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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_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

Alan Campbell MP, Tynemouth

Middle East - Consular Support

I have been contacted by a number of constituents who have been affected by events in the Middle East and I know are understandably worried about family and friends overseas.

The latest advice is as follows:

1. *Sign up to FCDO Travel Advice email alerts for the relevant country. British nationals requiring consular support should call the 24/7 phone line on 44 20 7008 5000.*

2. *Those in the region should use the “Register your Presence” service if they are in Bahrain, Israel, Kuwait, Palestine, Qatar, and UAE. Registration helps the FCDO understand individuals and nationals are in the region, what tailored support may be required for vulnerable individuals, and ensure that those who wish to can receive communications and updates.*

3. *Read If you’re affected by a crisis abroad - GOV.UK. This includes guidance on “how to prepare for a crisis” with suggestions on what you might include in your emergency supplies and “what to do in a crisis”. You can also read the National Emergency Crisis and Disaster Management Authority’s guidance across numerous emergencies.*

The FCDO will be working tirelessly to ensure British national can return home swiftly and safely.

The latest update from the Foreign Secretary can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/foreign-office-travel-advice-updates>

Visit to Waterville Primary School



I recently visited Waterville Primary School who are one of the latest schools in the constituency to get government funding for a breakfast club.

Evidence shows that breakfast clubs can boost children’s reading, writing, and maths attainment by an average of two months’ additional progress. At the same time, the clubs provide valuable childcare for working parents. Taken together, Labour’s breakfast clubs will boost parents’ work choices and children’s life chances.

I also took the opportunity to look round the school's brand-new SEN unit. Thanks to the Head, Mr Nugent and all the staff for their time and all their efforts in making Waterville Primary such a lovely school for local children.

Freedom of the Borough for Dame Norma Redfearn



I was honoured to attend a ceremony at the Exchange in North Shields when former North Tyneside Elected Mayor, Dame Norma Redfearn DBE, was awarded the Freedom of the Borough.

Dame Norma Redfearn served as Elected Mayor for 12 years (2013–2025), becoming the council's longest serving Mayor.

The Freedom of the Borough is the highest civic honour bestowed by North Tyneside Council and in this instance is thoroughly well deserved.

Here's a video of me speaking on the night: [Dame Norma Redfearn](#)

Crawford Park win Bowls Club of the Year





A massive congratulations to Crawford Park Bowling Club, Monkseaton on their well-deserved win at Bowls England Club of the Year 2025.

This is a massive achievement and testament to the club's ethos as a welcoming and inclusive part of the local community. I understand that the club has nearly doubled in size over the past year, attracting more families, women and new players. Improvements to accessibility and continued investment in the green and facilities have helped create a place where everyone can take part.

For anyone interested, free taster sessions start when the green reopens in April.

Well done to Brian and all involved at the club.

Pride in Place Consultation



The first stage of consultation for Pride in Place Percy Main and surrounding areas has now launched and will run for 12 weeks. Pride in Place is a community-led programme that will give local people a say in how up to £20 million is invested in their area over the next 10 years. There will be a range of online and in-person opportunities to share views as the programme develops. We want to hear from anyone who lives, works, visits or studies in the funded area.

Residents and stakeholders can visit the Pride in Place hub to find out more, take part, and view the map of the funded area: [Pride in Place | Our North Tyneside Voice](#)

Visit to Monkseaton Middle School



I recently went back to Monkseaton Middle School who used the opportunity of a recent review of schools to put forward an ambitious plan for a more secure future. Building on years of experience working with many children with additional needs, they want to create a through-school with more specialist provision tailored for every child.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the local parents who campaigned so passionately on behalf of their kids.

I met with the Headteacher to get an update on their plans and I have assured the Head that I stand ready to do whatever I can to help.

National Fish and Chip Awards



Congratulations to Trenchers at the Spanish City who have been rated once again in the top 5 Fish and Chip restaurants in the country at the National Fish and Chip Awards 2026. They also came in the top 5 in the 'from field to fryer' category.

Royal Mail Update

I have been contacted by a number of local residents in Preston Grange and nearby areas regarding delays getting mail.

I have raised concerns with ministerial colleagues and Royal Mail have been warned to improve their performance. Royal Mail have now been called to give evidence in front of the Business and Trade Parliamentary Select Committee and explain their ongoing quality of service failures. The Select Committee hearing will take place on the 24th of March.

Safety of Children

I recently received hundreds of emails about the safety of children online. It's clear we all want to make sure children are safe online and that they develop a healthy relationship with social media.

There is no option for inaction on this matter, and the safety of our children must be the top priority.

I'm pleased that the government has announced a three-month consultation into children's social media use, including exploring the option of banning it entirely for children under a certain age. It will also consider a phone curfew to restrict excessive use of mobile phones and examine addictive design features such as 'infinite scrolling'.

The consultation went live this week and can be found at

[Growing up in the online world: a national consultation - GOV.UK](#)

SEND Reform - Consultation

I welcome the Government's recently announced consultation on reforming SEND.

Too often for too many parents SEND is a constant battle to get what's best for their child. That's why a new system must intervene earlier, be easier to access and work for, rather than against, parents.

Under the Government's plan every child who needs additional support will have a personal plan. Every classroom will have staff trained to meet every child's needs and every school will have a base from which they can deliver extra support. And we're backing that reform with almost £4 billion of extra investment.

You can take part in the consultation at:

[SEND reform: putting children and young people first - GOV.UK](#)

World Cancer Day



World Cancer Day earlier this month saw the publication of a National Cancer Plan for England, setting out a long-term approach to improving cancer outcomes, experience and equity over the next decade.

Cancer will touch all of our lives in some way and, as the biggest cause of death nationally, it's rightly a major priority for the NHS. The plan focuses on earlier diagnosis, improved performance, better quality of life and tackling inequalities. Across the North East and North Cumbria, this is already reflected in the work happening now. Teams are working closely with communities experiencing health inequalities to increase screening uptake and raise awareness of signs and symptoms. Through strong partnerships with the community and voluntary sector, neighbourhood health and wellbeing support is helping people to live well, and beyond cancer.

Infected Blood Compensation

The Infected Blood Compensation Authority (IBCA) pays compensation to people infected and affected by HIV, hepatitis B and C through contaminated blood or blood products.

As an arms-length body, independent of government, IBCA's focus is to support and make it easy for people who are eligible to claim the compensation they are entitled to.

If you know someone who may be eligible, please encourage them to register with IBCA to make a claim.

You can register with IBCA at: [Are you registering your own claim? - Register your intent to claim compensation - IBCA](#) or you can call the IBCA on 0141 471 8886.

New Funding for EV Chargers

The Department for Transport has announced that renters, flat owners, homeowners without driveways and businesses will be able to save up to £500 when installing electric vehicle (EV) charge points, thanks to an over 40% increase in charge point government grant funding.

The uplift will cover almost half the cost of a typical charge point installation until March 2027, helping more drivers access cheaper domestic electricity rates at home or work.

The following updates will be introduced from 1 April:

people living in rented accommodation, flat owners, residential landlords, households with on-street parking and businesses will all be able to receive higher grants of up to £500 per charge point, rising from the previous discount of £350

schools will be eligible for grants of up to £2,000 per socket, building on 3,700 sockets installed to date.

Register to Vote



Local elections are taking on 7 May.

Register to vote now if you've never registered before, have moved house, or changed your name. Register now at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

You can also sign up for a postal vote online at: [Before you start – Apply for a postal vote – GOV.UK](#)
