

Alan Campbell MP

Community News June 2022



Good afternoon

Welcome to the latest edition of my Community News. I hope you are keeping well and staying safe.

In this newsletter you will find information on some of the recent meetings and events I have attended online and in person as well as details of the work of local and national organisations I am supportive of.

As ever, I have included some links to various organisations that may be of help to people. Please be assured that all links have been tested and are safe to click through to. I do hope you find it informative and useful.

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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 [here](#)

Best wishes

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Tynemouth

Jubilee Celebrations at North Tyneside Disability Forum



I went along to North Tyneside Disability Forum's Jubilee Celebration Party alongside Valley Ward Councillors, Brian and Carole Burdis and Tommy Mulvenna.

It was a great day, thank you to everyone involved.

St Columba's Jubilee Service



I attended and spoke at a special service at St Columba's Church in North Shields as part of their Jubilee celebrations.

The proceeds from a coffee morning on Saturday and the Faith Lunch on Sunday enabled them to make a significant donation to North Tyneside Young Carers. Thank you to everyone involved, particularly to Norma McAvoy who co-ordinated the events.

St Paul's Bunting Trail



To mark the start of the Jubilee Celebrations I went along to St Paul's Church in Whitley Bay over the weekend for the official launch of the Whitley Bay & Cullercoats Jubilee Bunting Trail.

The project is a trail through Whitley Bay and Cullercoats following more than 4000 bunting flags linking, and showing off, our local communities. The brainchild of the Women's Institute, Newcastle Building Society and the Learning Trust, the scheme received support from lots of local businesses, schools, care homes and community groups.

They also held a dedication of a tree for The Queen's Green Canopy.

Norham High Ofsted



A huge congratulations to Norham High School which has jumped 3 Ofsted

categories and been rated 'Good' across all areas. This is an immense achievement and all pupils and staff should be rightly proud.

North Shields Sea Fit



The Fisherman's Mission once again organised an event, North Shields Sea Fit to help fishermen and their families with free health checks and information and I went along to show my support.

The event is really important for local fishermen and their families and is really going from strength to strength. Well done to Peter Dade and all his team for organising it.

Visit to Spring Gardens School



I had a great visit to Spring Gardens School recently to tour the school and meet members of the newly formed school council.

The Council is made up of elected representatives of each class from reception to year six.

They asked me lots of interesting questions. Thank you to you the staff and students for having me.

Shiremoor Adventure Playground



I recently went along to the Shiremoor Adventure Playground to meet staff and the Chair of the Shiremoor Adventure Playground Trust.

We discussed how they work in partnership with the council to complement their work. It was great to go back to see what a great community facility it is.

Labyrinth Opening at Northumberland Park



On World Labyrinth Day it was great to see the new labyrinth at Northumberland Park and in lovely Tynemouth sunshine. Well done to everyone involved especially the new Friends of Northumberland Park whose efforts in the park are to be congratulated.

Meeting with Northumbria Police Federation



I met with Jim Gray of Northumbria Police Federation to discuss their ongoing concerns about police matters.

Percy Park 150 Years



The 1872 Percy Park 7's was held this month and I went along to show my support. It's always a great atmosphere, congratulations on 150 years and here's to 150 more.

Valley Gardens Football



Congratulations on the brilliant effort by the Valley Gardens Middle School students in the Premier League Primary Stars Tournament earlier this month. Students representing Newcastle in the Premier League Clubs Girls Tournament came top in their group and reached the final where they were narrowly beaten 1-0 by Brentford.

Passport Delays



I am getting lots of emails from local residents concerned about delays at the Passport Office.

The result is that people are being advised to allow up to ten weeks when applying for their passport. I am doing all I can in parliament to reduce that wait but unfortunately the case remains that there are significant delays in the process.

The Government and specifically the Home Office frankly should have seen this coming. I support any measures they take including increasing resources in order to resolve this problem.

Veterans Charity

Launch



As a Patron of Forward Assist, a local veterans charity, I was pleased to go along to the parliamentary launch of their new charity Salute Her. Salute Her UK will focus solely on the needs of women veterans. The first in the UK of its kind.

Operation

Payback to help

tackle ASB



Northumbria PCC Kim McGuinness has re-opened her Operation Payback funding pot with more than £150,000 up for grabs. She is inviting local youth groups and community groups to apply for a share and is wanting to hear new activity ideas that would help curb summer anti-social behaviour across the region.

Operation Payback uses cash criminals have taken from communities in the Northumbria Police Force area and puts it back into projects and initiatives that make a difference to the places that need it most.

The aim of the fund is to support the work of Northumbria Police and help prevent crime and anti-social behaviour, which will in turn improve lives for local people.

For info on how to apply visit <https://northumbria-pcc.gov.uk/your-priorities/police-crime-plan/improving-lives/improving-lives-with-operation-payback/>

Dementia Action Week



The theme for this year's Dementia Action Week was #CuretheCareSystem.

People with dementia have been worst hit by the Covid-19 pandemic, accounting for over a quarter of all deaths. Many more are also deteriorating rapidly due to the knock-on effects of lockdown.

Alzheimer's Society is calling on the Government to publish a clear, budgeted plan for social care reform, complete with a long-term plan for social care and a workforce plan.

In North Tyneside, there are an estimated 3108 people living with dementia, of whom 1879 have severe dementia. By 2030, this number is set to rise to 4149 people living with dementia – people who will rely on support from social care. I'm urging the Government to take action as a matter of urgency.

The Big Plastic Count



I took part in the UK's biggest ever investigation into household plastic waste.

The Big Plastic Count took place over one week 16th to 22nd May and asked people to sign up to gather evidence to find out how much plastic is being used and is being thrown away.

The results will provide crucial evidence to push for further action to tackle the plastic problem. It's worrying to realise how much of the plastics used by supermarkets are single use.

War Graves Week



On War Graves Week (21st to 28th May) I encouraged local people to find out more. It was a fantastic opportunity to reconnect with our local history and learn about the courageous ordinary people from our community who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

Residents keen to learn more about the remarkable stories of the men and women of the Commonwealth forces that died in the First and Second World Wars who are buried in their community can visit www.CWGC.org

Mental Health Awareness Week



I am supporting The Mental Health Foundation's Mental Health Awareness Week.

The week is focusing on the experience of loneliness, its effect on our mental health and how we can all play a part in reducing loneliness in our communities.

Loneliness affects millions of people in the UK every year and is a key driver of poor mental health.

1 in 4 of us will experience a mental health problem each year.

The week raised awareness of the impact of loneliness on our mental wellbeing and the practical steps we can take to address it. Reducing loneliness is a major step towards a mentally healthy society.

For more information, visit www.mentalhealth.org.uk

Nurses Day



The anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale earlier this month was National Nurses Day and I am proud to support Royal College of Nursing.

Nurses across the country have played an incredible part in looking after us all when we've needed it most - especially over the last two years.

Thank you to the nurses of Tynemouth constituency for everything you have done and continue to do.

