

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

[https://www.facebook.com/AlanCampbellForTynemouth/?eid=ARCt\\_uybFykBHP9Ze74JbIWm5zGUiDhFgl8FizrUZK7Zmr1vijlCM68TFI\\_cGhOnsm\\_TvNnVuiYMhiLm](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

## **Free School Meals**

I've welcomed the extra support from the Government following the news free school meals will be extended to every child in families receiving universal credit.

From September next year, in Tynemouth 4130 school age children should benefit. In addition to the roll out of free breakfast clubs, the change will save parents nearly £500 per year per child.

Education needs to be, once again, the ladder of opportunity which stops any child's circumstances or background holding them back.

## **Food Waste Scheme at Cedarwood**



It's very exciting news that Cedarwood has officially been named as one of 12 charities across England to receive a share of £13.6 million in Department for Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) funding.

Garden Gate Community Glean has been named one of just 12 projects in England to receive Defra funding through the Tackling Food Surplus at the Farm Gate scheme.

The core of the project is to glean fresh produce from local sources and redistribute it to households facing food insecurity, ensuring nutritious food reaches those in need.

You can find out more or you can get involved at:

<https://cedarwoodtrust.com/glean/>

## Playing Out at King's Priory



It was fantastic to visit King's Priory recently to look at how they are making playtime better.

OPAL is an award-winning, school improvement programme that looks to improve the quality of play in British primary schools.

It has won the "best active schools' programme in Europe" award and is working closely with Sport England to promote more active childhoods.

King's have been working on partnership with OPAL for 15 months and have been awarded the Platinum Award, placing Kings Priory in the top 1% of schools nationally for their play offer.

Congratulations and happy playing out!

## Big Bowls Weekend at Crawford Park





Thank you to Crawford Park Bowling Club, Club Secretary Brian and members for such a warm welcome earlier this month. The club are doing excellent work in the local community and are keen for local people to get involved.

New members are always welcome and there is tuition and equipment available. They also run sessions for non-members, groups and families. Call 07891132966 or visit their website for more information:

[https://crawfordparkbc.weebly.com/?fbclid=IwY2xjawK04H1leHRuA2FlbQIxMABicmlkETBpalNRWjA0Nnd6TW5jbHg3AR7MJ2D4yf5yjVJsK62ydFK8fDUDyINKrDMiQqQ2RUdpI-7gYpl3QEYSAohGig\\_aem\\_RwsKVj4pfYz3b87DzQbMoQ](https://crawfordparkbc.weebly.com/?fbclid=IwY2xjawK04H1leHRuA2FlbQIxMABicmlkETBpalNRWjA0Nnd6TW5jbHg3AR7MJ2D4yf5yjVJsK62ydFK8fDUDyINKrDMiQqQ2RUdpI-7gYpl3QEYSAohGig_aem_RwsKVj4pfYz3b87DzQbMoQ)

## YMCA Picnic in the Park



A big thank you to YMCA and Dean Titterton for organising another great Picnic in the Park which sees our local community come together for such a good cause.

It was also good to welcome our new Mayor Karen Clark to her first Picnic in the Park and have a catch up about progress on North Shields regeneration.

### **Welcoming Revd McCarthy**



I was pleased to meet with the Revd Dan McCarthy recently to welcome him and his family to St. Augustin's and Christ Church.

Revd Dan McCarthy was installed as Rector of North Shields Parish earlier this year and I look forward to working alongside him in our local community.

### **All Rise – Photography exhibition**



Tom Quibell is a documentary photographer who has been working locally to capture the life of St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's parish in North Shields and Tyne & Wear chapter of Citizens UK.

I enjoyed visiting the exhibition held at St Cuthbert's and the chance to thank Fr Chris for his work in our local area.

The picture above of Fr Chris is part of the exhibition.

## **Surfers Against Sewage Paddle Out Protest**



Thank you to Tynemouth Cllrs Tom Bailey and Julie Day who recently went along to the Surfers Against Sewage Paddle Out Protest to speak to local people about their concerns about water quality. Tom and Julie then contacted me on behalf of local residents to put their questions to me.

Thank you to Surfers Against Sewage and all local residents who are campaigning for cleaner rivers and seas. I and the government are committed to making the changes necessary.

Look out for the video on my facebook.

## **St John's Methodist Church Centenary**



I was pleased to be present for St John's Methodist Church Centenary Celebration weekend.

As part of the celebrations, they had a showcase of everything that happens in the church over the entire week in one day. From karate to tea dances there is a huge amount going on at the church. Thank you to Revd Eva Walker, Superintendent of the North Shields and Whitley Bay Methodist Circuit for everything she does in our community.

### **Police Federation Meeting**



I met with the Chair of Northumbria Police Federation Nick Munelly recently. Northumbria Police Federation is the statutory organisation representing Northumbria Police's Constables, Sergeants and Inspecting ranks.

We had a useful catch-up about local concerns and also discussed their national campaign on police pay.

### **VE Day Procession**



The House of Commons speaker led MPs and peers on a procession to Westminster Abbey, a ritual to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

The procession served as a re-enactment of the historic walk MPs did from parliament on VE Day in 1945, after it was announced that fighting in Europe had come to an end.



## National Fish and Chip Day



Happy 10th Anniversary to National Fish and Chip Day.

For a coastal constituency, fish and chips are a big part of both our heritage and our current visitor economy.

On the day I popped into the Waterfront in North Shields to show my support.

## Mayoral Election





Congratulations to Karen Clark on her election as the new Mayor of North Tyneside.

I look forward to working with Karen as we continue to progress with the regeneration of North Shields.

### **North Shields 800 – Summer Plans**

As part of the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of North Shields I have been proud to Chair the committee to plan the celebrations.

A whole calendar of celebrations, events and projects are happening – and June is a major month for North Shields 800.

#### **Coming up later this month:**

June 20<sup>th</sup> - the spectacular Parade of Boats and Blessing of the Fleet on North Shields Fish Quay.



June 21<sup>st</sup> - a Community Celebration with a festival atmosphere at North Shields Football Club.



June 28<sup>th</sup> - a Community Day with a packed programme of activities at the Linskill Centre.



I hope that these events will instil local pride, attract visitors, and bring people of our town together to celebrate our town's rich history, heritage, and culture.