

Alan Campbell MP

Community News

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Welcome to the latest edition of my Community News.

Apologies for the slightly shorter Community News this month but the General Election has brought this Parliament to an abrupt end. I also want to say thank you for making me your MP, a role in which it is an honour to serve you. Boundary changes mean that Valley ward is no longer part of Tynemouth Constituency – again it has been a privilege to serve the residents of that area. On the other hand what used to be Riverside Ward will be part of the new constituency, once again, and rightly uniting the whole of North Shields in one seat.

Here's a look at what I've been doing over the past few weeks.

Best wishes

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Tynemouth

St Cuthberts RC Primary School visit

I visited St Cuthberts as part of their work on democracy and the importance of voting. The children asked me about my role as an MP, showed me what they had been learning about voting. Crucially they were learning about their role in our community but also their role in the global community. The children and what is happening at St Cuthberts is a credit to the staff but also to the parents.

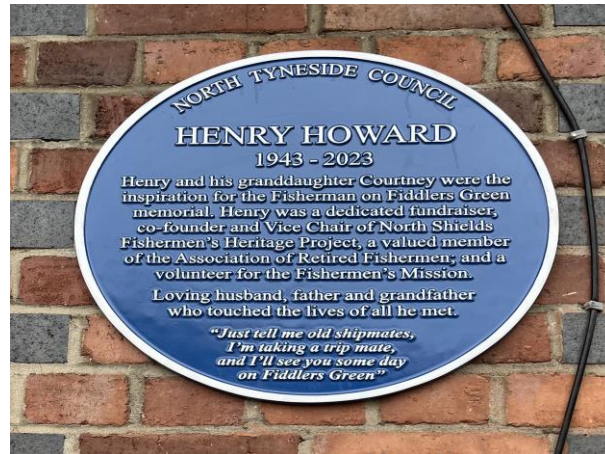


National Fishing Day



The first ever National Fishing Day took place earlier this month in which fishermen who died in this most dangerous of peacetime occupations were remembered. It was a privilege to be asked to speak and as ever an honour to meet the families of those lost.

Henry Howard



A blue plaque was unveiled on the Fishermen's Mission in North Shields to commemorate the life of Henry Howard. Henry was a retired fisherman who gave so much to the local fishing community. He was also the inspiration, with his granddaughter Courtney, behind the Fiddlers Green statue. Fitting then that Courtney should unveil the plaque alongside Elected Mayor Dame Norma Redfearn.

Commonwealth War Graves



The annual Commonwealth War Graves week marked the importance of the work of the Commission in looking after the graves of those who fell in war, across our country but also across the world. I want to say a special thank you to the people who look after and attend to the graves locally including in Preston Cemetery.

Alzheimer's Society



I met up with the Alzheimer's Society in Westminster to learn about and offer my support for their campaign. Across Tynemouth 69% of dementia sufferers have been diagnosed, which is good, but also means 3 in 10 have yet to receive a diagnosis. It was also a pleasure to meet Sir Jonathan Pryce a champion of the cause.

Chai Cancer Care



It was good to catch up with Chai Cancer Care, a great national charity, providing support and advice for cancer sufferers and their families. It was particularly interesting to learn about a plan in collaboration with Macmillan to open a new centre in our region.

Thanks to all our volunteers out there!



Volunteers are the stars of local charities and our local community. None more so than Audrey Reynolds who has been a huge support for North Tyneside Disability Forum who

as a celebration of a significant birthday for Audrey put on a special show at the Whitley Bay Playhouse. Well done and thank you Audrey.

Anti social behaviour at the coast



Our regenerated coast should be a great place for residents and visitors alike to enjoy. Operation Coastwatch is a response from the police and Nexus to try to make sure people behave responsibly and respectfully and that residents and business owners are protected from anti social behaviour. I'm in regular touch with the police to ensure that Coastwatch has the resources it needs and to give officers whatever support I can.

Visit England



The North East is a pilot for a programme to boost tourism as part of the local economy. I met up with representatives in West Minster to find out more. We discussed the region's potential and as ever I pressed the case for our fantastic regenerated coast.

Have your say

As you know, there is a General Election on 4th July.

Make sure you register to vote: <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>

Sign up for a postal vote here: <https://www.gov.uk/how-to-vote/postal-voting>

Don't forget to bring ID or sign up for ID here <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate>