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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

New Breakfast Clubs set to open



More families and children in our area will soon benefit from free, daily breakfast clubs as the government confirms the next 500 schools to offer the scheme from April - putting up to £450 a year back in local parents' pockets. Schools to join the scheme after the Easter holidays include:

- Riverside Primary School
- Whitehouse Primary School
- Percy Main Primary School
- St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, North Shields
- Waterville Primary School

Good Friday March



I joined with local churches and residents at the Good Friday Procession of Witness, starting at Northumberland Square in North Shields. Thanks to Churches Acting Together for all they do in our local community.

The march has been a local traditional for over 100 years and it is good to see it still going strong.

North Tyneside 10k Easter Road Race



The 10k Easter Road Race has become a firm fixture in our local calendar and draws nearly 2000 runners and big crowds to our beautiful area.

The route runs from the Parks in North Shields, down the Fish Quay and through our beautiful coast finishing at St Mary's Lighthouse where I was happy to give out awards to the winners.

Congratulations to James Anderson from North Shields Poly and Jo Woodcock from Heaton Harriers who were first male and female over the line.

It certainly shows our area at its best and highlights the impact that regeneration has had over the past few years.

Visit to Tynemouth Priory



It was great to visit Tynemouth Priory to meet with English Heritage as part of English Tourism Week - an annual celebration of the tourism industry which highlights the importance of tourism to our local economy.

The site gets more than 30K visitors a year swelling to more than 50K when events are held like Mouth of the Tyne Festival. North Tyneside Council do a great job to promote local attractions.



I want to say a big thank you to the wonderful businesses in Tynemouth Constituency who do so much to make our area such an amazing place to live, work and visit.

North Shields Town of Culture Bid



I'm backing North Shields' bid to become the UK's first Town of Culture.

In recent years, North Shields has shown remarkable ambition. The regeneration of the Fish Quay, the ongoing transformation of the town centre, and the recent North Shields 800 have all shone a light on what an amazing community it is.

Awarding North Shields the Town of Culture title wouldn't just celebrate what it already is—it points to what it is becoming. The competition is really strong across the whole country but progressing in it would give a proud, hardworking, creative community the platform it deserves to shine.

Whitley Bay Carnival Crowdfunder



Whitley Bay Carnival brings colour, music, and community spirit to Whitley Bay every year — but it can only happen with your help. If you love seeing the town come alive, please consider donating to the Carnival crowdfunder.

Every contribution, big or small, helps fund workshops, costumes, live performers, and a spectacular parade that everyone can enjoy.

Let's keep this much-loved community tradition thriving. You can donate at [Folk, Whitley Bay Carnival 2026 - a Community crowdfunding project in Whitley Bay by SALTO ARTS PRODUCTIONS](#)

Pride in Place Update



Pride in Place is a major initiative set up by the Government to regenerate neighbourhoods across the country and give local people more say over the future of their area.

To make it happen, Percy Main and surrounding areas are getting £20m in funding over the next 10 years.

To make sure that any plans represent the best interests of the community, a neighbourhood board will be created made up of local residents and key stakeholders.

I'm delighted the Board will be chaired, initially, by former Mayor Dame Norma Redfearn who was a councillor in the ward for many years and who has an outstanding track record of delivering regeneration.



This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for the area to bring long lasting change, and we now want to hear from local residents.

If you live in the Pride in Place area, sign up to the Our North Tyneside Voice website at haveyoursay.northtyneside.gov.uk

There is currently a survey where you can have your say on the first stage of the Pride in Place programme – or you can email alan.campbell.mp@parliament.uk

If you're not online but want to take part, you can call the Council's Engagement team on (0191) 643 8215 and they will be more than happy to help you.

Young Mayor and MP Election



I was present alongside Emma Foody MP and Mary Glindon MP at the announcement for North Tyneside's new Young Mayor and Member of Youth Parliament recently.

It's wonderful that North Tyneside is so committed to getting our young people to participate in the democratic process.

A huge congratulations to Malcolm and Hugo on being elected.

Visit to Marden High School



I had a great visit to Marden High recently to take part in a Question Time event.

Thanks to all in Year 9 for the tough questions which ranged from a possible social media ban to the middle east.

It is always refreshing to see how much our young people care about important issues.

Funding for Tyne Coast College

The government has announced Tyne Coast College will see major upgrades as it receives £871,976.50 in funding as part of £307 million investment to turn the page on years of neglect.

From repairing leaky roofs and fixing broken windows to updating worn-out heating systems, Tyne Coast is one of 175 colleges that will benefit. The college will be given the flexibility to decide how the funding is spent, so it can be directed where it is needed most.

The fund has been boosted by £5 million since last year, when Labour introduced it in response to colleges calling for a reliable annual allocation to plan and maintain their estates. It is part of a £1.7 billion investment from the government's Industrial Strategy for colleges to modernise buildings by 2030.

Youth Guarantee

The Youth Guarantee is the government's commitment to ensure that every young person aged 16 to 24 has the support and opportunities to get into work or education.

Over the next three years, the government will invest £2.5 billion to help young people build skills, gain experience and progress into employment or further learning. This investment will support almost one million young people and unlock up to 500,000 jobs, training and learning opportunities.

For employers, the Youth Guarantee offers access to fully funded training, financial incentives and a pipeline of young talent. This support is designed to help fill skills gaps today while investing in the future workforce.

To sign up to be part of the Youth Guarantee, please visit business.gov.uk/recruit. You will be connected with the right teams across DWP to discuss how you can take part and ensure your opportunities are linked to young people across Great Britain.

New houses in North Shields



I recently went to see the new houses that have been built on Stephenson Street, in North Shields.

The homes are part of North Tyneside Council's affordable homes programme. To date, over 2,300 homes have been created with a nearly 3000 more planned over 2 phases.

It's great to see affordable homes being built in these infill sites. They not only contribute the regeneration of town centres but give families the opportunity to live, affordably in the heart of the town.

Funding for New York Surgery

Congratulations to New York Surgery, who recently applied to an open competition held by the government funded National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR), for capital equipment, refurbishment and buildings.

North Shields Primary Care Network received £113,559 for the refurbishment to create a multipurpose research space at New York Surgery which will expand capability to deliver clinical trials and enable them to improve research access for the local community.

Have your say on the future of Adult Eating Disorder Services

Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust is looking at the way they provide care in our adult eating disorders services.

There will be particular focus on inpatient and Intensive Day Services, but they are keen to understand what people think of the whole pathway, including community services.

You can find out more and take part in their survey at [Have your say on shaping the future of adult eating disorders services - Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust](#)

Epilepsy Campaign

If **I can** learn about epilepsy, **you can**.

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1 in 100 people have epilepsy.
If you see someone having a seizure:



Stay
Calm



Cushion
their head



Call
an ambulance

Remember: Calm, Cushion, Call.

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At Business Questions recently, I took the opportunity to show my support for Purple Day, the international awareness day for epilepsy.

In the UK, 1 in 100 people have epilepsy, so the campaign aims to encourage as many people as possible to learn the seizure first aid: Calm, Cushion, Call.

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](#)
