

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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Tynemouth

**Make sure you have your say - sign up for
a postal vote online**



On 2nd May there are a number of important local elections.

Locally, you will have the chance to elect 3 ward councillors based on the new boundaries. You can check the new boundaries at:

<https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/north-tyneside>

You will also have the chance to vote for the newly created North East Mayor as well as a new Police and Crime Commissioner.

You can now sign up for a postal vote online, making it easier than ever before to have your say.

Sign up online at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote>

You'll need to apply by 5pm on 17 April 2024 to get a postal vote for the 2 May 2024 elections. You will need your National Insurance number handy.

Visit to North Shields Fish Quay
with Kim McGuinness



It was excellent visiting the Fish Quay recently with our Police and Crime Commissioner Kim McGuinness and our Mayor Norma Redfearn.

Norma and I showed Kim Fiddler's Green and we met with the North Shields Fish Quay Company to see the importance of the fish quay to our local economy.

Thanks to Terry McDermott, Nik Hanlon, Andy Dixon of 55 degrees, and all the supporters of the North Shields Fishermen's Heritage Project. A port with a proud past and promising future.

You can watch a video from the visit at:

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1762877459219804349>

Thomas Brown Square





It was an honour to attend the unveiling of the memorial to Thomas Brown GM, the WWII hero and George Medal recipient, who retrieved the Enigma codes at sea.

Last year, North Tyneside Council invited people to be part of history by voting on a new name for the square from a shortlist of four significant local figures. Thomas Brown took more than half the votes: 2,149 out of 4,247.

Thomas Brown is true national as well as local hero, this naming ceremony after a public vote is also a tribute to Thomas' family who long campaigned for recognition of his heroism and it was good to see so many of them at the event.

Visit to Rake Lane



I visited North Tyneside General recently to meet up with the new Chief Executive of Northumbria NHS Healthcare Trust, Dr Birju Bartoli to discuss future plans for our area.

It was also really interesting visiting Ward 12 to speak to staff about their work and congratulate them on the great job they do day in and day out.

Question Time at Marden High School



It was great to go along to Marden High earlier this month to join Year 9 in a Question Time style lecture. The event was part of their recent project in English around social equality.

It was a really good afternoon with some great questions - thanks to all at Marden for having me.

New Young Mayor and Young MP



I joined Mary Glendon MP as well as local councillors at the announcement of North Tyneside's new Young Mayor and Member of UK Youth Parliament.

Many congratulations to Coby and John who were elected. They are a credit to their families and their schools and well done to North Tyneside - a council which goes above and beyond to give young people a voice.

Catch up with Port of Tyne



Matt Beeton, the Chief Executive of Port of Tyne and I had a catch up recently to discuss a number of exciting projects that are in the pipeline. I hope to be able to update people on this in the next edition.

English Tourism Week



I supported English Tourism Week - an annual celebration of the tourism industry and which highlights the growing importance of tourism to our local economy.

As the weather turns warmer and with Easter up ahead, I want to say a big thank you to the wonderful businesses in Tynemouth Constituency who do so much to make our area such an amazing place to live, work and visit.

With our stunning coastline, great parks and a year-round programme of events, its clear from the media coverage we are getting that we are becoming a real visitor destination - putting North Tyneside on the map.

Tyne and Wear Citizens Meeting



I met with Claire Crow and others from Tyne & Wear Citizens, a chapter of the national charity Citizens UK. Citizens UK empowers ordinary people to make change on the issues which matter to them.

One of the main priorities of the Tyne & Wear Citizens is the Living Wage campaign. The real Living Wage is set each year by the Living Wage Foundation and is the only UK wage rate based on living costs.

Young Carers Pledge



On Young Carers Action Day I committed to a fair future for all young carers & young adult carers. This is why I have signed the Young Carers Covenant and made my commitment to take action to support the aims of the Covenant. You can read more at:

<https://carers.org/campaigning-for-change/the-young-carers-covenant>

Meeting with new

Area Commander



I met with the newly appointed Area Commander for North Tyneside Daniel Whyte.

We discussed the updated approach that will be taken to community policing, and I am pleased that priority is being given to fostering a strong and collaborative approach between the police and the local community.

Daniel assured me he is committed to creating a safe and secure environment for all residents in North Tyneside.

ACS Crime Report



The ACS (the Association of Convenience Stores) Crime Report 2024 has found that convenience store owners' experience of shop theft is at the highest levels ever recorded.

I know, from local businesses, that this is the case and that more needs to be done. Over the Christmas period, following meetings with the council and police, we saw a major crackdown on crime, theft and ASB in North Shields, but this report makes it clear we cannot take our

feet off the brakes. I will be discussing what more we can do locally with the police in the coming weeks.

Park Tennis Project



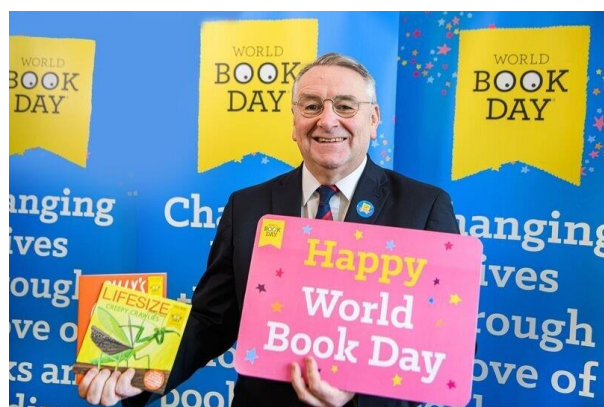
It was good to drop into the Lawn Tennis Association's event in Parliament to hear about the work that's going on to transform parks in Tynemouth and across Britain through the Park Tennis Project.

The Park Tennis Project is a £30m LTA Tennis Foundation investment transforming park tennis courts across Britain for the benefit of local communities.

Park tennis courts are vital to opening tennis up to more people and particularly important for the participation of women and underserved communities.

In Tynemouth constituency, £116,696.95 is being invested to transform Crawford and Souter Parks for the benefit of the local community.

World Book Day



Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success. More than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income.

However, reading for pleasure is at its lowest levels in 18 years and many children have limited access to books. 500,000 (one in 15) children in England aged 8 –18 say they don't own a single book, which rises to one in 10 for those eligible for Free School Meals.

One in five pupils receiving Free School Meals said that the book they 'bought' with their World Book Day book token was the first book of their own.

It is so important that every child and young adult in our area has the opportunity to have a book of their own that they have chosen for themselves and I am delighted to celebrate my own love of reading through the World Book Day campaign.

Whitley Bay High

Reading Challenge



Fantastic to see Whitley Bay High School in the regional heats of the National Reading Champions Quiz.

A great initiative from the Literacy Trust to encourage & celebrate a love of reading in students across the UK.

Cancer Prevention Week



I supported the World Cancer Research Fund's Cancer Prevention Week. This year, the theme was physical activity.

To help reduce the risk of cancer, research shows we should be physically active as part of everyday life – walk more and sit less.

One of their Cancer Prevention Recommendations is to be physically active as part of everyday life – walk more and sit less.

There is strong evidence that physical activity protects against cancers of the colon, breast and endometrium, and that it helps prevent excess weight gain.

You can find out more at:

<https://www.wcrf-uk.org/preventing-cancer/cancer-prevention-awareness-week/>

Armed Forces Veteran's



I'm proud that 569 female Armed Forces veterans were shown to live in Tynemouth at the last Census.

On International Women's Day, I joined with the Royal British Legion in celebrating the role that women play in our Forces.

I thank them for their service.

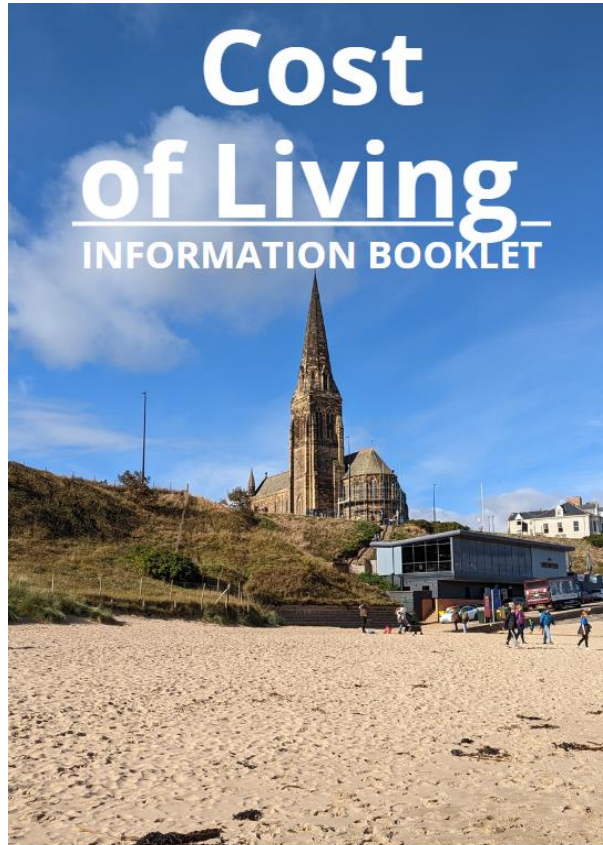
Age UK Advice



Pension Credit offers crucial financial support to those who need it most and enables access to other benefits. Find out if you're eligible Age UK's benefit calculator and start your claim today: <https://bit.ly/47MhplN>

Age UK has been working to encourage older people who may be entitled to Pension Credit to make a claim for it. Those eligible have nothing to lose by applying, but a lot to gain. Learn more here: <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/money-legal/pensions/>

Useful numbers and cost of living



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I have compiled a list of useful numbers that may come in handy. 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](#)



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