

# Alan Campbell MP

## Community News Autumn 2020



Good afternoon

I do hope that you and your family continue to stay safe and well.

Please find my latest update below.

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You can also find useful information on my website  
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[https://www.facebook.com/AlanCampbellForTynemouth/?eid=ARCt\\_uybFykBHP9Ze74JblWM5zGUiDhFgl8FizrUZK7Zmr1vijlCM68TFI\\_cGhOnsm\\_TvNnVuiYMhiLm](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 [here](#).

I hope that you find this update useful.

With all best wishes

Alan Campbell MP

Tynemouth

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## **\_Poppy Appeal 2020**



The Poppy Appeal 2020 will celebrate the contribution of our Armed Forces community across generations. While the challenges our Armed Forces face may change, the sense of duty shared by all who serve never fades.

In this unprecedented year, the British Legion is urging everyone to back the Poppy Appeal in a new way. Like so many things this year, the Appeal has to adapt to the threat of Covid-19 and it is more important than ever that we support them. I recently met with Royal British Legion regional organisers to discuss the many ways that local people can support this year's appeal:

### **Ways to support the 2020 Poppy Appeal**

There are more ways than ever that you can support the Poppy Appeal. Your donations help to provide invaluable support to the Armed Forces community.

#### **Visit your local Supermarket**

Supermarkets including Sainsbury's, Tesco, Morrisons, Aldi and Asda stores as well as online retailers including Amazon and eBay, and Lloyds Bank and Santander are supporting this year's Poppy Appeal. There are a variety of cashless donation options at each location with Morrisons and Sainsbury's also offering people the opportunity to add a donation to their shopping bill.

#### **Donate online**

From 6 October, when you donate online you'll receive a link to a printable poppy which you can print off and place in your window to show others you're supporting the Poppy Appeal.

Find out more: <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate>

### **Text to donate**

To donate £2 text POPPY2 to 70545

To donate £5 text POPPY5 to 70545

To donate £10 text POPPY10 to 70545

Find out more (inc T&Cs): <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate>

### **My Poppy Run**

Poppy park run events usually take place in October and November, but these are unable to take place this year due to social distancing measures. Join us instead for My Poppy Run, a virtual event, and support your Poppy Appeal in 2020. Choose to run, jog or walk, maybe take your four-legged friend along too.

Find out more: <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/things-to-do/events/my-poppy-run>

### **Poppy Shop**

The Poppy Shop has an extensive range of products, from iconic poppy pins and jewellery, to clothing, stationery, homeware and everything in between.

100% of the profits from the Poppy Shop go towards funding the Legion's ongoing work in supporting the Armed Forces community, serving and ex-serving personnel and their families.

By shopping online at the Poppy Shop this Poppy Appeal, you're helping to provide vital services and support, from expert guidance and advice, to recovery and rehabilitation.

Find out more: <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/shop/poppy-shop>

### **Poppies in the Post**

Every year, RBL volunteers distribute over 40 million poppies to help their vital work in supporting the Armed Forces community. Due to COVID-19 this year, many volunteers are unable to help. That's why they are asking people

distribute poppies to their friends and neighbours so that they can continue to support our Armed Forces community in their time of need, ensuring their unique contribution is never forgotten.

Request 20 poppies free of charge by completing the form below by following the link below. You can then give them to your friends and family and ask them for a donation to support our Armed Forces community.

Along with the poppies, you will also receive information on how you and those you share your poppies with can give as well as how to distribute the poppy safely and ensure everyone can wear the poppy with pride.

Find out more: <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/poppies-in-the-post>

### **Printable Poppy**

This Poppy Appeal, the RBL want to ensure that everyone can still get their poppy, so they have developed an A4 poster of the iconic Remembrance Poppy that you can download, print, and display at home, perhaps in your front window.

Download a full colour poster or one that you (or someone you know) can enjoy colouring in: <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate>

## **Job Support Scheme Expanded**



The government's Job Support Scheme (JSS) will be expanded to help protect jobs and support businesses required to close their doors as a result of coronavirus restrictions.

Measures include:

- The government will pay two thirds of employees' salaries to protect jobs over the coming months
- Cash grants for businesses required to close in local lockdowns also increased to up to £3,000 per month

- Under the expansion, firms whose premises are legally required to shut for some period over winter as part of local or national restrictions will receive grants to pay the wages of staff who cannot work - protecting jobs and enabling businesses to reopen quickly once restrictions are lifted.
- The government will support eligible businesses by paying two thirds of each employees' salary (or 67%), up to a maximum of £2,100 a month.

Full details are available here: [https://www.gov.uk/government/news/job-support-scheme-expanded-to-firms-required-to-close-due-to-covid-restrictions?utm\\_source=07694054-9005-436d-921a-45b10a9eb93d&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=immediate](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/job-support-scheme-expanded-to-firms-required-to-close-due-to-covid-restrictions?utm_source=07694054-9005-436d-921a-45b10a9eb93d&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate)

I have been clear with Ministers that these measures do not go far enough. I have joined with MP's from across the region and local leaders of the LA7 to call on the government to make sure that there is further support in place both individuals and businesses both in Tier 2 and Tier 3 restrictions.

## Covid-19 Alert Levels



The Government has now introduced Local COVID alert levels which set out information for local authorities, residents and workers about what to do and how to manage the outbreak in their area. Local COVID alert levels are sometimes called 'tiers' or known as a 'local lockdown'

Find out what you can and cannot do if you live, work or travel in each local COVID alert level at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-covid-alert-levels-what-you-need-to-know>

Please find a link to a printable explainer [here](#);

## Test and Trace Payments



The Government announced that from 28 September in England, there will be a new legal duty on all those who test positive for COVID-19 or are identified by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact, requiring them to self-isolate. Failure to comply will be an offence carrying a fine of at least £1,000 and up to £10,000 for multiple breaches.

Alongside this new requirement, the government is providing funding for a new Test and Trace Support Payment scheme for people on low incomes who are unable to work while they are self-isolating and are financially impacted because they cannot work from home. The scheme will run until 31 January 2021.

You can find out more and apply for the payment here <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/page/26134/coronavirus-covid-19>

## Breast Cancer Awareness Month



October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and over years I have been a big supporter of the campaign which undoubtedly saves lives.



The coronavirus is the biggest crisis facing breast cancer in decades. It paused treatments and surgeries. It paused screening programmes. It has paused research, community support services and much of the fundraising so vital to the work of Breast Cancer Now.



I am urging people in Tynemouth constituency to remember to check for the signs of breast and know that it's still safe to report them to your GP. The earlier the diagnosis, the better chances of success.

## Northumbria PCC Crime and Policing Consultation Launched



Local Police and Crime Commissioner Kim McGuinness has recently launched a consultation and is keen to hear your views on local policing in the years ahead.

You can take part in the consultation at <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/PCPCconsultation20/>

## Campaign to stop abuse against shop workers



I am supporting a retail industry coalition, including Usdaw, in their campaign calling for an inquiry into violence and abuse against shopworkers. The



coalition also includes: British Retail Consortium (BRC), Association of Convenience Stores (ACS) and National Federation of Retail Newsagents (NRFN).

The campaign follows the Government's objection to a protection of workers bill, promoted by Alex Norris MP. The Government also offered little more than sympathy in response to a petition launched by Usdaw General Secretary Paddy Lillis, with over 65,000 signatures, calling for legislation to protect shop workers. The petition can be signed at:  
<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/328621>

## Small Business Saturday



I pleased that Small Business Saturday is back this year, on the 5th December, and there really has never been a more important time to support small businesses.

The campaign has had to change this year to take account of the restrictions in place, while still supporting and celebrating the small businesses of the UK.

Now in its eighth year in the UK, Small Business Saturday celebrates small business success and encourages consumers to 'shop local' and support businesses in their communities.

I will certainly be 'shopping local' this year and hope that local residents will do the same.

To find out more visit <https://smallbusinesssaturdayuk.com/>

## Buy Local North Tyneside



I welcome the launch of a new digital high street for North Tyneside.

Buy Local North Tyneside, is a website that provides a directory of businesses operating in the borough of North Tyneside, so that residents, those in business and visitors can have a simple method of knowing what is available, where and when.

<https://buylocalnorthtyneside.co.uk/>

## Launch of the Veteran's Railcard



I have welcomed the recent launch the new Veterans Railcard, which is for anyone who has served at least one day in the UK Armed Forces or Merchant Marines who have seen duty on legally defined military operations, will save veterans 1/3 off most rail fares to help reconnect them to loved ones and connect them to new training and work opportunities.

The new Veterans Railcard will be available for a special introductory price of just £21 for a 1-year Railcard or £61 for a 3-year Railcard, until 31st March 2021. It will offer the Railcard holder and their companion 1/3 off most rail fares and 60% off for up to four children aged 5-15 years.

The Veterans Railcard will be available for use on journeys from 5 November. Please visit <https://www.veterans-railcard.co.uk/> for further details.

## Battle of Britain



Due to the pandemic this year's Battle of Britain Service at the Cenotaph on the Links was sadly unable to go ahead. I visited alone, to lay a wreath and to remember those men and women of the RAF who defended our country and our freedom.

## **Funding for North Shields Town Centre**



North Shields has some great news announced recently with a £900k funding award from Historic England to revitalise Howard St and Northumberland Square. This is another important step in Mayor Norma Redfearn's plan to regenerate our town.

## **Funding Award for the Net**



DCMS made £1.57bn of support available through its Culture Recovery Fund to support heritage and the wider cultural sector during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The National Lottery Heritage Fund and Historic England have worked together to ensure that this significant investment from Government reaches

the organisations most in need. This is the first tranche of funding for heritage, covering grants of up to £1 million, and is part of the £92 million Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage managed jointly by Historic England and the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

I am pleased that the Net North Shields has been awarded £25,600 which is great news for this local organisation.

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