

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

Opening of Monkseaton Coastal School



I was delighted to officially open Monkseaton Coastal School which is a significant moment for our local community.

Every child deserves the best possible start in life and strong local schools play a vital role in helping young people develop the skills, confidence and opportunities they need to succeed.



I am pleased to see this new chapter begin and want to pay tribute to parents, staff and governors and everyone who has worked so hard to make it possible.

I look forward to seeing Monkseaton Coastal School go from strength to strength and become an even greater asset for local families in the years ahead.

First official Pride in Place Neighbourhood Board meeting



Representatives from across North Shields came together to begin shaping a shared vision for our community, with discussions on governance, community projects, local grant funding, and the creation of working groups focused on issues including community safety, health and wellbeing, the environment, skills and employment, and community empowerment.

It's encouraging to see residents, community organisations and local partners working together under the excellent leadership of Dame Norma Redfearn to ensure local people have a real voice in decisions and investment in the area. Looking forward to seeing the positive impact this programme will have for our community.

Visit to Northumbria NHS Healthcare Trust



It was a pleasure to visit the IT Department at Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and meet the team helping to drive digital innovation across our local health services.

A big thank you to Executive Chief Digital Officer David Elliott and colleagues for taking the time to show us the vital work being done behind the scenes to support patients, staff and services across the Trust.

Technology plays an increasingly important role in delivering high-quality healthcare, and it was fascinating to hear about the opportunities and challenges involved in maintaining and developing the digital systems that support patient care every day.

Thank you again to everyone who welcomed us and shared their expertise.

Langley First School Future Secured



It is great news that Langley First School will be joining Wise Academies.

This is a positive step for the school and reflects the hard work and dedication of everyone involved.

A huge thank you to the staff, governors, parents, pupils and local residents who have supported the school throughout this process. Their commitment to Langley's future has been invaluable.

I look forward to seeing the opportunities this partnership will bring and wish Langley First School and Wise Academies every success for the future.

Battle of Britain



On Battle of Britain Day, we remember the courage and sacrifice of the RAF pilots and aircrew who defended our country during one of the most important moments in our history. We owe them a lasting debt of gratitude. I was pleased to attend a service at the Cenotaph in Whitley Bay.

Gaul Memorial Service



It was a privilege to attend the annual Gaul Memorial Service at Fiddler's Green where we paid tribute to the fishermen who lost their lives in the tragic sinking of the Gaul and remembered all those affected by the disaster.

The service provided an important opportunity for the community to come together, honour those who never returned home, and ensure their legacy is never forgotten. I was proud to join families, friends and local organisations in commemorating their lives and sacrifice.

Supporting Guide Dogs



I was delighted to meet representatives from Guide Dogs and learn more about their invaluable work.

The support they provide helps people live independently and with confidence, and their contribution deserves recognition and support.

Visit to local business



I visited Costa Coffee on the Silverlink to speak with Matt Panteli, Area Manager Alessia Soave and several of the talented baristas about Costa's investment in North Tyneside, including the recent improvements to the store and the opportunities this creates for local jobs and the wider economy.

Businesses that invest in our communities help to support employment, strengthen local high streets and create welcoming spaces where people can meet, work and socialise. It was encouraging to hear about Costa's ongoing commitment to its staff, customers and the communities it serves, both here in Tynemouth and across the UK.

It's always valuable to meet local employers, hear about their ambitions for the future and discuss how we can continue to support economic growth and opportunities in our area.

Thank you to the team at Costa Coffee for taking the time to speak with me about their work and the issues affecting local businesses. Our high streets depend on dedicated staff and thriving local businesses, and it was great to hear their views.

Cullercoats Water Quality



I know many residents care deeply about water quality at Cullercoats Bay. I have been listening to those concerns and will continue pressing for action to ensure our coastline is protected for residents, visitors and future generations. I am working closely with local councillors including Willie Samuel and Northumbrian Water to understand the challenges, monitor progress and push for practical solutions that improve water quality. By bringing together all those responsible, we can help deliver the long-term improvements needed to protect Cullercoats Bay and our wider coastline for years to come.

St John's Baby Bank



On a recent visit to St John's Church in Percy Main, Rev Lee Cleminson took the opportunity to show me St John's Baby Bank and see the incredible support provided to local families.

Volunteers are making a real difference in our community, helping ensure parents and children have access to essential items when they need them most. Huge thanks to everyone who donates and to all the volunteers for their work getting everything so lovely for those who receive assistance.

Cancer Research UK and Breast Cancer Awareness Month



I recently met with Cancer Research UK to hear more about their work and the campaign to unlock cancer breakthroughs through research, innovation and investment.

As Breast Cancer Awareness Month begins, it's a reminder of the vital importance of early diagnosis, world-leading research and the incredible work of charities supporting patients and families affected by cancer.

Thank you to the team for taking the time to speak with me and for all they do to improve outcomes for people living with cancer.

Orange Petals Campaign



Thank you to Shirley Hallam Gould for visiting the office to discuss the Orange Petals campaign. Ending violence against women and girls is a challenge that requires all of us to play our part, and it was good to hear more about the work Soroptimists are doing to raise awareness and support for women across our communities.

Concerns about motorbikes and e-scooters



Residents have raised concerns about anti-social behaviour involving motorbikes in our area. Everyone deserves to feel safe in their neighbourhood. I am continuing to work with local partners and the police to address these issues and support affected areas. I met with Cllr Hannah Johnson in Chirton Dene Park to see evidence of the problem.

Help Shape the Future of Children and Young People's Mental Health Services

Children and young people deserve mental health services that meet their needs, both now and in the future which is why I'm encouraging local people to take part in an important programme of listening and engagement on specialist mental health services for children and young people across the North East and North Cumbria.

At this stage, no decisions have been made about future services. The NHS wants to hear from children and young people, parents, carers, staff and local communities about their experiences, what is working well, where improvements are needed, and what support should look like in the years ahead.

There will be a range of opportunities to get involved, including listening events, discussions and an online survey. Your views can help shape the future of mental health services for our region.

I would encourage anyone with an interest in these services to take part and make their voice heard. Together we can help ensure children, young people and families receive the support they need. Have your say at: [Help shape the future of Children and Young People's Mental Health Services: Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust](#)

Tesco's Free Fruit and Veg for Schools



It's great news that Riverside Primary School has been selected to join Tesco's Free Fruit & Veg for Schools Programme for the 2026/27 academic year. This means local pupils will have greater access to fresh fruit and vegetables during the school day, helping to build healthy habits and support their wellbeing.

Access to nutritious food is vital for children's health, development and learning. It's great to see investment in programmes that help ensure every child has the opportunity to enjoy a healthy start in life.

Congratulations to everyone at Riverside Primary School and thank you to Tesco and the British Nutrition Foundation for supporting young people in our community.

Funding Opportunity for Local Community Groups



Historic England has launched a new Neighbourhood Heritage: Grants for Communities programme, with grants of up to £15,000 available for projects that help people celebrate, explore and shape the future of their local heritage.

The fund is open to community organisations and groups with ideas that strengthen local voices, encourage community involvement, and make the most of the heritage that matters to local people. Historic England is particularly keen to hear from communities whose voices are less often represented in local decision-making.

The deadline for applications is 27 November 2026. If your group has an idea that could benefit the community and help tell the story of our local heritage, this could be a great opportunity.

For more information and application details, visit Historic England's Neighbourhood Heritage programme.

Breakfast Club Grant Scheme Opens



Breakfast clubs play an important role in supporting children, families and school communities.

I welcome the reopening of the @KelloggsUKI Breakfast Club Grants scheme, offering £1,000 grants to eligible schools.

I would encourage schools across Tynemouth to explore the opportunity and apply.

Find out more: https://www.kelloggs.co.uk/en_GB/our-story/feeding-people-in-need/support-for-school-breakfast-clubs.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawUsZQpleHRuA2FlbQIxMQBwZG9mAXNyGMGYXBwX2lkEDlYmJAzOTE3ODgyMDA4OTIAAR7Zyvs5adP-p4CwuBV8J8pr98CN1HPw6R08tHoh0Byln8MG2xZiYbujLed7Iw_aem_v8Y71sec7aBCCmx9i0wAYA