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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.

If anyone is interested in signing up for this newsletter, or has any queries about the Ambition for Wallsend, they can email AmbitionW@northtyneside.gov.uk.

Significant investment at Segedunum



Good progress is being made on work to replace the roof at Segedunum Roman Fort and Museum, with the project set to transform the visitor experience.

Following an application submitted by North Tyneside Council earlier this year, the North East Combined Authority has contributed £499,000 from its UKSPF allocation to help allow the Council to install a new roof.

This investment, on top of the £499,000 secured from Arts Council England's MEND fund and over £650,000 from North Tyneside Council, will fund a new roof for the World Heritage Site's museum, replacing the current roof that is reaching the end of its life.

The new roof will accommodate a new ventilation system to provide a more stable indoor temperature and humidity, making the museum more comfortable for staff and visitors, as well as the exciting prospect of being able to borrow and display artefacts from other museums, such as the British Museum, with the assurance that they would be safe in Segedunum.

Shutters in Wallsend



Keep a look out when you're out and about in Wallsend for the new shutters we've been installing on some of the local shops!

The first set was installed as part of Local History Week back in July, and the designs show images of Wallsend's history. We've now installed a number of new shutters across some more shops, so there is even more of Wallsend's history to admire when your favourite shops aren't open.

Shopfront Improvement grant



Our Shopfront Improvement Scheme is back for businesses in Wallsend, and has been expanded to the North West of the Borough as well.

If you think your shopfront could do with a bit of freshening up, any signage improvements or painting that you think would enhance the appearance, give us a shout!

Applications must be submitted by January 31, and works need to be completed by the end of February.

More information on the criteria and how you can apply for the scheme by completing the form available on our website below.

[Apply for the scheme](#)

Travelability doing their bit for the community



Derek Reid, a veteran who lives in Wallsend, had been struggling with his mobility and getting around was challenging. He got in touch with Eric Haley and Eddie Dean from Anxious Minds Veterans Recovery College, to see if they could help.

They looked around for ways they could support Derek, and got in touch with TravelAbility UK, on Station Road. They've provided Derek with his own mobility scooter, completely free. Derek can now get around nice and easy, with the team at TravelAbility ready to make some repairs if he ever needs it.

Derek is absolutely over the moon with his new scooter, so thank you to Eric, Eddie and everyone at TravelAbility for helping to sort this out.

Travelability can be found at 124 Station Rd, Wallsend NE28 8QS.

Our pop-up shop in the Forum



The pop-up shop we launched in the Forum Shopping Centre has been a huge success so far, and we appreciate the support you've all been showing for the businesses trying their trade in a shop for the first time.

We've had some fantastic businesses in already, including Glowkiz, Studio GOOOS, 70s Kid and the Creative Space Gallery. At the moment, we have Junk Soul in there until December 23.

Junk Soul has a wide array of jewellery that has been repurposed and made into new pieces.

The shop is going to be continuing in 2025, so keep an eye out for more businesses coming in the new year!



Working Well Wallsend

Our Working Well team supports businesses to secure the talent they need from the local labour pool. We promote the opportunities within our communities and support our residents to acquire the skills they need. Mike, our Employer Engagement Officer worked closely with ProCon in Wallsend to support their work on the pre-assembly, outfitting, and installation of foundations for offshore wind turbines.

With some fantastic job opportunities available, Mike worked with the Adult Learning Service to develop a 'Get into Wind Energy' programme to support residents to build their skills and prepare for the interview process. This one week course helped

residents to identify their unique qualities and transferable skills that were crucial to role and work environment, such as teamwork, problem-solving and communication. The programme ensured that our residents understood the prerequisites for the roles, gave them a broader understanding of the wind industry, ensured that they had clear expectations around the hours and nature of the work including the health and safety aspects with support to help them excel in the roles.

Alongside the training, residents received one-to-one support to grow in confidence and establish a clear plan for achieving their goals from their Working Well coaches.

Albert from North Shields was browsing the opportunities in the Working Well window when one of our coaches approached him to explain what support was on offer. At 71 years young, Albert was retired but bored at home and keen to get back into work. Albert discussed his life, experiences and interests with his coach and they looked for appropriate opportunities. Albert's Working Well coach recommended the 'Get into Wind Energy' Programme to him. Albert had experience as a mechanic and a tutor so he had lots of transferrable skills for the roles. He was very interested in exploring this.

Albert attended the Get into Wind Energy programme including CV building and interview preparation. On completion of the course he was delighted to be successful in securing one of the roles. Albert was given brilliant feedback from his time on the course and was a standout candidate throughout the process. He came straight back to the Working Well hub and was helped to prepare all of his documentation allowing him to commence work just two days after his interview. Albert was professional and passionate and is now leader of the pack in his new role!

In total, six residents received job offers with ProCon. The team are already discussing a second cohort as capacity within the business expands.



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