

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 [Alan Campbell MP](#) or at;

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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

Nurdle Spill



Thank you to all the volunteers who stepped forward to help tackle the environmental damage caused by the release of tonnes of plastic nurdles into the Tyne. Their response reflects the strong community spirit that defines our area.

The incident occurred when the Wind Orca collided with the BG Orange, causing part of its cargo to spill into the water and bringing a crane crashing down. My thoughts remain with the injured crane operator. The Port of Tyne acted quickly by reporting the incident, engaging specialist clean-up contractors and alerting coastal communities to the potential impact. Councils across the region strengthened their response, working closely with local volunteers, while the Local Resilience Forum brought together councils, government agencies, the Environment Agency, the Marine Management Organisation and government scientists to coordinate action.

There will be an opportunity to assess the effectiveness and speed of that response, but the immediate priority must be recovering as many nurdles as possible and preventing further environmental harm.

I raised the incident directly with ministers to ensure every possible measure is taken to address the crisis, to review whether current rules governing the transportation of nurdles are fit for purpose, and to secure greater clarity over responsibility during future incidents. Effective partnership working is essential, but swift action also requires clear accountability. While this has been a challenging situation, it is vital that lessons are learned to strengthen our response in the future.

Port of Tyne



I have been meeting regularly with Port of Tyne throughout the summer in response to the nurdle spill.

While the immediate priority has rightly been the environmental response and the clean-up effort, it is becoming increasingly clear that local businesses and communities will also face a significant economic impact.

The Port plays a vital role in supporting jobs, trade and investment across North Tyneside and the wider North East. Any disruption to its operations or future growth has consequences not only for the Port itself, but for the many businesses, workers and supply chains that depend on it.

It is clear that, on top of the environmental damage caused by the spill, there is also going to be a heavy economic price to pay. That is why it is essential that those responsible are held fully accountable and that the support needed for both the environmental recovery and the long-term economic wellbeing of our region is secured.

Ukrainian Art Exhibition



It was wonderful to see the Ukrainian Art Exhibition at North Shields Library, showcasing the talent, creativity and resilience of the Ukrainian community. Thank you to Iryna and Anastacia for taking the time to share their stories.

Art has a unique way of bringing people together, sharing stories and building understanding across cultures. This exhibition offers a powerful insight into Ukrainian heritage, identity and experience, while celebrating the contribution that Ukrainian families make to our local community.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in organising the exhibition and to the artists who shared their work.

You can find out more about Ukrainian community events on their facebook page at: [Ukrainian Community Group NE | Facebook](#)

Visit to Succorfish



It was good to meet with the team at Succorfish in North Shields recently to discuss their exciting plans for growth.

Succorfish is a fantastic example of the innovation and expertise we have here in our local tech sector, and it was encouraging to hear about the opportunities ahead, particularly in defence, maritime technology and manufacturing.

I look forward to continuing our discussions and supporting efforts to help the business create jobs and bring further investment to North Tyneside.

North Shields Fisherman's Heritage Project



I enjoyed my visit to North Shields Fisherman's Heritage Project at their new home in Dockmaster's House.

Thanks to [Terry McDermott](#) and all the trustee's at NSFHP for their important work - their efforts are safeguarding an important part of North Shields history while creating a lasting legacy for future generations. It was great to see the Project thriving in its new home and continuing its excellent work on behalf of our community.

Future of Langley School



I met with the Head at Langley to get an update on future plans for the school.

I want to say thank you to all the parents, pupils and local residents who have campaigned so passionately for the future of Langley School. Your determination, commitment and support have made a real difference.

I know many of you have been waiting for an update, and while I can't say more just yet, I hope to have some positive news to share very soon.

It important we keep working together to secure the best possible outcome for Langley.

Green Flag Awards



Congratulations to everyone involved in securing Green Flag Awards for parks across the Tynemouth constituency including Chirton Dene, Northumberland Park, Brier Dene, Whitley Bay and Preston Cemeteries.



These awards are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our park wardens, volunteers, and council staff who work tirelessly all year round to keep our green spaces clean, safe, welcoming and thriving for local residents and visitors alike.

Our parks are at the heart of our communities, providing places to relax, play, exercise and enjoy nature. This recognition is thoroughly deserved and reflects the pride people take in looking after these special spaces.

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to this achievement. Your hard work helps make Tynemouth constituency such a great place to live.

Exam results



Congratulations to every student across North Tyneside who recently received their GCSE and A-Level results.

I know how much work, commitment and perseverance goes into preparing for these exams, and all local students should be very proud.

Thank you to the families, teachers and school staff who have supported our young people throughout the year. I wish all students the very best for whatever comes next.

North Tyneside Disability Forum Summer Party



It was lovely to open North Tyneside Disability Forum's Summer Garden Party this year. It's always a fun event and for a great cause. Thanks to Sue and the team for their hard work.

Friends of Chirton Dene



I recently met with members of Friends of Chirton Dene to take a look around the park, hear about their achievements so far, and discuss their exciting plans for the future.

Although the Friends group has been established for less than a year, it has already built up a strong and enthusiastic membership, bringing together local residents who are passionate about protecting and improving this valuable community space.

I congratulated the group on their success in securing a prestigious Green Flag Award, a national recognition of the high standards being maintained in Chirton Dene.

The group has ambitious plans to build on this success, with ideas to encourage more community involvement, enhance the natural environment and ensure Chirton Dene remains a welcoming and well-maintained green space for local people to enjoy.

Visit to Southridge First School



I visited Southridge First School just before the summer holidays to see first-hand the fantastic work that pupils and staff have been doing to develop such an inspiring outdoor learning environment.

I was particularly impressed by the school's commitment to creating an environment where pupils can connect with nature, develop new skills and enjoy learning in different ways. It is a real credit to everyone involved.

Local Bus Consultation



People across the North East are being asked for their views on proposals that could change how local bus services are planned and delivered in the future.

Share your views before 9am on 28 September at northeast-ca.gov.uk/haveyoursay

Did you know.... from January 2027, bus fares across England will be capped at £2

Whitley Bay Metro Station Refurb



I went to have a look at Whitley Bay's new Metro bridge – a fantastic investment in our local transport network that will serve residents and visitors for generations to come.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in the planning, design and construction of the project, and to local residents for their patience while the work was carried out.

Great British Summer Savings



Thanks to those local businesses and organisations that took part in the Great British Summer Saving Scheme including Tynemouth Priory.

The government scheme aimed to help tackling the cost of living including by cutting taxes on family activities over the summer.

This is on top of what the Government is already doing to help households with costs – including cutting energy bills by £117, freezing rail fares and prescription charges, and extending the fuel duty freeze. And, for families with kids, rolling out 30 hours of funded childcare, free breakfast clubs, and extending free school meals.

Town of Culture



While I'm disappointed that North Shields has not been shortlisted for Town of Culture, I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard on our bid.

North Shields has an incredible cultural heritage, a thriving creative community, and passionate people who are proud of our town.

The work, partnerships and ambition that went into this bid have shown what North Shields has to offer, and I know we will continue to champion culture, creativity and our town's bright future. Thank you to everyone who played a part.