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Newcastle International Airport announces newly refurbished, inclusive 'quiet space'

Newcastle International Airport has unveiled a brand-new multi-faith prayer room and 'quiet space'.

The newly refurbished area which is located inside the terminal near security, offers a dedicated space for passengers and airport employees who want to engage in prayer, meditation or find a quiet space.

The multi-faith prayer room is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and has comfortable seating, prayer mats, religious texts and other resources.

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Seven-figure investment enables new mental health 'Safe Havens' across North East

As part of Bdaily's coverage of *World Mental Health Day*, we hear from a mental health non-profit which has announced that several 'Safe Havens' locations are set to open across the North East, to address the increasing need for out-of-hours, in-person support for those in mental health crises.

To help meet increasing demand and to make support more accessible, Everyturn is partnering with North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB), to open dedicated locations for people in mental health crisis to receive support in a safe and comfortable environment.

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Newcastle International Airport unveils plans for a £1.7m executive lounge upgrade

Newcastle International Airport and executive lounge provider, Aspire, owned by Swissport International, have today unveiled plans to upgrade the Airport's current executive lounge with a £1.7m investment.

The six-month project, which is expected to be completed in early 2024, will see a fully refurbished and extended executive lounge facility for passengers to enjoy prior to boarding their aircraft.

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Gateshead Metrocentre launches new multi-million-pound leisure experience

Treetop Golf has officially opened at the Metrocentre, Gateshead, its fifth UK destination. The leisure operator has invested over £2.5m to bring their extraordinary mini golf experience to life inside Metrocentre, Gateshead.

The 17,500 sq ft adventure-packed mini-golf venue opened its jungle doors on Friday 6 October in the Upper Qube of the Metrocentre, to offer guests an 'extraordinary and immersive' mini golf experience.

Treetop Golf committed to investing over £2.5m and creating more than 20 jobs locally.

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Newcastle announced as a host city for UEFA Euro 2028, boosting local economy

UEFA has announced the UK and Republic of Ireland's bid to host Euro 2028 has been successful.

The men's tournament will be played across England, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Newcastle will be one of nine cities to stage the major tournament, with matches being played at St James' Park.

Leader of Newcastle City Council, Cllr Nick Kemp, commented: "The tournament will be another fantastic opportunity to showcase our great city to a global audience and it's expected to deliver a £98m boost to the local economy.

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INTERVIEW: MasterChef star on his new County Durham restaurant and culinary career shift

As part of Bdaily's coverage of *World Food Day* (October 16), we sat down for a conversation with Mike Bartley, former MasterChef contestant and Bishop Auckland native whose new restaurant recently surpassed its crowdfunding target.

Our chat ranged in topic from his a-typical career trajectory to the multi-million-pound regeneration of his hometown. Read on to find out more...

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£400m County Durham mixed-use development to create over 3,000 new jobs

640,000 sq ft of prime industrial/warehouse accommodation in five units has reached practical completion and is ready for occupation at Integra 61, the £400m Durham mixed-use development being developed by Citrus Group at J61 of the A1(M).

Set on the 205 acre Integra 61 site, the completed Connect units comprise the largest speculatively developed industrial scheme in the North East for more than a decade. The Connect scheme includes a 298,000 sq ft stand-alone high bay 15m warehouse unit, Connect 298, filling a 'crucial void' in the historically low supply pipeline.

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North Tyneside Christmas market to 'shine a light' on smaller local businesses

Businesses in Wallsend are being invited to take part in a free Christmas market.

Funded by the Town and High Streets Innovation Programme, The Business Factory, North Tyneside Council's business support service, will be hosting a Christmas market in Wallsend, exclusively for start-ups and businesses in their early stages operating in the NE28 postcode area.

Held on Saturday 2 December, businesses will be invited to trade and show off their services from Wallsend Market Village, in the Forum Shopping Centre.

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North East immersive technology specialist announces Aston Martin partnership

Fuzzy Logic Studio, an award-winning immersive technology company, is set to help accelerate Aston Martin's high-performance electrification strategy.

The North Tyneside based business is one of six partners forming a collaborative research and development project led by the automotive manufacturer. Following a competitive process, Project ELEVATION was recently awarded £9m of government funding through the Advanced Propulsion Centre.

It will support the advancement of the carmaker's luxury BEV platform and enable a route to net zero, including investment in vehicle light-weighting and a digital toolchain.

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AI Safety Summit comes to Northumbria University

Northumbria will host a conference with Dynamo North East, exploring Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the impact it is having on our lives, during a time of profound technological transformation.

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