

# 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](http://www.alancampbellmp.co.uk) or on Facebook at;

[https://www.facebook.com/AlanCampbellForTynemouth/?eid=ARCt\\_uybFykBHP9Ze74JblWM5zGUiDhFgl8FizrUZK7Zmr1vijlCM68TFI\\_cGhOnsm\\_TvNnVuiYMhiLm](https://www.facebook.com/AlanCampbellForTynemouth/?eid=ARCt_uybFykBHP9Ze74JblWM5zGUiDhFgl8FizrUZK7Zmr1vijlCM68TFI_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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**160 years of St Paul's Whitley Bay**



Thank you to St Paul's, Whitley Bay for the invitation to celebrate the 160th anniversary of the church's dedication.

It was an honour to be asked to speak and it was great to see so many members of our local community there.

### **Battle of Britain**



It was an honour to stand alongside local cadets including Team346 and those from 1151, 1156 and 2344 Squadrons in the Battle of Britain Parade to remember "the few" who defended our nation and fought against tyranny.

We must never forget the sacrifice they made for our freedom.

Thanks to the Royal Air Forces Association for organising the event.

### **Days of Hope reaches parliament**



Local artist Nicola Sokell has been exchanging dreams between strangers for her Dreamcoat Project for over 20 years.

As part of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's Days of Hope Project she created a picnic blanket which she walked from Whitley Bay to North Shields and from North Shields to Newcastle.

Nicola then brought the blanket to Parliament where I met her to find out about my constituents hopes and dreams. Thank you to Nicola and everyone who shared their dreams as part of this thought-provoking project.

## **Google Digital Garage**



It was fantastic to co-host an event for local businesses with Google, which culminated in a day of digital skills workshops and training events at the Exchange in North Shields.

As workplaces increasingly rely on digital technologies, without digital skills, our workforce and our small businesses risk falling behind. We must ensure that everyone, regardless of age or background, has access to the education and training needed to thrive in a digital world.

I hope everyone enjoyed what was a well-attended and informative event.

## **Merchant Navy Day**



As MP for an area with a proud tradition of seafaring, I'm proud to join the Seafarers' Charity in celebrating and paying tribute to the many courageous men and women who serve or have served as Merchant Seafarers. Thank you for your service.

## **International Day at Norham High**



My thanks to Pastor Dina for the invitation to the Restoration Chapel's International Day which took place at Norham High School.

The theme of the day this year was 'Progress in Unity' and I spoke about the progress we have made in uniting the diverse cultures within our local community.

It is thanks to organisations such as the Restoration Chapel who by arranging and hosting such events, facilitate greater cross-cultural dialogue and understanding between communities.

## **Cullercoats Watch House on**

### **Bloomberg App**



Congratulations to Cullercoats Watch House on their recent inclusion into the Bloomberg Connects App.

The free App lets you explore expert-curated content and guides to over 550 museums, galleries, sculpture parks, gardens, and cultural spaces around the world – it currently has 3.5million users globally.

The guide to the Watch House explores the links with Winslow Homer and will undoubtedly attract more visitors to our wonderful coast.

Download the App at <https://www.bloombergconnects.org/>

## **Remembering the Gaul**



Residents gathered in North Shields for a moving memorial to honour the crew of the fishing trawler Gaul, marking 50 years since the tragic loss of 36 lives.

It was an honour to have a wreath laid on my behalf.

My thanks to the Association of Retired Fishermen for organising the service.

## **Cancer Research UK**



I recently met with Cancer Research UK to discuss their turning point for cancer campaign. I pay tribute to their tireless dedication in supporting and campaigning on behalf of all those affected by cancer.

I support a 10-year plan of reform and modernisation, harnessing technology to fight disease and transform the way we deliver care to diagnose and treat cancers sooner.

### **Meeting with Guide Dogs**

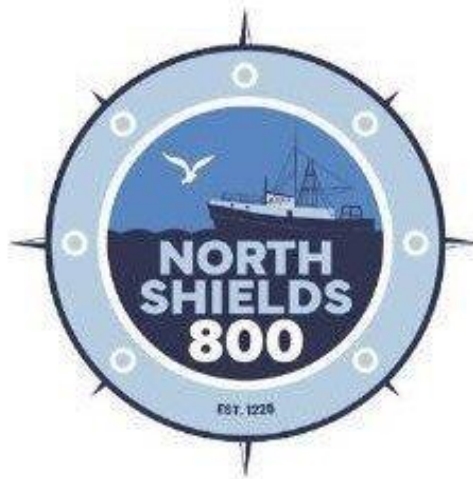


Many constituents have contacted me recently about the valuable work of Guide Dogs.

At your recent meeting I found out how Guide Dogs is highlighting the issue of access refusals, saying that over 80% of guide dog owners have been turned away from a business or another service because they were with their guide dog.

I understand that the Government is currently reviewing the commitments made in the previous Government's Disability Action Plan and will be setting out its own plans as part of its approach to improving the lives of disabled people. I will update you on this issue in a future newsletter.

### **North Shields 800 logo**



The winning logo design for the North Shields 800 celebrations in 2025 has been announced after a public poll attracted more than 1,100 votes.

As the Chair of the North Shields 800 Committee, I welcome the choice which is pictured above.

I am continuing to work with the committee on the calendar of exciting events throughout 2025. These include a spectacular parade of sail and a blessing of the fishing fleet, a parade along the Fish Quay, exhibitions, street art, heritage projects and performing arts.

## Sense



I had a good meeting with Sense – the charity which campaigns on behalf of deafblind people and those with complex disabilities.

There are 3285 people with complex disabilities in Tynemouth and I am committed to ensuring that the Government does everything in its power to break down the barriers that face those who live with such disabilities.

## Fairtrade Fortnight

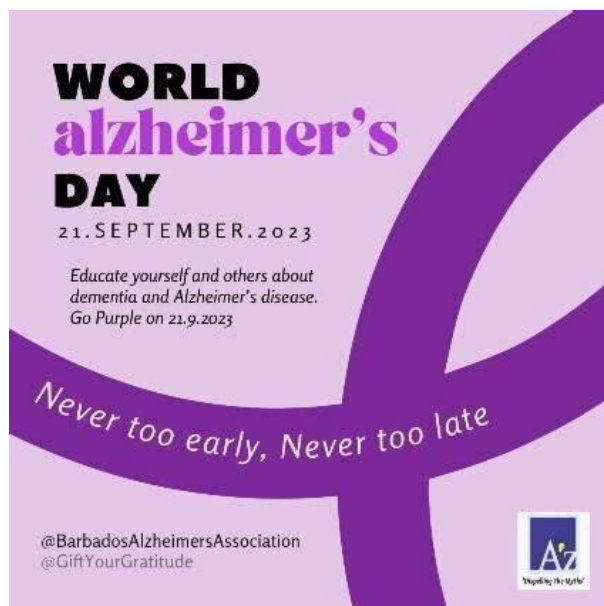




I supported this year's Fairtrade Fortnight.

Fairer pay gives farmers a better chance to take on the climate change that threatens their livelihoods. Choosing Fairtrade is one way you can choose a fairer future for people and planet. Visit [fairtrade.org.uk/bethechange](https://fairtrade.org.uk/bethechange) for more information.

## Supporting World Alzheimer's Day



Dementia is the UK's biggest killer, it's the largest health and social care issue of our time.

World Alzheimer's Month takes place every September and World Alzheimer's Day is on 21 September each year. It's a global opportunity to raise dementia awareness and support people affected by the disease.

## World Wildlife Fund



It was interesting to find out more about the work of the WWF in a recent meeting at party conference.

WWF works to help local communities conserve the natural resources they depend upon; transform markets and policies toward sustainability; and protect and restore species and their habitats.

To find out more visit: <https://www.worldwildlife.org/#:-:text=World%20Wildlife%20Fund%20-%20The%20leading%20organization%20in>