

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 www.alancampbellmp.co.uk or on Facebook at;

https://www.facebook.com/AlanCampbellForTynemouth/?eid=ARCt_uybFykBHP9Ze74JbIWM5zGUiDhFgl8FizrUZK7Zmr1vijlCM68TFI_cGhOnsm_TvNnVuiYMhiLm

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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Merry Christmas



Thanks to Michael Smith for allowing me to reproduce his artwork for his Fishermen's Mission Christmas Card.

May I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Congratulations to Mike Smith



It was a great honour to present Mike Smith with his Nuclear Veterans Medal. Mike was in the RAF and just 19 when he was ordered to witness the testing of a nuclear bomb on Christmas Island. At last, his and his comrades service and sacrifice have been recognised.

Thanks to Peter Dade from the Fishermen's Mission for organising the event.

Sarah's Star



I recently met Sarah and Emma who set up Sarah's Star based at the Linskill Centre to find out more about what they do.

Sarah's Star is a charity that supports people living with incurable and palliative illnesses, as well as their families, carers and NHS health professionals in the North East.

Just when you think our community couldn't get better you meet people like Sarah and Emma. Compassionate, caring and inspirational.

NTDF Christmas Party



I was delighted to be invited to North Tyneside Disability Forum's Christmas celebration.

NTDF supports people of all ages from babies and toddlers to nonagenarians and provides a cradle to grave service to residents of North Tyneside and their families who are disadvantaged by some aspect of disability, ill health and or vulnerability.

NTDF with the leadership of Sue Adams does such important work with vulnerable people in these challenging times.

Herring Girl



I joined The North Shields Fishermen's Heritage Project trustees at The Herring Girl statue to get an update on their progress and future plans.

I thanked them for all their work in making the Herring Girl a reality. Special thanks to Ray for taking the photographs on a very cold day.

Find out more about their work at:

[North Shields Fishermens Heritage Project | Facebook](#)

Whitley Bay Hub



I went along to the Whitley Bay Big Local to see the hub following extensive renovations.

The hub is looking great and there's lots going on for the local community.

Thanks to David and the team for having me. See what's on at:

<https://www.facebook.com/WhitleyBayBigLocal/>

Lobular Breast Cancer event



I was pleased to attend a Lobular Breast Cancer event in Parliament earlier this month.

I met with Katie, who is the sister of my constituent Lucy and we discussed the challenges in improving understanding, diagnosis, treatment and long-term survival for Lobular Breast Cancer.

You can find out more about the Lobular Moonshot Project at www.lobularmoonshot.org

North Shields Christmas Market



It was a wet start but a warm welcome at the 24th North Shields Christmas Market.

The new location really highlights the significance of the regeneration of Howard Street and the ongoing work to regenerate the town centre.

Visit to Nationwide



I visited Nationwide in Whitley Bay recently and met their Branch Manager Christopher Camilleri. It was good to see first-hand the support they offer my constituents right across Tynemouth.

We discussed Nationwide's branch strategy, their mutual model and crucial policy changes that will help address many of the barriers to homeownership that my constituents face.

Visit to the Cedarwood Centre



It was great to visit the Cedarwood Trust recently to meet with Wayne Dobson the Chief Executive.

I was really impressed with the changes that have been made over the last two years at the centre and it was good to hear from Wayne about their wide range of successful projects.

They do invaluable work in the community and projects such as the Nourish Store make such a big difference.

Small Business Saturday



I was proud to once again support Small Business Saturday.

The vast majority of businesses in our country are SME's. Small business is the beating heart of our economy. They will be the key to the revival of our high streets. It's not just about strong and successful businesses, it's about strong and secure communities.

Shopping local is not for one day of the year, all year round, try and buy local.

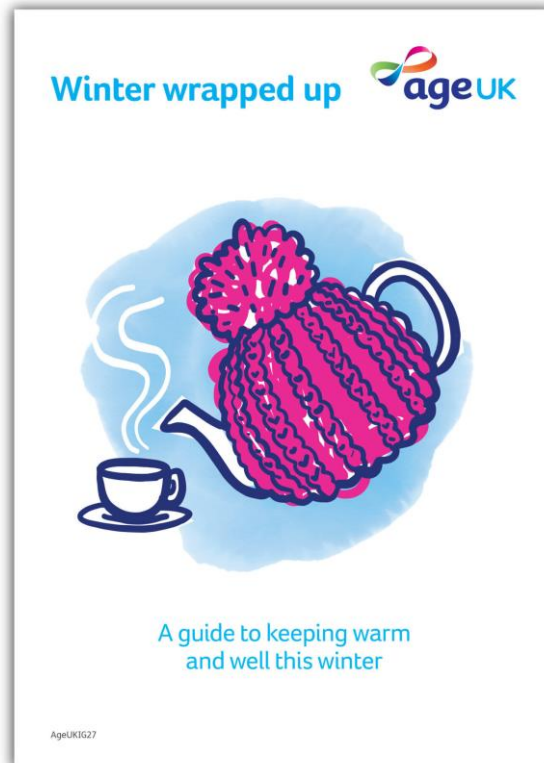
Police Federation



I went along to a parliamentary drop-in with the Police Federation which was a useful opportunity to find out more about their current campaigns.

It was good to meet Deputy National Chair Tiff Lynch and we discussed issues of concern to police officers who do such an important job and deserve our thanks and support.

AGE UK Winter Advice



As we head into winter, I know many of my older constituents will be worrying about how to manage over the coming months.

Age UK has some useful tips on how you can look after yourself this winter:

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/health-wellbeing/keep-well-this-winter/>

Dog's Trust Winter Advice



Whilst Christmas is a magical time to spend with our family and pets, it is important to be mindful about the impact that festivities can have on our pets.

Dog's Trust UK have some very useful advice for keeping your dogs safe this winter. Find out more at [Dogs Trust](https://www.dogs-trust.org.uk/)

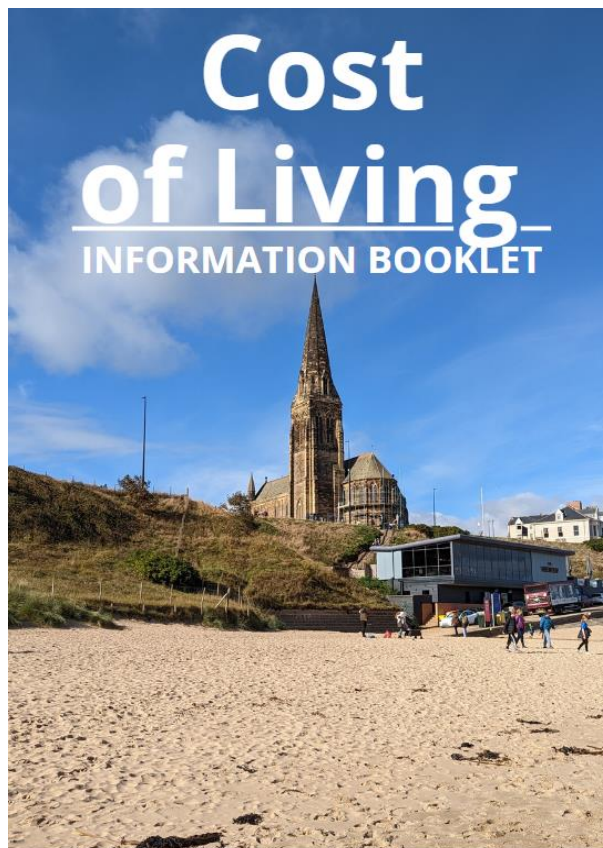
North Tyneside Council Christmas Advice

North Tyneside Council have published a dedicated webpage for information about services such as bin collections over Christmas.

Find out more at:

[Christmas and New Year information | North Tyneside Council](#)

Useful numbers and cost of living



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I have compiled a list of useful numbers that may come in handy over the Christmas period. You can find these, alongside my Cost of Living advice booklet on my website at:

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