

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

200th Anniversary of RNLI



I was honoured to attend a Service of Thanksgiving at Cullercoats Methodist Church to celebrate 200 years of Cullercoats and Tynemouth Royal National Lifeboats Associations.

It was a moving reminder of the achievements and commitment of all those who have been part of the RNLi family over the past two centuries.

I would like to thank everyone involved with the charity – volunteers, supporters and staff. Here's to another 200 years of saving lives at sea.

Royal Visit to Ovington Boats



Having visited over the summer, I was pleased to be present at Ovington Boats when they welcomed HRH The Princess Royal to the Fish Quay site recently.

At this summer's Olympics, teams in Ovington Boats won 7 sailing medals. HRH offered her congratulations on their achievements as one of the world's most successful small boat building businesses.

Constituency Garden of Remembrance



I attended the opening of the Speaker's Constituency Garden of Remembrance and laid a tribute to all those from my constituency who have fallen in service of our country.

We unite across faiths, cultures and backgrounds to remember the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces community from the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. We will remember them.

World Mental Health Day



I was pleased to attend and speak at the World Mental Health Day event held at the Crescent Club in Cullercoats. This year's theme is mental health in the workplace. The aim is to encourage governments, employers, the organisations which represent workers and employers, and other stakeholders responsible for workers' health and safety to work together to improve mental health at work.

Once again, the event was informative and well-attended, and I'd like to thank all those involved in organising the day.

Monkseaton High School Update

I met with a group of parent representatives from the Monkseaton High School campaign group to discuss the consultation on the possible closure of Monkseaton High School.

I recognise that there have been longstanding concerns about the financial position of the school and the implications of that for the future of education in the area and I understand the worry and upset this news will have caused to parents, students and their families.

I have met with the Mayor and Chief Executive of North Tyneside Council to raise the concerns that local residents have raised with me about this. The council are currently looking at the responses to the consultation. I have pledged to continue to work to see if a solution can be found.

Meeting with Chief Executive of

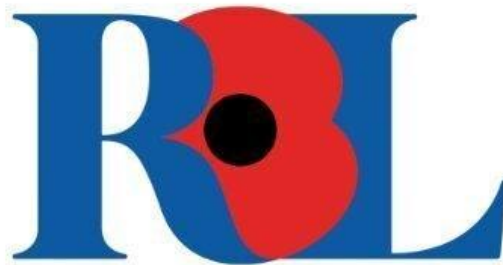
Northumbria NHS Trust



I met with the Chief Executive of Northumbria NHS Trust, Dr Birju Bartoli recently to get my regular update on issues facing our local health services.

Amongst a number of issues, we discussed the new Government's key priority of reducing NHS waiting lists by providing an extra 40,000 operations, scans, and appointments each week. Though, it is important that this is delivered in the most productive and cost-efficient way.

Poppy Appeal



I welcomed the launch of this year's Poppy Appeal.

As ever, collectors will be fundraising in local communities across the UK so please look out for them and remember - there is no 'right' way to wear a poppy - they simply ask that you wear it with pride.

NHS Consultation – Have your say



I have welcomed the Health Secretary's recent announcement regarding the launch of the biggest conversation about the future of the NHS since it was founded.

We all owe the NHS a debt of gratitude for moments in our lives when it was there for us, when we needed it most. Now we have a chance to repay that debt. We need to do everything we can to get the NHS back on its feet.

I hope you will take this chance to have your say and I encourage you to share the link with friends, family, colleagues and neighbours.

It only takes a few minutes to share your views. Visit www.change.nhs.uk

Tynemouth Together with Refugees



The local group Tynemouth Together with Refugees recently put together a group including local business owners, asylum seekers and stakeholders to attend a surgery to discuss the challenges asylum seekers face being unable to work.

In 2022 the High Street Challenge was launched, calling on local businesses to support the right to work. Over 50 businesses in Tynemouth, North Shields and Whitley Bay have since signed up.

Whitley Bay Food Bank

Reverse Advent Calendar



Once again The Bay Food Bank are running their Reverse Advent Calendar. Between 1st and 25th November, they are asking people to donate a daily item which is highlighted on the calendar.

Once you have collected all 24 days, they are asking for donations to be brought to their warehouse in North Shields by Friday 6th December, allowing them enough time to sort the items in time for Christmas.

Alternatively, you can place your items in one of the collection baskets at local supermarkets.

Local Transport Plan Consultation



The North East Mayor, Kim McGuinness is leading the development of the new Local Transport Plan for our region. The vision is for a green, integrated transport system that works for all, and

the goal is to make travel across the North East greener, safer, and more reliable, ensuring it is accessible to everyone, both physically and financially.

The consultation is open until Sunday 26th January 2025. You can read the plans and have your say at:

<https://www.northeast-ca.gov.uk/how-we-work/transport/transport-plan>

Or you can complete the shorter survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NorthEastLTPTeam>

Home for Good and Safe Families



I had a joint meeting with 2 charities recently – Home for Good and Safe Families - both of which work across the UK to try to prevent children from entering the care system through family support and then, for those who are taken into care, ensuring there are enough safe and nurturing homes to care for them through fostering, adoption and supported lodgings.

In North Tyneside there are currently 360 children in care, and it was extremely useful to get an up-to-date briefing on the challenges facing children and their families as they navigate the care system.

Flood Action Week



In North Tyneside we all remember the impact of Thunder Thursday.

Around 5.5 million homes and businesses are at risk of flooding.

Knowing just one action to take can reduce the impact of a flood on your home. You can find out more here:

[Prepare for flooding: Protect yourself from future flooding - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/prepare-for-flooding)

World Animal Day



On World Animal Day I thanked Guide Dogs for meeting with me recently.

I found out how Guide Dogs highlights 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'm following developments on this closely.

Be Winter Ready

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- ✔ **Prepare:** Make a plan for what to do if you have a power cut and save the power cut emergency number, it's 105
- ✔ **Care:** Care for others and check if someone you know needs extra help
- ✔ **Share:** Share this information so friends and family can make a plan



● Prepare ● Care ● Share

I'm encouraging residents across Tynemouth to Be Winter Ready and, if eligible, to sign up to receive additional support in the event of bad weather.

The UK's energy networks are amongst the most reliable in the world, but no system can ever be 100% weatherproof. This year's campaign aims to help people understand the steps they can take to prepare for potential weather-related disruptions to their power.

For more information about how you can Prepare, Care and Share visit:

<https://www.powercut105.com/en>

National Fish and Chip Awards



Congratulations to Spanish City fish and chip restaurant Trenchers who have made it to the top 10 of the National Fish and Chip Awards. Best of luck for the next round.