

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.

I have also included some information about help and support available for local people. I do hope you find it informative and useful.

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 on my website.

Best wishes

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Tynemouth

Pearey House 150 Years



It was good to go along to Pearey House 150 year anniversary celebrations. They raised a massive £4607.55 on the day. Well done to everyone who helped to organise the event. Here's to another 150 years.

Tyne Coast College Update



TyneCoastCollege

I was dismayed when parents began contacting me after Tyne Coast College announced they would stop A Level provision mid-course.

I initially wrote to the College as soon as the news emerged and met with the Chief Executive of the College at the earliest opportunity.

I am pleased to report that the college has reversed its decision so far as current Year 12/First Year A level students are concerned, and they will be able to continue to be taught at Queen Alex and complete their courses.

The College authorities admit to have got this wrong but have now moved to put things right. I welcomed that but also made it clear how much distress this has caused.

I am pleased that along with my colleague Mary Glindon MP to have been able to help. We will continue to do all we can to ensure that further 6th form provision is put in place as soon as possible.

I wish all the students all the best for the future.

More security on Metro



I have welcomed the news that Nexus has decided to deploy more security teams on board Tyne and Wear Metro services to provide greater customer reassurance in the evenings and tackle anti-social behaviour where it arises.

This will take the security presence on the Metro network to its highest ever level, with security personnel on board almost every single service from 19:00 every day.

I am pleased that Nexus have listened to the concerns of local residents and have made this significant commitment to provide greater reassurance to people using public transport in the evening.

The cost of the expanded security team is being met from increased Metro revenue, together with a contribution from the Safer Streets ASB and transport initiative provided by the Police and Crime Commissioner Kim McGuinness' office.

Whitley Bay Station Upgrade



Following my meeting with Nexus earlier this year, I'm pleased to hear Nexus is to begin a major restoration project of Whitley Bay Metro station this summer. The historic canopy is to be restored in a £5.3m project. The work starts in July 2023 and will be completed in early 2025. Work on the Grade II listed structure will see the glass in the canopy replaced with more robust modern alternatives, and the steelwork will be strengthened and repainted. The glazing directly above the Metro tracks will also be reinstated, providing a more sheltered environment for passengers. Nexus is also committed to ensuring that disruption is kept to a minimum. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Customer Relations on 0191 20 20 747 or email customerrelations@nexus.org.uk

Visit to St Thomas More



It was a pleasure to visit St Thomas More Roman Catholic Academy, North Shields with Labour's Shadow Education Secretary Bridget Phillipson MP to hear about the great work that students and staff are doing to build a better and brighter future. All our children have ambition but the Tories never match it. A Labour Government will prepare all our young people for the future.

Neighbourhood Watch Safety Charter

**We are proud to support the
COMMUNITY SAFETY CHARTER**



We pledge to:

PROMOTE

Promote a culture that does not tolerate antisocial behaviour, harassment, intimidation and hostility towards others

ENABLE

Enable others to identify and take an active stance against these crimes and incidents

REPORT

Actively encourage and support those who experience or witness these crimes and incidents to report them to the relevant authorities

SUPPORT

Support those affected and signpost those who need further support to agencies who can help them

[ourwatch.org.uk/charter](https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/charter)

#BETHECHANGE

Neighbourhood Watch Network is a charity registered in England & Wales, CIO no: 1173349

On Neighbourhood Watch Week I signed up to the Neighbourhood Watch Community Safety Charter - making a commitment to take positive, concrete steps to contribute to make our area safer for everyone. Find out more at <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/charter>

Over the Rainbow with NTFD



It was great to go to North Tyneside Disability Forum's Somewhere over the Rainbow Show at Whitley Bay Playhouse recently. Thanks to Sue and all her team at NTFD and also to Gillian Quinn Theatre and Dance School for putting on an amazing show.

Volunteers Week



As part of Volunteers' Week - the annual celebration of the contribution millions of people make across the UK through volunteering in their communities, I thank all those who are giving up their time to support our local charities and congratulate them on everything they are doing to help these great organisations thrive. I would encourage all those who want to give back to their community to volunteer with a local charity.

Meeting King Charles III



It was an honour to meet King Charles III and Queen Camilla at their visit to Parliament ahead of the Coronation.

Christian Aid in Parliament



I attended a Christian Aid event in parliament on supporting families in Malawi, who are paying a harsh price for the global cost of living and climate crises. Christian Aid Week is a powerful statement that we are united in the hope that a better world is possible.

Carers Week



carersweek.org

Unpaid carers make huge contributions to their families and communities every day. That's why this Carers Week I stood in solidarity with unpaid carers in Tynemouth and across the UK by saying I CARE. Find out more at <https://www.carersweek.org>

Picnic in the Park



I went along to the YMCA's Picnic in the Park in the newly regenerated Northumberland Square. The Picnic celebrated the YMCA Founder's Day and with nearly 4000 visitors was a great way to bring the community together.

Meeting with NHS



I met Jim Mackey, Chief Executive of Northumbria NHS Healthcare Trust for our regular catch-up meeting. We discussed the challenges facing local services.

Get around for £1



I'm pleased by the recent announcement of a new single fare £1 bus fare for those who are 21 and under is now live. Along with the same offer on Metro, this new fare opens up many new opportunities, helping thousands of young people across the region travel affordably and sustainably for work, education and leisure. I know many local families are facing massive financial challenges with the cost of living crisis so this will really make a difference.

New Minister at North Shields

Baptist Church



We welcomed new Minister Revd Stuart Dennis Minister at his Induction Service at North Shields Baptist Church recently. I look forward to working with him.

Dementia Action Week



Dementia Action Week highlighted the fact that tens of thousands of people are still living with undiagnosed dementia - and without access to vital support. Help is just a phone call or click away. Visit www.alzheimers.org.uk/memoryloss or call 0333 150 3456 today

Summer Community Art

NORTH TYNESIDE 2023
COMMUNITY ART SUMMER EXHIBITION
OPEN CALL FOR ENTRIES
HOME SWEET HOME
WHO, WHAT OR WHERE REPRESENTS HOME TO YOU?

Is it a building, a place, a country, a smell, a sound, a person or people?
Can you express and share your 'home sweet home' creatively with the community in a painting, drawing, photograph, sculpture, model, collage or by using other creative means? We would love to see what your home sweet home looks like.

Entry is free and welcomed from anyone living, working or being educated in North Tyneside.

The exhibition will take place at St Mary's Church in Whitley Bay 4th - 6th August.
Full entry details can be found at www.wildandfreegallery/homesweethome or scan the QR Code to take you to the exhibition information

Entries close on July 10th.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED AND SPONSORED BY WILD AND FREE GALLERY

Entries are now open for the North Tyneside Summer Community Art Exhibition. Entry is free to anyone living working or being educated in North Tyneside. Winners will then be part of an exhibition in St Mary's Church, Whitley Bay between 4th and 6th August.

Mental Health Awareness

15 to 21 May 2023

Mental Health Awareness Week

Mental Health Foundation

#ToHelpMyAnxiety

I am proud to be supporting this year's Mental Health Awareness Week. The theme of this year's week is anxiety. The Mental Health Foundation have lots of free resources which you can find online at <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/mhaw> No one needs to suffer in silence.

Pension Credit Check



Across the UK 1.4 million pensioners do not claim what they are entitled to. You or a loved one may be entitled up to £3300 per year and £1000 in discounts to things such as Council Tax. Additional benefits are on offer in certain circumstances such as the severe disability or carer's addition. Furthermore, if you are paying a mortgage then you may be entitled to extra income.

To find out if you are eligible, please go to <https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit/how-to-claim> or call (a family member or trusted friend can also call on your behalf if you are hard of hearing) 0800 99 1234 to speak to a professional from the Department for Work and Pensions.

HSBC 2nd Pop-Up

In light of their withdrawal from the local High Street, HSBC are holding a second pop-up event in Whitley Bay.

30th June 9.30-1pm at Whitley Bay Big Local, 158 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay, NE26 2LY
