

Local Updates

How 'Energy Estuary' in the Humber could create 20,000 jobs

A new energy strategy for the Humber is set to exploit further the benefits brought by the estuary as

The work developed by the Humber Local Enterprise Partnership and stakeholders will see a push to deliver cleaner and more diversified energy sources throughout the region, building on the industrial-scale clean energy generation being pioneered in the region.

Read more: <https://www.business-live.co.uk/economic-development/humbers-new-energy-strategy-eyes-17812807>

Huge tech boost for Hull as virtual world becomes a physical reality in major expansion

The Humber's technological might has taken a huge physical step forward in a virtual world set to become a reality for many. VISR's Digital Realities Centre has been launched on the University of Hull Science Park, giving further bandwidth to develop cutting edge skills and capability in the region.

Read more: <https://www.business-live.co.uk/technology/virtual-world-becomes-physical-reality-17784224>

How Siemens Mobility's £200m new UK train factory will look is revealed

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Siemens Mobility Ltd is behind the manufacturing facility, and the computer-generated images illustrate the vision for a world-class factory and associated facilities in East Yorkshire.

They have been produced to support newly-submitted plans for the development, which could one day provide the rolling stock for HS2, while employing 700 people.

Read more: <https://www.business-live.co.uk/manufacturing/how-siemens-goole-train-factory-17802204>

225 new homes planned in next phase of town's £200m growth

More than 200 new homes are being brought forward as part of the latest phase of the Brough South development.

The application for 225 properties has been submitted to East Riding of Yorkshire Council by Barratt David Wilson Homes and the Brough South Consortium.

It forms part of a £200 million scheme that has already seen the opening of a new primary school and the first phase of house-building underway.

In total about 750 homes will be brought forward river-side of the Hull to Selby railway.

The development is being brought forward by leading East Yorkshire property developer, **Horncastle Group Plc**, together with local landowners and developers Alma Jordan (Builders) Ltd, Riplingham Estates and BAE Systems.

Read more: <https://www.business-live.co.uk/economic-development/225-new-homes-planned-part-17855572>

Fears for Northern economy as reports predict it will be hardest hit by coronavirus

Further signs that the Northern economy is suffering most from the coronavirus outbreak have come with the publication of two new reports.

The UK Report on Jobs published by accountants KPMG and recruitment body REC found that recruitment activity in the North fell to record low levels during April, while almost half of the areas predicted to be most economically impacted by coronavirus were in the region.

Meanwhile, the Institute for Turnaround has warned that some businesses in distress from the impact of Covid-19 will opt straight for insolvency, without realising business turnaround could be an option. It said that businesses in the North are most likely to be in distress currently.

Read more: <https://www.business-live.co.uk/economic-development/fears-northern-economy-reports-predict-18233127>

OneHumber Online business week to help 'Rethinking and Rebuilding Together'

The Humber's business community has joined forces to create a week of online events to help companies strengthen and succeed through the coronavirus crisis.

Branded OneHumber Online and badged "Rethinking and Rebuilding Together" the sessions will fill the void left by the loss of Business Week to the lockdown.

Read more: <https://www.business-live.co.uk/economic-development/onehumber-online-business-week-help-18245945>

Huge new hydrogen and carbon capture project emerges from Humber refineries and their power plant

A major agreement has been struck to decarbonise large scale oil refining and power generation on the South Humber Bank.

Phillips 66, Uniper and VPI Immingham have entered into a memorandum of understanding to co-develop Humber Zero - a multi-million pound carbon capture and hydrogen production development.

It will decarbonise eight million tonnes per annum of CO2 emissions, with the potential to target 30 million tonnes of CO2 emissions from the wider Humber cluster to the west of Immingham.

It is described as in line with the UK government's 2050 Net Zero objectives and will position the Humber at the forefront of the UK's zero-carbon economy.

Read more: <https://www.business-live.co.uk/economic-development/huge-new-carbon-capture-project-18275439>

£500m BA and Shell-backed green jet fuel refinery cleared for take-off

Planners have cleared a £500 million green jet fuel refinery for take off on the South Humber Bank.

Final checks on a raft of conditions have been delegated to officers at North East Lincolnshire Council, as the British Airways and Shell-backed Velocys development was today given the go-ahead.

Between 50 and 100 full-time jobs will be created in a European first, with hundreds more in construction, while providing a huge boost to the contracting community. It is also scalable, with potential to blend, mix and store refuse-derived fuel alongside the existing Humber Bank facilities.

Read more: <https://www.business-live.co.uk/manufacturing/500m-ba-shell-backed-jet-18279396>

KCom's apprentice search begins with 10 vacancies for 2020

Ten apprentices are being sought by KCom to fill cutting edge tech, digital and engineering roles.

The Hull-based broadband provider will take the cohort on from September across its IT, network support and field engineering teams, with candidates looking for a launchpad into a highly sought-after industry urged to apply.

It comes as the communications giant rolls out a wider network, embracing East Yorkshire and northern Lincolnshire.

Tim Shaw, KCom's chief technology officer, said: "This is a great opportunity for anyone with a passion for technology who wants to take their first steps towards a rewarding career.

"We're looking for anyone with drive and ambition who thinks they'd be a perfect fit for one of the apprenticeships we're opening up."

The company provides training alongside industry experts as well as sponsoring apprentices through professional exams, with Mr Shaw stating they can "learn skills that are both in-demand and well-paid," with continuous career development too.

Read more: <https://www.business-live.co.uk/technology/kcoms-apprentice-search-begins-10-18270475>

100 jobs set to go as Cemex looks to mothball South Humber Bank cement works

Cement giant Cemex is set to mothball its South Ferriby plant, with around 100 redundancies.

The Mexican-owned operation is looking to cease production in North Lincolnshire this summer - in a move not linked to the economic impact of coronavirus.

Read more: <https://www.business-live.co.uk/manufacturing/humber-bank-jobs-blow-cemex-18242595>

How BAE Systems is bringing forward the latest defence technology amid a global pandemic

Workplaces don't come much more critical to the country than those focused on defence and security. Alongside the rich pickings of energy and food on the Humber sits BAE Systems at Brough - where a new normal is dawning David Laister reports.

What do you do when a global pandemic strikes and you have a 750-strong team building Hawk jets and applying design engineering to the next generation air and sea deterrents, Tempest and Dreadnought?

Closing in on 42 years at Brough is Dave Corfield, seven years as site director, and suddenly presented with a challenge like no other.

"On March 24 we temporarily closed the factory, asked all employees to go home while we retained a very small team on site, so we could design a new safe system of work," he recalled, flipping the calendar back two months.

"We knew we would have to start up manufacturing again, and the \$64,000 question was how do you build a Hawk while being 2m away from each other?"

Read more: <https://www.business-live.co.uk/manufacturing/how-bae-systems-bringing-forward-18261078>

Sir James Dyson's huge state-of-the-art strawberry project progresses through pandemic

Sir James Dyson's state-of-the-art multi-million pound strawberry production facility remains on schedule as construction progresses through lockdown.

The mass indoor growing development from the agricultural arm of Britain's wealthiest entrepreneur is being carefully managed by East Yorkshire specialist CambridgeHOK.

And Louis Bradley, construction director at the high-tech horticultural facility provider, has revealed how the build partner with Lincolnshire-based Beeswax Dyson Farming, has pulled out all the stops to stay safe and on track.

First works on the six hectare glasshouse packaging and cold store at Carrington, near Boston, had been scheduled to start just days after the UK was placed into lockdown, with contract win revealed the week before.

Read more: <https://www.business-live.co.uk/economic-development/sir-james-dyson-s-huge-state-18271652>

National Updates

School leavers train as carers as EU migration falls

The NHS in England is hiring 10,000 school leavers given training by the Prince's Trust charity.

The new staff will go some way towards solving the shortage caused by rising demands on the service and falling EU migration.

The trust's research suggests there is concern among public-sector employers that jobs are becoming harder to fill.

The new staff will work in non-clinical jobs although some may train as nurses or doctors eventually.

"There are lots of young people who struggle to access the kinds of careers and opportunities that we offer and the opportunity of this partnership is to reach out to those young people," NHS Employers chief executive Danny Mortimer told BBC News.

In Birmingham, where the NHS is the city's biggest employer, training of the new staff is well under way, with some already in post.

Read more: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-51094279>

P&O Ferries set to make 1,100 redundancies in 'right-sizing' move during pandemic

More than 1,000 P&O Ferries employees will be made redundant.

The company has confirmed around 1,100 workers will lose their jobs as the company plans to make the business "viable and sustainable".

It is the same number of those furloughed initially by the business.

A spokesman for P&O Ferries said: "Since the beginning of the crisis, P&O Ferries has been working with its stakeholders to address the impact of the loss of the passenger business.

Read more: <https://www.business-live.co.uk/ports-logistics/po-ferries-set-make-1100-18241744>

Jobs hopes as Port of Tyne chosen for offshore wind farm base

The North East has been given a jobs boost after the announcement that the maintenance base for the world's biggest wind farm will be sited at the Port of Tyne.

Construction on the Dogger Bank wind farm in the North Sea started in January, led by European power companies Equinor and SSE Renewables.

It is hoped the development will create enough electricity to power 4.5m homes in the UK, with its operational life expected to be more than 25 years.

Read more: <https://www.business-live.co.uk/ports-logistics/jobs-hopes-port-tyne-chosen-18242374>

Coronavirus: Young people 'most likely to lose work' in lockdown

Young people are most likely to have lost work or seen their income drop because of Covid-19, a report suggests.

More than one in three 18 to 24-year-olds is earning less than before the outbreak, research by the Resolution Foundation claims.

It said younger workers risk their pay being affected for years, while older staff may end up involuntarily retired.

The number of people in the UK claiming and receiving unemployment benefit soared last month.

The figure went up by 856,500 to 2.097 million in April, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) said.

Read more: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-52717942>

Cafe Rouge and Bella Italia owner files for administration, putting 6,000 jobs at risk

Restaurant chains Bella Italia, Las Iguanas and Cafe Rouge are on the brink of collapse after owner Casual Dining Group filed an intent to appoint administrators for the businesses.

Around 6,000 people work for the company - which also has the Belgo, Huxleys and Oriel Grand Brasserie brands - but its restaurants have been closed by the coronavirus lockdown.

Read more: <https://www.business-live.co.uk/retail-consumer/cafe-rouge-bella-italia-owner-18271910>

Coronavirus: Shopping may never be the same, says M&S

Customers "may never shop the same way again" after the coronavirus crisis, Marks and Spencer's boss has said.

"Whilst some customer habits will return to normal others have changed forever," Steve Rowe said

The virus had driven changes, including a shift to online shopping and accelerating a change to how customers used High Street stores, he said.

T-shirts, bras and bathroom products had seen record sales, whilst it was barely selling any suits or ties.

The impact of the virus had driven "effects and aftershocks" in the retail sector that would "endure for the coming year and beyond," he added.

M&S was already undergoing a transformation plan led by its chief executive Steve Rowe which included cutting costs and closing some stores.

Read more: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-52724901>

Coronavirus: No guarantee of quick economic bounceback, warns Sunak

It is "not obvious there will be an immediate bounceback" for the UK economy, once lockdown restrictions are eased, the chancellor has warned.

Rishi Sunak said he hoped for a swift recovery, but it could take time for the UK economy to get back to normal.

"It takes time for people to get back to the habits that they had, there are still restrictions in place," he said.

His warning came as figures showed the number of people claiming unemployment benefit soared to 2.1 million in April.

The jump of 856,500 claims in April reflected the impact of the first full month of lockdown, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) said.

Read more: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-52719230>

The effects of the coronavirus crisis on workers

The coronavirus crisis has hit workers hard: the numbers of those furloughed and those newly claiming Universal Credit illustrates the scale. To date, however, we have had very limited information about which types of people have been most affected. In this spotlight, we begin to fill this gap with flash findings from the Resolution Foundation's new coronavirus survey.

To begin, we find that nearly one-third of lower-paid employees have lost jobs or been furloughed, compared to less than one-in-ten top earners, with these experiences also more common among atypical employees. The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme has been well-received by workers, with more than half of those furloughed happy about that outcome, perhaps in part because a fifth of them expect to remain on their full pay. The Government's scheme for the self-employed is less well-understood, with three-in-ten workers that did some self-employed work prior to coronavirus believing they are ineligible for support.

Read more: www.resolutionfoundation.org/publications/the-effects-of-the-coronavirus-crisis-on-workers/

Coronavirus: Rolls-Royce to cut 9,000 jobs amid virus crisis

Rolls-Royce has said it will cut 9,000 jobs and warned it will take "several years" for the airline industry to recover from the coronavirus pandemic.

The Derby-based firm, which makes plane engines, said the reduction of nearly a fifth of its workforce would mainly affect its civil aerospace division.

Read more: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-52723107>

Interesting Reading

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