

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_uybFykBHP9Ze74JblWM5zGUiDhFgl8FizrUZK7Zmr1vjlCM68TFI_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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Marine Park First School Visit Parliament



It was an absolute pleasure to meet with pupils from Marine Park First school in Whitley Bay who visited parliament via the Parliamentary Education Service.

They asked some great questions including one involving a swan eating their sandwiches and I hope that they enjoyed their day.

Here's a video of some of the visit:

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Exciting Plans for Percy Main Cricket and Sports Club



I had a really interesting visit to [Percy Main Cricket & Sports Club](#) recently to discuss their exciting plans for the future of the club.

The club has a proud history and it was great to meet a group of people who are so committed to putting them back on the map as a sports club but most importantly, back at the heart of the local community.

Thanks to Steve, Barry, Alex, Rob and Mick for taking the time to show me around.

I'll be sharing more on this over the next few weeks. In the meantime, you can have a look at their plans for the future of the club on their Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/Percymaincricketclub>

North Shields to bid for Town of Culture 2028



I'm delighted that following the successful North Shields 800 anniversary celebrations which saw the whole community come together in celebration of our town, North Tyneside Council will coordinate a unified community bid for North Shields to become the 2028 Town of Culture.

The competition, run by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, invites towns across the country to celebrate their identity, heritage and creativity through a year-long cultural programme. Shortlisted towns will receive funding to develop their plans, with the winning town awarded £3 million to deliver its programme in 2028.



Visit to PROPS



I recently visited a charity called PROPS who work with the family of people addicted to alcohol or drugs. They are based in the Linskill Centre, a vibrant community centre saved through the efforts of the local community. They do a fantastic job.

What struck me was the similarity between the problems we discussed and long-term objectives of this Government. The first Youth Strategy in two decades, fixing a broken SEND system and tackling child poverty are ambitious plans. Refocusing healthcare on prevention, boosting mental health provision and reforming the criminal justice system will change people's lives for the better.

My thanks to all at PROPS for the amazing work they do.

Find out more at: <https://www.facebook.com/PROPSNthEst>

More Breakfast Clubs announced

NEW!

**Half a million
more children**

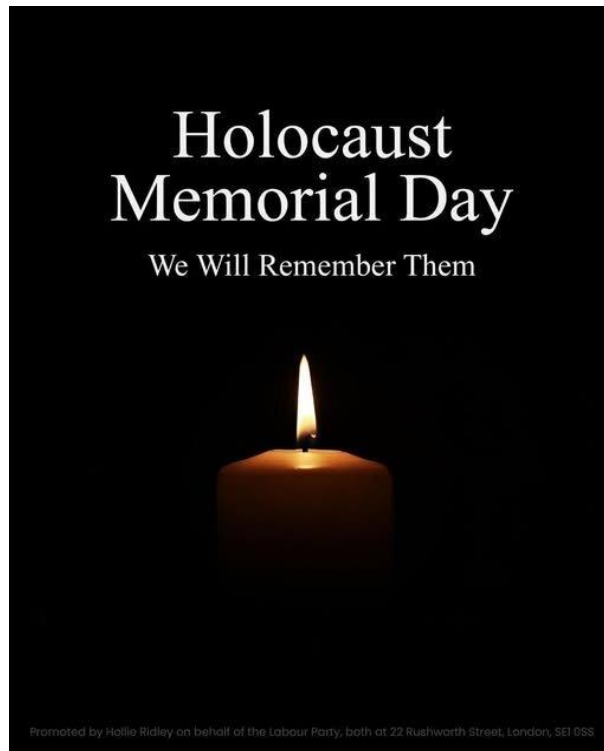


Half a million more children nationwide will benefit from Best Start free breakfast clubs from April as 500 schools set to benefit from the next wave of the programme.

In our area, 5 schools can sign up including Waterville Primary, Percy Main Primary, St Josephs's, New York Primary Whitehouse Primary and Woodlawn.

This is an investment of £80 million in the right places to give every child the best start in life – recognising that a healthy, well-educated population is essential for a thriving economy.

Holocaust Memorial Day



I joined fellow MPs in signing the Holocaust Memorial Book in Number 10 to mark Holocaust Memorial Day and remember the six million Jewish men, women and children murdered in the Holocaust.

That Cabinet was addressed by Marla Tribich who is the first Holocaust survivor ever to address the British Cabinet. I also spoke on behalf of the government at a Holocaust event in Westminster addressed by Annick Lever who was born in Nazi-occupied France and whose family did not survive Auschwitz-Birkenau.

In the year following the 80th anniversary of the end of the Holocaust and the Second World War, we are reminded of the passage of time. This year's theme, Bridging Generations, highlights the urgent need to pass on survivors' stories as they become fewer and frailer. It will fall to future generations to ensure these stories are never forgotten and to carry forward the warning of where antisemitism can lead when left unchecked.

Preston Grange Casino

I recently submitted an objection to North Tyneside Council's licensing committee over an application for a gaming licence for a proposed casino/gaming centre at the Collingwood Centre.

I also objected last year to the planning application for the same site which North Tyneside Council Planning Committee thankfully voted to reject. I was, like local residents, very disappointed that the decision of the local planning committee was then overturned by the Planning Inspectorate based in Bristol.

The proposal was due to go before the licensing committee in early February but that has not been postponed.

Autism and ADHD

assessment update

A number of local parents have been in touch regarding the recent decision by the ICB to temporarily agree revised activity plans with Right to Choose (RTC) providers for new autism and ADHD assessments.

I have been in touch with the ICB who have made a statement explaining the current position on their website.

You can find the full statement and FAQs at:

[Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder \(ADHD\) and Autism | North East and North Cumbria NHS](#)

Pride in Place Update



The Pride in Place Programme is our flagship communities programme which empowers local people to shape the future of their neighbourhood.

As I outlined late last year, I'm pleased that we've secured funding for Percy Main through the Government's Pride in Place Programme. It's £20 million of long-term funding - £2 million a year for the next decade. The money can be spent on things like improving parks, fixing or removing empty buildings or keeping our streets clean and safe. But it's up to local people to decide how it's spent.

Following further guidance from government we are now looking to start the process by setting up a neighbour board and appointing a Chair. My office recently met with local councillors for Percy Main to discuss how the local community can become involved.



Importantly, this money is for local people to decide how to spend, with strict criteria in place for public engagement and local leadership. That public engagement will start very soon and in the meantime, you can find out more about the programme as a whole at:

[Pride in Place Programme prospectus - GOV.UK](#)

Congratulations to Dawn McNally



A huge congratulations to Dawn McNally, Chief Executive of North Tyneside Age UK upon her recent OBE in the King's New Year's Honours list.

I know that those of us who have worked with Dawn over many years know how deserved this honour is and I want to put on record my thanks to her for all her work championing the older community of Tynemouth constituency.

Meeting with Helen Pankhurst



It was an honour to meet with campaigners, including Helen Pankhurst, Sylvia's granddaughter, in my role as Leader of the House of Commons recently to discuss the 50/50 campaign for equal representation in Parliament.

Animal Welfare Strategy



Like many people, I know the joy animals bring to our lives. That's why I'm proud to support the government's new Animal Welfare Strategy.

This ambitious package will deliver some of the strongest animal welfare reforms in a generation, improving the lives of animals in homes, on farms, and in the wild.

It's time our laws caught up with the evidence and closed the loopholes that allow animal suffering. This Strategy delivers on our manifesto promise to protect the animals we all care about.

National Year of Reading



I'm backing the Government and National Literacy Trust's new 'Go All In' campaign which aims to tackle the worrying decline in reading for pleasure, which has dropped to its lowest level since 2005.

The campaign will run all year as part of the National Year of Reading and will build on the action already underway by government to drive high and rising standards in literacy through its Plan for Change.

Reading is linked to a range of benefits including stronger writing skills, improved wellbeing and confidence, as well as increased creativity and imagination, but there are still too many children being held back from achieving their full potential.

With so much talk about rising screen time and shrinking attention spans, this is a really timely intervention.

National Maternity and

Neonatal Investigation



Baroness Amos has launched a public Call for Evidence, asking women and families to share their experiences of maternity and neonatal care in England.

Responses to the Call for Evidence will be used to inform the National Maternity and Neonatal Investigation's findings and recommendations.

The Call for Evidence is open for 8 weeks from 20 January until 17 March 2026.

If you would like to take part, please visit:

[Call for Evidence - National Maternity and Neonatal Investigation](#)

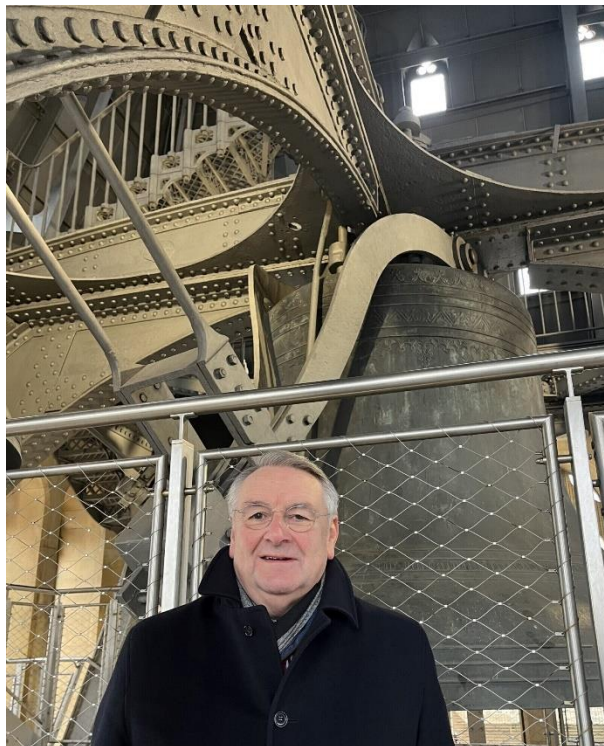
Benefits Advice



I employ Amy Anderson who deals wholly with welfare and benefits issues.

Whilst we can't always promise to get the outcome you want, if you need help or advice regarding your benefits or would like to access a benefits check please contact Amy by telephone on 07598106421 or by email at amy.anderson@parliament.uk

Big Ben Tours



The UK Parliament offers a range of tours, including free and paid options.

For those interested in Big Ben tours, MPs can arrange free tickets for constituents, but these are limited and allocated by the number of tickets available. The tours are very popular and often get booked up several months in advance.

You can find out more information on the parliament website at:

<https://www.parliament.uk/visiting/visiting-and-tours/>

If you wish to try and book a free tour, please see the website for details of days and times tours run before contacting my office. Please try to give as much notice as they are strictly limited and book up well in advance.

Have your say on palliative and end of life care

I know many of don't like to think about it, but high-quality end of life care is important to everyone of us.

The local Integrated Care Board is inviting people to take part in a short and simple survey that explores people's thoughts and feelings about palliative and end of life care across the region.

Hearing what matters most to people will help them develop more compassionate, person-centred care.

Take part in the survey at:

[Thoughts about Palliative and End of Life Care](#)

Useful Numbers

In case of emergencies please see useful information below:

For medical help including mental health crisis and urgent dental - 111

Police emergency - 999

Less urgent calls to the Police - 101

Crimestoppers - 0808 555 111

North Tyneside General Hospital, Rake Lane - 0844 811 8111

Northumbria Water Emergency - 0345 717 1100

Gas (including leaks) - 0800 111 999

Northern Power Grid - 0800 668 877

Water Leak - 0800 393 084

North Tyneside Council Gateway Team – 0191 643 2777

North Tyneside Council Emergency Response - 0330 333 7475

North Tyneside Council (Deaf/Hearing Impaired People) - Text 07786 202838

Samaritans (24 hours a day, 365 days a year) – 116 123

Pharmacy information (including opening hours) - Find a pharmacy - NHS

[What to do in severe weather](#)

[Staying healthy over winter](#)
