

Our Ambition for Wallsend



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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.

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.

Wallsend Spring Market

Trader spaces available



Fri 12 & Sat 13 April



The Wallsend Market



10am - 3pm



Spaces available for Wallsend spring market

We're currently on the lookout for businesses and traders from NE28 who would like a stall at the Wallsend Spring Market.

The market will take place on Friday 12 and Saturday 13 April in the Wallsend Market in the Forum shopping centre. The market builds on the success of the Christmas market.

Stalls are initially being offered to businesses based in NE28 who can choose whether to trade on Friday 12 April, Saturday 13 April or on both days. The event aims to showcase smaller businesses that haven't been trading for long, giving them an opportunity to kickstart their businesses.

There are 15 spaces per day which will be offered on a first come, first served basis. There is no cost to businesses however, should a business not attend, a £25 invoice will be issued.

If you would like to express interest you can do so by completing the form below by 29 February.

We will confirm the successful applicants the week commencing 4 March, and offer them support with marketing, branding and merchandising to maximise sales before the market takes place.

The Business Factory, 0191 643 6409, info@businessfactorynt.co.uk

Apply for a stall

Improving connections in Wallsend



One of the key projects from our Ambition for Wallsend is a plan to improve connections between key sites.

The project will see improvements to footpaths along the route that includes Atkinson Street, Wooley Street, and Maude Gardens that connects High Street West to the A187 Buddle Street. Where the route crosses Buddle Street there will be a new crossing point that takes pedestrians and cyclists to the Segedunum site and connects to the National Cycle Route (NCN 72).

There will be improvements to the appearance and biodiversity of the route, with further landscaping and planting, as well as an opportunity for a new community garden space adjacent to Wooley Street for nearby residents.

Improvements on Maude Gardens will include the upgrade of the children's playground area with new equipment as well as a new play surface. The scheme will also help address some of the local anti-social behaviour hotspots around Wallsend Metro station with improved lighting of the surrounding area and subway, additional CCTV and the potential for a new help point for reporting incidents.

We will be engaging with local residents and businesses in the coming months on specific features of the route, including the community garden space and its appearance, as well as the children's play site. More information on this will be available at a later date.

The plan at the below link shows the proposed route and the features that will improve quality, safety & security, and benefit local residents as well as visitors to the town.

[View the full plans](#)

Working Well Wallsend



There's lots of support available at the Working Well hub in Wallsend. We can offer help with employment, training, health, confidence, housing and skills. Our support is tailored in a way that's right for you and our main priority is to help you find opportunities that you're interested in.

One person who has benefited from this support is Olivia. She was referred to Working Well from our Social Prescribing Team and never looked back. She had been struggling and wasn't quite sure what her next step in life was. She worked with Lorna at our Working Well Hub in Wallsend to build her confidence and find some motivation. They explored benefits she was entitled to and began to look at apprenticeships. Olivia felt ready to do something different and began volunteering at Pride radio where she supported a live slot and produced digital content. Together with Lorna, they created a CV, completed applications for roles that Olivia was interested in and practiced interview techniques. Lorna kept her spirits up until she was offered a job as a Dog Walker. Olivia is thrilled to now work for Becks and Barks and is excited about this new direction in her life.

The Working Well team have links with some excellent employers. Coming up we have opportunities to learn more about the businesses on Cobalt Business Park, workshops with the NHS, recruitment presentations from the Royal Navy to discover all the jobs available in the service, sessions about career pathways in TV and Live Events, construction workshops and so much more.

You don't need an appointment and can drop in anytime Monday to Friday, 9.30am – 3.30pm for a cup of tea and a chat. Join us to find out more or call 0191 643 2288 or email employability.skills@northtyneside.gov.uk.

Adult learning opportunities in Wallsend

We've got some exciting adult learning opportunities coming up in Wallsend. If you're looking to learn a new skill, progress your career opportunities or just try something different - we've got the course for you.

- **Microbytes@ Segedunum, Wallsend** - New courses, exclusive to North Tyneside Council's Adult Learning Service.
- **Microbytes Presentations in Powerpoint** on Wednesday 24 April at Segedunum Business Centre, Wallsend
- **Microbytes Word Processing in Word** on Wednesday 24 April, Segedunum Business Centre, Wallsend
- **Introduction to Digital Skills & Digital Skills Workshops**
- Digital outreach project Segedunum, Wallsend – Every Monday & Friday

To enrol now or for more information, call: **0191 643 2288**

Peter Rabbit™ comes to Wallsend



The World of Peter Rabbit™ Storytime Trail will be at Wallsend Library until Saturday 24 February.

The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter was first published by Frederick Warne & Co, now part of Penguin Random House UK, back in 1902.

This interactive exhibition will be a walkthrough experience where little bunnies will be able to crawl under the garden gate, hide in a watering can and see their reflection in a mirror pool, just like Peter!

There will be photo opportunities and activities to take part in along the way and it is free to attend.

This trail is funded by the North of Tyne Combined Authority Town & High Streets Fund.

Wallsend Library is open between 9am and 5.30pm Monday to Friday and from 9am until 1pm on Saturdays.

[More information](#)

Our Business Support



We've continued to work alongside businesses to support them, help them grow and do everything we can to enhance their prospects.

We recently caught up with Iain from Wallsend Pet Supplies, who we've supported to move into a larger unit within Wallsend Market. Iain said:

"I've been trading in Wallsend just over four and a half months and things are going really well. I'd like to open a shop within the next six months!



"To anyone else looking to start a business or move to Wallsend, I'd say give it a go! You have nothing to lose and the footfall has been really picking up in the Forum.

We also caught up with the team at Lilyslocks Pet Retailer, who have seen a huge spike in business recently.

"I've always known Wallsend. I lived here 25 years ago and there's definitely the footfall to run a business.

"We're delighted with how the business is going. Our landlord has been fantastic and we can't thank them enough."

Wayne Young, our Business Liaison Support Officer, can help businesses with finding support, funding and address any issues they may hav.

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



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