

South Tees Development Corporation Cookie Policy

To make the navigation and displaying of our website easier and more enjoyable, we use cookies throughout the site. Cookies are little pieces of data that allow us to compare new and past visitors, understand how users navigate through our site, and provide us with data that we can use to make the experience more enjoyable and more effective in the future.

Cookies may be either “persistent” cookies or “session” cookies: a persistent cookie will be stored by a web browser and will remain valid until its set expiry date, unless deleted by the user before the expiry date; a session cookie, on the other hand, will expire at the end of the user session, when the web browser is closed.

Cookies do not typically contain any information that personally identifies a user, but personal information that we store about you may be linked to the information stored in and obtained from cookies.

The types of cookie we use

Strictly necessary cookies

These cookies are essential in order to enable you to move around the website and use its features, such as accessing secure areas of the website. Without these cookies services you have asked for, for example competition forms cannot be provided.

Analytical cookies

These cookies collect information about how visitors use a website, for instance which pages visitors go to most often, and if they get error messages from web pages. These cookies don't collect information that identifies a visitor. All information these cookies collect is aggregated and therefore anonymous. It is only used to improve how a website works.

Functionality cookies

These cookies allow the website to remember choices you make (such as your user name, language or the region you are in) and provide enhanced, more personal features. These cookies can also be used to remember changes you have made to text size, fonts and other parts of web pages that you can customise. They may also be used to provide services you have asked for such as watching a video or commenting on a blog. The information these

cookies collect may be anonymised and they cannot track your browsing activity on other websites.

Cookies in use on our website

Name	Provider	Purpose	Expiry
_ga	Google Analytics	Used to identify users and generates statistical data on the way they use our website	2 years
_gid	Google Analytics	Used to identify users and generates statistical data on the way they use our website	24 hours
_gat	Google Analytics	Used by Google Analytics to limit request rates	10 minutes
cerber_groove	www.southteesdc.com	A security cookie used to validate the user session	2 weeks
wordpress_test_cookie	www.southteesdc.com	Used to identify if the current browser supports the use of cookies	Session
wordpress_logged_in_	www.southteesdc.com	Used to identify if the current user is logged in	Session
wp-settings-	www.southteesdc.com	Used to customize users view of the admin interface, and possibly the main site interface.	Session
wp-settings-time-	www.southteesdc.com	Used to customize users view of the admin interface, and possibly the main site interface	Session
hidebanner	www.southteesdc.com	Stores the users cookie consent state for our website	1 year
wpe_auth	www.southteesdc.com	Provides administrators access to server related features from the CMS	Session

Please note that, where we embed content from third-party sites such as Facebook and YouTube, you may also have cookies from these third-party websites installed on your device. South Tees Development Corporation does not control these cookies and you should check the privacy policy of the relevant website for more information.

If you use one of the sharing tools on our website to share content using social networks, these social networks may install a cookie on your device. South Tees Development Corporation does not control these cookies and you should check the privacy policy of the relevant website for more information.

How to manage cookies

Most browsers allow you to refuse to accept cookies and to delete cookies. The methods for doing so vary from browser to browser, and from version to version. You can however obtain up-to-date information about blocking and deleting cookies via these links:

1. Google Chrome - <https://support.google.com/chrome/answer/95647?hl=en> (Chrome)
2. Mozilla - <https://support.mozilla.org/en-US/kb/enable-and-disable-cookies-website-preferences> (Firefox)
3. Opera - <http://www.opera.com/help/tutorials/security/cookies/> (Opera);
4. Internet Explorer - <https://support.microsoft.com/en-gb/help/17442/windows-internet-explorer-delete-manage-cookies> (Internet Explorer)
5. Apple/iOS - <https://support.apple.com/kb/PH21411> (Safari)
6. Microsoft Edge - <https://privacy.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-10-microsoft-edge-and-privacy> (Edge)

Mobile phone users may have to refer to their handset manual for details on how to block cookies using their mobile browser.

Blocking cookies

Blocking all cookies will have a negative impact upon the usability of many websites. If you block cookies, you will not be able to use all the features on our website.