

# Alan Campbell MP

## Community News

September 2023



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 [www.alancampbellmp.co.uk](http://www.alancampbellmp.co.uk) or on Facebook at;

[https://www.facebook.com/AlanCampbellForTynemouth/?eid=ARCt\\_uybFykBH P9Ze74JblWM5zGUiDhFgl8FizrUZK7Zmr1vijlCM68TFI\\_cGhOnsm\\_TvNnVuiYM hiLm](https://www.facebook.com/AlanCampbellForTynemouth/?eid=ARCt_uybFykBH P9Ze74JblWM5zGUiDhFgl8FizrUZK7Zmr1vijlCM68TFI_cGhOnsm_TvNnVuiYM hiLm)

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

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**Operation Cloak**



I am extremely disappointed that the Home Office has recently said they won't be continuing funding for Operation Cloak.

Operation Cloak sees plain-clothes officers proactively target people who seek to take advantage of women in vulnerable situations in the Night Time Economy. Northumbria Police has seen incredible success with Operation Cloak.

Over the last 12 months alone more than 700 patrols have seen 821 policing interventions and 62 arrests and it is clear that women in our area are safer because of this police work.

I have joined with our Police and Crime Commissioner Kim McGuinness in writing to the Home Secretary to express my dismay at this short-sighted move and urge that measures to continue this important work be made available as a matter of urgency.

**Lost Fishermen's Service**

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Fishing remains one of the UK's most dangerous industries. It was good to see so many people at the Lost Fishermen's Service at the Fiddlers Green memorial. Thanks to Brian Chambers, Peter Dade and everyone who organised the event.

Retired fisherman Henry Howard who passed away recently, was one of the inspirations behind the Fiddlers Green memorial in North Shields so it was fitting then, that Henry was remembered at the service. A privilege to meet Henry's family of whom he was so very proud.

### **Battle of Britain Day**



I recently attended a service and laid a wreath to mark Battle of Britain Day at the Cenotaph in Whitley Bay.

The service, organised by the Royal Air Force Association is an important reminder of the men and women of the airforce who gave their lives to protect Britain in World War 2.

### **War Memorials**



As we approach Remembrance season I have written to North Tyneside Council to ask that our local war memorials are tidied up and looking their best. Every year we gather all over the borough to pay our respects to those who sacrificed so much for our freedom. It's important that we show our respect by keeping those memorials looking their best.

## **Northumberland Park Anniversary**



This summer marked the 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the reopening of the regenerated Northumberland Park. The park is a fantastic local space and hugely well used by residents and visitors alike. My thanks to all the staff and volunteers who help to keep it looking so good.

### **NTDF Garden Party**



It was a pleasure to attend North Tyneside Disability Forum's Annual Summer Garden party recently. My thanks to Sue and the team for all they do in our community. Thank you also to the Baldy Holly Band for all their support of NTDF.

### **Neighbourhood Watch Charter**



Iâ€™m encouraging local residents to sign up to the Community Safety Charter.

The aim of the Community Safety Charter is to involve a wider range of local organisations, charities, businesses, groups and individuals in crime prevention activity.

Â· The Community Safety Charter is a means by which Neighbourhood Watch members, local residents, businesses, and organisations, agree to do whatever they can together to provide an environment that is safer for everyone.

No one should have to live in fear of harassment and intimidation in their community. Signing up to the Charter sends a clear message that this behaviour is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.

### **Update on Metro ASB**



Anti-social behaviour at North Tyneside’s Metro stations has almost halved as a result of dedicated partnership working after local businesses and residents expressed concern.

Reports of disorder at all eight coastal Metro stations in North Tyneside have decreased by almost 50 per cent in recent weeks – coinciding with the seasonal re-launches of Operations Maple and Coastwatch.

The total number of anti-social behaviour reports in those key locations has dropped from 105 to 56 between May 28 to June 24 this year compared to the same period in 2022.

### **Meeting with the Mayor**



**North Tyneside Council**

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I met with our elected Mayor Dame Norma Redfearn and the council Chief Executive Paul Hanson to get my regular update on council business. We discussed the strategy for further economic development to bring more jobs for the borough.

We also discussed ensuring access to good quality 6th form education in North Shields and I hope to have an update soon.

### **Macmillan Waiting Times Campaign**



I attended the launch of Macmillan's™ important new campaign "What are we waiting for?"™ which is calling on the Government to take urgent action on cancer delays.

Macmillan's™ new analysis suggests that in the last decade, at least 100,000 people across the UK have seen their cancer worsen, or they have been left with fewer treatment options due to delays in being diagnosed and starting treatment.

Long waits to get a cancer diagnosis and start treatment can lead to people's™ cancer continuing to spread. These delays can jeopardise their physical and mental health, restrict their treatment options, and potentially reduce their chances of survival.

I am fully supportive of this important campaign.

**WI Rivers Week**



Last week saw the launch of the WI's Clean Rivers Week in Parliament.

The new WI Clean Rivers campaign seeks to tackle river pollution and promote the designation of more bathing waters.

During the week of action, WI's raised awareness about the ecological state of the UK's rivers and drew public attention to the importance of clean rivers for people and wildlife in their communities.

### **Schools of Sanctuary**



I joined Mary Glindon MP and the elected Mayor Dame Norma Redfearn at a "Schools of Sanctuary" event at North Tyneside Council.

Schools of Sanctuary is an important project which seeks to:

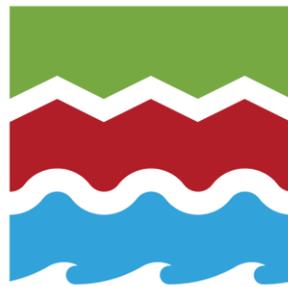
- Raise awareness about forces displacement and migration
- Support newly arrived students and all people seeking sanctuary
- To build a culture of awareness and compassion with young people at the forefront
- To ensure education provision effectively supports and meets the needs of new arrivals

So far in our constituency, Marden High, John Spence and Norham High have become Schools of Sanctuary and Marine Park and Rockcliffe are working towards their award. This is a really important project and I would like to congratulate all those involved.

For further information for schools please visit

<https://schools.cityofsanctuary.org/>

### **Untold Stories**



# Historic England

Working class heritage is in the spotlight once again as Historic England announces further funding to uncover the stories of people and places often missing from the history records.

Castles, cathedrals and grand country houses are well documented but far less is known about “everyday heritage”™ – the pubs, factories, football clubs and council estates where most people have lived, worked and played for hundreds of years.

Historic England is inviting community and heritage organisations to apply for funding through its “Everyday Heritage Grants: Celebrating Working Class Histories”™ - for creative projects which will unlock and bring these stories to life.

Applications open on 7 September and close on 7 November 2023. Information on how to apply is at <https://historicengland.org.uk/everydayheritage/>

### **Home Upgrade Scheme**



North Tyneside Council has recently been awarded government funding for a Home Upgrade Scheme which can offer eligible residents help towards energy efficiency improvements.

To check if you are eligible and for further information visit:

<https://www.eonenergy.com/energy-efficiency-grants.html>

### **Gas Safety Week**



This Gas Safety Week, I have teamed up with British Gas to remind you to ensure that your gas appliances are being checked annually by a Gas Safe registered engineer. Unchecked gas appliances may increase the risk of CO2 poisoning, gas leaks and fires.

To find out more about keeping your home safe visit:

<https://www.gassaferegister.co.uk/gassafetyweek/#:~:text=Gas%20Safety%20Week%20will%20be%20taking%20place%2011th-17th,everyone%20who%20supported%20Gas%20Safety%20Week%20in%202022>

### **Children's Flu Vaccine**



The annual NHS flu vaccination programme for children aged 2-3, school age children and children over 6 months with certain health conditions is now underway and the UK Health Security Agency and NHS England are urging parents to ensure children's school consent forms are completed, and that eligible pre-schoolers are booked in for GP appointments.

Over 8 million children in Reception to Year 11 will be offered the free nasal spray flu vaccine, delivered in schools by immunisation teams up and down the country. Children aged 2 and 3 (on or before 31 August) are eligible for the free nasal spray via their GP practice.

### **Students Vaccinations**



I am urging students heading to university this autumn to make sure they are up to date with all free routine NHS vaccinations.

The three vaccines students should be up to date with before starting university or college include: Â· MenACWY â€œ protecting against 4 common strains causing meningitis and septicaemia Â· MMR â€œ protecting against measles, mumps, and rubella Â· HPV â€œ protecting against human papilloma virus (HPV) related cancers such as cervical cancer and other cancers of the head, neck and genital areas, and genital warts.

If any students missed these vaccines at school, they should contact their GP surgery to arrange a catch up.

### **Metro Restoration Update**



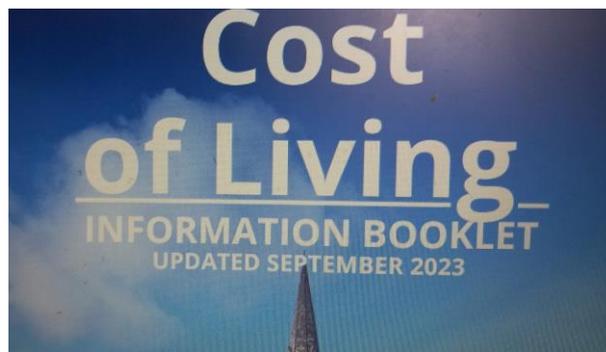
A major restoration project has begun at Cullercoats Metro station to restore the historic pedestrian footbridge, with planned completion by January 2024.

Many of the complex maintenance and repair works cannot be conducted safely while Metro trains are in service, and the overhead lines are live. As a result, the installation of the scaffolding work can only be conducted safely during a closure of the line, therefore several night works will be required.

You can keep up to date by:

Regularly checking the [nexus.org.uk/nightworks](https://nexus.org.uk/nightworks) page for updates Â· Calling the Customer Relations on 0191 20 20 747 (9.00am-5.00pm) Â· Receive weekly email night working updates by contacting Customer Relations.

### **Cost of Living Booklet**



I have recently updated my Cost of Living Booklet which you can find on my website at:

[Cost of Living Resource Magazine - Alan Campbell MP for Tynemouth](#)

A number of government schemes for help this Autumn are yet to be announced so I will be updating the booklet again next month and will include it in this newsletter.

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