

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 businesses, leisure users and retail.

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](#)
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7. Allocated housing sites: Tyne Brand mixed use site; [Unicorn House residential](#)
8. Relocation of the Shields ferry landing

Northumberland Square update

Watch our latest video on works around Northumberland Square:



Block paving in the centre of the Square is now complete, with the final paving of main paths underway. Cladding will be applied to the entrance pillars this weekend.

Over time the appearance of the Square has changed, and no longer featured any planting areas. By introducing thousands of new plants, we hope to enhance biodiversity in the park. Plants on the south-eastern, south-western and north-eastern areas of the park are now planted, with hedgerows planted around the circumference of the square. Planting will continue this week and turf will be fitted starting next week. Due to the recent warmer weather conditions our team have been watering the plants each morning.

Footpath works to Northumberland Place and West Percy Street are now complete, with a small section of tarmac to be relayed outside the entrance to Northumberland Square. This will be complete once works access to the square is no longer in use. 12 additional parking bays have been created on Upper Camden Street for disabled access to North Shields Customer First Centre and the Beacon Centre. Our teams will be cleaning up in and around Northumberland Square started at West Percy Street from week commencing 15 August.

Howard Street update



Seating down Howard Street have now been installed, with timber tops to be installed before opening this section to the public. Tree pits are complete with tree planting commencing next week.

Main footpath works in front of St Columba's Church are now complete, with remedial works underway. Access to the church is unaffected.

Final footpath works at the bottom of Howard Street are ongoing. Access to businesses and properties will be maintained at all times and diversions are signposted.

Resurfacing at Howard Street / Saville Street junction will begin week commencing 8 August. Diversions will be signposted.

Transport Hub update



Demolition of the old Co-op building is now complete, with foundation works for the new North Shields Transport Hub commencing last week.

Tanners Bank Bridge replacement

Watch the new Tanners Bank Bridge being installed:



The Metro line between St James and Tynemouth is now running in both directions again following the replacement of Tanners Bank Bridge. However, the through-

road that links Tynemouth Road to the Fish Quay will remain closed while roadworks are carried out underneath the bridge.

The works aim to create more space underneath the bridge for better bus links and road freight to the Fish Quay, encouraging more sustainable travel and reducing journey times as well as improving the local economy.

Businesses on Tanners Bank Road are open as usual and are accessible to road users and pedestrians via Union Road.

Hospitality businesses still operating during this time include:

The Wheel House: Grab a takeaway latte or cappuccino and sweet treat from the Wheel House and take in the beautiful sea views from the Fish Quay.

Opening hours:

Wed – Sun 8am to 2pm

The Engine Room: Fully licensed underground arts and music venue.

Opening hours:

Mon – Fri 4pm to 11pm

Sat / Sun 2pm to 11pm

Three Tanners Bank: Independent artist studio, bar, and café with covered and open-air outdoor seating.

Opening hours:

Wed – Fri 3pm to 11pm

Sat / Sun 11am to 11pm

North Tyneside Together



10am-4pm, 29 August, Northumberland Square and Howard Street

Celebrating the diversity of North Tyneside, this free family event featuring live music, entertainment and small fairground rides will return to North Shields this August Bank Holiday.

Organised by the Council's Ethnic Diversity Community Task Force, the event will provide an opportunity for residents and visitors to learn about each other's cultures and traditions, celebrating equality and diversity throughout the borough.

The event will take place from 10am to 4pm in and around the soon-to-be revitalised Northumberland Square.

Further information

Parking

Parking is available in the free Norfolk Street car park (limited to 2 hours), the Beacon Centre multi-storey car park and on-street parking elsewhere around the town centre.

Buses

Bus diversions are in place and two bus stops, on Northumberland Square and Northumberland Place, are 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](#).

Customer First Centre

The North Shields Customer First Centre will continue to remain open as normal, although the entrance may be partially restricted at times.

North Shields businesses

All businesses around Northumberland Square and on Howard Street remain open as usual.

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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