



Welcome to our Ambition for Wallsend newsletter

For all the latest progress on our regeneration plans for the town, events and what's going on.

This is the first of what will become a regular newsletter for our Ambition for Wallsend, and anyone can sign up for it by emailing AmbitionW@northtyneside.gov.uk.

Our regeneration plans



Thanks to feedback from all of you in our consultation earlier this year, we were able to finalise our Ambition for Wallsend plan in July. Finalising the plan will help us to secure funding and implement our exciting plans for the town.

We've already secured £2.4m from the North of Tyne Combined Authority's Town and High Streets Programme which is funding several initiatives including business support, new shopfronts and events.

We're currently looking at improving the walking and cycling routes between the town centre and Segedunum – so we'll be engaging with residents and businesses in the area soon to decide how best we do that.

Working alongside our partners, we're also actively exploring funding opportunities to assist us in delivering the projects including transforming Segedunum Museum, improving the streets and town centre environment and bringing vacant houses and properties back in to use.

[View the full plans](#)

Winter events in Wallsend



The festive season is set to sparkle in Wallsend with a series of winter events for children.

Organised by North Tyneside Council and supported by the North of Tyne Combined Authority, the Wallsend Winter Events promises a season of wonder, joy, and creativity for children and families.

Information on more events

Christmas market in the Forum

Christmas is coming up and we're excited to celebrate with a Christmas market in the Forum Shopping Centre.

Over the past couple months, our Business Factory programme has been inviting start-ups and small businesses to have stalls at our Christmas market taking place on December 2 from 10am –3pm.

The event will highlight smaller businesses that haven't been trading for long, or who are currently operating as online businesses through platforms such as eBay and Etsy, giving an opportunity to kickstart their business in the run up to the festive period.

We've already got some fantastic businesses signed up, including Panda moon creations, The Cakery and 70s Kid.

Pop along, pick up a decoration, ornament, a present for someone (or yourself!) and help us bring in the festive season.



Revamping the High Street



A number of businesses have already taken advantage of our shop front improvement grant in Wallsend.

We're inviting businesses in Wallsend town centre to apply for up to £5,000 to improve their shopfronts. The grant is available to any retail business with a ground floor shop unit or doorway access to an upper floor commercial premises, based on High Street East, High Street West or Station Road (from the junction with Elton Street East to the South, and Atkinson Terrace to the North). Projects must be completed, and grant funding claimed by 31 December 2023.

You can see the kind of work being done at Jewellery by Design, who claimed their grant earlier this year. They were over the moon with their new shopfront, and owner Gary said: "I can't fault the Council honestly. The new shop front is great and they've been such a good help. Really really good.

"We've been in Wallsend for years now and the people are great. We've got a really good customer base and they come from all over. I'd definitely recommend coming and starting a business here."

Many businesses will have already met him, but we've got a dedicated Business Liaison Officer in Wallsend.

Wayne Young is available to listen to and support any businesses with issues like accessing finance, marketing and employment while liaising with council services like planning, highways and waste.



You can contact Wayne by emailing wayne.young@northtyneside.gov.uk, or calling (0191) 643 3888.

[Find out more about the grant](#)



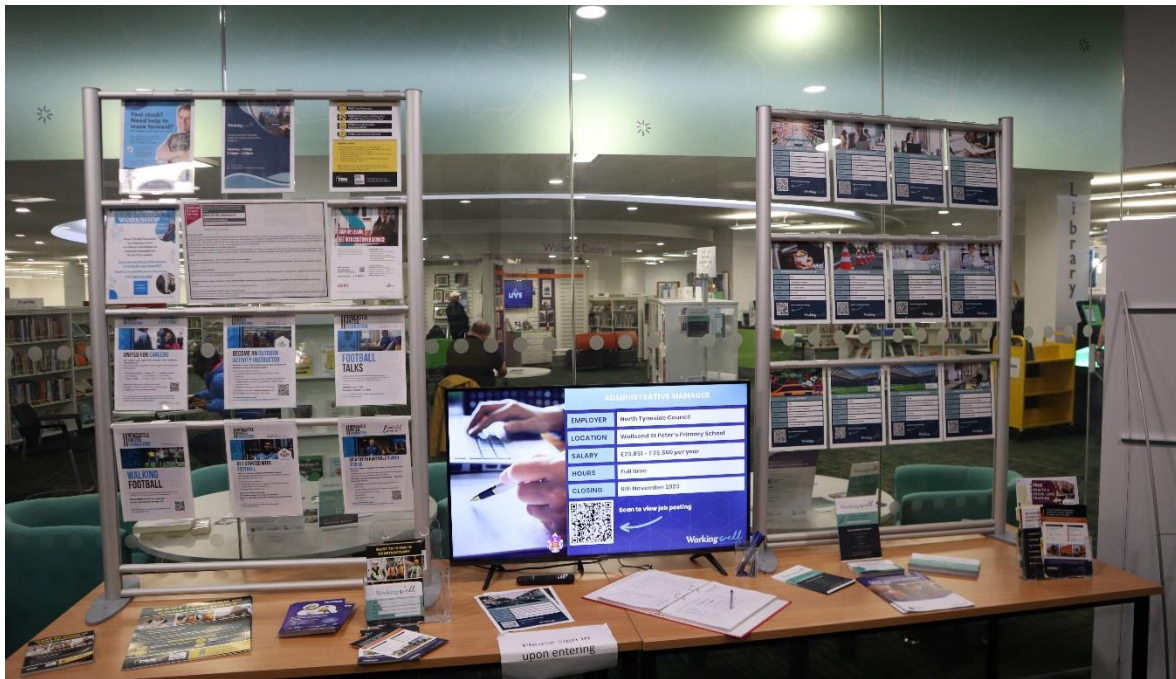
Richardson Dees go on a 'business safari'

A group of pupils from Richardson Dees Primary School went on a 'business safari' to explore the world of work and the variety of businesses in Wallsend.

The students were shown around working life by multiple businesses, including Hays Travel, ASDA, Claire's Cakes and the Philanthropist Lounge. They wanted to learn all about the world of work, and the lovely businesses took them under their wings and gave them a brilliant taste of what it's like to work in their industries.

They had a fantastic time, found it very beneficial and all spoke glowingly about their experience. They enjoyed it so much, that we're planning more safaris in the future.

Thank you to all the businesses who took part and made it a great experience for our young people.



Pioneering employment hub opens its doors

In early November, the doors to Working Well North Tyneside's latest hub in Wallsend were officially opened.

The employment, health and skills hub has celebrated major success in North Shields and now Wallsend residents can benefit from the one-stop-shop for advice and support.

A space on the first floor of Wallsend's Customer First Centre has been transformed to make way for the hub.

From accessing jobs with local and national employers to enrolling on specialist training, the expansive offer at the hub is tailored to meet the needs of local residents.

The Working Well North Tyneside hub is open from 9.30am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday, walk ins are welcome.

One person who has seen the benefits of the hub is Joanne, who had a chat with the team during a roadshow at the Wallsend Forum in October. She had taken early retirement and was feeling a bit down about her next steps in life.

Joanne came in the week after to talk further with an employment advisor. They talked about her life goals and batted around ideas that she could explore. Joanne talked passionately about how she would love to run her own café, safe

space or a charity shop for people and their families to come in and have a cuppa, and for the kids to play. Having someone to listen to her, provide ideas and support gave Joanne the confidence to take action.

With help from the Working Well team, Joanne has been linked with Cedarwood Trust to explore ideas and she has completely turned a corner. She is much more enthusiastic about her future prospects and is now taking the positive steps to feel more fulfilled.



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