



# Tynemouth

News from Alan Campbell MP

December 2017

## Community News

### A message from Alan

As we begin preparing for Christmas, the recent Budget was no cause for celebration. With growth set to fall, people will continue to see their incomes fall and it's clear the Chancellor needed to go much further.

However there is cause for optimism. Over the next few weeks I'll be joining thousands of local people in supporting local foodbanks, local small businesses, and campaigning for a pay rise for public sector workers. I'll also be paying thanks to all the people across Tynemouth constituency who are the backbone of our local community - hardworking people and families who get on with the job and the public services we depend upon.

Best wishes



I recently joined North Tyneside MP Mary Glindon, Elected Mayor Norma Redfearn, Leader of Newcastle City Council Nick Forbes and Leader of Northumberland Council Peter Jackson at the signing of the 'minded to' North of Tyne Devolution deal.

It's vital that the North of Tyne has a strong voice as the country makes important decisions about its future. I welcome the deal I will be following developments closely.

### Update on closure of Whitley Bay Post Office

You may have seen in the press the announcement that Whitley Bay Post Office is set to close due to the decision by McColl's to close its premises in the town.

I've been working with Post Office and Whitley Bay ward Councillors to keep a Post Office in the town.

Cllr Margaret Hall recently updated me. As things stand the branch is set to close on 17th December. Post Office are looking to find an alternative permanent location. However, they are also looking at installing a Portacabin which can then be operated by a temporary postmaster. This will allow the vast majority of postal transactions to take place, including benefits payments. I will of course endeavour to keep you updated with progress.



# Championing Communities

## Shiremoor Treat Christmas Fayre



I joined Elected Mayor Norma Redfearn and Valley ward Councillor Brian Burdis at the Shiremoor Treat Christmas Fayre. It's an important fundraiser for the Treat and was well attended.

## A tour of the Spanish City Dome



I was pleased to be invited for a tour around the Spanish City Dome.

I was amazed at the progress being made inside and I know that when it opens next year it is going to be a real draw for Whitley Bay.

## Supporting Small Business Saturday



I am again supporting Small Business Saturday which this year falls on the 2nd December.

It's important especially for our small local shops and businesses that we support them at this time of year by shopping local.

## 'Pay Up Now' Campaign



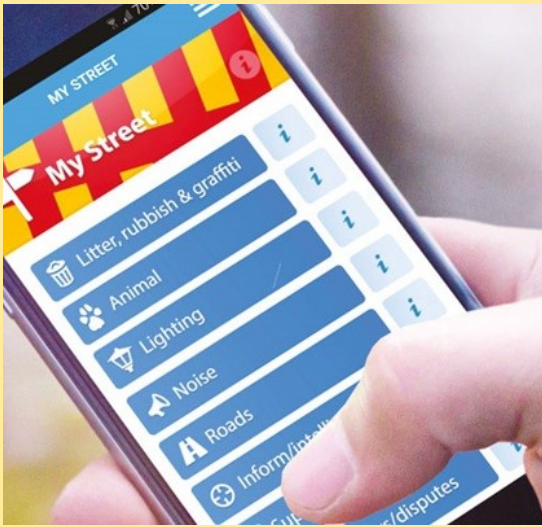
I'm supporting Unison's 'Pay Up Now' campaign and have written to the Chancellor about the fact there no mention of a meaningful pay rise for public sector workers in the recent Autumn Budget. Public Sector workers deserve a pay rise.

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## **'My Street' Police App**



I have welcomed a new app launched by Northumbria Police which is a community signposting and reporting service. The app is free and easy to download.

## **Supporting Local Businesses**



I recently visited Devin Consulting, a business in North Shields to help them with a charity draw and meet staff to discuss the future of North East business.

## **Labour Friends of Fishing**



I was pleased to join local fishermen at the inaugural Labour Friends of Fishing at an event in Westminster. Its important local fishermen have a voice ahead of government publishing the post-Brexit Fishing Bill.

## **Ban the Ivory Trade**



Having campaigned with local people on this issue for a number of years I'm pleased the government are consulting on a ban on ivory. You can have your say at <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/international/banning-uk-sales-of-ivory/>

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# Remembrance Events 2017

Each year the crowds seems to get bigger. This year I attended services at the Jigsaw, Hawkey's Lane, Backworth and Whitley Bay Cenotaph. I was also honoured to attend an event at the Linskill Memorial Garden where the Honorary Consul for France Eric Donjon placed a commemorative poppy as a gift to mark the Battle of Arras.

Wearing a Poppy is about remembering those who lost their lives in war and the many more for whom war changed their lives entirely. But it's also about the commitment we make to today's ex-servicemen and women to do our best for them in healthcare, housing, jobs and much more. We too will remember them.



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