

# Alan Campbell MP

## Community News

November 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\\_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 on my website at [News Guardian Articles - Alan Campbell MP for Tynemouth](#)

Best wishes

Alan Campbell MP

Tynemouth

## **Remembrance Sunday**



On Remembrance Sunday I attended services in North Shields, Backworth and Whitley Bay.  
I also attended a service at King's Priory.

We paid tribute to those who gave their lives to protect our country. May we never forget the sacrifices made by our Armed Forces, veterans and their families in the name of our security and democracy.

From the First World War to supporting our NATO allies, our UK Armed Forces personnel make remarkable sacrifices to our defence at home and abroad.

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## **Armistice Day**



On Armistice Day I joined Mary Glindon MP to lay a wreath at the Jigsaw memorial to the fallen in Post WW2 conflicts. We remember the enduring sacrifices Armed Forces personnel from the UK and Commonwealth make in the name of our nation. We must never forget those who made the ultimate sacrifice to defend the UK and our allies.

## **Whitley Bay Rockcliff RFC Memorial**



It was an honour to attend a ceremony to unveil a new memorial to Whitley Bay Rockcliff players who fell in the First World War.

Following extensive research by the club's History Society, for the first time, those who fell in World War One are honoured by the club alongside those from World War Two.

In a moving touch, inside the memorial is soil collected from the battlefield at the Somme.

## Islamic Centre Cultural Day

**Whitley Bay Islamic Cultural Centre Mosque**

Open Day

Visit your local mosque and find out what goes on...

**Whats On:**

- 🕌 Guided Mosque Tour
- 🕌 Live Call to Prayer @ 1:15 PM
- 🕌 Live Prayer @ 1:30 PM
- 👤 Try on Henna & Hijab
- 🖋 Arabic Calligraphy
- 🔍 Kids Treasure Hunt
- 💬 Q&A Sessions
- ☕ Free Refreshments

...and much more



Thank you to Whitley Bay Islamic Cultural Centre for inviting me to their community open day.

The day was a great opportunity for local people to get together as a community to share and explore cultures. The centre hosts many community activities throughout the year and I'd like to thank Misbah Hannan and everyone at the centre for their welcome.

## Whitley Bay Rotary Centenary



It was a pleasure to be a part of the Whitley Bay Rotary Centenary celebrations at the Spanish City Dome in Whitley Bay.

Rotary have been part of the social and cultural fabric of the town for so long it was important to mark their 100 years of service and achievements. From the construction of the Sea Front Panama Gardens in the 1930s to the annual town centre Christmas tree, Whitley Bay Rotary have been at the heart of our town. Here to another 100 years.

### **Meeting with Chief Constable and PCC**



I recently met with Chief Constable Vanessa Jardine and Police and Crime Commissioner Kim McGuinness.

We discussed a number of important issues including improvements in call handling “specifically the 101 service. The Chief’s policing priorities include a renewed focus on neighbourhood policing, anti-social behaviour and retail crime. It was good to get such a comprehensive update and be able to pass on concerns raised by residents.

### **St Mary's Primary School Visit**



It was great to visit St Mary’s Primary School in Cullercoats as part of Parliament Week.

Classes from Year 4, 5 and 6 spent the week learning about MPs and their roles and the impact of voting. I spoke to them about my job and what I do in London and the constituency as their local MP. We then had a very interesting question and answer session.

Thanks for having me.

### **Visit to Eastbourne House**



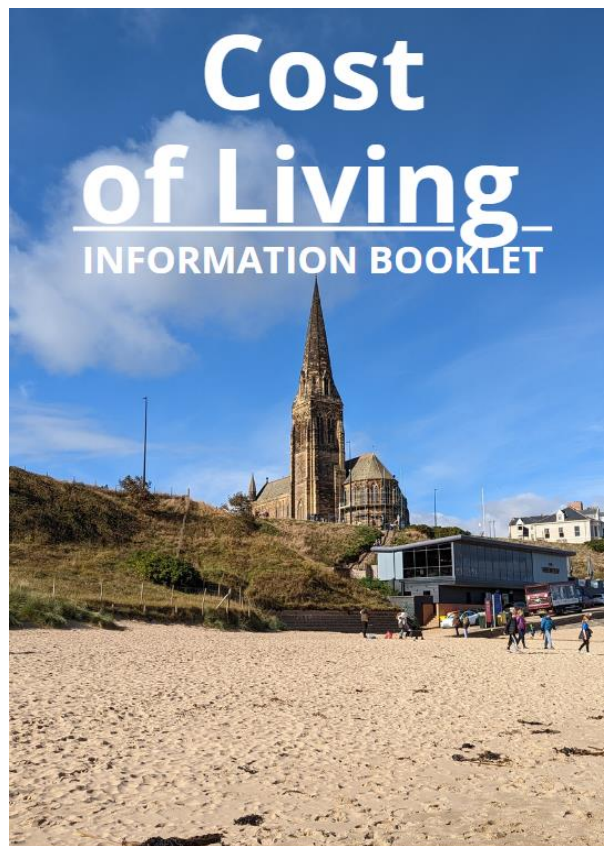
As part of Parliament Week I also visited Eastbourne House Care Home in Whitley Bay. I met residents and staff and found out how HC-One supports individuals managing increasingly complex needs including dementia and frailty. They currently have the biggest health and care workforce outside the NHS.

### **North Shields Town Centre Meeting**



It was fitting that during Respect for Shopworkers Week, I met with community representatives, local Police, North Tyneside Council and Mary Glindon MP to discuss the issues of theft, anti-social behaviour and police response times. Although it was good to get a update from the agencies involved, myself and Mary made the case on behalf of local businesses that more needs to be done to prevent and deal with shop thefts and to protect local staff.

### **Updated Cost of Living Booklet**



**ALAN CAMPBELL MP**



I have recently updated my Cost-of-Living Advice Booklet to reflect changes to support for the winter including local 'Warm Welcomes'.

You can find the updated booklet on my website at:

[Copy of Alan Campbell MP Cost of Living Resource Magazine](#)

## **Defibrillator community fund**



Applications are now open for the £1 million Defibrillator Community Automated External Defibrillators (AED) fund.

The Department for Health and Social Care has launched a fund to help fund public accessible defibrillators.

This will provide 2,000 new public access defibrillators for communities across England. Anyone in your constituency can apply. 1900 applications will receive match funding of £750.

You can apply at [www.defibgrant.co.uk](http://www.defibgrant.co.uk)

## **Puppy Smuggling**



For more than 10 years, Dogs Trust has been exposing the widespread abuse of the Pet Travel Scheme (PETS). It is being used by smugglers to illegally import puppies, which are often underage, unvaccinated, and found in poor welfare conditions from Central and Eastern Europe to be sold to unsuspecting buyers throughout the UK.

The puppy smuggling industry has gone unchecked for too long, with legislation due to help smuggled pups repeatedly delayed by the Government over the last 10 years. We need to see effective legislation to ensure that countless numbers of dogs do not have to suffer any longer at the hands of unscrupulous breeders and importers.

## **Bay Food Bank Reverse Advent Calendar**



I know that these are tough times for people in our local community but if you can help, this is a good way to do so.

## **Talk Money Week**



This year, I am supporting Talk Money Week, designed to get us all talking more about money and how and where to get help if and when you need it.

Research shows that people who talk about money:

- make better and less risky financial decisions
- help their children form good lifetime money habits
- feel less stressed or anxious and more in control.

If you are struggling with debt, national charity National Debtline give free, impartial expert advice and also have a lot of resources available. Find out more at:

[https://nationaldebtline.org/?fbclid=IwAR2FnkoHvE\\_UL46qvlGiksGclMwYRILCHgWJ6JhDWZ7gLryQgjfJMIFOGaI](https://nationaldebtline.org/?fbclid=IwAR2FnkoHvE_UL46qvlGiksGclMwYRILCHgWJ6JhDWZ7gLryQgjfJMIFOGaI)

And <https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en/family-and-care/talk-money/talk-money-week>

## **Be Winter Ready**

# **Be winter ready**

- ✓ **Prepare:** Make a plan for what to do if you have a power cut and save the power cut emergency number, it's 105
- ✓ **Care:** Care for others and check if someone you know needs extra help
- **Share:** Share this information so friends and family can make a plan



✓ Prepare ✓ Care ○ Share

We're pleased to be supporting Energy Networks Association's Be Winter Ready campaign to encourage residents across the borough to make sure they know what to do in the event of bad weather this winter. For more information about how you can Prepare, Care and Share visit:

[Be winter ready " Energy Networks Association \(ENA\)](https://www.ena.org.uk)

If you're a household with young children, with elderly or disabled people, or with anybody else who may have additional needs, you can register for extra protection with your energy supply by signing up to the Priority Services Register: <https://www.thepsr.co.uk>

## **Cold Weather Payments Triggered**



Cold weather payments have been triggered for postcodes NE25, NE26, NE27, NE29 and NE30.

Cold Weather Payments are made to recipients of selected benefits. DWP's Cold Weather Payment pages provide further information for claimants.

<https://www.gov.uk/cold-weather-payment>

### **Tesco Food Collection**

Once again Tesco is running its Winter Food Collection, which is taking place at Tesco stores between Thursday 30th November and Saturday 2nd December and which benefits the Trussell Trust and FareShare.



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