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# Ambition for North Shields and the Fish Quay

**October 2024**

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. Laurel Cove
4. Shields Ferry Landing
5. North Shields 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.

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**Bedford Street**



Work is about to begin on a major scheme of improvements for Bedford Street, with smart new paving, mature trees and modern seating to create an attractive, high-quality finish. The scheme is due to be complete in mid-2025.

The pedestrian area will be extended along the length of the street, with access for emergency and maintenance vehicles only. The new layout will improve safety and create extra outside space for café seating, other business use and events.

The work is being done by North Tyneside Council's construction partner Capita.

Access to all shops will be maintained throughout the works and Bedford Street remains open for business. The Council has spoken to affected premises about their delivery and access needs and new loading bays are being provided. The Christmas market will still go ahead.

The Clock Tower outside the Beacon Centre will be demolished as part of the scheme.

## Riverside Embankment Walkway



The Riverside Embankment Walkway will provide step-free access between North Shields Town Centre and the Fish Quay. It is due for completion in December 2024 with an official opening event being planned for 2025. Details of this will follow in future newsletters.

This month our contractor Willmott Dixon are installing electrical lighting, paving the landing and stairs, fitting handrails and laying brickwork and coping stones.

The next phase of works will involve rendering the wall at Bell Street, top soiling, installing geocells which will hold the planting in place, and resurfacing Tyne Street.

## Laurel Cove



The former Unicorn House site is now called Laurel Cove, in a nod to former North Shields resident Stan Laurel.

The site is progressing well, with contractors Adderstone Living on site creating 28 affordable homes, made up of 22 three- and four-bedroom houses, and six one- and two-bedroom apartments.

These will be available for a mix of mix of shared ownership and rent-to-buy through housing association Karbon Homes.

Completion of the new homes is expected by summer 2025.

## Shields Ferry Landing





Nexus has begun the process of tendering for a specialist contractor to design and build the new Shields Ferry landing at North Shields Fish Quay.

North East Mayor Kim McGuinness confirmed her backing for the £14.6m project in July.

Nexus, the public body which runs the cross-Tyne service, says the current North Shields landing is approaching the end of its life and needs to be replaced.

## North Shields Christmas Market



**7 – 8 December**

**10am – 5pm Saturday, 10am – 4pm Sunday**

**Northumberland Square and Howard Street**

The popular, annual market returns with over 70 stalls along Howard Street offering a wide variety of goods including gifts, homeware, crafts and artisan produce. There will also be

entertainment, live music and fairground rides for children.

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.

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

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