



Top News

A collage of 12 images showcasing Blackpool's attractions. The images include: the Blackpool Tower at sunset; the interior of the Grand Central Hall; the Blackpool Illuminations featuring large eye-shaped lights; the exterior of the Grand Central Hall; the Blackpool Tower at night; the interior of the Grand Central Hall; the Blackpool Illuminations featuring large eye-shaped lights; the exterior of the Grand Central Hall; the Blackpool Tower at night; the interior of the Grand Central Hall; the Blackpool Illuminations featuring large eye-shaped lights; and the exterior of the Grand Central Hall. The word 'BLACKPOOL' is written in large white letters across the center.

The council, working with the Arts Council England place partnership funded Creative Blackpool development group, submitted an expression of interest earlier in the year, and has been longlisted by Department of Culture, Media and Sport to submit a larger bid.

Blackpool's relationship with culture is full of variety. From Showtown Museum, which celebrates the town's iconic history, to the Grundy Art Gallery a National Portfolio Organisation presenting contemporary work from national partners alongside talent rooted in Blackpool itself. The town also hosts major international events such as World Dance Championships, through to community led arts and culture programmes delivered in local neighbourhoods.

In addition to the 150th anniversary of the Blackpool Illuminations, 2029 marks 135 years since the opening of The Blackpool Tower and the Blackpool Grand Theatre, while Blackpool Winter Gardens will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2028.

While not technically a city, Blackpool is the 45th largest place in the UK, with a population of 141,500 and a visitor economy valued at £2bn, which meets the bidding criteria for both competitions.

Blackpool has also been developing an Expression of Interest for UK Town of Culture 2028 competition for the 31 March deadline.

Regeneration News

BLACKPOOL DELEGATION PROMOTES INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT MIPIM



Blackpool's £2bn+ transformation story was promoted to over 20,000 investors and developers at MIPIM this March.

Blackpool Council attended MIPIM as part of the Place North delegation, joining forces with other northern towns and companies to bring the power of the North to Cannes.

MIPIM is the world's leading real estate event and the five-day conference explored the future of infrastructure development, sustainable investment, and innovative policies.

The Blackpool delegation promoted the town, including key investment opportunities at Blackpool Central and Silicon Sands.

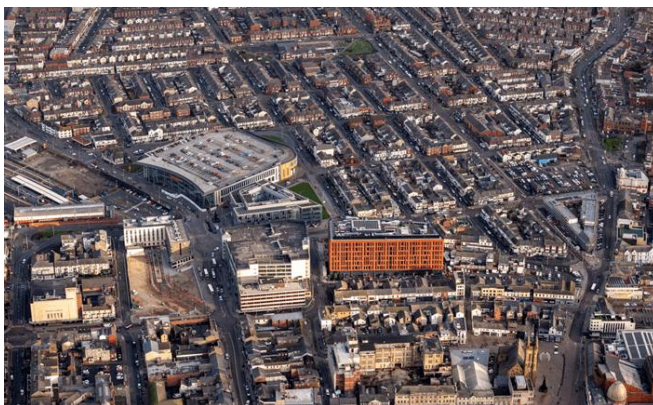
TALBOT GATEWAY STEEL SIGNING MARKS PHASE FIVE PROGRESS



A major construction milestone on phase five of Talbot Gateway's regeneration has been reached after partners gathered for a special steel signing ceremony to mark progress on the Ministry of Defence's (MOD) new Blackpool office building.

Being delivered for the MOD by nationwide placemaker, Muse, alongside Blackpool Council and contractor VINCI Building, the £45Mln, 53,000 sq.ft workspace is located on Talbot Road and will provide accommodation for up to 1,100 employees from Defence Business Services (DBS).

FIRST PHASE OF MAJOR TOWN CENTRE £17M ROAD UPGRADE STARTS



The first phase of a major programme of road improvements designed to support Blackpool's regeneration, ease congestion, and improve access to the town centre is starting this week.

As part of the Town Centre Access Scheme (TCAS), a £17m project part funded by £15.3m from the UK Government, Blackpool Council will make significant upgrades to key routes in and around the

town centre to help improve traffic flow for residents and businesses.

The work complements the council's commitment to increase spending on roads maintenance, and comes as the council is resurfacing over a dozen residential roads this spring.

The full scheme will see improvements made on roads in and around the town centre to make Blackpool more easily accessible for both road users and pedestrians. Upgrades will include

improving road layouts, modifying existing traffic signal junctions to work more effectively together, introducing more crossing areas to improve the area for pedestrians and cyclists.

The first phase of work began this week at the junction of Grosvenor Street and Caunce Street and will take place for approximately 10 weeks, subject to weather conditions.

The improvements will include upgrades to the traffic signals and widening the road to safely reinstate two-way traffic flow on Grosvenor Street. To maintain traffic flow, the works will be completed without temporary traffic lights however reduced lanes will be in operation. Road users are advised to allow extra time when travelling in this area.

Work will then move to the junction of Deansgate and Cookson Street to remodel the junction, adding formal pedestrian crossings and improving cycling facilities.

BLACKPOOL AIRPORT ENTERPRISE ZONE CONTINUES TO DRIVE INVESTMENT AND CREATE NEW JOBS



Blackpool Council has continued its commitment to spending £54m to expand the Enterprise Zone, creating more jobs for Blackpool and Fylde residents as well as the wider Fylde coast.

A major milestone is approaching with the completion of Vickers Way, a new access road due to open this spring. This follows the remodelling works on Common Edge Road which were successfully completed last month. Once fully open the new route will improve access and traffic flow to the Enterprise Zone and surrounding areas.

These improvements are also part of a wider programme of infrastructure investment designed to unlock prime development land, allowing businesses to grow and creating valuable job opportunities for local residents.

There has already been significant interest in the land, with enquiries from businesses that could bring over 150 jobs to the site. This would further add to the economic impact the Enterprise Zone is already delivering, with 2,700 jobs created so far across the development.

The Silicon Sands project is continuing to move forward, designed to position Blackpool as a major location for digital and advanced technology businesses. The tender process to appoint a development partner for the first exemplar data centre is currently underway, with a preferred developer expected to be announced later this year.

Further investment has been made by Electricity North West who are building a new £5m primary substation, providing 32MVA of green electricity to Silicon Sands. This will help ensure the Enterprise Zone has the capacity to support major new developments in the future.

Work is also continuing on the Airport East road, which will be complete later this year to further improve access and enable future phases of growth.

Funding for the new access road has been supported by a £7.5m grant from the UK Government, as part of the Blackpool Town Deal awarded in 2022.

Blackpool Council is also marketing commercial land either side of Vickers Way for businesses to grow. Interested businesses can visit www.blackpoolez.com to enquire.

APPROVAL FOR £500M 80MW DATA CENTRE AT PEEL PARK



Singaporean real estate investment trust Elite UK has secured planning consent for a data centre located next to the Department for Work and Pensions' Peel Park campus.

The project will bring 600–800 full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs during the peak build period. These will cover general contracting, electrical, mechanical, civil engineering, security, telecoms, and project management roles.

As for permanent high-skilled jobs, there will be an estimated 50–80 full-time roles, with annual salaries said to range from £40,000 to £100,000, once the centre is fully operational. That will include data centre managers, network engineers, systems architects, security, facilities management, and renewable energy integration roles.

Many of these roles are high-paying technical positions, contributing to the local economy's upskilling and wage growth. The total capital investment has been put at an estimated £450–£500 million over the development lifecycle.

Elite UK chose the site due to its connectivity to the North Atlantic Loop, a subsea fibre optic cable that connects the USA, UK, and Ireland and provide extremely fast and reliable internet speeds.

The cable is expected to make Blackpool more attractive to tech companies and data centre operators.

Within the Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone, the council is progressing a scheme known as Silicon Sands – a 40-acre data centre cluster.

PUBLIC INVITED TO HAVE THEIR SAY ON CENTRAL BLACKPOOL HOUSING REGENERATION FRAMEWORK



Blackpool Council is inviting residents, businesses and stakeholders to have their say on the future of central Blackpool.

This latest consultation follows an earlier engagement exercise held last autumn. To ensure as many people as possible have the opportunity to contribute, the council is running it again.

Residents will be asked to consider the future of the area and share their views on a range of topics, including:

- What is most important to them about the area
- Whether regeneration is needed
- What improvements they would like to see
- Whether creating more green space would be beneficial
- What types of housing they believe are needed

Go to www.blackpool.gov.uk/housingregeneration and complete the survey to give your views.

REVOE COMMUNITY SPORTS VILLAGE PLAN TO COMPLEMENT WIDER CENTRAL BLACKPOOL REGENERATION



Work to build a new community sports village in central Blackpool is expected to start later this year.

Blackpool Council, in conjunction with Blackpool Football Club and Blackpool Football Club Community Trust, is proposing to build two seven-a-side football pitches, a multi-use games area and two padel courts for local people to use opposite Revoe park.

The community sports village is part of a wider plan from the council to restore Central Drive back to its heyday as an area of Blackpool where local families want to live and raise their families.

It complements the council's plans to build more affordable housing at Foxhall Village, build better houses and green spaces further up Central Drive, and attract a new investment partner to the Blackpool Central development to create new jobs for local people.

WORK COMPLETES ON £3.5M REFURB OF BLACKPOOL'S ROYAL CARLTON



Rebranded as The Glass Tower, the 38-bed hotel was redeveloped by Central Beach Leisure, and is said to “rival anything that Manchester, Liverpool, and London have to offer”.

Headed up by Blackpool business man John Westhead, Central Beach Leisure spent £3.5m on breathing new life into the Royal Carlton Hotel on Central Promenade. As well as upgraded rooms, The Glass Tower features a restaurant bar called XI.

Joseph Boniface Architects lead on design, Thompson Contractors created the restaurant, and Investworth Homes delivered the bedrooms.

The Royal Carlton investment takes Central Beach Leisure’s total Blackpool outlay to £15m, according to the company.

MAJOR COASTAL DEFENCE SCHEME FOR BLACKPOOL SUBMITTED TO PLANNING



A planning application for a multi million pound sea defence project in Blackpool has been submitted.

The proposed Blackpool Beach Management scheme is a £57m investment in the town’s coastal defences, which aims to protect homes and businesses from flooding and preserve the resort’s golden sandy beaches for future generations.

The beach provides the first line of defence against coastal erosion and flooding during storms by breaking the force of the waves.

The Blackpool Beach Management scheme proposals include the construction of 17 rock headlands on the beach in an area stretching from just south of South Pier to Cocker Square, just north of North Pier. Blackpool Council has been awarded funding for the scheme from the Environment Agency.

The planning application can be viewed on the planning portal at www.blackpool.gov.uk/planningsearch using the reference 26/0084.

Visitor Economy Updates

2026 SEASON LAUNCHED WITH A BANG IN BLACKPOOL AS ATTRACTION TICKET PRICES BECOME MORE AFFORDABLE THAN EVER



Blackpool's 2026 tourism season has launched with a bang.

Stars, attraction bosses and tourism leaders gathered at the Winter Gardens Conference Centre last week to look ahead at Blackpool's visitor offering for 2026.

Crowning Blackpool as the best UK visitor destination, it was clear there were more reasons than ever for visitors and families to visit, stay and return to the resort.

Led by Blackpool Tourism Limited, the operator of all of Blackpool Council attractions, managing director Kate Shane acknowledged the tourism industry's tough start to 2026 but said when attractions and accommodation providers work together to provide the best possible experience for all the future looked bright.

Blackpool Tourism Limited is also introducing a range of new ticket options aimed at visitors of all ages - headlined by an incredible new offer. The Ultimate Ticket, priced at just £65, gives guests entry to six of Blackpool's most iconic attractions:

- The Blackpool Tower Top
- Sandcastle Waterpark
- Pleasure Beach Resort
- Madame Tussauds Blackpool
- The Blackpool Tower Dungeon
- The Blackpool Tower Circus

After booking either The Blackpool Tower Top or Sandcastle Waterpark as their starting attraction, visitors have 90 days to enjoy the remaining experiences.

EXPERIENCE AN ORIGINAL MONET MASTERPIECE AT GRUNDY ART GALLERY



Blackpool's Grundy Art Gallery will make art history this March as it welcomes a must see masterpiece from the world-renowned artist Claude Monet to the north west for the very first time this spring.

From Saturday 28 March to Saturday 13 June, visitors will have the rare opportunity to fully experience Monet's breathtaking *The Petit Bras of the Seine at Argenteuil (1872)* in person as part of the National Gallery Masterpiece Tour 2025–2027.

This stunning oil on canvas from the famous French Impressionist has only left The National Gallery once in the last 20 years, with the first public viewing in the North West of England taking place at Grundy Art Gallery in Blackpool on Saturday 28 March in a landmark cultural moment for the town.

The National Gallery, London selected the Grundy from over 30 UK venues to be one of just four host museums and galleries to take part in the showcase tour for this carefully chosen work from its collection.

OPENING DATE ANNOUNCED FOR NEW £8.72M AVIKTAS AT BLACKPOOL'S PLEASURE BEACH RESORT



The opening date of Pleasure Beach Resort's monster new ride has been revealed.

Thrillseekers can finally get on the £8.72m Aviktas ride on May 21. The gyro swing ride is the UK's tallest ride of its kind, reaching 138ft at full swing, arching 120 degrees with 40 seats. The ride features outward-facing seats, giving riders an intense flying sensation over the coastline.

[See Aviktas in test mode here](#)

And there are more major updates and additions for the 2026 season. The season launch event introduced a range of new initiatives designed to improve the visitor experience and provide greater flexibility and value at Pleasure Beach.

Free tickets for under 2's

For the first time, the park will introduce a free eTicket for under twos. Previously, children under two could enter the park for free but needed to buy an eTicket if they wanted to ride. Now, they'll have free access to suitable rides.

Annual pass

Another major change is the introduction of a new Annual Pass, replacing the existing Season Pass. This means better value for visitors as it offers a full year of entry to the park regardless of when it is purchased, whereas previously Season Passes were only valid until the end of that particular season.

Half price return

Next, Pleasure Beach is encouraging repeat visits by automatically rewarding guests with a half price return, which can be used to re-visit at any point during the season. Guests will receive a unique code in their post-visit email.

Flex Pass

Also new for 2026 is the Flex Pass, offering a more personalised experience. Guests can buy a cheaper Flex Pass without committing to rides upfront, and will have the option to purchase individual ride tickets on the day via the app. Prices will be announced shortly.

2-for-1 tickets

The popular "2 for £60" afternoon ticket will return, giving visitors more flexibility to enjoy everything Blackpool has to offer and get 2-for-1 tickets later on. It means visitors can spend the morning exploring the town before enjoying the last four hours of the park at a lower cost.

TOURISM COMPANY TO MANAGE MAJOR BLACKPOOL ATTRACTION



One of Blackpool's most iconic venues is set for an exciting new chapter after plans were agreed to transfer its operation to Blackpool Council's wholly owned tourism company.

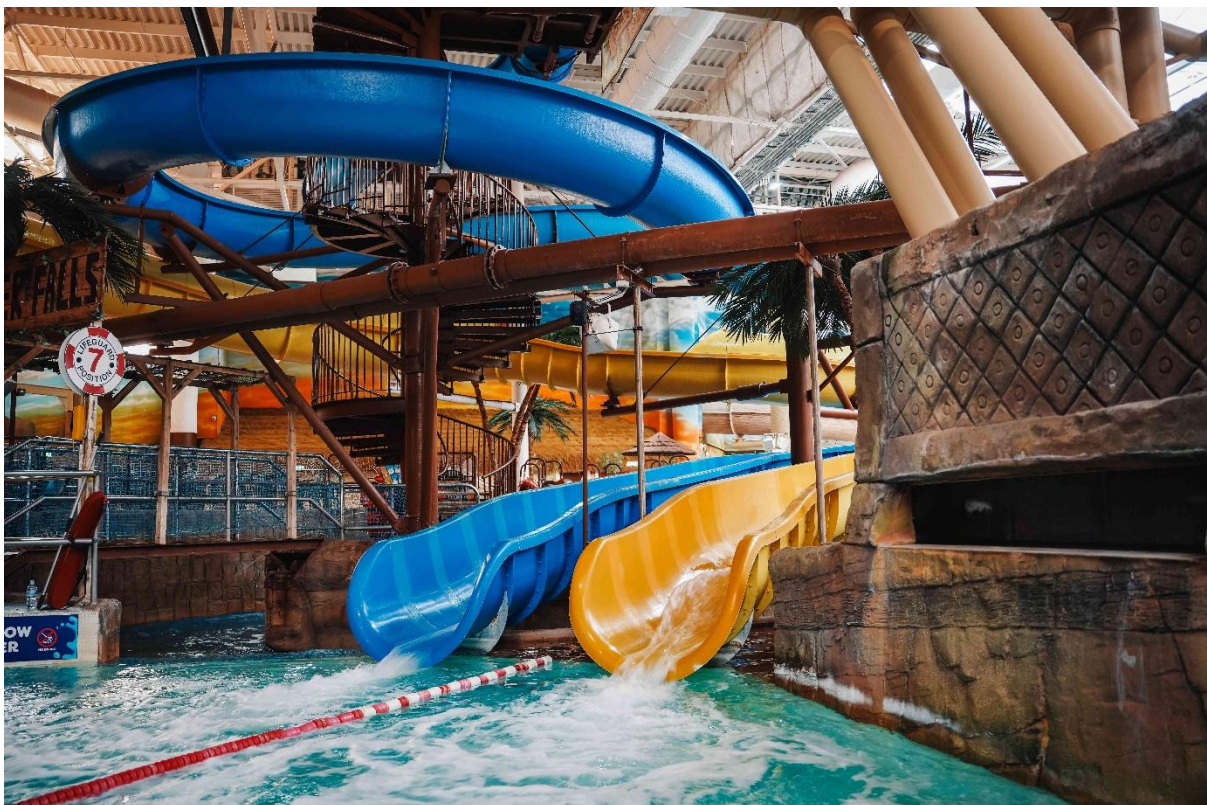
In late January, the council's shareholder committee approved proposals to dissolve the company that currently manages the Winter Gardens, bringing all council owned leisure assets under a single operator for the first time.

The Grade II listed Winter Gardens is presently run by Blackpool Entertainment Company Ltd (BECL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Blackpool Council. Under the new plans, BECL will be dissolved, with all assets and employees transferring to Blackpool Tourism Ltd (BTL).

This strategic move will enable a long term, unified approach to managing the resort's key tourism assets while safeguarding the heritage of one of Blackpool's most treasured buildings.

Blackpool Tourism Limited was established in June 2025 to bring council owned attractions under local management, with a renewed focus on creating a sustainable economic future, increasing employment opportunities for local people and strengthening collaboration across the wider visitor economy.

SANDCASTLE WATERPARK ANNOUNCES £500,000 REFURBISHMENT AHEAD OF 40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



Sandcastle Waterpark has announced a major £500,000 refurbishment programme as it prepares to celebrate its 40th birthday in June.

The refurbishment includes the complete redevelopment of the park's changing village facilities, offering guests a brighter, more modern environment.

Alongside this, the waterpark famous slides have been freshly repainted and a brand new audio system has been installed.

Sandcastle Waterpark first opened its doors in 1986 and has since become one of Blackpool's most iconic attractions, welcoming visitors from across the country.

It remains the country's largest indoor waterpark, offering something for everyone - from thrilling white knuckle rides to family friendly splash zones. Guests looking for a more tranquil experience can unwind in the adults only Sea Breeze Spa.

AMANDA HOLDEN UNVEILED AS THE NEWEST WAX FIGURE AT MADAME TUSSAUDS



Madame Tussauds Blackpool is rolling out the red carpet for its newest A-List arrival, as beloved TV personality, radio host and actress Amanda Holden joins the star-studded attraction from Saturday 28 March.

The brand-new figure made its debut live on Heart Breakfast, where listeners got the first glimpse before it travelled north to take its place in the attraction's glamorous A-List section.

Last year, Amanda was left speechless in the middle of hosting Heart Breakfast when she received a surprise on-air invitation from Madame Tussauds Blackpool to join their celebrity line-up.

Amanda's wax likeness is styled in a dazzling gold Nadine Merabi jumpsuit, capturing her signature blend of elegance, fun and show-stopping glamour. She wore the jumpsuit previously for Heart's Make Me a Millionaire.

NEW HOME FOR BLACKPOOL'S VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE



VisitBlackpool's Visitor Information Centre has a new home inside the world-famous Blackpool Tower.

The centre has relocated from Festival House on the Promenade in a move that will bring visitor services into the heart of one of Blackpool's most iconic landmarks.

The Visitor Information Centre (VIC) is a vital resource welcoming thousands of visitors

every year.

The team is now ready to welcome new guests to the new centre, located on the ground floor of the building on Bank Hey Street.

2026 WDSF DANCESPORT FESTIVAL RETURNS TO BLACKPOOL



The World DanceSport Federation (WDSF) will bring the world's elite DanceSport athletes back to Blackpool this week until Sunday, as the WDSF DanceSport Festival returns to the historic Winter Gardens.

Following the success of the 2025 edition, which welcomed over 1,400 athletes from 58 nations, participation in 2026 is expected to surpass last year's numbers, making this the largest Festival in its history and reinforcing its position as a leading event on the international DanceSport calendar.

Business News

BLACKPOOL AMBASSADORS MAKE AN IMPACT IN LONDON



Blackpool's best ambassadors showcased the best of our town at an event Westminster last week.

The event was part of the Blackpool Pride of Place Partnership, led by Business in the Community with representatives from Blackpool Council and ambassadors who love Blackpool.

On Thursday 12th March, the Pride of Place Partnership brought together its "Born & Bred" network of alumni to host its annual National Ambassador Event at the House of Lords in London.

Hosted by Lord Michael Jay, the event welcomed over 100 guests united by a common purpose: the renewal of Blackpool, the UK's favourite seaside town.

Speakers included Sir Andrew Parmley, Angela Rayner MP, Andy Charles (Blackpool Pride of Place Director), Cllr Neal Brookes, Kate Shane MBE and Mike Crowther MBE (CEO of Empowerment).

Born and Bred is a network of alumni made up of ambassadors for Blackpool and the Fylde coast.

This is made up of influential people locally, nationally and internationally and is Chaired by Sir Andrew Parmley, Lord Mayor of the City of London 2016-17, raised in Blackpool.

Other notable Blackpool Ambassadors include: John Fallon, Blackpool Pride of Place Chair – Former CEO of Pearson plc; Lady Sylvia Jay, National Advisory Board Chair – Ex Chair of L’Oreal UK and Ireland; John Simpson CBE, BBC’s World Affairs Editor.

To learn more about becoming an Ambassador please contact Born and Bred’s Project Manager, Laura James: Laura.James@bitc.org.uk

BUS AND TRAM OPERATOR ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF NEW MANAGING DIRECTOR

Lea Harrison has been appointed as the new managing director of Blackpool Transport Services.

He joins the business following 10 years as managing director for Edinburgh Trams, where he successfully oversaw a variety of projects, including an extension to the Edinburgh tramway network and a ‘Tap on, Tap off’ contactless ticketing system across both buses and trams. This contributed to a 250% growth in patronage along with multiple awards for customer service at the Global Light Rail awards and the Institute of Customer Services.



Lea brings a wealth of operational experience to Blackpool Transport, having originally started his career as one of the first tram drivers for Manchester Metrolink in 1991. From Manchester, he became head of service delivery at Tramlink Nottingham, successfully introducing two extensions to the network in August 2016, after which he then moved on to become the managing director for Edinburgh Trams.

MAJOR UPGRADES TO WATERLOO ROAD BRIDGE SET TO BEGIN



Blackpool Council is set to deliver an important programme of improvements to Waterloo Road bridge, helping to protect the bridge for decades to come.

From Monday 13 April, essential structural repairs and repainting will take place on the bridge, which carries Waterloo Road over Seaside Way - one of the key routes into Blackpool.

To complete the works safely, Seaside Way will be closed between Parkinson Way and Bloomfield Road for approximately 12 weeks, weather permitting. Waterloo Road will remain open throughout the works.

The work can't be done in the winter due to the temperature the paint needs to cure and the period between Easter and the main summer holidays is the least disruptive possible time.

BLACKPOOL COASTAL HOUSING CONTRACTOR TO DELIVER JOBS AND COMMUNITY BENEFITS



Evolution Construction is expanding its team, recruiting seven new employees - five electricians, a planner, and an Electrical Quality Supervisor – thanks to a new contract with Blackpool Council's social housing provider Blackpool Coastal Housing (BCH).

The company will be responsible for delivering electrical safety, maintenance and improvement works for approximately 4,800 BCH homes across Blackpool and the Fylde coast from 1 April 2026.

Evolution has also committed to an extensive programme of social value work as part of the contract win. This will include career inspiration sessions and an increased number of work experience placements for young people, plus DIY and home maintenance training for care leavers, as well as hundreds of hours of volunteering time and annual fundraising events for local charities.

BLACKPOOL GROWTH BUSINESS ACADEMY SUPPORT COMMUNITY WITH COME COOK WITH US



With support from the Blackpool Growth Business Academy, Rob Parr, founder of Come Cook With Us on Central Drive, is helping people in his community learn how to cook simple, healthy meals.

Rob's motivation stemmed from his experience of seeing how limited cooking knowledge can affect health and wellbeing, particularly in communities where healthy foods can feel financially or practically out of reach.

"A lot of people ignore the need to eat healthily, or they've simply never been shown how to cook," Rob explains.

"I want to give people confidence and know-how in the kitchen. I want to provide skills they can take home and use for life."

The new kitchen offers relaxed, hands-on cooking sessions five nights a week, welcoming people of all ages and backgrounds. Alongside Rob, a dedicated team of volunteers supports each session, helping participants develop new skills in a friendly, inclusive environment.

While Rob has previous experience running a business, he recognised that launching a community-focused venture brought different challenges. To ensure Come Cook With Us was both impactful and sustainable, he sought guidance from the Blackpool Growth Business Academy.

Through the Academy, Rob worked with Growth Specialist John Townsend, who supported him to explore his business strategy and clarify his thinking.

Rob added: "John is very enthusiastic and extremely knowledgeable.

“Listening to him really helped. I already understood some of what he was talking about from my previous management roles, but he explained it in a way that complemented my experience. I wanted reassurance that I was heading in the right direction, and John’s support helped me develop my ideas and my business plan.”

LANDLORDS URGED TO REGISTER FOR LATEST SELECTIVE LICENSING SCHEME



Landlords are being urged to engage with a scheme intended to improve the standard of housing and communities in Blackpool.

Selective licensing for the inner area of Blackpool has now been in place for almost a year.

More than half of the estimated 9,000 homes which fall under the latest scheme have already registered. Of these, 30% meet the higher Blackpool Standard for property management; offering better quality homes and tenancy management for residents, and discounted license fees for landlords. One-in-two landlords also qualified for scheme discounts simply by holding higher EPC ratings.

However, those properties which remain unlicensed now risk prosecution or fines for landlords.

Now tenants are being encouraged to ask their landlords if their home is licensed and, therefore, being appropriately managed.

The latest scheme covers eight wards - Bloomfield, Brunswick, Claremont, Talbot, Tyldesley, Warbreck, Waterloo and Victoria. Any house, flat or room rented out within the private rented sector requires a license, subject to some exemptions.

COUNSELLING CHARITY HELPED TO REOPEN AND PURCHASE BUSY SOUTH SHORE HUB



A charity is set to reopen its busiest counselling centre thanks to a funding boost from Blackpool Council.

Counselling In The Community (CITC) has been awarded £40,000 to complete urgent repair works at its building on Waterloo Road. And to protect the charity's future, further money has been earmarked to purchase the premises.

The charity was forced to close its hub in late October after storms caused extensive damage to the building, leaving more than 100 people at risk of no access to their therapy sessions.

Now it is set to reopen again before summer, thanks to vital money plugging a funding gap for repairs. The charity had already invested in creating a new sensory room at the centre and is now using its repairs work to improve accessibility in the building and add two extra counselling suites.

THE BIBAS – LAST DAY TO NOMINATE

The Be Inspired Business Awards (BIBAs) are back for 2026.

Organisers, the North & Western Lancashire Chamber of Commerce are thrilled to announce the launch of the 2026 BIBAs, the county's premier business awards program, set to honour the achievements, resilience, and innovation of Lancashire's business community.

In just a few months' time, it could be your business on the stage at Blackpool Tower Ballroom, but first you need to get your applications by the deadline, which this year falls on Friday 27th March.



BLACKPOOL BUSINESSES SCOOP RED ROSE AWARDS

Plenty of Blackpool businesses took home a Lancashire Business View Red Rose Award last week.

The awards celebrate businesses of all sizes, sectors and stages of growth from across Lancashire, with more than 20 trophies recognising excellence across a wide range of industries and achievements. Categories span areas including environmental commitment, community involvement and customer service.

Winning Blackpool businesses included:

- Complete.Online – Creative Business Award
- VARS Technology – AI and Tech Innovation Award and Medium Business Award
- Fox Brothers – Deal of the Year
- Dennis Eagle – Digital Award
- Winter Gardens Blackpool – Tourism, Leisure and Hospitality Award

COASTAL RADIO LOCAL BUSINESS AWARDS OPEN

Coastal Radio Local Business Awards are now open for voting.

You can vote from a shortlist at the [Coastal Radio website](#).

With a Black-Tie Gala Dinner and amazing entertainment on the evening of Friday June 5th at the glamorous Blackpool Tower Ballroom, this will be a night to remember.

And finally

As always, I would like to know your thoughts on the membership and events.

Please do contact me on my email address with any comments, or please complete the post-event feedback form: <https://forms.office.com/e/9N7FQ01g1C>

Adam Ogden
Head of Communications
Blackpool Council
adam.ogden@blackpool.gov.uk