

Ambition for North Shields and the Fish Quay

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Hello and welcome to your [Ambition for North Shields and the Fish Quay](#) update!

This is a regular e-newsletter keeping you up to date with the latest progress as part of North Tyneside Council's ambitious Masterplan to transform the town centre and riverside through a series of bold regeneration projects.

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The aim is to improve the area so that it provides the right environment to support residents, businesses, retail, and visitors.

The Masterplan features eight separate ambitious projects, including:

1. Highways improvements at key gateways to the town
2. [Transport Hub and new Town Square](#)
3. Public realm improvements at Bedford St and Saville St
4. [Northumberland Square redevelopment](#)
5. [Howard Street Cultural Quarter](#)
6. [Riverside Embankment Walkway](#)
7. Allocated housing sites: Tyne Brand mixed use site; [Unicorn House residential](#)
8. Relocation of the Shields ferry landing

Transport Hub update



The steelwork structure is well underway now and is visible above site hoardings. Works to the roof have begun.



Embankment Walkway update

Clearance of vegetation is well underway in preparation of building works starting. The new scheme will involve extensive planting, resulting in an overall net gain for biodiversity.

Starting week commencing 21st November, a full road closure will be in place to traffic on Bell Street for 17 weeks (expected completion March 2023). This is to allow a large crane to be brought to site and begin the installation of the sheet pile walls that will strengthen the embankment prior to its excavation and reconstruction.

This is the most disruptive phase of the construction programme and is planned during the quieter winter months to reduce the impact on residents, local businesses, and visitors.

Parking in the area will not be affected, and the Fish Quay will be accessible to vehicles via Tanners Bank and Brewhouse Bank. As shown in the plan overleaf:

- Residents/businesses west of the closure will still be able to access their properties/car park via Bedford Street, Borough Road, and Dock Road.
- Residents/businesses east of the closure will be able to access their properties via Brewhouse Bank and Tanners Bank.
- Egress from the Fish Quay via Brewhouse Bank will be restricted and so all outward trips must exit via Tanners Bank.

The road closure will not affect access for pedestrians or cyclists. However, during periods where road space is unavailable, cyclists will be required to dismount and use the narrow footpath section adjacent to the closure on Bell Street.

The number 19 bus service will be diverted via Borough Road and Brewhouse Bank but will still serve the North Shields Ferry landing and Fish Quay at an adjusted schedule. Residents of Clive Street, Liddell Street, and Bell Street will need to travel further to their nearest stop which will be either the North Shields Ferry landing or a temporary stop on Tanners Bank. For more information please visit: www.nexus.org.uk/ferry/NSHbuslinks.



Northumberland Square update

Following completion of works to Northumberland Square and Howard Street in August, further snagging works are expected to take place over the coming weeks. These will include the repainting of the Wood Dolly and installation of fencing to the square outside North Shields Library.



North Tyneside offers a warm welcome

To support our residents with the rising cost of living, our libraries are set to open their doors as part of a network of almost a hundred Warm Welcome sessions launching across the borough.

Starting Tuesday 1st November in all our Customer First Centres and libraries, visitors will be able to visit a Warm Welcome venue, open six days a week, for a cuppa, wi-fi and computer access, baby-friendly facilities, film and book clubs, and board games for free.

Everyone is welcome to use and enjoy the facilities on offer at the Warm Welcome venues – whether you're working or not, retired or studying.

Community and voluntary sector organisations across the borough are also opening their doors this winter. Below is a list of venues in North Shields:

Mondays

**North Shields
Customer First Centre**
Northumberland Square
NE30 1QU

Open: 9am-5.30pm
Web: my.northtyneside.gov.uk
Tel: 0345 2000 101

Mindstars
17 & 18 Albion House,
21 West Percy Street
NE29 0DW

Open: 10am-2pm
Email: Info@mindstars.co.uk
Tel: (0191) 257 5758
Web: mindstars.co.uk

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Tuesdays

North Shields Customer First Centre
Northumberland Square
NE30 1QU
Open: 9am-5.30pm
Web: my.northtyneside.gov.uk
Tel: 0345 2000 101

Operation Veteran
38 Nile Street
NE29 0BB
Open: 9.30am-12.30pm
Email: amy@operationveteran.co.uk
Tel: 07862 007599

Wednesdays

North Shields Customer First Centre
Northumberland Square
NE30 1QU
Open: 9am-5.30pm
Web: my.northtyneside.gov.uk
Tel: 0345 2000 101

The Exchange Theatre
Café Bar, Howard Street
NE30 1SE
Open: 12pm-3pm
Email: contact@theexchange.live
Tel: (0191) 258 4111

Thursdays

North Shields Customer First Centre
Northumberland Square
NE30 1QU
Open: 9am-5.30pm
Web: my.northtyneside.gov.uk
Tel: 0345 2000 101

St Peter's Church
Balkwell, Central Avenue
NE29 7JB
Open: 11am-3pm
Tel: (0191) 2571819

Fridays

North Shields Customer First Centre
Northumberland Square
NE30 1QU
Open: 9am-5.30pm
Web: my.northtyneside.gov.uk
Tel: 0345 2000 101
(Free hot drinks available 2.30pm-5pm)

The Old Low Light Heritage Centre
Clifford's Fort, Fish Quay
NE30 1JE
Open: 10am-3pm
Email: Info@oldlowlight.co.uk
Tel: (0191) 2574506

Creative Minds
Sensactivity
1a Bedford Terrace
NE29 0AW
Open: 10am-3pm
Email: anewstart68@yahoo.co.uk

Saturdays

North Shields

Customer First Centre
Northumberland Square
NE30 1QU

Open:
9am-1pm

Web: my.northtyneside.gov.uk

Tel: 0345 2000 101

YMCA North Tyneside

Church Way
NE29 0AB

Open:
10am-4pm

Email:

ray.blythe@ymcanorthtyneside.org

Tel: (0191) 257 5434

We're also offering a grant of up to £1,000 to community and voluntary sector organisations to help them cover the cost of running similar schemes. Those taking part will be encouraged to display a 'Warm Welcome' sticker in their venue and will be promoted on our website. There are almost one hundred sessions each week at council and community venues.

For more information, see my.northtyneside.gov.uk, visit your local library or Customer First Centre, or call 0345 2000 101.

Further information

Parking

Parking is not affected around the Fish Quay, and is accessible via Tanners Bank and Brewhouse Bank.

Buses

From 21st November until March 2023 the number 19 bus service will be diverted via Borough Road and Brewhouse Bank but will still serve the North Shields Ferry landing and Fish Quay at an adjusted schedule. Residents of Clive Street, Liddell Street, and Bell Street will need to travel further to their nearest stop which will be either the North Shields Ferry landing or a temporary stop on Tanners Bank.

Bus stops on Northumberland Square and Northumberland Place are now closed. Buses are instead serving the existing stop on Albion Road and a new permanent stop on Stephenson Street.

Further details about changes to services in North Shields are available on the [Go North East website](#) and [Arriva](#).

Check out our Digital Story Map

We've created a digital story map showing all the exciting developments either already underway or still in the design stage for North Shields and the Fish Quay.

The map is a really handy interactive tool that plots each project included in the Ambition for North Shields Masterplan with a brief summary of what to expect.

You can view the [story map here](#).

Follow us for more updates!

We are working hard to minimise disruption where possible and we would like to thank you for your continued patience. We will keep you updated throughout the duration of the project.

Keep an eye on our [Facebook page](#) for more updates as works progress.

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