

Alan Campbell MP

Community News

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Thank you



Thank you to all those who voted for me at the recent General Election.

I am honoured to have been re-elected as the MP for Tynemouth. Tynemouth was previously a Conservative seat and now has the second highest Labour majority in the North East which suggests we must be doing something right.

As I said at the election count, the hard work to deliver what we promised during the election starts now. I pledge to work on behalf of every local resident, however they voted.

The full results are as follows:

Name of candidate	Political party	Number of votes
APPLEBY John Christopher	Liberal Democrats	2,709
BARTOLI Lewis	The Conservative Party Candidate	9,036
CAMPBELL Alan	Labour Party	24,491
ELLIOTT Rose	Reform UK	7,392
GREENER Christopher	Independent	273
OLIVER DOUGALL Kelly Jane	Party of Women	286
RAHMAN Mustaque	Independent	531
REILLY Chloe-Louise	Green Party	3,592
THEWLIS Adam	Heritage Party	108

New Cabinet Role



It is a privilege to have been appointed by the Prime Minister Keir Starmer to the post of Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury – the official title for the Government Chief Whip. I must admit how surreal it felt to walk up Downing St and how it feels to sit around the Cabinet table. A Cabinet with direction and purpose that will drive our country forward.

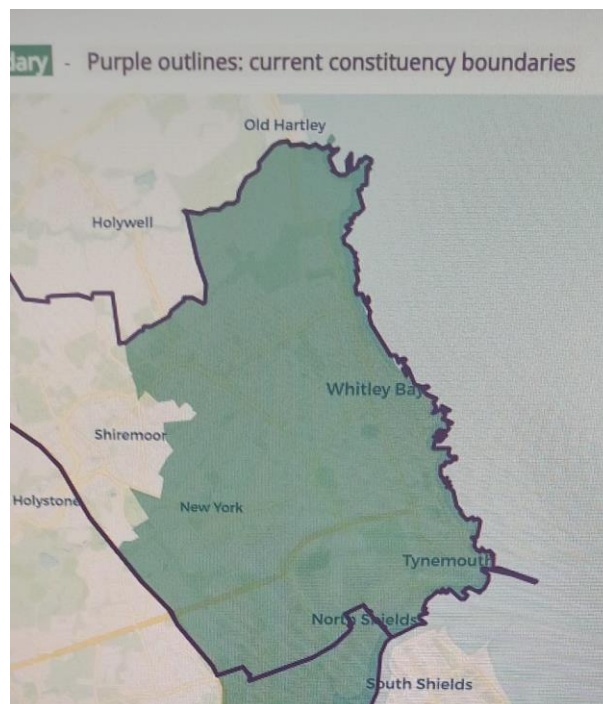
State opening of Parliament

The State Opening of Parliament took place on Wednesday, 17 July 2024, marking the formal start of the parliamentary year and setting out the government's agenda for the 2024-25 session. The King's Speech, which outlines the government's policies and proposed legislation for the new parliamentary session, was delivered in the House of Lords chamber by King Charles and contains more than 40 ambitious bills.

You can read the full King's Speech at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/the-kings-speech-2024>

Boundary changes in the constituency



The parliamentary boundary changes for 2024 have now come into effect following the General Election.

I am sorry to say goodbye to residents from Valley ward – which comprises the communities of Shiremoor, West Allotment and Backworth and who will now be in the parliamentary constituency of Cramlington and Killingworth. The new seat is now represented by my colleague Emma Foody MP who I am sure will be an excellent advocate for local residents.

As a newly elected MP, Emma is currently setting up her office but can be contacted via email at emma.foody.mp@parliament.uk I wish both Emma and her constituents all the best.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to residents of the former Riverside ward, which once again becomes part of Tynemouth Constituency. Comprising the communities of East Howdon, Royal Quays and parts of Percy Main, the changes also mean that the whole of North Shields is now united in single parliamentary constituency. I look forward to working on behalf of all residents in these communities.

You can check who your MP is online at <https://members.parliament.uk/FindYourMP>

My constituency office -
all you need to know



My priority has always been and will always be Tynemouth Constituency. I run a fully staffed, accessible constituency office including a dedicated welfare benefits officer.

My office is open to the public and I hold regular surgeries by appointment. I also undertake many visits to local organisations and if you, or your employer or organisation would like to arrange a visit please do not hesitate to get in touch. You can also follow my work on my website and social media, all details of which you will find below.

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Meeting with the new

Police and Crime Commissioner



I recently met with Susan Dungworth, Northumbria's new Police and Crime Commissioner.

I updated her on the ongoing issues with crime and anti-social behaviour in North Shields and we discussed how we can make all our town centres safer.

It was reassuring to hear that Susan's priorities are centred around championing local communities and ensuring that neighbourhood policing best meets the needs of residents.

You can find out more about the work of the PCC at:

<https://northumbria-pcc.gov.uk/>

North Shields 800



I am delighted to continue to serve as the Chair of the North Shields 800 Committee.

In 2025 it will be 800 years since a small village made up of simple huts called shiels was founded on the north bank of the Tyne where the Fish Quay stands today. Created in around 1225 as a small fishing port to serve Tynemouth Priory, it grew into the thriving harbour of North Shields.

The purpose of the North Shields 800 is to bring our community together to enjoy exciting events, exhibitions and performances that celebrates North Shields past, present and future.

It's been great to see so many ideas and offers of help and hard work from organisations, charities, churches, businesses and individuals.

We're now at a stage where ideas are turning into plans and it's shaping up to be a diverse and exciting project that reflects the pride people feel in the town.

It will raise the profile of the town across the region and beyond, bring a sustained boost to local businesses and increase visitor numbers at a time when a series of ambitious regeneration projects in North Shields are nearing completion.

North Shields Ferry Landing



I have welcomed the news that the newly elected North East Mayor Kim McGuinness has announced plans to build a new £14.6m landing for the Shields Ferry at North Shields Fish Quay.

I have lobbied the previous government on a number of occasions for funding under their 'Levelling Up' policy but disappointingly the project was not successful under that scheme.

The funding announced by Mayor Kim McGuinness will secure the long-term future of the Shields Ferry. It will also see the ferry relocated into the heart of the North Shields Fish Quay regeneration area, where its close proximity to the town centre and the Riverside Walkway should help the local economy.

Whitley Bay High School Visit



It was great to visit Whitley Bay High School before the summer holidays to see the new school and catch up with Head Steve Wilson. Ofsted recently found WBHS to be Outstanding in every regard, a tribute to hardworking staff, pupils and governors and the inspirational leadership of Steve.

I wish all the students awaiting exam results across the constituency the best of luck.

Election Hustings



I would like to thank King's Priory and Cullercoats Methodist Church for organising 2 hustings events during the recent General Election campaign.

Hustings are a valuable part of our democratic process – a chance for candidates to be questioned by those they seek to represent. Thank you for all those who attended and all those involved in organising the events.

Tyne and Wear Citizens



Thank you to Tyne and Wear Citizens for hosting a meeting at St Cuthbert's RC Church to discuss a number of important issues including housing, mental health, refugees and social care.

It was inspirational as ever to meet pupils from St Cuthbert's and St Thomas More who, through their campaigning on mental health in schools are now influencing national policy. Thank you also to Mumspace and all the parishioners who came along.

A local hero



I met with Carole and Gerard Stewart and the Hon French Consul Eric Donjon to hear the remarkable story of their relative Sapper Fred Shorey.

Born in North Shields Fred was on the first glider to capture Pegasus Bridge on D-Day. A true local hero.

D-Day Commemoration Events





I laid a wreath at the Cenotaph in Whitley Bay in memory of the heroes of D Day, those who served and those who lost their lives.

It was a fine turnout on a blustery day to honour those whose sacrifice secured our freedom.

Thank you to Whitley Bay, North Shields and District Royal British Legion branch for inviting me to their event, Journey to D-Day and Beyond following the wreath laying.

It was inspirational to meet and spend time with WW2 veterans. Thanks also to great folk of Rockcliffe Rugby Club for hosting.

Falklands Anniversary Event



I joined veterans of the Falklands War at a service to mark the 42 anniversary of the war.

It was very moving to hear stories of the conflict and I was proud to lay a wreath in remembrance of the fallen. We will remember them.