

# 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\\_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

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Tynemouth

## St Mary's Primary 'Send my friend to school'



I was pleased to visit St Mary's Catholic Primary School before the start of the summer holidays.

As part of the Justice and our Jubilee Pledge they have been taking part in the [#sendmyfriendtoschool](#) campaign and they presented me with letters they've written to Parliament to ask for a commitment to a safe, inclusive and quality education for all children in the world. I have promised to pass them to the Prime Minister.

## North Tyneside Disability Forum



I joined Mayor Karen Clark and Emma Foody MP at the NTDF Summer Fair in Shiremoor recently.

Although due to the boundary changes at the last General Election, NTDF is no longer within my constituency many of the local people who use the service do live in my constituency.

It was great to catch up with everyone at NTDF and my thanks as ever to Sue Adams and staff for their work.

## **Cedarwood Catch-up**



Thanks to Wayne for his time showing me round the Cedarwood Centre to see the positive changes since I was last there.

It was good to have a catch-up and talk honestly about both the challenges and the incredible resilience of people in our community.

It was, as always, useful to see first-hand the everyday strength of people supporting one another from shared meals to skills workshops, from warm spaces to quiet conversations.

Thanks to Wayne and the staff for all you do for our community.

## **Visit to North Shields County Court**



I recently took up an invitation from the Lady Chief Justice and Senior President of the Tribunals Service to visit North Shields County and Family Court based at the Royal Quays.

I had a tour of the building and a meeting with a judiciary District Judge followed by the opportunity of sitting in open court to observe that day's proceedings. It was interesting to see at first-hand the work of the court particularly the work involving welfare decisions. I employ a member of staff whose sole job is to advise

on welfare benefits and who often attends the court in her role advising local residents.

My thanks to Joanne, Phil and Judge Phillips for their time.

### **Elevation Festival in North Shields**



I went along to see progress on the Elevation Mural Festival, which is transforming North Shields into a vibrant, open-air art gallery.

During August, eight large-scale murals are being created by some of the UK's most exciting street artists - changing the face of North Shields as part of the 800th anniversary celebrations.

Thanks to Elevation the local arts charity and all the artists involved in this unique project.

Find out more at [North Shields Murals - Elevation](#)

### **Our Woven Voices**



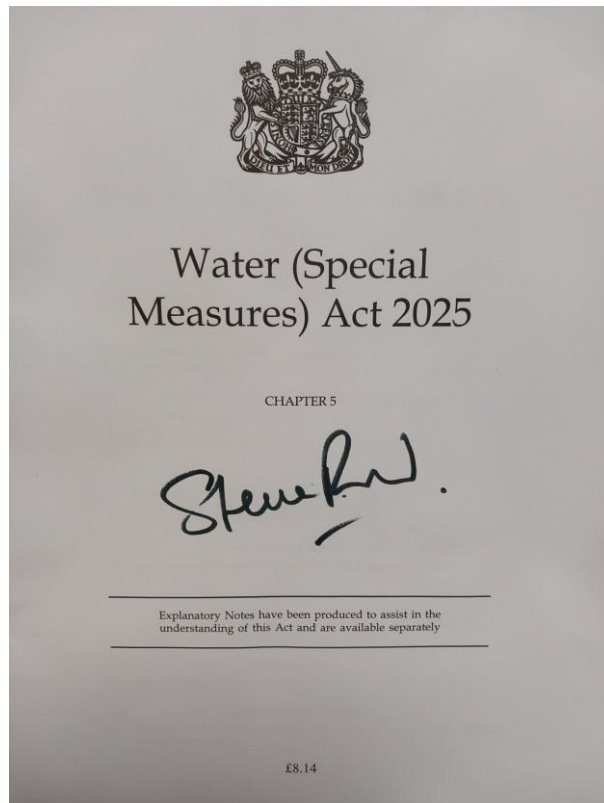
I took the opportunity to visit the new 'Our Woven Voices' sculpture, next to North Shields Magistrates Court.

This new sculpture by international artist Aaron Li-Hil, with help from Laura Brenchley and over 1000 local people will welcome people into our town and is hugely symbolic of the community spirit of North Shields.

It's part of the ongoing regeneration work across the town which is happening as North Shields celebrates its 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

A big thank you to Helix Arts and everyone involved with this project and the wider North Shields 800 celebrations.

## Water and sewage update



Following my meeting last month with local Tynemouth Cllrs Julie Day and Tom Bailey where we discussed local concerns about water quality, I am pleased that the Government has confirmed the biggest overhaul of water regulation in a generation.

We are establishing a new partnership where water companies, investors, communities and the Government will work together to clean up our rivers, lakes and seas for good.

Watch the Environment Secretary's video  
at <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1CJCb6kXQi/>

**Seaside Stories**



Historic England has launched an interactive map of some of our nationally protected historic coastal landmarks. It will be a celebration of our seaside heritage and is part of The Missing Pieces Project. The project invites the public to share pictures and stories of memorable places on the National Heritage list and celebrates nearly 300 years of seaside history.

The site includes the Spanish City, St Mary's Lighthouse and both Whitley Bay and Tynemouth railway stations.

Heritage England invites photos, information and memories to try to better understand and appreciate the role seaside towns play. Our Coast is about more than just history, it is thanks to regeneration a vibrant living community

If you, your relations or friends would like to contribute your seaside memories you can visit:

[https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/missing-pieces/seaside-stories/?fbclid=IwY2xjawLshf5leHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHqb7bcmW6q14G5GT0Pvj4UZfO3pVmaFzRYTyEfNVMprTIQVPb8ybc7-wSFGZ\\_aem\\_9mTANut2SbDH9Mos3Gx5uA](https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/missing-pieces/seaside-stories/?fbclid=IwY2xjawLshf5leHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHqb7bcmW6q14G5GT0Pvj4UZfO3pVmaFzRYTyEfNVMprTIQVPb8ybc7-wSFGZ_aem_9mTANut2SbDH9Mos3Gx5uA)

**Love Parks Week**



I am supporting Love Parks Week 2025 which is a great opportunity to celebrate that Preston Cemetery and Northumberland Park have retained their Green Flag Awards – the international quality mark for parks and green spaces.

The awards celebrate the best-managed parks across the UK and beyond, which set the benchmark for others to follow.

This year's success recognises the hard work of the council staff and volunteers who maintain the borough's green spaces throughout the year. It is especially gratifying to see how well loved Northumberland Park is after the regeneration works which has been undertaken over the past ten years.

### **Bay Food Bank Update**



*Picture of Alan and Joe taken on an earlier visit to the Bay Food Bank*

Congratulations to Joe Scrase who has become the new Chief Executive of the Bay Foodbank. I look forward to working with him and wish him all the best in his new role.

### **Retail Workers Week**



On National Retail Workers Day, I joined the union Usdaw in celebrating the social and economic importance of retail jobs and retail workers across the UK.

For too long, retail workers have had to put up with persistent anti-social behaviour and abuse which is why I recently voted for the government's Crime and Policing Bill.

The new legislation, places high priority on protecting our high streets. It will end the effective immunity for shop theft of goods below £200. It also includes strong provision to better protect retail workers from assault, creating a new specific offence for assaults on shopworkers that will protect them from threats and violence.

### **Shop Kind**



I would like to encourage local retailers in our area to take advantage of free information and advice from the Association of Convenience Stores (ACS) such as the Crime Guidance, which provides practical advice on effective crime prevention measures - including body-worn cameras, CCTV systems, and staff headsets.

Retailers can also support the #ShopKind campaign, run by ACS and backed by the Home Office, the campaign aims to encourage positive behaviours in shops, acknowledge the important role of shopworkers and raise awareness about the scale and impact of violence and abuse against shopworkers. Free to use assets for #ShopKind can be found at <https://nbcc.police.uk/business-support/shopkind>

### **Grant Available**



I welcome the launch of Amazon's Regional Creatives Fund, which is offering grants of up to £30,000 to UK charities that develop creative industry career pathways.

The fund aims to increase access to careers in creative industries for people from underserved communities, supporting programmes in publishing, music, gaming, film, TV, fashion, advertising, and more.

This initiative aligns with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport's recently announced Creative Places Growth Fund and aims to increase access to careers in the creative industries for people from underserved communities, including those across the North East.

For more information on applying please visit: <https://www.aboutamazon.co.uk/news/community/amazon-regional-creatives-fund>

Applications open until 31<sup>st</sup> August.

### **North Shields 800**



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

A whole calendar of celebrations, events and projects are happening, please see the website for further details.

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