

Alan Campbell MP

Community News

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Welcome to the latest edition of my Community News.

In this edition of my Community News, you will find details of recent events I have attended as well as details of the work of local and national organisations I am supportive of.

You can also find useful information on my website at www.alancampbellmp.co.uk or on Facebook at;

https://www.facebook.com/AlanCampbellForTynemouth/?eid=ARCt_uybFykBHP9Ze74JbIWM5zGUiDhFgl8FizrUZK7Zmr1vijlCM68TFI_cGhOnsm_TvNnVuiYMhiLm

I continue to write my fortnightly column for the News Guardian, you can access these on my website at [News Guardian Articles - Alan Campbell MP for Tynemouth](#)

Best wishes

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Tynemouth

Have your say on Thursday

2nd May

This Thursday 2nd May there are a number of important local elections.

Locally, you will have the chance to elect 3 ward councillors based on the new boundaries. You will also have the chance to vote for the newly created North East Mayor as well as a new Police and Crime Commissioner.



- On Thursday, polls are open from 7am until 10pm.
- Remember you will need ID to vote - find out what you need at:

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections/voter-id/accepted-forms-photo-id>

- If you have a postal vote but haven't returned it – you can drop it off at any polling station on the day.

Operation Coastwatch set to return



A summer initiative which has seen antisocial behaviour fall to a 10-year low along the North Tyneside coast is set to return soon.

The operation aims to reassure the community and take swift action to prevent disorderly incidents during spells of warm weather.

As in previous years, Operation Coastwatch includes extra foot patrols, preventative work at Metros to disrupt and stop any disorder before it reaches communities, and beach wardens to monitor coastal activity.

Council staff patrol the beaches to monitor against litter and antisocial behaviour and the Community and Public Space Protection Team will work alongside Northumbria Police colleagues to provide reassurance to local people.

North Tyneside 10k Road Race



It was an honour to present the winners of the NT10K race over the Easter Weekend.

Congratulations to winners James Anderson of North Shields Poly and Alexandra Sneddon of Jarrow and Hebburn AC.

The route is such a great advert for our regenerated coast. Well done to all the runners and thanks to everyone who came to cheer them on.

Good Friday March



It was good to be back in the regenerated Northumberland Square for the traditional Good Friday Procession of Witness alongside our elected Mayor Norma Redfearn.

The Good Friday Procession of Witness traditionally saw up to 2,000 children from Sunday schools in North Shields parade through the town and has taken place for more than 100 years. Here's to another 100 years.

Fishermen's Mission and cancer awareness





Our local Fishermen's Mission have launched a three-year partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support to improve cancer awareness among the North Shields fishing community.

It's called C Aware Fish Mish and they're looking for people to get involved as cancer community champions. You can find out more here: <https://www.fishermensmission.org.uk/macmillan/>

It was great to join Deb Johnstone and Peter Dade at the launch.

Supporting Marden Boxing Club



Dean Preston has run Marden Amateur Boxing Club for the past 7 years and has more than 100 members. The club is seeking funding to make Thompson Hall their permanent home and I'm backing their bid. Let's keep Marden Boxing Club at the heart of the community.

Meeting with u3a



It was lovely to meet up with u3a (formerly University of the Third Age) for a cuppa at the Grand Hotel in Tynemouth. I met their National Chair, Liz Thackray and North East Trustee,

Jean Cubbin to find out more about u3a's work nationally and locally to encourage people - in their words - to learn, laugh and live.

Visit to Sage UK



It was great to visit Sage recently to learn more about how open banking can benefit my constituents and small businesses.

Sage UK is a large multinational with 6.1 million global customers based in North Tyneside, primarily servicing SMEs with business solutions using open banking technology. It has provided almost 2,000 jobs for the local community.

It is always valuable for local businesses and politicians to come together and look at ways to leverage and promote open banking for the benefit of the North East and beyond.

Meeting with Inspector Mick Hood



My office had a valuable meeting with Neighbour Policing Inspector, Mick Hood in North Shields recently. They discussed a number of local issues including town centre crime and I am pleased that there is an ongoing commitment to do more to make our town centres safer. They also discussed issues raised by constituents such as motorcycles on the waggon ways and graffiti on some local estates which the local police are currently looking into.

Men's Shed in Parliament



Men's Sheds are community spaces for men to connect, converse and create. The activities are often similar to those of garden sheds, but for groups of men to enjoy together (many Sheds also have women members too).

They help reduce loneliness and isolation, but most importantly, they're fun. I was delighted to visit the Parliament Pop Up Men's Shed recently to discuss the benefits first hand. You can find out more at:

<https://menssheds.org.uk/faq/>

Dog's Trust Event



I pledged my continuing support for the issue of puppy smuggling at a parliamentary event run by the UK's leading dog welfare charity Dogs Trust.

The event took place in the House of Commons, to mark more than ten years of the charity's efforts to end puppy smuggling. I hope to see much needed legislation to tackle this issue on the horizon soon.

World Labyrinth Day





Join with others across the world who will be walking the labyrinth at 1pm their time.

Help make a circle of peace for the world.

ALL WELCOME
children to be accompanied by an adult.
Bring a chair.

World Labyrinth Day
is an annual international event sponsored by The Labyrinth Society. Every year on the first Saturday in May thousands of people around the world participate in this moving meditation for world peace and celebration of the labyrinth experience.

The New Friends of Northumberland Park

Saturday 4th May 2024
12.30pm-2pm
World Labyrinth Day

Northumberland Park
King Edward Road
North Shields

More information from sec.nparkfriends@hotmail.co.uk

WorldLabyrinthDay.org

North Tyneside Parks | @NTCouncilTeam @NlandPark | www.northtyneside.gov.uk

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On 4th May the New Friends of Northumberland Park will celebrate World Labyrinth Day and walk the Labyrinth in solidarity with people all over the world meditating for peace. You can find out more at:

<https://www.worldlabyrinthday.org/>

Woodlawn wins Golden Grant



Congratulations to Woodlawn School who are the worthy recipients of a £5,000 Golden Grant.

Stronger Starts Golden Grants is a scheme by Tesco, where one customer who selected the golden token picked one of the nominated local charities or group to receive a £5,000 Golden Grant.

The £5000 will help support Woodlawn School to purchase a wheelchair accessible minibus for students.

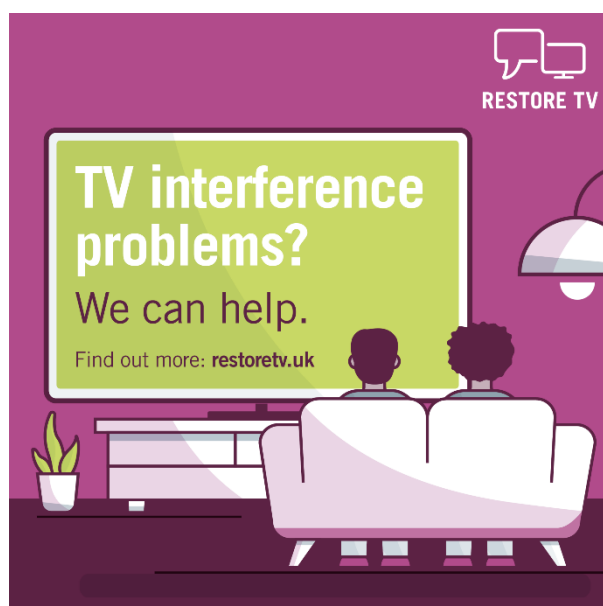
Carers Leave Act



The Carer's Leave Act 2023 came into force on Saturday 6 April 2024, giving people who provide care to a family member, friend or relative the right to up to five days of unpaid leave from work to fulfil their caring responsibilities.

I was proud to support this legislation in Parliament and I am delighted that nearly 5000 unpaid carers in Tynemouth constituency will now have access to these new workplace rights.

Mobile Services Upgrade



Mobile services are being upgraded and could cause free to view TV interference in your area. This could result in a blocky picture, poor sound or a 'no signal' message. Restore TV offers free help and advice. Contact them at <https://restoretv.uk>

Water Fluoridation Consultation

The government's Dentistry Recovery Plan committed to public consultation to expand community water fluoridation in the north east of England. The consultation is now live and is open until 17 June 2024.

Further details of the consultation are available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/community-water-fluoridation-expansion-in-the-north-east-of-england>

Cost of Living Debt Research

The Financial Conduct Authority has recently published research which shows in the 12 months to January 2024, 2.7m adults sought help from a lender, a debt adviser or other financial support charity because they found themselves in financial difficulty. Nearly half (47%) of those that sought help said they were in a better position as a result. However, 2 in 5 adults who had fallen behind on their bills said they had avoided talking to their lender about their finances.

Renters, single adults with children, adults from a minority ethnic background and people living in the north-east of England were more likely to be in financial difficulty.

The FCA are advising people:

- Contact your lender for support if you're worried about keeping up with payments. Talking to your lender about your options won't impact your credit score.
- Visit MoneyHelper for tips on living on a squeezed income and to find free, expert debt advice.

<https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en>



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