

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_uybFykBHP9Ze74JblWM5zGUiDhFgl8FizrUZK7Zmr1vijlCM68TFI_cGhOnsm_TvNnVuiYMhiLm

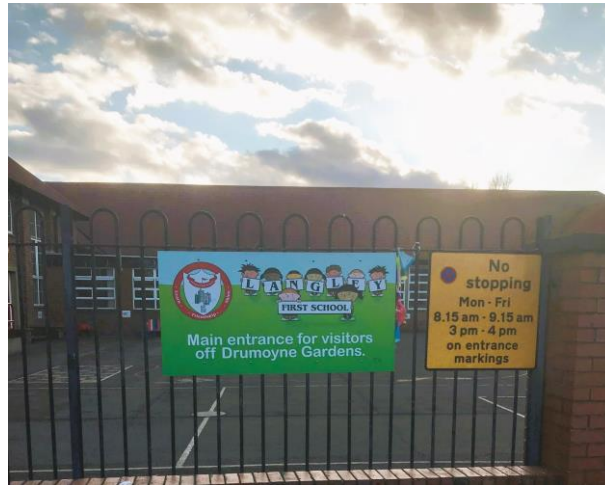
I continue to write my fortnightly column for the News Guardian, you can access these on my website at [News Guardian Articles - Alan Campbell MP for Tynemouth](#)

Best wishes

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Tynemouth

Langley School Breakfast Club



As part of the government's Plan for Change, Langley Primary School has been chosen as one of the first to offer free, daily breakfast clubs as part of our landmark scheme that will ensure children are school-ready and parents are better off.

Labour's Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill, which I voted for last month, legislated to create these clubs and also to put a cap on the number of branded uniform items schools can require. The Bill will save some families over £500 per child, per year.

That comes alongside the government's childcare expansion, providing 30 free hours of early years education from September.

The breakfast club at Langley, set to open in April, is a testament to the school and the government's dedication to improving children's attendance, attainment, wellbeing, behaviour and readiness for school.

Visit to the Bay Foodbank



Thank you to the Bay Foodbank for taking the time to show me around. I want to pay tribute to the charities and volunteers who operate food banks to help those struggling to get by.

Our local foodbank does an incredible job, and tragically are busier than ever as more and more people are reliant on emergency food aid.

In 2010, food banks were not part of the fabric of our communities as they are today, because there was not the same scale of demand from hungry people and their families. I want food banks to become increasingly unnecessary as we reduce poverty and hunger through economic growth, good jobs, free school meals, breakfast clubs, and a fairer society.

For more information visit: [The Bay Foodbank](#)

Show the Love Campaign



Thank you to Cullercoats WI for their wonderful window display for the Climate Coalition's Show the Love campaign. If you're in Whitley Bay it's in the window of Newcastle Building Society. Thank you also to Kim, Terri and Keeley for taking the time to meet with me and for their work both in our community and raising awareness of this incredibly important issue.

Find out more at: <https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/>

Visit to Walking With





On Valentine's Day I visited Walking With – a charity based in Wallsend, but who serve the whole of North Tyneside. Walking With has worked to support Asylum seekers and Refugees for over 25 years.

They were able to share the issues facing people living in the asylum system and to discuss the effects of this, while also considering practical ways to change the system for the benefit of all.

Thank you to all the staff and service users for their valuable insights into the current system.

To find out more visit: <https://walkingwith.co.uk/>

Remembering Gaul



8th and 9th February was the anniversary of the Gaul disaster when 36 fishermen including 6 from North Shields lost their lives. They will not be forgotten.

Working Well



I met with Cllr Karen Clark at the Working Well Hub in North Shields which she set up to help local people get back into work.

We have some fantastic businesses locally and I'm pleased that North Tyneside has become more business friendly in recent years.

The Government has already legislated to create Skills England – whose job it will be to find and fill jobs gaps across our country.

On National Apprenticeship Week, we announced new foundation apprenticeships to once again prioritise young people and a youth guarantee to get all young people earning or learning.

National Apprenticeship Week was a great opportunity to celebrate apprentices and their importance for local businesses and the wider economy.

North East Humanists



I met with the Chair and Secretary of the North East Humanists in the constituency recently to discuss their recent conference on Poverty a Humanist Concern.

The group are a local charity encouraging awareness, understanding, and acceptance of Humanism as a purposeful and moral basis for leading happy and fulfilling lives with a particular focus on helping to alleviate poverty locally.

Find out more at: <https://www.northeast-humanists.org.uk/>

North Tyneside Council

Children's Services Ofsted



I recently received a letter from the Minister for Children and Families congratulating North Tyneside Council on their recent Ofsted inspection of Children's Services.

They were rated 'Outstanding' across all areas with particular reference to the work with children in care and care leavers.

Our Children's Services is now one of the best in the country and all involved should be rightly proud.

Dentistry Update



For the last couple of years an issue that crops up again and again in my postbag is the difficulty of local people in accessing an NHS Dentist.

Whilst we have seen progress on this locally, with the Integrated Care Board commissioning more appointments and Dame Norma Redfearn setting up a Dental Taskforce, I welcomed the news that the Government will soon roll out an extra 700,000 appointments with the North East set to get an extra 60,000 urgent appointments. I will include further information including how to access these appointments in the coming months.

For further information please visit:

<https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/here-to-help-you/health-advice-and-support/nhs-dentistry/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-dentist/results/NE30%201NA>

When the Boat Comes In



Congratulations to the When the Boat Comes In project in North Shields which has received new funding to celebrate working class histories as part of the Historic England Everyday Heritage grants programme.

When the Boat Comes In is a co-created project uncovering the rich heritage of the fishing community in North Shields. Through the stories and experiences of those whose lives are shaped by the quay and its industries, the project will explore the hidden heritage of the fishing industry set against a changing industrial landscape.

The outcomes, curated by the fishing community and facilitated by Tyneside Cinema and partners, will form part of the celebrations marking 800 years of the town and Fish Quay, creating a lasting tribute to its working-class heritage and evolving landscape.

Pledge Against anti Jewish Hate



We have seen an unacceptable rise in Antisemitic attacks in recent years and I recently signed a pledge organised by CST, the Jewish Leadership Council and the Antisemitism Policy Trust to stand firmly against antisemitism in any form.

Britain must not become somewhere where Jewish businesses are attacked, schools are closed and Jewish families stay home and feel they have to hide their identities.

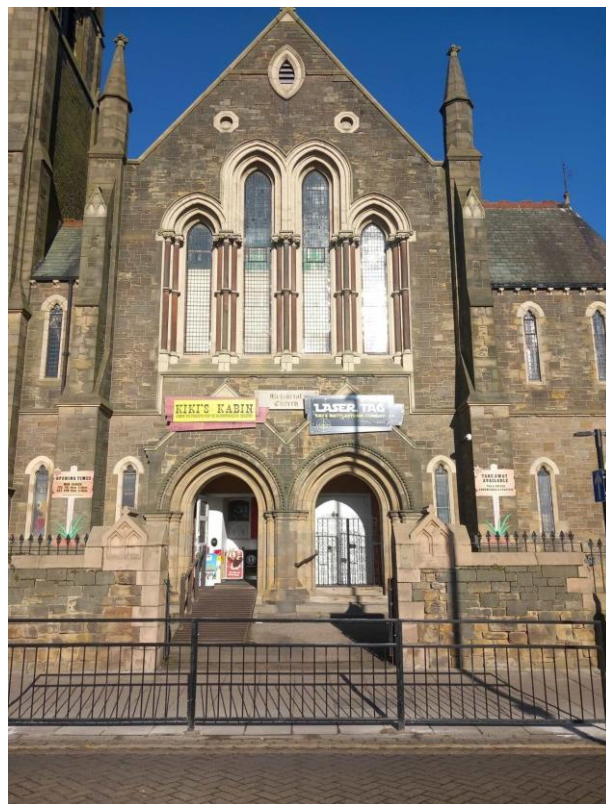
Meeting with Papatango



I met with Papatango, an Olivier Award-winning theatre company who champion the next generation of playwrights, especially those who might otherwise lack pathways into theatre. They run free playwriting and producing courses, culminating in public sharing of new plays and fund new productions across the North-East.

Thanks to Cullercoats resident and Executive Director of Papatango Chris Foxton for organising the meeting.

Road Safety in North Shields



Thank you to the local resident who drew my attention to an issue of safety following road improvements near Kiki's Kabin. Following involvement from my office, council officers met with residents and have installed a number of pedestrian guardrails outside of

the entrance to the building. North Tyneside Council have also currently analysing traffic data collected after the installation in order to monitor safety at the site.

Asda Foundation Grants



Grants are now available from the Asda Foundation, aimed at helping grassroots groups to groups to support young people between the ages of 13 and 21. Up to £500,000 is available across the UK and organisations can find more information on how to apply here: [Young Futures Fund | Asda Foundation](#)


Helplines Awareness Day

Support when you need it

www.helplines.org/find-a-helpline/

- Mental health
- Suicide
- Advice
- Abuse
- Financial issues
- Addiction
- Domestic Violence
- Family
- Relationships
- LGBTQ+
- Hate Crime
- Welfare advice
- Crime
- Bereavement



Find A Helpline 
Online Directory

This year I am supporting Helplines Awareness Day. Run by the Helplines Partnership their Helplines Directory is a list of approved helplines from around the UK who can offer people support and advice via phone, email or text.

You can find the directory at <https://www.helplines.org/find-a-helpline/>
