



Tynemouth

News from Alan Campbell
MP

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Community News

A message from Alan

I was honoured to receive an award at the recent Whitley Bay and North Shields Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal Presentation Evening at the Comrade's Club in Whitley Bay.

Awards were presented to a range of people to recognise their support in 2017.

My thanks go to all RBL members who work so hard all year round on behalf of those men and women and their families who have served and continue to serve our country.

I remain fully committed to supporting the brave men and women of our Armed Forces, both while they are serving and when they have retired. I pay tribute to them and recognise the sacrifices that they make.

I also thank members of the public who support the Poppy Appeal year after year.

Best wishes



Alan pictured at the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal Presentation Evening.

Pledging to support a 'Plastic Free Parliament'

Hot on the heels of the Surfer's Against Sewage campaign for a 'Plastic Free Coastline' I am pleased to support Sky Ocean Rescue's campaign for a 'Plastic Free Parliament' and to #PassOnPlastic.

Launched in January 2017, Sky Ocean Rescue aims to shine a spotlight on the issues of ocean health, particularly single-use plastic, and inspire people to make small changes. The #PassOnPlastic pledge was also signed by 113 MPs, all making a public commitment to reduce their consumption of single-use plastics.

It is clear that people are passionate about this issue and want to do their bit and MP's are no exception.

It is deeply worrying that there are 5 trillion pieces of plastic in the world's oceans, with 8 million tonnes more ending up there every year. We all have a role to play in protecting our oceans – that's why I have signed my pledge to #PassOnPlastic and encourage others to do the same.



Alan pictured at an event in Parliament pledging his support for a 'Plastic Free Parliament'.

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Supporting Fair Trade Fortnight



I went along to an event in Parliament to mark the start of Fair Trade Fortnight which is a hugely important campaign. I would encourage the people of Tynemouth to get involved wherever they can.

Local meeting on Brexit with MEP Paul Brannen



It was good to get the perspective on Brexit of one of our MEP's recently. North East MEP Paul Brannen gave an informative and insightful talk in North Shields at what was a well attended event.

NTDF Variety Show 2018



I thoroughly enjoyed North Tyneside Disability Forum's Annual Variety Show held at Whitley Bay Playhouse. Well done to all the performers and Matthew Hall who did a great job as compere for the night.

Congratulations to new Youth Mayor and MP



Congratulations to Poppy Arnold the new Young Mayor of North Tyneside and to the new Member of the Youth Parliament for North Tyneside Abbie Armstrong. I look forward to working with them in the year ahead.

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Ban shock collars



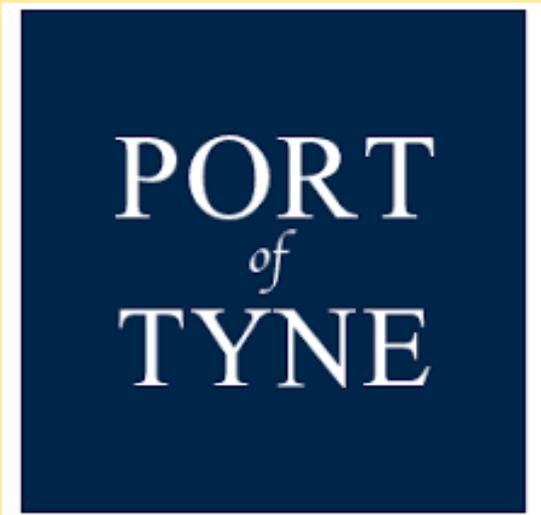
I've pledged to support Dog's Trust UK in their campaign to get the Government to finally commit to ban dog shock collars. Let's hope the Government listens.

Devolution Update



I met with Elected Mayor Norma Redfearn and the Leaders of Newcastle and Northumberland Council's for a progress report on North of Tyne Devolution.

Meeting with Port of Tyne



I recently met with representatives of Port of Tyne to discuss a number of important issues including dredging on the Tyne and repairs to the Fish Quay. I've offered my support to Port of Tyne as they look to lobby the Government.

Fix Dementia Care Pledge



I'm proud to support the Alzheimer's Society's Fix Dementia Care campaign. Social care is woefully underfunded and the government needs to address this as a matter of urgency.

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Meeting with YMCA North Tyneside



I recently met with Dean Titterton, the Chief Executive of North Tyneside YMCA to discuss the future funding model for supported housing.

I share the YMCA's concerns on this matter and am clear that funding must take account of particular needs of short term accommodation such as women's refuges and homelessness hostels.

I've promised to continue to lobby the Government on this matter.

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Cold Weather Payments Triggered in Tynemouth

I've been notified that Cold Weather Payments have been triggered for postcodes NE25/NE26/NE27/NE29 and NE30.

Cold Weather Payments are made to recipients of selected benefits including;

- Pension Credit
- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit

To "trigger" the payments the average temperature at a specified weather station must be recorded as, or forecast to be, 0°C or below for seven consecutive days.

£25 will be paid to every resident within these postcodes and who are eligible.

I would urge all local people to make sure they are safe in what looks like being a period of extreme weather.

Please also take the time to check up on elderly family and neighbours.

Rough Sleepers

If you see anyone rough sleeping ring Streetlink who will come out. Call their 24-hour hotline on 0300 500 0914.