

More than 1,500 North East jobs created by growing companies in March

At least 1,500 new jobs have been announced in the North East this month, with major employers leading the recruitment drives.

Leisure, care and property business Malhotra Group announced plans to create 200 new jobs after securing a £23m finance package.

The Newcastle based business, which owns the Three Mile in Gosforth and city centre venues Grey Street Hotel, Leila Lily's, obtained the funding package from HSBC UK, which will help it move forward projects including the regeneration of the former Sandpiper pub in Cullercoats, the Market Lane pub in Newcastle, and the New Northumbria Hotel in Jesmond.

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North East housing organisation [Home Group also announced a large recruitment drive](#) to create around 300 new jobs, as it expands its work in healthcare.

The Newcastle based company, one of the UK's largest providers of housing, health and care, announced the drive to find new staff in roles including, housing support, maintenance, IT and customer service. The jobs include almost 150 people needed to support the growth of its healthcare and supported living provision in the region.

Notably, it said 150 people are needed to support the growth of its healthcare and supported living provision in the region, which has become all the more important since the pandemic, with growing numbers of people needing support with

mental health issues.

Middlesbrough-based Press On Vinyl is capitalising on the growth in popularity of vinyl records, [by creating 46 jobs](#) at its new pressing plant at the Tees-Advance Manufacturing Park (TeesAMP).

The firm is creating the jobs thanks to a £350,000 investment from NPIF – FW Capital Debt Finance, managed by FW Capital and part of the Northern Powerhouse Investment Fund (NPIF).

Recruitment is yet to start but almost 1,000 jobs are expected to follow [Alfanar group's plans to invest £1bn](#) into the Lighthouse Green Fuels Project on Teesside. The Saudi energy group aims to become the first in the UK to produce sustainable aviation fuel from waste at scale, through project set to create more than 700 construction jobs on Teesside as well as 240 full-time roles when fully operational.

Meanwhile, [Pearson Engineering secured a £25m contract](#) to supply turrets for the British Army's Challenger 3 tanks – a deal which will secure 285 jobs at the former Vickers factory in Newcastle.

It will also prompt a £4m investment in machinery and the recruitment of new technical roles as well as 20 apprentices.

Other firms also creating jobs on the back of expansion or investment include Wallsend fire safety firm Cherry Parts, creative agency NE6.

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