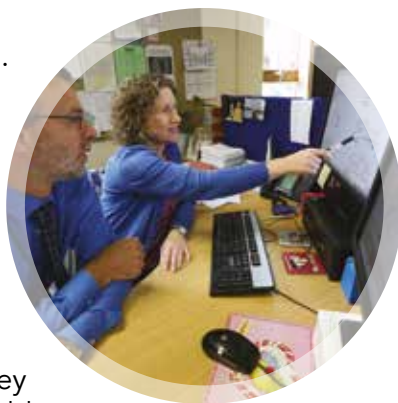
● PLANNING ADVICE

HDC can provide initial free advice.
For advice email:

planning@hambleton.gov.uk

You can also visit the Civic Centre office in Northallerton with no appointment necessary, if you would like to talk face to face.

Alternatively, you can make an appointment to attend the Stokesley planning advice drop in which is held every two weeks. Find the details [here](#).



Contact details:

Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton, North Yorkshire,
DL6 2UU
Telephone: 01609 779977

Stokesley Area Office, Town Close, Stokesley, Middlesbrough,
TS9 5DH
Telephone: 01609 779977

A copy of the conservation area map for Stokesley can be found **here**.

An information leaflet is included at **here**.

● PLANNING PERMISSION

HDC also offers pre-application advice that is a chargeable service in which planning officers can advise if planning permission is likely to be granted. It also covers the required permission, cost and information required with an application. Find details **here**.



● STREET LICENCES

If you intend to sell goods on the street or have a street cafe you may need a licence. Liaison with North Yorkshire County Council will also be required. Further information can be found **here**.

● ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

If you have commercial waste you need to consider where to store this. Commercial waste should not be stored on pavements or highways. If you need advice please visit **here**.

Your Town Council

Stokesley Town Council - runs events in the town and works closely with the business community. These include Stokesley Food Festival, Christmas celebrations, craft and gift fairs in the town and activities and events at the Town Hall. Additionally, the Town Council hosts the regular weekly Friday market and the monthly, award winning farmers' market.



The impressive, centrally located Stokesley Town Hall has recently refurbished facilities which are available throughout the day and evening that can be utilised by businesses including meeting rooms offering facilities for a few people up to major events capable of accommodating 80 to 100 people in the main hall. Data projection facilities are available. Refreshments and food can be provided if required. A steward is always on hand on the day to assist with arrangements.

Please e-mail the Town Clerk at contact@stokesleytowncouncil.gov.uk or ring on 01642 710270 to discuss your requirement. The Town Clerk's office is open each weekday morning from 0900 to noon.

The Town Council holds a regular surgery from 1100 to 1200 hours in the Town Hall on the first Saturday of each month.

Stokesley Town Council supports the Free Wi-Fi in Stokesley Town Centre. If you would like to advertise your business contact Julie.hutton@hambleton.gov.uk. A copy of the current Town Map, which is annually updated by the Town Council, is available [here](#).

Your Local Business Network

If you're not already part of a business network we recommend joining one. Talking to other businesses is a great way to get advice and guidance for free. It's also a good way for you to make new connections and share your own expertise with others. Many business networks also hold training sessions or informative talks on issues facing business. Your local network is Thirsty Thursday that meets monthly, more information is available [here](#).

Business Support

Hambleton District Council offers a large range of business support for free including advice, funding support and events.

● HDC'S EXTERNAL FUNDING OFFICER

The external funding officer is available free of charge to assist and advise businesses in a number of ways:

- Assist you in project planning
- Explore funding opportunities to deliver your project
- Compile funding applications on your behalf
- Act as intermediary between the business and the funding body
- Advise on funding compliance
- Provide advice on claims procedures

To talk to the External Funding Officer about accessing funding opportunities contact:

Jayne Cranston

External Funding Officer

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01609 767 226



● HDC'S BUSINESS AND ECONOMY OFFICER

Many of our companies in Hambleton are small and don't always feel connected to what is happening and what support is available. The Business and Economy Officer can provide free advice to businesses across a range of topics as well as signpost other resources available for businesses. Help is available to all types of businesses, including retailers and social enterprises.



The Business and Economy Officer can:

- provide contacts to help you in your business and link you into the nearest business network
- advise on who is available in the area to support you whether you are starting up in business or growing
- provide updates on what is going on with businesses in the area
- advise on opportunities for your business and explain what support is available
- help with invitations to events and activities to increase the profile of your business
- link your business to the right department at HDC

All this support can be provided through a phone call, meeting or look out for Business Surgeries that are held periodically in the market towns around Hambleton.

To find out more contact:

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● HDC'S Vibrant Market Towns Project

The purpose of the Vibrant Market Towns project is to help keep Hambleton's traditional market towns economically vibrant, welcoming and sustainable. The District Council's Vibrant Market Towns Project Officers work on a wide variety of projects across the district to ensure that Hambleton's market towns are great places to do business and to deliver the council's Vibrant Market Town Investment Plan.

The vibrant market towns team can provide support and advice to individuals, businesses and community groups looking to improve their market towns or make them more vibrant.

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● E-NEWSLETTERS

HDC also publish a fortnightly e-newsletter detailing the latest business events and opportunities in Stokesley and across the district. If you would like to register to receive them please email: business.economy@hambleton.gov.uk

Other useful Links

- Business Rates

hambleton.gov.uk/business-non-domestic-rates

- Environmental Health

hambleton.gov.uk/foodsafetyleaflets

- Trading Standards

Support north Yorkshire businesses by providing comprehensive advice that enables those businesses to meet their legal obligations

northyorks.gov.uk/advice-business

businesscompanion.info/

- Advertising Consent

For information on advertising permission, A Boards and other displays hambleton.gov.uk/advertisingconsent



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