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

Launch of the Poppy Appeal 2026



Each year, the Poppy Appeal, leading up to Remembrance Sunday, provides a time to remember and honour the service and sacrifice of our Armed Forces community. As communities across the country come together to support this important cause, I encourage everyone who can to wear their poppy with pride and help ensure that veterans and their families continue to receive the support they deserve.

The work carried out by the Royal British Legion provides vital assistance to veterans and their loved ones throughout the year and I give my thanks to them for everything they do.

Budget 2026



I welcome the measures announced in the recent Budget, which provide much-needed support for working people, investment in our public services, and a commitment to long-term economic stability.

It offers real help for families and businesses across Tynemouth, with £100 off energy bills for eligible households, a continued freeze in fuel duty, support for those who need it most, and thousands more high street businesses paying no business rates.

The increased investment in public services, infrastructure and growth is particularly welcome, helping to create jobs and opportunities while ensuring communities like ours benefit from a stronger economy. While there is still more to do, this Budget demonstrates a clear commitment to growing the economy, supporting working people and improving people's day-to-day lives.

I look forward to seeing these measures delivered and the positive difference they can make for communities across the North East and the country as a whole.

Funding available for community ideas in Percy Main



Residents, volunteer groups and community organisations in Percy Main are being encouraged to apply for funding to help bring local projects and ideas to life.

Through the Pride in Place Percy Main programme, grants are available for a wide range of initiatives that aim to strengthen the local community, improve wellbeing, create opportunities and build pride in the neighbourhood.

Local residents, volunteer groups and small organisations can apply for grants of up to £1,000 to support community-led ideas. Larger projects that bring people together and make a positive difference in Percy Main can apply for funding of up to £10,000.

The programme is open to projects of all kinds, from community events and environmental clean-ups to activities that connect different generations. Organisers are also keen to hear innovative new ideas that could help improve life in the area.

Applications are now open and the first round will close on **13 November**.

Anyone with an idea that could benefit Percy Main is encouraged to find out more and submit an application before the deadline.

Apply here

Action Needed on Town Centre Crime



Many residents have contacted me about crime and shoplifting in our town centres. Thriving local high streets depend on people feeling safe when they shop, work and visit.

I have been pressing for stronger support for local policing and welcome efforts to tackle repeat offenders. Businesses and residents deserve confidence that crime will be taken seriously and that our town centres remain attractive places to visit.

Anti-social behaviour continues to be a wider concern for many local residents. Whether it is nuisance behaviour, vandalism or intimidation, these incidents can have a real impact on people's quality of life.

I regularly raise concerns with Northumbria Police, North Tyneside Council and local partners to ensure that reports from residents are acted upon. I would encourage anyone experiencing anti-social behaviour to report it so that the authorities have the evidence needed to take action

Visit to local Cement Factory



I recently visited a local cement factory to meet staff and learn more about the vital role the industry plays in supporting housebuilding and economic growth across the region.

We discussed the opportunities and challenges facing the industry, including investment, innovation, skills development and the importance of maintaining a strong domestic supply chain. Cement is a key building material used in construction projects across the country, and local manufacturing helps support thousands of skilled jobs while strengthening the wider economy.

Have your say on the future of local middle schools



Valley Gardens Middle School and Marden Bridge Middle School are currently consulting on proposals to form a hard federation, which would see the schools come together under a single governing body while retaining their individual identities, uniforms, admissions arrangements and day-to-day leadership.

The schools say the proposal would strengthen collaboration, allow resources and expertise to be shared, support long-term sustainability and help respond to wider demographic and financial pressures facing schools in our area.

The six-week public consultation is open until **4 December 2026**, and the governing bodies are seeking views from parents, carers, staff, pupils, local residents and other stakeholders before any final decision is made.

Whatever your view, I would encourage everyone with an interest in local education to read the proposals and take part in the consultation. Your feedback will help shape the future of our local school system.

Further information and details of how to respond can be found on the Valley Gardens and Marden Bridge school websites.

Jarrow March Anniversary Dinner



It was an honour to speak at a Jarrow Dinner marking the 90th anniversary of the Jarrow March and to welcome back to the North East an important exhibition commemorating this defining moment in our region's history.

Ninety years on, the courage, resilience and determination shown by the Jarrow marchers continue to inspire us. Their fight for jobs, dignity and opportunity remains a powerful reminder of the strength of our communities and the importance of standing up for fairness and social justice.

Celebrating Crawford Park Bowls Club



I visited Crawford Park Bowling Club on Friday to see installation of my sign having become a club sponsor for next season.

It's always a pleasure to catch up with Club Secretary Brian Bell and hear more about their great work with the local community. It was a pleasure to recognise the contribution made by Crawford Park Bowls Club and its members.

Local sports clubs provide opportunities for people of all ages to stay active, make friends and strengthen community ties. The dedication of volunteers helps ensure these valuable organisations continue to thrive.

Community Funding for the Meadows



It was good news for the Meadows and the Well-Connected Project receive a £3,000 donation from Persimmon Homes through its Community Champions initiative and I was pleased to attend an event to present the cheque.

Community organisations like The Meadows play a vital role in supporting local people, tackling isolation and bringing communities together. This funding will help them continue their excellent work and make a real difference to residents across North Tyneside.

A big thank you to everyone at Persimmon Homes for supporting such a worthwhile local cause.

Cracking Down on Fly-Tipping



Fly-tipping blights our communities, damages the environment and costs taxpayers' money to clear up.

The Government is taking action to crack down on waste crime, strengthen enforcement and support local authorities in tackling fly-tipping, because people are rightly fed up with seeing rubbish dumped in our streets, parks and green spaces.

If you need to dispose of waste, please use the services available and always check that anyone offering to remove your rubbish is properly licensed. Together, we can take pride in our neighbourhoods and keep North Tyneside looking its best.

I continue to support strong action against those responsible and have raised concerns about problem areas with the council. Most residents take pride in their neighbourhoods, and it is only right that those who illegally dump waste are held accountable for their actions.

Highbridge Development Update



I met representatives from Highbridge Properties and One Investment Management to discuss Project Cobalt and the opportunities it could bring to North Tyneside and the wider North East.

We discussed plans for the AI Growth Zone at Cobalt Park, the potential for significant investment and job creation, and the importance of securing the infrastructure needed to support future growth. I look forward to continuing these conversations as the project develops.

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.

Meeting with the Dialogue Society



I recently met Turgay Yalcin from the Dialogue Society North East to discuss community engagement and interfaith understanding.

Organisations that bring people together from different backgrounds make an important contribution to community cohesion. Constructive dialogue helps strengthen understanding and build stronger communities. I am looking forward to working with the society in our local communities in the coming months.

"Send My Friend to School" Campaign


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I was pleased to support the "Send My Friend to School" campaign, which highlights the importance of ensuring every child has access to education.

Education transforms lives and creates opportunity. The campaign is a reminder that millions of children around the world are still denied that opportunity, and that we all have a role to play in promoting access to education.

Raising Dementia Awareness



Dementia affects thousands of families across the North East and millions more across the country, touching the lives of not only those diagnosed but also their loved ones, friends and carers. As the condition progresses, many families face significant emotional, practical and financial challenges while trying to ensure their relatives receive the care and support they deserve.

I recently met with Dementia UK to hear about how we can improve dementia care, better support unpaid carers and increase investment in vital research.

With an ageing population and growing demand for dementia services, it is more important than ever that dementia remains a national priority.

World Mental Health Day



On World Mental Health Day I was proud to support efforts to promote better mental health and wellbeing for everyone.

Mental health is something that affects us all. Whether it is our own experiences, those of family members, friends or colleagues, good mental health is fundamental to living healthy, fulfilling lives. Yet too many people still face barriers when seeking support, and stigma continues to prevent some from speaking openly about their struggles.

World Mental Health Day is an important opportunity to raise awareness, encourage understanding, and remind people that they are not alone. Access to timely support, compassionate services and strong community networks can make a real difference to those experiencing mental health difficulties.

Supporting Kinship Care Week in North Tyneside



I was delighted to show my support for Kinship Care Week to recognise the incredible contribution made by kinship carers across our community.

Kinship Care Week celebrates the relatives and friends who step in to raise children when their parents are unable to do so. Across England and Wales, more than 141,000 children are growing up in kinship care, supported by grandparents, aunts, uncles, older siblings and family friends who provide love, stability and security during difficult times.

Many kinship carers take on this responsibility unexpectedly and often with little notice. Whether through formal legal arrangements or informal family agreements, they open their homes and hearts to ensure children can remain connected to family, community and their sense of identity.

I want to thank all kinship carers in North Tyneside and across the country for the difference they make every day. Their dedication, compassion and resilience help children who have experienced difficult starts in life to thrive and reach their full potential.