

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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Pride in Place Programme



I am pleased to share some positive news for our area.

We've secured funding for Percy Main through the Government's Pride in Place Programme. It's £20 million of long-term funding - £2 million a year for the next decade.

The money can be spent on things like improving parks, fixing or removing empty buildings or keeping our streets clean and safe. But it's up to local people to decide how it's spent.

Over the coming weeks we'll be seeking local people's views on what their priorities are.

Battle of Britain 2025





It was an honour to attend a service and lay a wreath to mark Battle of Britain Day at the Cenotaph in Whitley Bay.

The service, organised by the British Legion and RAFA, is an important reminder of the air men who gave their lives to protect Britain in World War 2.

Now more than ever we remember the sacrifice of the generation who gave so selflessly.

Send my Friend to School



I visited St Mary's Catholic Primary School in Cullercoats and they gave me letters to the Prime Minister they had written as part of the 'Send my friend to school' campaign for global education.

I met the Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer to pass on the letters.

The Prime Minister asked me to pass on his thanks to all the pupils at St Mary's for their work on this important issue.

He has pledged to do everything possible to make sure that children around the world get to go to school.

Tyne Crossing plans moving forward



I'm pleased that National Grid has now formally submitted the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report for the Tyne Crossing Strategic Replacement project.

The screening report outlines plans to remove the existing overhead electricity lines across the River Tyne between Jarrow and Wallsend, replacing them with an underground tunnel of around 1.6km.

This massively exciting project will help unlock new opportunities for clean energy growth, job creation and investment in the region.

I look forward to working closely with partners as the scheme progresses.

Mural Festival



I met up with Matt Wilson, one of the organisers of the Mural Festival in North Shields. Having visited the first mural at the start of the summer it was great to join Matt on our town's new mural trail. The murals are all incredibly eye-catching and they're certainly becoming a tourist attraction. I understand there may still be more to come.

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

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

North Tyneside 10k Road Race



Congratulations to everyone who took part in the North Tyneside 10k race. I joined the Mayor Karen Clark at St Mary's Lighthouse to award the winners with their medals.

The event goes from strength to strength and the route is a marvellous showcase of our wonderful regenerated coastline.

Tyne and Wear Citizens



I met again with Tyne and Wear Citizens at St Cuthbert's in North Shields. It is always informative for me to meet with the group and hear their views and concerns. At this meeting we discussed NHS dentists, the living wage and housing amongst others. My thanks go to Fr Chris for his work in our community. I look forward to our next catch up.

Visit to local business



Thanks to Erdem Baldudak, the CEO of Heating Trade Supplies, a proudly North East based business who invited me on a tour of their factory as they celebrate their 10th anniversary.

As a leading provider of sustainable boiler spare parts and a pioneer in the circular economy for the heating sector, the business has a big impact on the local economy.

It was good to hear how they have helped over 100,000 low-income households, delivering £15 million in total savings by providing affordable refurbished parts.

Heating Trade Supplies also employ over 40 local staff and continue to invest in job creation, training, and community support.

Meeting with the Chief Executive



I recently met with the council Chief Executive Jackie Laughton and the Mayor Karen Clark for one of our regular briefing sessions.

I was particularly pleased to note the successful ‘soft’ launch of shared office space within North Shields transport hub. This will see the council’s Community Protection Team and Northumbria Police working from the office as part of Project Shield to focus on this hot spot area for anti-social behaviour.

This will mean high visibility within the town centre and a base to work from where officers can regularly patrol the area but also open the doors for businesses, residents and visitors to visit to discuss any issues they wish to talk about. The flexibility of this space will allow Police to make use of the space up to midnight to provide reassurance and support around the night-time economy.

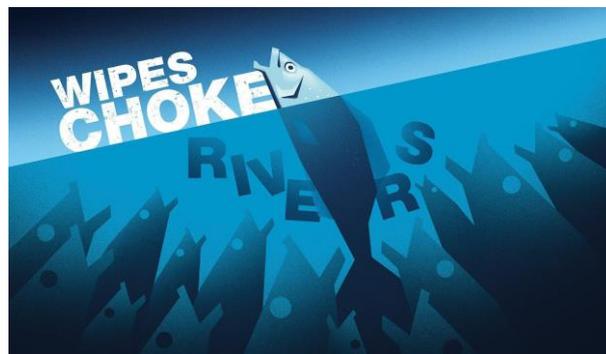
World Animal Day



Saturday October 4th marks the 100th anniversary of World Animal Day, and animal lovers are being urged to celebrate by taking part in Naturewatch Foundation's "Donate a Dinner" campaign – helping to feed animals in rescue centres and rehoming organisations in the UK as they wait for their forever homes.

If you would like to take part in the 'Donate a Dinner' campaign to support a local animal shelter find out more at: [Let's 'Donate A Dinner' For World Animal Day!](#)

Bin the Wipe



I am supporting Northumbrian Water's Bin the Wipe campaign to raise awareness of the consequences that can happen when wet wipes are wrongly flushed down the toilet.

Northumbria Water launched the campaign in 2020, after finding 64% of the 15,600 sewer blockages cleared in the North East in 2019 were caused by wet wipes.

Wipes do not break down like toilet paper and cause blockages in the pipes.

Make one simple change to help protect homes from flooding and the environment from being polluted by 'Binning the Wipe'.

For more information, visit www.nwl.co.uk/binthewipe

Funding for East End Youth

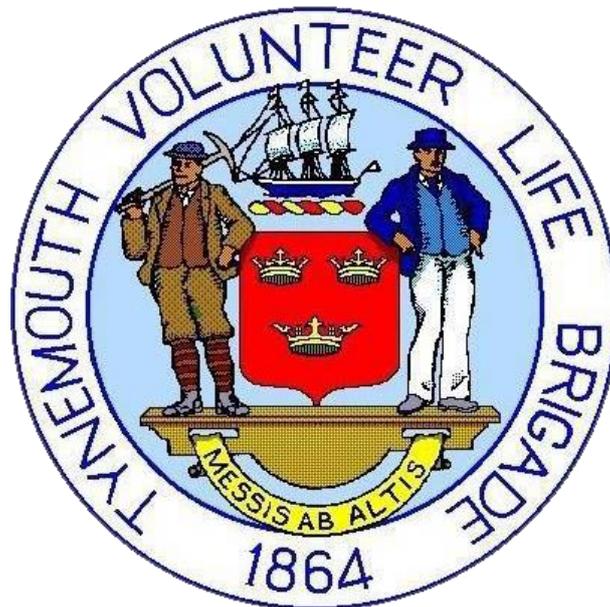
and Community Centre



I was delighted to hear that a local group East End Youth & Community Centre, based in North Shields, recently received £19,992 from the Asda Foundation.

Across the UK, 79 community groups will receive a share of £1.25m from their Local Community Spaces Fund. Funding opportunities are available throughout the year:

Funding for TVLB



The Morrisons Foundation has recently approved a grant for Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade.

A donation of £5,915 will be made to the charity for 25 sets of foul weather workwear to ensure safety and effectiveness during coastal emergencies.

My thanks go to the Morrisons Foundation for donating to such a worthwhile cause. TVLB does an amazing job here in Tynemouth and beyond and I know is a cause close to many local hearts.

Guide Dogs



At Labour Party Conference I met up with charity Guide Dogs as I know many local people are so supportive of the cause. I too value this important charity and it was good to meet up in person for an update on their work.

For more information including how to donate please visit: [Guide Dogs | The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association](#)

Cancer Research



An interesting part of party conference is the opportunity to meet up with a variety of organisations and charities and indeed many of my constituents contact me in the weeks leading up to conference asking me to do so. It was good then to meet with Cancer Research UK to hear about their recent 'Manifesto for Cancer Research and Care' and its policy recommendations to prevent 20,000 cancer deaths per year by 2040.
