



Join The Team

NETPark (North East
Technology Park) Manager



Welcome

County Durham has ambitious plans to build on its proud industrial heritage with investment of around £3 billion. We are creating more jobs and encouraging more start-ups than ever before.

Last year we delivered:

- 98.53% occupancy within our property portfolio, home to 450 tenants across our 463 buildings
- 6,559 jobs created/safeguarded
- £192M GVA growth
- 1,150 businesses engaged, of which 281 businesses engaged in innovation
- 634 businesses intensively assisted
- £9M secured for businesses
- 18 inward investors
- 60 business start-ups

**We are already
delivering
more, there has
never been a
better time to
join Business
Durham.**



Business Durham, the business support service

Business Durham is the Business Support service of Durham County Council.

As part of the Regeneration Economy and Growth Directorate our mission is to enable business growth and deliver more and better jobs and a strong competitive economy for County Durham.

We have five strategic aims we are working towards:

1. Build a profile and reputation for County Durham as the best place to invest, start or grow a business.
2. Maintain strong financial performance in order to invest in property and services to support business and economic growth.
3. Deliver outcome focused support to businesses to enable economic growth.
4. Develop the ecosystem to enable County Durham to be a leader in innovation and enterprise.
5. Invest in our people, systems, and processes to ensure our organisation is robust and agile with a reputation for quality.



Tailored Support

Our experienced and successful team can help make the journey smoother for any business looking to establish, expand or relocate here.

We provide bespoke support, which includes:

- Access to centres of excellence, networks and clusters
- Facilitated connections to professional, legal and financial advice, including access to funding and incentives
- Help to find the right property – from science labs and clean rooms to office space and industrial units
- Help with recruitment and training
- Research, economic intelligence and ideas to support a company's business case

We offer a professional approach which means we can be trusted to be sensitive with commercial information, we will take great care in understanding business requirements and will help directly, or through our network of partner organisations, to make the right connections to the people who can provide the support needed.

No Ordinary County

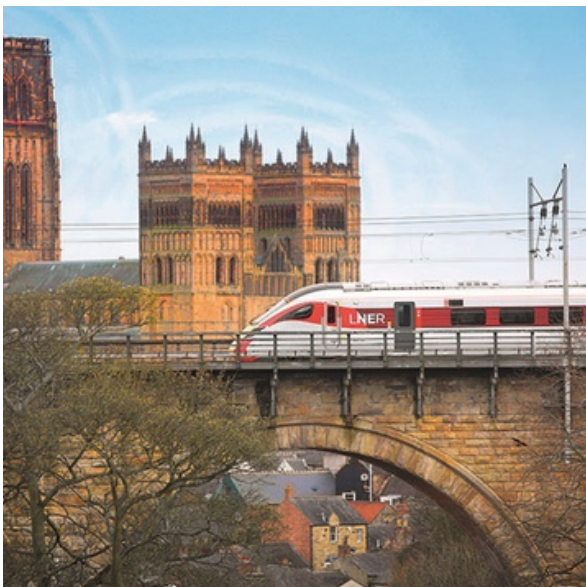
County Durham is the geographic and economic heart of the North East, its largest economy and we are determined to continue to drive growth and opportunities in the region.

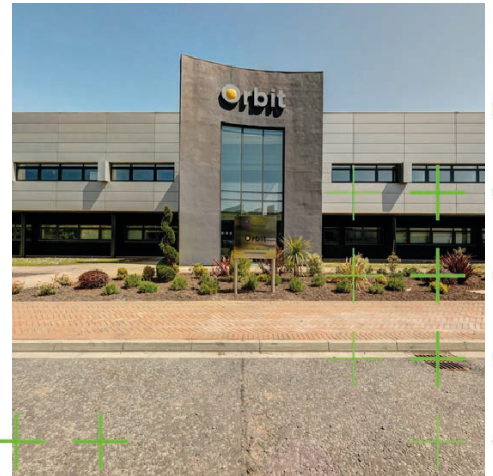
A county rich in the heritage of industry and home to world-leading companies like GSK, Caterpillar, NSK, Hitachi Rail, Atom Bank and II-VI.

A hotbed for innovation, with significant growth in Advanced Manufacturing; Digital and Fintech; Electrification; Life Sciences and Healthcare, and Space and Satellite Applications.

With a population of more than half a million, including 18,800 students, Durham is growing its £9 billion economy through a focus on innovation and its expanding hi-tech and space sectors.

The future with ambitious growth plans to add to the existing 14,565 businesses and 100,000-plus highly skilled jobs already on offer, the future is exciting and now is the time to join our ambition.





Investing for the future

County Durham has the ambition to build a successful, sustainable future promising a healthy and fulfilled lifestyle for all of its residents through access to good housing and employment. To achieve that ambition, £3.4 billion will be invested in creating jobs, attracting inward investment and building new homes.

Bigger projects include £200m for the development of Aykley Heads; £400m at Bishop Auckland; £58m for the NETPark phase 3 expansion; £200m at Riverside, Durham City and £44.5m at Jade Business Park, Murton.

It is expected that the investment will generate 30,000 new jobs by 2035 and see 25,992 new homes built by 2035.



Living In County Durham

Quality of life

There's a huge variety of things to see and do in Country Durham and the wider North East region:

- Visit historic museums or medieval castles
- Explore the colourful and dramatic landscape of Durham's heritage coast
- Take advantage of the county's busy events programme
- Make the most of Durham City's vibrant retail and hospitality offering
- Participate in or spectate at a diverse choice of sporting activities

Housing to suit all tastes and budgets

County Durham boasts a fantastic range of housing options to suit all tastes. It has high-quality, new-build developments including stunning executive homes and more traditional period properties in an unrivalled choice of rural, coastal and urban locations. House prices are, on average, the least expensive in the UK at £144,935 – around 43% cheaper than the national average.

High performing schools

More than 87% of County Durham primary and secondary schools in County Durham are rated “good” or “outstanding” by Ofsted – the third highest percentage of any English region.

In terms of independent schools, there are five primary schools, six secondary schools and three sixth form colleges – so plenty of choice.

