

# 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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Tynemouth

## Local Education Review



I have recently met with campaigners trying to keep their schools open, following the publication of the council's Education Review. The review which seeks to address the impact of falling birth rates across North Tyneside whilst continuing the 3-tier system at the coast, would see Monkseaton Middle close and Langley First School merge with Appletree Gardens.

I understand the strength of feeling of parents, staff and pupils about the proposed changes and I have asked the council to extend the consultation to allow the voices of everyone with a view to be heard.

You can find further information online at [Education Review | Our North Tyneside Voice](#)

## Opening of Whitley Bay Banking Hub



It was good to join Whitley Bay Cllrs Sandra Graham and John O'Shea to open the Whitley Bay Banking Hub today.

To combat the effect on local communities of banks leaving the high streets, the government - as an initial step - wants to see 350 hubs opening across the country.

Open Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm, the banking hub has a counter where you can access cash services whenever the hub is open and whoever you bank with you can:

pay in cash (notes and coin) and cheques

withdraw cash (notes and coin)

check your balance

pay utility bills

top up your gas and electricity

access change-giving services (for registered businesses)

You can also talk to a community banker from your bank on the day your bank is in the hub.

Monday - Lloyds

Tuesday - HSBC

Wednesday - NatWest

Thursday - Barclays

Friday – Halifax

There is a private space where you can talk face-to-face about more complicated banking enquiries like payments and transfers, managing your account, and how to use online banking.

For more information visit: <https://www.cashaccess.co.uk/hubs/whitley-bay-tyne-and-wear/>

## **Trailblazer Scheme for Employment**



**Get Britain Working**

The North East has been chosen to take part of the DWP's Trailblazer Scheme to help people get back to work.

Unlike traditional employment support, the scheme allocates funds to local areas to let them design tailored solutions that tackle the root causes of economic inactivity - such as poor mental health, low skills, and barriers like social isolation - rather than just treating the symptoms.

By taking a holistic approach, the programme is already delivering results through early intervention, flexible training and working directly with employers to create supportive environments, rather than treating health and employment as separate issues.

**Kork Wine and Deli**



Thanks to Shawn from Kork and Wine Deli in Whitley Bay for inviting me along to his family business to see at first hand the issues facing hospitality businesses in my constituency.

It was extremely useful to hear about the pressures facing small businesses and I have promised to raise these concerns with the Chancellor ahead of the Budget.

### **Opening of Bay View House**



Ahead of residents moving in this month I had a tour of Bay View House.

The site of the former Rex Hotel in Whitley Bay, it has undergone a full conversion, creating an 83 bedroom care facility.

Thanks to Bunty from the Malhotra Group and Helen, the Care Home Manager for showing me round.

## **Access to Urgent Dental Care**



I know local people are struggling to access NHS dentistry and the Government is working to reform the system as fast as possible.

To alleviate pressure in the meantime, the government is investing up to £9.5m in a network of UDACs (Urgent Dental Access Centre's) across the North East and North Cumbria.

They will provide 30 UDAC surgeries in 22 centres with around 109,000 appointments per year. Each centre will provide a limited number of 30-minute appointments each day to diagnose and treat urgent issues.

It was good to meet with Dave Gallagher, Chief Commissioning and Procurement Officer for the Integrated Care Board, alongside the clinical team at the North Shields Dentist which will, from November, provide access to urgent dental care in our area.

An online booking system will launch on ICB's website in November where people can book their own appointments. People can also be triaged and referred by NHS 111.

## Best Start Family Hubs



Working with Bridget Phillipson MP and Mary Glindon MP, we've secured £135,218 of initial investment to bring a Best Start Family Hub to North Tyneside opening April 2026.

It will act as a one stop shop for parents seeking a range of support, including on difficulty breastfeeding, housing issues or children's early development and language, reassuring families that they have convenient access to support in their local area or can be efficiently connected to specialist local services.

North Tyneside's new Best Start Family Hub will compliment work the government already has underway to make family life easier and alleviate the burden on parents, including by expanding government-funded childcare to 30-hours, increasing the reach of school-based nurseries, and rolling out free breakfast clubs in every primary school to support working parents.

## Magical Memory Book Hunt



I was pleased to sponsor a book hunt, run by Helen Peel who runs the Magical Memory Moments Bookshop locally.

Helen's book hunts are an inventive fun way to get kids interested and excited about reading. I was pleased to be able to help with book hunts in the run up to the launch of her online business and I wish Helen the best of luck as she makes this project come to life for kids around the area.

**Poppy Appeal 2025**



Royal British Legion has officially launched the 2025 Poppy Appeal.

Donations allow RBL to provide practical, financial and emotional support to the Armed Forces community. I will be wearing my poppy with pride.

To find our more: <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/donate...>

**Hospice Week**



I attended an event in Parliament to support Hospice Week 2025.

The Government is determined to shift more care out of hospitals and into the community, to ensure patients and their families receive personalised care in the most appropriate setting.

The 10 Year Health Plan for England sets out a vision for a Neighbourhood Health Service that moves care closer to home. This approach will bring together teams of professionals to provide comprehensive care in the community and improve local continuity of healthcare.

## **RSPCA Fireworks Campaign**



Not everyone thinks about how fireworks can affect our pets and other animals. I'm supporting RSPCA's official campaign to encourage everyone in my constituency to #BeAKindSpark and 'Help Quieten the Noise' by considering attending organised events this fireworks season.

RSPCA research has shown that 66% of animals are negatively impacted by private firework displays and 55% of pet and livestock owners dread fireworks season.

Find out information here: [rspca.org.uk/fireworksImpact](https://rspca.org.uk/fireworksImpact)

### Meeting the Speaker



It was an honour to meet Ruslan Stefanchuk, the Speaker of the Ukrainian Parliament at an event at the House of Commons recently. I and the UK Government back Ukraine in their fight and continue to offer our support, both here and in Ukraine.

## **Healthwatch Survey**

In partnership with the region's Healthwatch, the organisation that acts as a voice for communities, our local Integrated Care Board has launched a survey to gather feedback on three specific NHS services designed to help people access care more quickly and conveniently: the NHS App, Pharmacy First scheme and GP extended access service.

You can take part in a short survey at:

[Have your say | Healthwatch](#)

## **Age UK Energy Advice**

As it gets colder, I know that some of my older constituents may be worried about paying their energy bills and staying warm.

Knowing what financial help is available can ease some of the worry. This guide from Age UK has more information:

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/money-legal/debt-savings/energy/cost-of-living-payments/>

Improving the energy efficiency of our homes is not only good for the environment but could save us money on our bills too.

For older people in my constituency, this useful guide from Age UK has plenty of energy saving tips:

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/money-legal/debt-savings/energy/energy-saving-tips/>

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