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Ambition for North Shields and the Fish Quay

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Hello and welcome to our latest edition of the Ambition for North Shields and the Fish Quay newsletter.

This is a regular bulletin to keep you up to date with progress on our ambitious masterplan regeneration projects in North Shields town centre and riverside.

In this edition you'll find the latest updates on:

1. Bedford Street
2. Riverside Embankment Walkway
3. Tyne Brand
4. Christmas Market

Our ambition for North Shields aims to create a more vibrant town centre with more flexible retail opportunities, expanding the evening and weekend economy and improving the quality of public space in the town centre.

[Find out more](#)

Bedford Street



Work is set to begin on a major scheme of improvements for Bedford Street.

The main aspects of the work are repaving the streets, the removal of the clock tower, adding new seating and planting mature trees. The works will be carried out by our strategic partner Capita.

Subject to factors such as the weather, the team will begin by setting up the site compound at the rear of North Shields Transport Hub on Railway Terrace. Following this, in the New Year the main construction works are expected to start with completion due in Summer 2025.

Site staff will arrive from 7.30am while working hours will be 8am to 5pm, with some out of hours working during the project.

The team will work hard to maintain access to businesses and residential properties. The site team will engage directly with properties affected nearer the time.

To ensure the safety of site staff and the public, there will be localised pedestrian diversions in place, please follow onsite signage.

On Russell Street and Wellington Street, access will be maintained for vehicles, however there will be traffic management in place, please follow onsite signage.

The taxi rank currently located behind the Transport Hub will be temporarily relocated to Nile Street when the construction work is underway – this will be clearly signposted.



The Riverside Embankment Walkway will provide step-free access between North Shields Town Centre and the Fish Quay. It is on schedule for completion by Christmas 2024.

Electrical lighting is now installed, Tarmac and topsoil are being laid, landscaping work and installation of the railings is ongoing. Resurfacing works have started on Bell Street and will roll out to include Tyne Street.

Tyne and Bell Street will reopen in the next few weeks, we will update you with exact dates as soon as we can. Thank you to everyone for their patience and understanding during this major construction project.

An official opening event is being planned for 2025, details of this to follow soon.

Tyne Brand



You may have seen that things have been happening at the former Tyne Brand site on North Shields Fish Quay.

Work is almost complete on taking down the north gable at the Low Lights Tavern, with the demolition of the tool shed on Tanners Bank and the wider area of derelict buildings beginning in the new year. The pub remains open for business as usual, please pop in for a pie or a pint and show your support.

The north gable wall is dangerous, but since it is located next to an important listed building, the scaffolding required has been large and complex. This is to protect the building and provide safe access for demolition.

The Council continues to work with landowners to acquire the remaining land interests on the site, in order to bring development forward.

North Shields Christmas Market



7 – 8 December
10am – 5pm Saturday, 10am – 4pm Sunday
Northumberland Square and Howard Street

The popular, annual market returns with around 75 stalls offering a wide variety of goods including gifts, homeware, crafts and artisan produce.

There will be entertainment, live music, fairground rides for children and activities in the library and Beacon Centre.

A pop-up food and drink village can be found in Northumberland Square. There will be lots of seating as well as mulled wine and a wide selection of tasty street food.

Opening times are 10am - 5pm on the Saturday and 10am to 4pm on the Sunday.

North Shields Christmas Market is organised by North Tyneside Council and supported by housing association Bernicia.

Follow [North Shields Christmas Market](#) on Facebook for updates.

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