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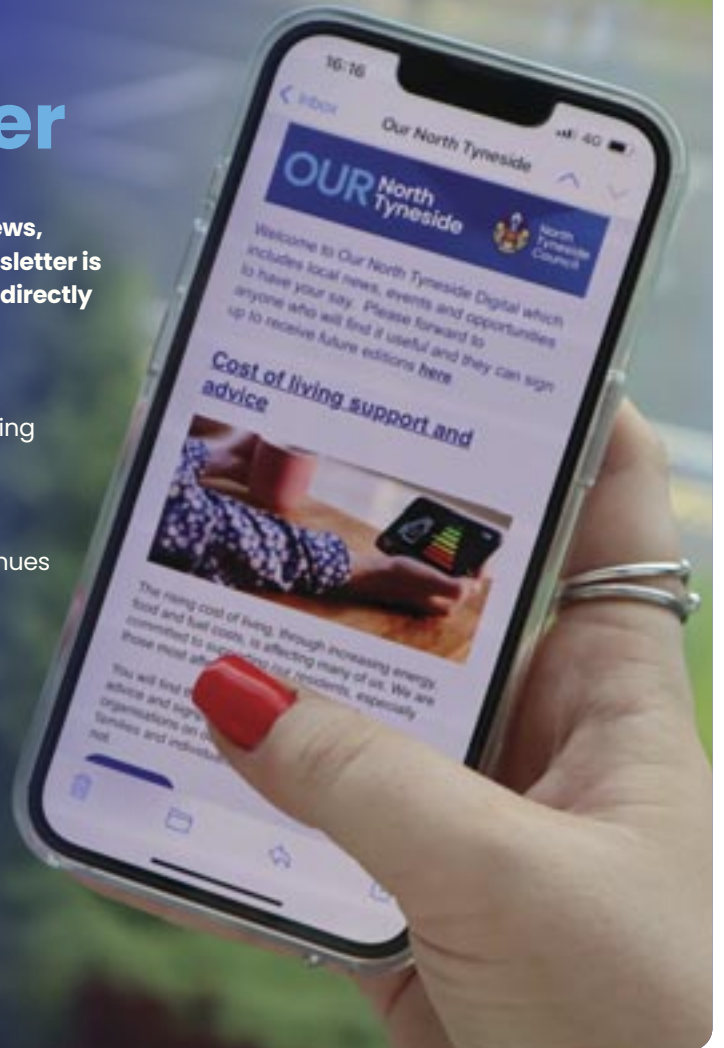
We will keep you up to date with what's happening in North Tyneside including our ambitious regeneration projects, exciting programme of events and Borough-wide community news.

The newsletter includes information on the support that is available to every family, business and community that continues to be impacted by the rising cost of living.

There are regular opportunities to have your say, where you can share your views and experiences on a variety of subjects affecting residents in North Tyneside and help to shape the services you receive.

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- Northumberland Square, North Shields
- The Forum, Wallsend
- York Road, Whitley Bay
- John Willie Sams Centre, Dudley
- Oxford Centre, Longbenton

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A message from the Elected Mayor

It's been a wonderful start to the summer already, with four incredible days of live music and entertainment at Mouth of the Tyne Festival. The festival is just the beginning of a summer full of things for residents, families and visitors to enjoy across the Borough.

Our What's On pages (**pages 13 – 17**) feature many of the activities you and your family can get involved in this year. Lots of them are free, and there are some special events at some of our unique locations like the Playhouse in Whitley Bay and The Exchange 1856.

We have once again retained our Blue Flag awards for our beaches (**page 4**) and there is lots happening in our parks (**page 18**) and leisure centres to get involved with. Our teams will be out across the summer keeping our Borough clean, green and safe.

You can read about our preparations to celebrate North Shields's 800th birthday in 2025 (**page 5**). There will be a big programme of events celebrating the history of North Shields, giving a platform for current creatives

and performers, and looking forward to a bright future for the town.

To launch the celebrations, we brought together young people, local creatives and the community organisations that are shaping these celebrations to create this striking image that is on the cover of the magazine. Keep an eye out for further updates and how you can get involved – there will be plenty happening in the town and our regeneration plans are continuing to make huge improvements to businesses, streets, and open spaces.

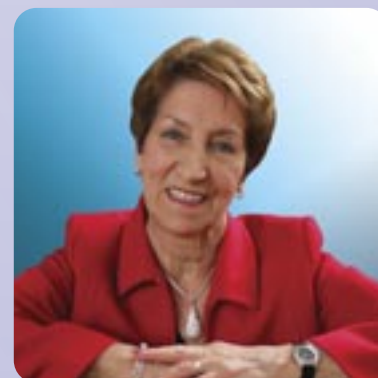
Finally, I am proud that we are a Borough that looks after each other and cares for the most vulnerable in our communities. In May I visited the Fish Quay to chat to our Fisherman who have

been working with the Fishermen's Mission and Macmillan Cancer Support to raise awareness of cancer screening and the support available. The C-Aware programme is the first of its kind in this country and works alongside the Mission's award winning SeaFit programme.

Whatever you have planned this summer I hope you have an enjoyable, safe, healthy and happy time.

Norma Redfearn

**Dame Norma Redfearn DBE
Elected Mayor of North Tyneside**



North Tyneside celebrates 30 years of Blue Flag status

North Tyneside's beaches are celebrating an impressive milestone, having proudly maintained Blue Flag status for 30 years.

King Edwards Bay, Tynemouth Longsands, and Whitley Bay have once again been crowned with the prestigious Blue Flag and Seaside Awards by Keep Britain Tidy for meeting the 'highest environmental standards.'

The winning streak began in 1994 with Tynemouth Longsands securing the first of many Blue Flag awards. This year saw 150 sites receive an award nationally, but only 61 gained both the Blue Flag and Seaside Award.

Councillor Hannah Johnson, Cabinet Member for the Environment, said: "When visitors come to North Tyneside, they immediately recognise the significance of these awards, and they can be sure that our beaches are safe, clean, and well-maintained.

"The awards are a source of immense pride for us, and I would like to thank all our staff and volunteers for their continued hard work in helping to retain the awards all these years. It's an incredible achievement and it's helped to establish North Tyneside as one of the UK's premier beach destinations."



This summer, an additional team will be working seven days a week to ensure that bins are emptied, and litter is picked up, especially during peak periods. The team works closely with RNLI, Northumbria Police, local businesses, and residents to address any issues promptly and ensure the historic seafront stays clean, green and safe.

Everyone is urged to play their part by using the bins provided or taking their rubbish home if bins are full.

As part of the Council's efforts to reduce plastic waste, beach toy recycling boxes have been reinstated so that children can leave behind unwanted buckets and spades for others to use.

And seasonal dog restrictions are in effect until September, but dog walkers can still enjoy Whitley Bay North, Longsands North, and Fish Quay Sands with their pets.

North Shields Cultural Quarter aims to grow the creative economy of North Shields, supported by the new North East Combined Authority.

North Shields Cultural Quarter



Helix Arts Move

North East arts charity Helix Arts has moved into the heart of North Shields Cultural Quarter.

The Helix Arts team is now based in North Tyneside Business Centre, next to the Globe Gallery and Exchange 1856.



Projects and Events

An exciting series of projects and events funded by North Shields Cultural Quarter has included creative writing courses, a Mental Health in Music event, Hooley Theatre staging six short new plays, a night celebrating subcultures, career sessions for the TV, film and music industries, contemporary dance performances and a visit from one of the UK's biggest songwriters.



Mentoring and Support

One-to-one creative business support is provided by Generator.

Artists' Agency North Shields delivered by Helix Arts includes networking events, workshops, mentoring and drop-in sessions.

For more information: nscq.co.uk

North Shields 800

The people of North Shields are working as a team to host a year of celebrations for the town's 800th anniversary.

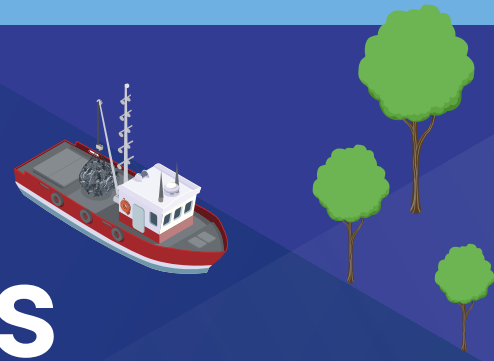
In 2025 it will be 800 years since a small village made up of simple huts - called shiels - was founded on the north bank of the Tyne, where the Fish Quay stands today.

North Shields 800 will bring everyone together to enjoy a calendar of exciting events celebrating North Shields' past, present and future.

It will include a spectacular parade of sail and a blessing of the fishing fleet, a parade along the Fish Quay, exhibitions, street art murals, heritage projects and creative collaborations. It will bring performing arts to the streets, stage events at local venues and capture and record memories of the town in years gone by.

North Shields 800 is being shaped and directed by a committee made up of local people, organisations and charities.

Our Ambition for North Shields



Riverside Embankment Walkway

The walkway will improve access between North Shields Town Centre and the Fish Quay, including a step-free route.

The earthworks and walls are almost complete with work on the ramps starting in June.

The road closure has been lifted to allow traffic along Bell Street in both directions, controlled by two-way traffic lights.

The estimated completion date is December 2024.



The Riverside Embankment Walkway

Thomas Brown Square

North Shields' new town square has been named in honour of WWII hero Thomas Brown, the George Medal recipient who retrieved the Enigma codes at sea.

A stone memorial to Thomas, commissioned by his family, has been installed outside the Transport Hub.

The name was decided by a public vote, with the three other nominees remembered in different ways around North Shields.

Bedford Street

Further engagement on improvements to Bedford Street continues this summer.

The proposals include new paving, planting and seating with funding from the North East Combined Authority.

Access will be maintained so that businesses can continue trading during the works.

Northumberland Square Railings

New railings have been installed along the edge of Northumberland Square closest to North Shields Customer First Centre.

The square has been restored close to its original Georgian layout.



Artist's impression of the gateway

Stephenson Street Gateway

One of three new gateways to the town at Stephenson Street /Albion Road is on target to be finished in June. It will improve access to the town centre for pedestrians and cyclists.

New Affordable Housing

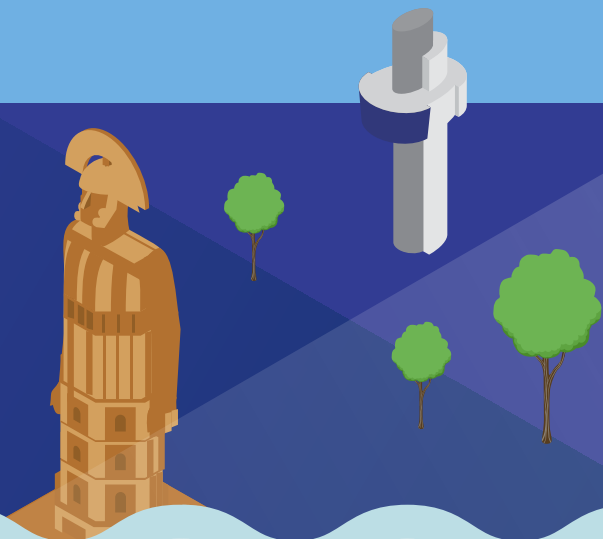
Work has started on 28 new affordable homes on the former Unicorn House site. The Council sold the land to housing association Karbon Homes.

The mix of houses and apartments are due to be finished in summer 2025.



The Unicorn House site

Our Ambition for Wallsend



Repairs underway at Segedunum

Work is underway on repairs to Segedunum Roman Fort and Museum.

Recently, the site has suffered damage as a result of adverse weather and the theft of protective materials.

North Tyneside Council has continued to work alongside Tyne and Wear Archives and Museums (TWAM) to put short-term repairs in place while developing bids for external funding that will support more long-term solutions.

And now after obtaining planning approval and securing some funding, work will start on the repairs.

This will include copper cladding at the entrance being replaced with a

steel seam cladding, this work is due to be finished by early August.

Restrictions on access will be kept to a minimum throughout the works so visitors can still enjoy the venue over the summer.

Segedunum is managed for the Council by Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums and has welcomed almost one million local visitors and tourists from all over the world since it opened in June 2000.

North Tyneside Council has identified the site as a priority for investment as part of its Ambition for Wallsend regeneration strategy and is working with Tyne and Wear Archives & Museums to transform the offer and visitor experience.



Developing affordable housing in Wallsend

As part of plans to improve the quality of the housing on offer in Wallsend, North Tyneside Council has submitted a planning application to demolish Parkside House, a long-term empty property on Elton Street East.

Thanks to funding secured from the North of Tyne Combined Authority's Brownfield Fund, the derelict site will make way for eight new affordable homes.

Subject to planning approval, demolition is expected to begin in September 2024.

The development contributes towards the Mayor and Cabinet's plans to create 5,000 affordable homes in North Tyneside.

Our Ambition for the North West



Our ambition for vibrant, attractive, well-maintained places to live with better access to services, transport and opportunities. Celebrating the unique identities and heritage of the North West villages, led by local communities.

Residents are being asked for their views on village plans for the North West of the borough.

A consultation is being held this summer with communities in Killingworth Village and town, Burradon, Camperdown, Dudley, Annitsford, Fordley, Wideopen, and Seaton Burn.

Our Ambition for the North West includes improved access to services, better transport connections, enhancing the environment, health and wellbeing, culture and the arts.

Killingworth Lake will be developed into a destination park for locals and visitors with new ecology-friendly landscaping. The proposed design will be on display for public feedback as part of our consultation.

New gateway features will enhance the image and quality of the public spaces as you enter each village. These will include artwork, signage, road safety measures and planting. The Council will work closely with local communities to develop these schemes.

The historic wagonways network that connects the villages will get a refresh. New information boards and a digital map and trail will celebrate the area's mining heritage, encouraging more people to use these sustainable routes.

Innovative transport options will be explored to help give people better access to local services such as health services, shops and other facilities.

Working with stakeholders, community groups and residents we are keen to map what's already on offer in terms of arts, culture and adult education in the area, to identify any gaps.

Get involved:

You can give your views on our new engagement website, Our North Tyneside Voice when it launches this summer (see page 22).

Information will also be available in local libraries and community venues.



Do you live in Camperdown, Weetslade, or Longbenton?

You can access £1,000 funding to help bring your community together.

Earlier this year we launched grants for individual resident groups in the North West of the borough to support projects in the area.

Organisations and residents can still apply for grants provided by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

We've already seen fantastic success across the area with new projects launching, new equipment being bought and brilliant new groups being set up – funding is still available to do more!

You could use the funding to:

- Set up new social groups.
- Organise community events.
- Set up activities.
- Run projects to share local history, stories or culture.
- Create community spaces or gardens.

Killingworth New Age Curlers benefited from a £900 funding boost for their weekly group. Judith runs the group, which meets each Thursday at the White Swan, and said: "With the money, we bought a ramp so anyone could have a go at curling, regardless of their physical ability.

"We're subsidising membership too and have bought a mat to practice on.

"I'm an ordinary resident, I don't run a large organisation, but I found it simple to do and we were supported by VODA too."

Mike joined in October after retiring. The group helped him get out of the house during the winter, but now he enjoys the social interaction:

"It's great to have some light exercise and get to know each other. We have a laugh. It doesn't matter if you haven't played before, but my tip would be, use the same stone every week ... the consistency makes a difference

Applications are open until 31 December 2024. Apply now at voda.org.uk/ukspf.



Recognising unwavering community engagement and support: North Tyneside Business Awards

Tynemouth Decorators took the coveted Heart of the Community Award at last year's North Tyneside Business Awards.



North Tyneside Business Awards provides a platform to celebrate and recognise the achievements of individual businesses based in our Borough.

The annual ceremony raises the profile of local businesses and shines a spotlight on their successes.

In 2023, Tynemouth Decorators were recognised in the 'Heart of the Community' category, for their contributions to the local area.

Tynemouth Decorators is a well-established family business in North Tyneside. The team actively backs



local groups like North Tyneside Art Studio and Pathways 4 All. They even launched a free paint giveaway initiative that extends help to a school and community in Gambia, supported by Westmoor Community Centre residents.

Its contributions focus on charitable support and environmental responsibility, demonstrating the positive impact local businesses can have in their communities.

One of the business' nominations read: "Recently, they featured on DIY SOS, where they not only donated painting materials but went above and beyond

by giving freely their time; working double-shifts of up to sixteen hours to ensure the project was completed on time."

North Tyneside Business Forum will soon open nominations for the 2024 Heart of the Community Award, alongside the five other categories recognised at the ceremony. We invite you to nominate a business that has made a significant contribution to the local area or that has gone the extra mile to be at the heart of the local community.

Nominations opened at the beginning of July. Scan the QR code to browse the categories and make a nomination.



YOUR TICKET TO SELF-EMPLOYMENT

Come along to our inspirational event to find out more about support from The Business Factory and hear from a local business about its start-up story.

Book your place at businessfactorynt.co.uk

Delivered by



North Tyneside Council



The Business Factory

6 AUGUST
The Parks,
North Shields



It's never too late to start learning

In North Tyneside, we believe everyone should have the opportunities to grow and thrive and our specialist adult courses are designed to support you to do just that.

North Tyneside Council's Adult Learning Service was rated outstanding for adult learning provision by Ofsted in June 2023.

Whether you are preparing for work, starting a new career or developing your skills, there is something for you. There is a brilliant wide range of courses from health and social care to digital skills, English and maths.

We know that learning is about more than just building skills and gaining experience. Our courses support wellbeing, boost confidence, build friendships and help you to unlock your potential.

We recognise that each learner is unique.

We will work with you to create a personalised study programme that suits you. Whether you're looking for daytime, evening or online classes, we offer the flexibility you need to manage learning around other commitments – whatever your stage in life.

You will receive outstanding support from our passionate student services and learning support teams for everything from help with childcare and course fees to one-to-one appointments with our wellbeing mentor.

For further information, telephone 0191 643 2288, email curriculum.support@northtyneside.gov.uk or visit www.skillsnorthtyneside.org.uk.

North Tyneside Restaurant Week is back!

Monday 7 – Sunday 13 October

North Tyneside has many local and national award-winning restaurants – some of the best tastes and culinary experiences in the North East.

Discover special offers at a range of local businesses with two or three course set menus priced at £15, £20 or £25.

From Whitley Bay to Longbenton, to Wallsend, Cullercoats, Forest Hall and Tynemouth, there'll be something to excite everyone's taste buds.

Support local businesses and enjoy the best cuisine that North Tyneside has to offer – keep an eye on social media and restaurantweeknorthtyneside.co.uk for participating restaurants, updates and menus.

If you own or run a restaurant in North Tyneside, and would like to participate, scan the QR code to sign up by 2 September.



Ghosts of England: North Shields' working Fish Quay to host two-week dance and music project

Fishermen unloading their catch will share North Shields Fish Quay with contemporary dancers and musicians for two weeks this summer.

Anthony Lo-Giudice's Ghosts of England is the forerunner to a bigger project in 2025 that will tour nationally and internationally before returning to North Shields for its finale as part of the town's 800th anniversary celebrations.

Between 22 July and 2 August this year, a team of professional dancers and musicians from the North East and London will use the Fish Quay jetty as a rehearsal and performance space. The work is supported by the North Shields Cultural Quarter Projects and Events Fund.

North Shields Cultural Quarter is part of North Tyneside Council's ambitious plans for North Shields, enhancing and growing the creative economy. It is supported by the new North East Combined Authority.

Fishermen and workers on the quay will be able to watch the performers and interact with them as they collaborate to produce the piece.

There will be wraparound activities so that local schools and community groups can get involved, as well as a chance for people to ask questions of the cast.

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SILENT DISCO
SAT 17TH AUGUST
CULLERCOATS BAY

BIG DIPPA
FRI 24TH - SAT 25TH AUGUST
WHITLEY BAY BEACH + SPANISH CITY PLAZA

THE PALE WHITE
SAT 14TH SEPTEMBER
SALT MARKET SOCIAL

CRAIG CHARLES
FRI 20TH SEPTEMBER
SALT MARKET SOCIAL

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What's On

All details are correct at the time of going to print. Please check event information closer to the time and before making your journey.

For more information see www.visitnorthtyneside.com.



Films in the Park

Mon 19 – Fri 23 August, 10am and 1pm screenings
Richardson Dees Park, Wallsend

A free week-long family film festival. All screenings are free to attend. Families are encouraged to pack a picnic and blanket and join in the fun. See www.visitnorthtyneside.com for films.



Weetslade Summer Trail

27 July – 1 September, 10am – 3pm each day

Weetslade Country Park

Follow a downloadable self-guided trail and find out some fascinating facts about what you can see at Weetslade at this time of year.

Suitable for all ages 5+.

www.nwt.org.uk/events

Marvellous Mondays at Segedunum

29 July and 5, 12, 19, 26 August
Segedunum Roman Fort

Roman inspired craft activities for all the family.

www.segedunumromanfort.org.uk

North Sea Weekender Series (see page 12)

August – October

A series of exciting watersport events including a longboard competition, paddleboarding race, yoga workshops, a big sea dip, a pop-up food and drink village, special live music shows and more. Follow North Sea Weekender on Facebook and Instagram for updates.

Make & Take Thursday

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 August

Stephenson Railway Museum

Free family-friendly craft activities every Thursday during school holidays

www.stephensonsteamrailway.org.uk

Cirque du Hilarious

6 August – 1 September

Wallsend Rugby Club

Slapstick superstars and panto legends Danny Adams and Clive Webb will bring their famous Cirque Du Hilarious for another year of family fun.

www.cirqueduhilarious.co.uk

Weetslade Guided Walk

9 August, 11am – 12pm

Weetslade Country Park

Join a member of the Northumberland Wildlife Trust team for an informative walk around the park, discovering fascinating facts and learning top tips for helping to preserve nature. Age 16+. £3 per person. Booking essential.

www.nwt.org.uk/events

Whitley Bay Sandcastle Competition

11 August, from 10am

Whitley Bay beach, outside Rendezvous Café.

Hundreds of people gather to test their sandcastle building abilities.

Newcastle Falcons Touch Rugby

11 August

Tynemouth Longsands

This touch rugby event is made up from mixed teams and is a quick small sided non-contact version of rugby. For further information, contact Gavin Beasley on 0191 214 2803.

Feast by the Sea

17 – 18 August, 21 – 22 September

Spanish City Plaza, Whitley Bay

Street food and live music by the coast. Follow Feast by the Sea on Facebook for updates.

Book Fair

**18 August, 13 October,
9.30am to 3.30pm
Tynemouth Station.**

Browse books on all topics and genres.

www.tynemouthstationbookfair.co.uk

Spanish City Funfair

22 – 26 August

The Links, Whitley Bay

The annual family fun fair returns to the Links.

Hadrian Festival

24 – 25 August

Segedunum Roman Fort

Segedunum is paying homage to the Roman Emperor Hadrian in a weekend that features demonstrations, cooking and crafts.

www.segedunumromanfort.org.uk

Killingworth Street Food Festival

24 – 26 August

Arrow Close, Killingworth

Food and craft stalls, street food, live

music and children's activities.

Search Killingworth Monthly Street Food Festival on Facebook.

Great North Bike Ride

25 August

Tynemouth

A sponsored ride for the Chris Lucas Trust, from Seahouses to Tynemouth.

www.greatnorthbikeride.com

Meet the Baby Dinosaurs

26 August

Stephenson Railway Museum

Interact with a variety of dino puppets, whilst on board a heritage locomotive.

www.stephensonsteamrailway.org.uk

North Tyneside Together

31 August

Northumberland Park,

North Shields

A community event bringing together all cultures with a range of food and drink, stalls, live music and family entertainment.

Heritage Open Days

6 – 15 September

Venues across North Tyneside will open their doors for free.

www.heritageopendays.org.uk

Tyne Tri Lakeside Aquathlon

29 September

Lakeside Centre, Killingworth

Bi-annual adult and junior aquathlon event for all ages.

www.tynetri.org

Whitley Bay Film Festival

Coming soon

Various locations

Annual event celebrating great film in great locations.

www.whitleybayfilmfestival.co.uk



Fireworks Displays

Fireworks Display

Tynemouth Cricket Club

2 November

www.tynemouthcricketclub.co.uk

North Tyneside Fireworks Display

The Links, Whitley Bay

3 November, from 6pm (display 7pm)

Segedunum Fireworks Display

Segedunum Roman Fort, Wallsend

5 November

www.segedunumromanfort.org.uk

Blue Flames Fireworks Display

Blue Flames Sporting Club, Benton

5 November

www.blueflames.co.uk



THE EXCHANGE 1856

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
24 – 28 July

The Blue Flamingos 60s Review
2 August

Featuring Howard Baker (The Applejacks), Stevie Hutch (The Animals), John Watchman (Love Affair), Jo Kasner, Stu Burlinson and Paul Lindsay.

Tubeway Days, The Gary Numan Experience
30 August

The Moonbeats
28 September

A musical tribute to the swinging sixties.

Destination Bowie
5 October

It's time to blast through five decades of Bowie.

To book tickets or view further shows as they are announced, please visit
www.theexchange1856.com/whats-on



Making waves in Whitley Bay

Fiesta Whitley Bay takes place four times a year in the grounds of St Paul's Church. With market stalls, street food, creative activities and a programme of music, dance and poetry, there is something for everyone.

Fiesta aims to bring the community together in a sustainable and inclusive way. Fiesta is a not for profit event and all the proceeds are reinvested to shape and improve future events. Organised and run by an enthusiastic team of volunteers it belongs to the whole community. Come and join us!

Fiesta takes place on Sunday 6 October between 11am and 3pm. For further information visit fiestawb.com or follow Fiesta Whitley Bay on Facebook.

What's on at the PLAYHOUSE

WHITLEY BAY

Science Museum: The Live Stage Show

Saturday 27 July
1pm and 4pm

Produced by Mark Thompson Productions in partnership with London's Science Museum, this unmissable family show will capture the fascination of the whole family while learning something new and exciting.



The Little Mermaid

Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 August
Various times

In an underwater Kingdom like no other, King Triton's daughter, the bravest little mermaid, yearns for an adventure way above the water. With the help of her floundering fish friend and a crabby crab, they must battle the evils of the Sea Witch, who steals the mermaid's voice in exchange for the ability to live on land, this timeless tale is sure to captivate audiences of all ages.

Pop Princesses

Wednesday 21 August
3pm

Featuring a soundtrack of top pop hits from artists such as Little Mix, Ariana Grande, Taylor Swift, Meghan Trainor and Miley Cyrus, plus all the best songs from all your favourite films and musicals. Come and join the fun!

Astravaganza Entertainment presents 'Annie'

Wednesday 28 – Saturday 31 August
Various times

From the local producers of the successful 'Priscilla Queen of The Desert', 'The Producers', 'Shrek' and 'OLIVER!', Astravaganza Entertainment is delighted to be bringing Annie, the world's favourite family musical to the Playhouse Whitley Bay in August.

Most Haunted: The Stage Show

Wednesday 4 September
7.30pm

Presented by Yvette Fielding, the first lady of the paranormal, together with Karl Beattie and the Most Haunted team, you will be taken on the darkest, most terrifying journey of your life.

A Night at the Movies: The Soundtrack of Your Life

Sunday 8 September
7.30pm

A spectacular live concert featuring all the greatest hits from your favourite

films including Back to The Future, Top Gun, The Greatest Showman, Moulin Rouge, Dirty Dancing and many more.

Smile For a Night

Sunday 29 September
2pm

Hosted by our hilarious patron, Danny Adams, his dad Clive Webb and featuring the brilliant Lee Ridley (Lost Voice Guy), this family friendly event will have you captivated throughout! With performances from Stagecoach Children's Drama, The Rock Choir, Liberdade Dance Troup and many more, we will showcase the very best talent the North East has to offer! Don't miss out on the hottest tickets of the year!

Toad on the Road: An Evening with Ryan Maloney

Thursday 26 September
7.30pm

Following on from the SELL OUT Celebration Tour, Neighbours star Ryan Moloney (AKA Toadie Rebecchi) is heading back out on the road for his exclusive solo tour.

Country Roads

Saturday 28 September
7.30pm

Leave your 9 to 5 worries at the door and get ready as – for one night only – we celebrate the Kings and Queens of country music.

For full listings, further information and to purchase tickets:

- Visit www.playhousewhitleybay.co.uk
- Visit the PLAYHOUSE Box Office: Open Monday – Friday 10am to 4pm, Saturday 10.30am to 2.30pm, plus event days.

Events at North Tyneside libraries this summer

Book Launch: Trevor Wood – The Silent Killer

Whitley Bay Library

Tuesday 30 July, 7pm

THE CLOCK IS TICKING. THERE'S NO ESCAPE. DCI Jack Parker has a secret. He has Early Onset Dementia, and he will do anything and everything to hide it from his peers and the people he's investigating.

Meet the Author: Josh Lacey

North Shields Library

Wednesday 31 July, 2pm

The author of the Dragonsitter & Grk series will be sharing his new book The Viking Attack. Perfect for fans of Horrible Histories.

Meet the Illustrator: Julia Patton

Whitley Bay Library

Tuesday 6 August, 11am

Hands-on drawing session with award-winning picture book author.

Shipwrecks and Saving Lives

Wallsend Library

Tuesday 10 September, 2pm

Prevention, innovation and tales of heroism and tragedy in the local waters of our area. A talk by Sam Levy, Senior Education Officer at St. Mary's Lighthouse and Visitor Centre.

History Wardrobe: Ladies of leisure

North Shields Library

Tuesday 24 September, 7pm

Explore pleasures and pastimes in Jane Austen's era. Tickets £8.50.

All events must be booked at www.bookwhen.com/ntclibraries

Summer Reading Challenge 2024

Saturday 13 July to Saturday 14 September

The 2024 Summer Reading Challenge is a celebration of the creative arts, inspiring children aged 3 to 11 to get creative, tap into a world of imagination and storytelling, and – of course – to read!

The theme of this year's challenge is 'Marvellous Makers'.

Children can sign up at any North Tyneside library and read their way through library books, collecting special stickers as they go.

Marvellous Makers characters have been brought to life by children's illustrator, Natelle Quek and the challenge encourages children to unleash their creativity – whether that's through drawing, music, dancing or singing.

It's a great way to keep kids reading over the summer holidays and as a reward they will earn a Summer Reading Challenge medal and certificate.

Keep an eye out for updates on our libraries' social media accounts for Summer Reading Challenge events too – make sure you don't miss out on the fun!



Illustrations by Natelle Quek and logo artwork by Lizzie Everard.
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Enjoy a summer of fun in our award-winning parks

Get ready for a summer buzzing with excitement at our parks!

From bee spotting to live music, circus skills, and even dog awards, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Whether you're planning a fun-filled outing with the family or a peaceful walk to relax and soak in the beauty of nature, our parks are the perfect place for a day out.

Why not pack a picnic or enjoy delicious takeaway treats from our park cafés at the Rising Sun Countryside Centre, Richardson Dees Park in Wallsend, and Northumberland Park in North Shields.



All our events are free to attend.

| Date and time | What's on? | Where? |
|---|--|---|
| Thursday 1 August 10.30am and 1.30pm | Two sessions of nature activities – book via Eventbrite | Rising Sun Country Park |
| Friday 2 August 11am–2pm | Active North Tyneside Family Fun Day | Richardson Dees Park |
| Tuesday 6 August 10.30am and 1.30pm | Two sessions of nature activities – book via Eventbrite | Rising Sun Country Park |
| Thursday 8 August 10.30am and 1.30pm | Two sessions of nature activities – book via Eventbrite | Rising Sun Country Park |
| Friday 9 August 11am – 2pm | Active North Tyneside Family Fun Day | Churchill Playing Fields |
| Sunday 11 August 11am–3pm | Live music from the bandstand | Northumberland Park |
| Wednesday 14 August 11am–3pm | Rising Sun Summer Fayre – with a wide range of activities including music, circus workshop, facepainting, fairground rides, crazy golf, ten pin bowling and much more. | Rising Sun Country Park |
| Friday 16 August 11am – 2pm | Active North Tyneside Family Fun Day | Northumberland Park |
| Thursday 22 August 2pm | Bee walks led by Park Wardens count bees for the Bumblebee Conservation Trust | Northumberland Park (meet at the Medieval Garden) |
| Saturday 14 September 11am–3pm | Annual Dog Oscars: A day of canine capers, agility course, stalls and music from the bandstand. Book your dogs in via Eventbrite. Free for spectators | Northumberland Park |
| Saturday 21 September 2pm | Bee walks led by Park Wardens count bees for the Bumblebee Conservation Trust | Northumberland Park (meet at the Medieval Garden) |
| Sunday 29 September 11am–3pm | Live music from the bandstand | Northumberland Park |
| Thursday 3 October | National Poetry Day | Northumberland Park |
| Saturday 19 October 2pm | Bee walks led by Park Wardens count bees for the Bumblebee Conservation Trust | Northumberland Park (meet at the Medieval Garden) |

North Tyneside elects a new Young Mayor and Member of Youth Parliament



Young people in North Tyneside have elected a new Young Mayor and Member of Youth Parliament.

12 year old Norham High School student, Coby Black, was elected by his peers as the new Young Mayor of North Tyneside on Friday 1 March.

Elected as the new Member of UK Youth Parliament was 14 year old John Zeng, a student at George Stephenson High School.

As Young Mayor, Coby becomes a figurehead for young people living in North Tyneside; working closely with the Council's Elected Mayor and Cabinet to offer a young

person's perspective on policy and activity carried out by the Authority.

As part of his campaign, Coby pledged to 'raise awareness of the dangers of vaping, drinking alcohol and illegal drugs, and work to improve people's health in the community'.

As Member of UK Youth Parliament, John will represent young people in North Tyneside on a local, regional and national scale. He will speak and debate on behalf of North Tyneside's youth, raising their views and concerns to relevant authorities.

John succeeds former Member of UK Youth Parliament, Sharon Zeng, who

just so happens to be his sister! Following in her footsteps, John has pledged to 'help children learn how to spend smarter through better financial education'.

Young people aged between 11 and 18 and young people aged up to 25 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) who live, work or attend school or college in North Tyneside, were eligible to stand for election, and take part in the vote.

Most of Coby and John's duties will be arranged outside of the school day, and they will be supported to make sure they honour all school commitments.



The new Young Mayor and Member of Youth Parliament with their predecessors

GUIDE to councillors 2024/25

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Our North Tyneside Voice



A listening council

Our North Tyneside Voice is an easy way for you to get involved with North Tyneside Council, to share your views and have your say on council services

This summer, we'll be launching a brand new Our North Tyneside Voice website, dedicated to current consultations and updates on what happened with previous ones, on a range of topics:

- Proposed changes to council services
- Plans for regeneration schemes
- The council's annual budget
- Ideas for new activities and projects

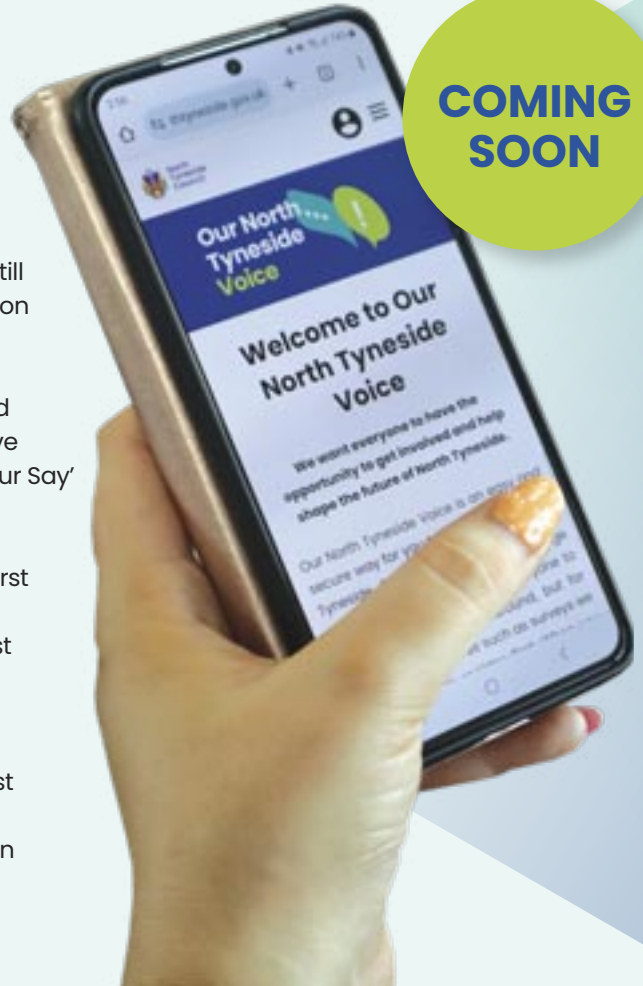
All residents currently signed up with Our North Tyneside Voice will be sent details when the new site goes live, so if you'd like to get advance notice

too, please follow the link at the bottom of this page to register your details.

If you aren't online, you can still get involved – please call us on 0191 643 2828.

Along with online surveys and consultations, we always have paper copies at the 'Have Your Say' displays in:

- North Shields Customer First Centre
- Whitley Bay Customer First Centre
- Wallsend Customer First Centre
- White Swan Customer First Centre, Killingworth
- Oxford Centre, Longbenton
- John Willie Sams Centre, Dudley



Are you a council tenant or leaseholder?

We collect tenants' views and suggestions for improving our Housing and Property Service on a regular basis, through activities from filling in an occasional survey to joining a group that meets regularly with senior managers. We're always looking for more people to join in. Please call 0191 643 7746 for details.

Our North Tyneside Voice



Sign up today and we will contact you every time we have an opportunity for you to share your views on our services. Scan the QR code to get started or call us on the number below.



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Meet the giant fish sculpture helping to turn the tide on plastic pollution

Our beloved recycling mascot, Martin the Seal, has officially retired – and a new environmental symbol has debuted at the coast.

The six-foot fish sculpture, made entirely from litter collected along our coastline, is an eye-catching reminder of the impact litter and pollution has on our beaches and marine life.

Local artists, Beth Huttly and Amy Welch, brought the

sculpture to life, and it will be touring six different coastal locations as part of the Council's environmental protection campaign.

Every year the Council, with the help of community volunteers and local businesses, removes thousands of tonnes of rubbish from our beaches.

We'll be hosting a competition later this year to come up with a name for the fish.



The fish in place at Whitley Bay

Gold and Silver awards for going green

North Tyneside Council is delighted to award Gold and Silver to more local organisations for cutting carbon emissions.

The Carbon Reduction Awards recognise businesses committed to reducing their carbon footprint, in line with the Council's aims to be carbon net zero by 2030.

The Village Hotel in Cobalt Park – a Gold Award winner – is swapping all their lights for energy saving LED alternatives and is powered entirely by renewable energy sources.

They've reduced heating and air-conditioning consumption and are reducing food waste too.

Age UK North Tyneside – a Silver Award winner – is investing in hybrid fleet vehicles, installing LEDs and recycling more. It's appointed in-house energy champions, training frontline staff in energy efficiency and working towards achieving Gold.

There is more help online for businesses and third sector organisations, including information on free energy audits and grants, and climate adaptation toolkits to help plan for climate resilience.

Search 'green support' on the council's website
my.northtyneside.gov.uk

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Paving the way for a Sustainable Seafront

Work on the first mile (Phase One) of the Sustainable Seafront Route between Tynemouth and Longsands is complete.

The first section has been transformed with new paving, kerbs, crossings, and a new road surface. It now boasts a segregated safe space for walking and wheeling between Tynemouth Front Street and the Aquarium.

This ambitious project aims to enhance the seafront and create a vibrant, safe, and sustainable space for everyone – one that is greener, more attractive, and better connected.

Work will pause during the summer to allow peak seasonal activity to go ahead without interruption, and all temporary restrictions and diversions will be removed.

Phase Two, connecting St Mary's to Tynemouth Aquarium, is scheduled to begin this autumn.

The route is being delivered by our construction partner, Capita, and we secured the funding from Active Travel England and Sustrans, ringfenced for active travel improvements, to make the project a reality.

The new route will benefit all road users, maintaining two-way traffic

between Whitley Bay and Tynemouth, with plans to resurface long sections of the highway and all coastal footpaths.

The speed limit will be reduced to 20 mph, and all crossings will be upgraded to improve pedestrian safety and access. The initiative supports the Council's efforts to tackle climate change and achieve carbon net-zero by 2030.

The scheme will eventually extend five miles along the seafront and join the National Cycle Network NCN 1.

Young people enjoying Phase One of the seafront route



Support our swifts!

Did you know that swifts eat and sleep while flying? They're incredible birds but they are in danger, and North Tyneside Council needs your help to support the species in the Borough.

The swift population in the North East has fallen by more than 50% since 2012, but the council has started a project to give swifts a home to nest and breed in North Tyneside.

There are now 28 nesting boxes on nine council buildings, including some leisure centres and council offices, with plans for more.

The project supports North Tyneside Council's Biodiversity Action Plan which is an important part of our Action for Climate Change campaign, supporting a Green North Tyneside.



Swift boxes being installed at the Rising Sun, Tynemouth Pool, the Parks and Lakeside. Swift photo courtesy of Mark Thomas, RSPB.

Can you help?

It's nesting season now, and you can record any swift sightings near you using <https://www.swiftmapper.org.uk>.

If you've space at home, why not put a swift box up yourself? The RSPB has lots of advice on how to do so and other ways to help. Search 'swift' at <https://www.rspb.org.uk>

If you want to know more about North Tyneside Council's biodiversity action plan and what we're doing to tackle the climate emergency, please search 'action on climate change' on my.northtyneside.gov.uk

A big thanks to...

Generous local businesses, especially Warren Access who donated time and specialist equipment to get the swift boxes high up on our buildings. Thanks to Envirorod, ECS, MRM, DFP, Capital Electrics, Inglefords, Quora, Laybourne Irwin, FT Leisure and Orbis for donating boxes.

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Recycling is child's play for local schools

The Council and Suez Recycling and Recovery UK are transforming recyclable materials into playtime essentials for local primary schools.

At the SUEZ-operated North Shields recycling facility, collected items are repurposed and donated to schools, supporting the Outdoor Play and Learn (OPAL) program.

Christ Church Primary School recently received materials including bikes, tyres, a guitar, and even a ship's steering wheel! The SUEZ staff built two mini outdoor kitchens from reclaimed wood and plan to construct a low-level stage from repurposed pallets.

New York Primary School has already received its first batch of materials. The initiative aims to enhance creative play opportunities, and have a positive

impact on children's development, behaviour, and mental health.

The project is part of the Council's work to be a cleaner, greener Borough by reimagining and recycling items that boost young people's learning.

Sandra Graham, Cabinet Member responsible for the Climate Emergency, said: "This innovative scheme promotes sustainability and provides our children with unique and engaging play experiences.

"Materials that would have typically been recycled are now finding a new lease of life in the hands of our primary school children, and it's wonderful to see."

In addition to the play initiative, the Council supports eco-shops at Christ Church and Waterville Primary Schools. Educational assemblies,

parent engagement sessions, and reusable craft workshops for year-six students are part of the Council's efforts.

Staff from the Council's housing department are building planters from reclaimed wood for younger students to grow produce, and recycling bins have been provided to Christ Church Primary School to allow them to manage their waste effectively.



Thank you! You've recycled four tonnes of small electrical items since December!

There are 37 small electrical recycling banks across the Borough in schools, community centres and Council buildings.

Small electrical items are things like toasters, chargers and remote controls.

You can also recycle vape tubes at 27 locations.



Find your nearest recycling point



Our recycling map shows where you can responsibly dispose of various items, from glass and soft plastics to clothing and small electrical goods, including vapes.

Whether you're decluttering your home or aiming to reduce your environmental footprint, our map provides easy-to-follow directions to your nearest recycling facilities.

Visit the Council's website and search for 'find your nearest recycling point'. We can all do our bit to help North Tyneside be cleaner, greener and safer

Don't bin your batteries!



A battery recently started a fire at a Council recycling plant.

Batteries must be taken out of appliances before they're recycled or binned. You can dispose of them safely in a dedicated collection box in supermarkets, shops, and public buildings, or at the Household Waste Recycling Centre (the tip).

This thermal picture from another battery fire on North Tyneside shows the rubbish quickly heating to 160 degrees where the battery is.

Improved links to Percy Main Metro station for cyclists

Work to create a new cycling link between the A1058 Coast Road and Percy Main Metro Station is complete.

The project included the creation of a two-way cycle track alongside Norham Road, new toucan crossings on Wallsend Road and the construction of long, flat speed humps at give-way junctions.

It was delivered for North Tyneside Council by its partner Capita and forms part of the Authority's 'Healthy Links to Metro' initiative.

Funded by the Department for Transport's Transforming Cities Fund, the initiative aims to improve cycling links to five Metro stations, extending the reach of the Metro system.

Works have previously been undertaken near Northumberland Park, Whitley Bay, and Four Lane Ends Metro stations. A further scheme is proposed to improve links to North Shields Metro station.

Some landscaping work remains to be carried out as part of the Percy Main Healthy Links to Metro scheme, however the main elements are complete:

- A new two-way cycle track alongside Norham Road, from the Coast Road to Alnwick Avenue.
- Side road raised tables as a traffic calming measure approaching the give way junctions to Norham Road. This gives a level surface for cyclists and improves road safety for all by slowing traffic.

- A new pedestrian island on Norham Road, just north of the junction with Alnwick Avenue (near Tecaz Bathrooms & Kitchens).
- On-road cycle symbols along Chollerford Avenue and the Coast Road service road, including widening to the path between the north end of Falstaff Road and Hollywell Road to form a shared-use cycling and walking route.
- 'Quiet Streets' treatment between Alnwick Avenue and Wallsend Road via Elsdon Terrace, taking the form of traffic signs and road markings to highlight to other road users that people will be cycling on road.
- New toucan crossings to make it easier to cross Wallsend Road on foot and when cycling.
- Double yellow line parking restrictions to the junction of Norham Road and Alnwick Avenue, and the southern side of Alnwick Avenue between Norham Road and Elsdon Terrace to ensure visibility is maintained for all road users.



A section of two-way cycle track along Norham Road

Coast Road safety barriers replacement

Overnight works are being undertaken to replace some of the safety barriers along the A1058 Coast Road in North Tyneside.

The section of barriers requiring immediate replacement stretches from the boundary with Newcastle (near the Wills Building) to near the Silverlink junction.

Work is now underway and should last around four weeks.

During working hours, which are from 7pm to 6am, the Coast Road's outside lane next to the working area will be closed in both directions.

For safety reasons the speed limit next to the working area will be temporarily reduced to 30mph at all times until the works are completed.

There will be some unavoidable noise during the works, which are being managed for North Tyneside Council by its partner Capita, however the team will work hard to minimise disturbance.

Most of the excavation works will be carried out by hand while the noisiest works, such as cutting barriers and drilling, will be carried out earlier in the evening wherever possible.

The 70mph speed limit on the A1058 Coast Road, from the boundary with Newcastle (near the Wills Building) to just before the Silverlink junction, will be restored after the safety barriers have been replaced along this whole length.

Operation Coastwatch steps up as warmer weather arrives

Sun-seekers are being reminded to respect their communities and our coastline this summer, as Operation Coastwatch comes into full swing.

Every year, the Council teams up with Northumbria Police, Nexus, and other partners to run the operation when the warmer weather arrives.

It's a sweeping initiative which tackles disorder and anti-social behaviour with measures including extra patrols,

preventative work on the transport network, and beach wardens to monitor coastal activity.

The partners work together to investigate licensed premises suspected of underage sales, and revoke licences to send a clear message to other retailers in the area.

Officers gather cross-agency intelligence on anyone found to be taking part in criminal behaviour or disorder, and mobile CCTV helps to capture evidence of disorder ahead of prosecutions.

The partners have praised the community for their support and emphasised a zero-tolerance stance on disorder, and the council is asking people to be respectful, dispose of litter responsibly, and adhere to safety rules.

Anyone with concerns is asked to contact police using the Northumbria Police website or by calling 101. Always dial 999 in an emergency or if a crime is ongoing.



Progress continues on affordable homes

North Tyneside Council is continuing to show its commitment to creating affordable housing.

Recently, North Tyneside Council completed work on the controlled demolition of the former Rosehill Social Club, with officers now working on plans for eight new affordable homes to be built on the site, pending planning approval.

The site had been out of use since 2014 and had become derelict, so North Tyneside Council stepped in to find a positive solution.

Work is underway to build 22 new, affordable homes on Swindale Drive in Killingworth. In line with the Council's plans to work towards being carbon net zero by 2030, the homes will have air source heat

pumps and solar panels will be installed at no additional cost to the resident.

To date, over 2,300 affordable homes have been created as part of the Council's Affordable Homes Programme, with a further 1,700 planned as part of phase one, and an additional 1,000 as part of the second phase.

The Council's drive to create more affordable homes focuses on providing the types of homes that are most in demand, including high-quality one-bed properties, bungalows and family homes.

The work particularly supports those who haven't got the means to buy or rent a home on the open market.



Keeping our housing estates clean, green and safe.

As part of our Neat Streets programme, our Housing Management Team have been out and about visiting some of our streets and tenants.

Working alongside residents and Environment teams, they have been able to highlight areas in need of attention and arrange for estate clean-ups and bulky waste collections.

Our garden tool loan scheme has continued to be successful, with a number of tenants taking advantage of the free service to help maintain their gardens and outdoor areas.

It's been a positive start, and recently our Neighbourhood teams started working on a piece of work where they will visit every Council tenant to see what's going well, what could be improved and chat about anything to do with their tenancy.

They've been out and about a bit already so keep an eye out for them in your street!

Neat Streets

Disability is no barrier



As a wheelchair user with a physical disability, Michael and his partner Anne have proved disability is no barrier to adopting.

We've caught up with the couple to hear about their journey to having the family they dreamt of.

"Our adoption journey took around a year. Throughout the process Adopt North East provided us with support and information to help us navigate not only the adoption journey but our specific circumstances.

"We had time to talk about any extra support we might need or how we might balance looking after a child with any care needs we had.

"It hasn't always been easy, but because we had the conversations early, we have been able to navigate the tricky times and become the strong, stable family we have dreamt about."

There are more than 30 children waiting for their forever home right now. Adopt North East is your adoption agency, and we'll support you through your adoption journey.



Who can Foster?

Foster with North East works with a wonderfully diverse community of foster carers from all over the North East. They know first-hand that people from different backgrounds make brilliant carers.

There's lots of myths out there about who can and can't foster. The most important thing is you can create a stable home for a child.

- Your relationship status, sexuality, ethnicity and gender don't matter.
- You can foster whether you have your own child or not.
- It doesn't matter whether you own your home or rent.
- You may be able to foster and work in another job.

If you're considering becoming a foster carer, the friendly team will help you through the journey. Call 0800 917 7771 or visit Fosterwithnortheast.org.uk today.



Guide to applying for your child's school place in 2025

From Monday 9 September you can apply for your child's place in reception, first, middle, and high school for 2025.

Applying for a place in reception

If your child's birthday is between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, you'll need to complete an application for your child's reception place.

Applications open on 9 September, but there's no rush. You have until 13 January 2025 to make your choice and submit your application. We'll then let you know on 16 April which school your child has been offered, and you can start to

prepare for the next step of their school journey.

Moving on to middle and high school

If your child is going to year five in a middle school, year seven in a high school or year nine at Whitley Bay High school or Monkseaton High school, you must apply by 31 October 2024.

- If your child is attending a first school and will be finishing year four in July 2025, you can apply to start year five at a middle school.
- If your child is attending a primary school and will be finishing year six in July 2025,

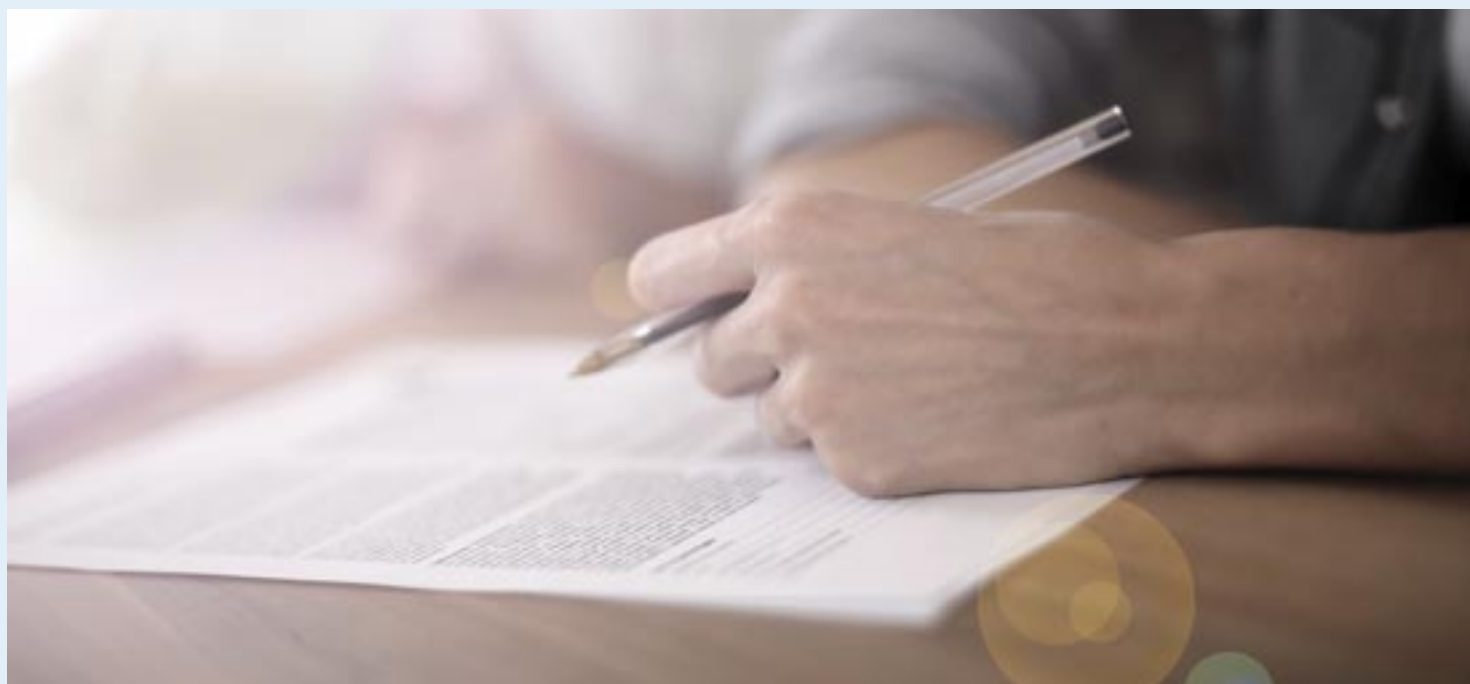
you can apply to start year seven at a high school.

- If your child is attending a middle school and they are finishing year 8 in July 2025, you can apply to start year nine at Monkseaton High school or Whitley Bay High school.

How to apply

Apply online at www.northtyneside.gov.uk

Complete a paper form. They're available from any North Tyneside school or by emailing school.admissions@northtyneside.gov.uk



Looking for **care and support** at home for your loved one?

Our highly qualified team offer a wide range of support to help you get on with life and the things you enjoy.

One customer's daughter said, "The service is going very well. Mum's health has deteriorated and she is reluctant to accept help all of the time. The carers handle this well and it's much appreciated what they do for her. **They really are absolutely marvellous and very friendly.**"

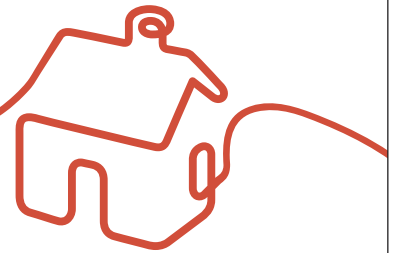
If you're thinking about accessing support, we're here to help. Call us on **0191 287 7028** or visit www.everydayuk.org to find out more.



"The service is excellent, staff are brilliant, it's like a family."

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✉ enquiries@everydayuk.org

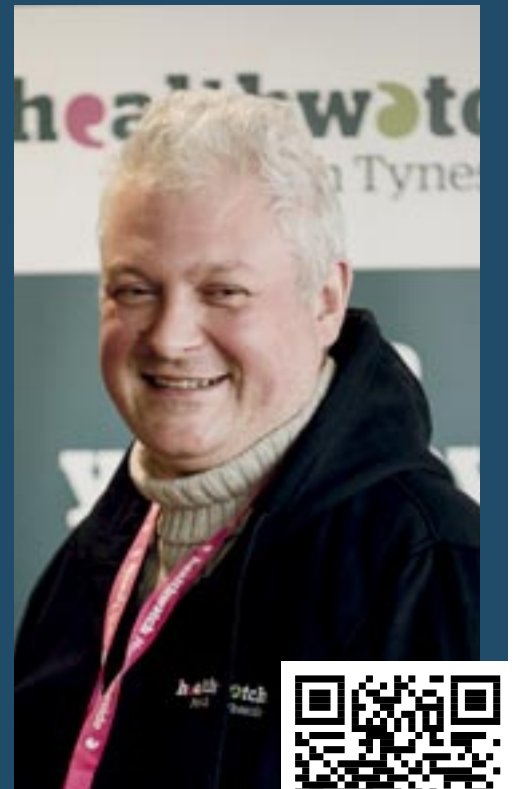


healthwatch North Tyneside

Healthwatch North Tyneside are here to help you find the health and care support you need. We also gather feedback from local people about **health and care services**, then work with providers to improve them.

We are **here to hear your views and experiences** any time, but we also have focused projects ready to hear what you have to say about:

- How North Tyneside can be an age-friendly borough
- The experiences of people with learning disabilities
- The views of families and friends of North Tyneside care home residents



www.hwnt.co.uk - 0191 263 5321 - info@hwnt.co.uk - scan the QR:

Shiremoor holds the key to adventure this summer!

Shiremoor Adventure Playground is a haven for children to explore and play freely.

Head along to meet the pigs, chickens, rabbits, tortoises and gecko, try out the swings, sit round the fire, make a pizza in the big pizza oven, do some pond dipping, roller-skate around or climb to your heart's content. The best bit? It's free of charge!

There's a cash-only café on site for snacks and drinks and this summer the team has successfully secured funding to provide a free lunch for children in receipt of income-based free school meals.

The playground, owned and managed by North Tyneside Council and supported by Shiremoor Adventure Playground Trust, is open seven days a week.

It's accessible to everyone Tuesday to Saturday, and on a Sunday and a Monday it's reserved for children with additional needs and their families, offering a calmer experience for those who find a loud and hectic environment challenging.

Find out more at www.shiremoor-adventure-playground-trust.org or by calling 0191 643 8300.



Family Fun Days 2024

Active North Tyneside is hosting annual Family Fun Days in parks across the borough once again this summer.

Each event will run from 11am to 2pm on:

- Friday 26 July at Springfield Park
- Friday 2 August at Richardson Dees Park
- Friday 9 August at Churchill Playing Fields
- Friday 16 August at Northumberland Park

It's a great fun and free day out with the kids to take advantage of during the six week holidays.

There will be something for everyone to enjoy with giant games, cycling, football, a DJ, basketball and bouncy castles!

Activities are open to children of all ages from toddlers to tweens.

Families can just turn up, there's no need to book or register. Please note, children must be accompanied and supervised throughout the events by a responsible adult.



The only passport kids need this summer is their Swim Passport!



Six weeks is a long time to keep children and young people entertained. But North Tyneside leisure centres have the perfect solution to keep them occupied – and tire them out!

The Summer Swim Passport gives kids unlimited access to North Tyneside swimming pools throughout the school holidays.

That means they can access Hadrian Leisure Centre, Tynemouth Pool, Waves and The Lakeside Centre swimming pools as many times as they want for six weeks for just £28!

Pool admission policies apply, under 14s only. The Swim Passport is available to buy from Monday 1 July 2024 and will be valid from Monday 22 July to Sunday 1 September 2024.

Free courses for North Tyneside parents

Becoming a parent is life changing and as the saying goes, fail to prepare, prepare to fail. Which is why North Tyneside Council provides free access to a wide range of online courses for parents and parents-to-be.

Evidence-based courses written by the Solihull Approach (NHS) can be done at your leisure and will show you how your child develops from the womb right through to early adulthood. Some examples include:

Understanding pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby

For parents, grandparents and carers expecting to welcome a new baby. The course has been designed to include practical information and advice you might expect from a traditional antenatal class plus much more.

Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing

Help shape children's mental health and wellbeing. This course

will help you connect with them and provide the best support to nurture confidence, resilience and empathy.

Understanding your child with additional needs

A specialist course for parents, relatives or friends of children with additional needs. It will support you to better understand their world by helping you to read and manage behaviour, develop your communication and support their development.

For more information or to find the full range of courses available visit www.inourplace.co.uk and use the access code 'QUADRANT'.

If you're a parent and you need support, you can find more information on the North Tyneside Council website by searching '0-19' or 'Family Hubs'.

Courses are available in over 108 languages



“All other parents give their children alcohol”

There are so many myths about underage drinking such as:

- Providing children with alcohol in a supervised situation helps them to handle drinking when they're older. **False.**
- Children who drink alcohol with their own family are less likely to binge drink. **False.**
- Alcohol won't affect my child's education. **False.**

Alcohol is linked to 200 different diseases and injuries including heart disease, liver disease and cancer. It's harmful for adults but the risks are even greater for under 18s whose minds and bodies are still developing.

The medical advice is clear; it is healthiest and best for children to drink nothing before they are 18.

Parents have more influence than they might think. You can help your children to avoid alcohol harm. Some examples of things you can do include:

- Learning about alcohol risks for young people.
- Talking to your children about alcohol.
- Agreeing rules together.

There's plenty of helpful information online, including a helpful guide for parents, visit www.whatstheharm.co.uk

Just keep swimming...

After five heart attacks, investigations found Frank had an extra electrical circuit in his heart. His treatment called for a defibrillator to be wired into his heart to restart it when it stops.



As a result, Frank was forced to stop playing his usual sports and was encouraged by his doctors to take up swimming.

"I was told water would take the weight off my body and reduce the stress on it, that it was good for my joints and could help me to maintain healthy lungs and my heart - I looked at it as a free bath!" said Frank.

Since 2021, Frank has been swimming three times a week at Tynemouth Pool. "I look forward to swimming as I can have a laugh with others and socialise. My body feels more relaxed and that's translated to a relaxed mind too," explained Frank.

The team at Tynemouth Pool has played an active role in Frank's rehabilitation. "I feel safe when I'm in the pool and I know if anything did happen, the team are trained and know exactly what to do."

Updates from his consultants show Frank's efforts are paying off and the reports from his defibrillator are positive.

Frank added: "It can be easy after illness or injury to be negative, but I would encourage others to concentrate on what they can do rather than what they can't. You don't know if you will enjoy it until you try it!"

You can find out more about how you can access North Tyneside leisure centres including Contours memberships by visiting www.northtyneside.gov.uk

How's your heart?



When was the last time you had your blood pressure checked?

checked over 600 residents' blood pressures and heart rates.

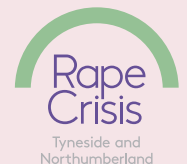
High blood pressure is one of the most critical risk factors of cardiovascular disease.

While most of them were fine, a small number were supported to monitor their blood pressure at home and speak to their GP for further follow-up depending on their results.

Active North Tyneside hosts events in the community offering quick and free checks without an appointment. The tests include a blood pressure assessment and an atrial fibrillation (irregular heartbeat) check.

You can find the dates, times and locations of upcoming events by searching 'cardiovascular health' on on the Council's website.

Since the team started these events, they have



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Care Call's friendly, dedicated team are on hand every minute of the day to provide comfort, support and help when it's needed.

Caroline and Lauren both work at Care Call and are two of the reassuring voices residents hear when they call – they describe it as a brilliant place to work and say how proud they are to deliver the vital service to residents.



For more information please email care.call@northtyneside.gov.uk or ring **(0330) 333 7475**

Switching to digital landlines

The UK's telephone network is changing. Between now and the end of 2027 most telephone providers will be moving customers to new digital landline services.

This means services that rely on the old landline system such as home phones and healthcare devices are being switched over.

This may include:

- Amplified phones (for those with hearing loss)
- Personal telecare products
- Fall and motion detectors
- Portable healthcare devices such as ECG or oxygen monitors

For most, this change will be straightforward. Many customers are already making the switch when they upgrade to full fibre broadband.

Your telecoms provider should contact you before the switchover and will discuss what you need to do to make sure your service isn't affected.

North Tyneside Council will switch its analogue phone lines to digital, including:

- Services that use phone lines. Such as safety alarms, lifts alarms, emergency toilet pull cords and car park payment machines.
- Council buildings
- Sheltered Accommodation
- Schools
- Replacing CareCall units with digital ones

North Tyneside Council is working to make sure there is minimal disruption and residents stay safe in their homes.

For more information search 'digital switch' on my.northtyneside.gov.uk

Promote your group here!

This is space for voluntary or community groups to promote themselves, independent of the Council.

Are you part of a voluntary or community organisation? Would you like to tell North Tyneside residents about your work in this magazine? If so, we'd love to hear from you. Please email marketing@northtyneside.gov.uk for details.

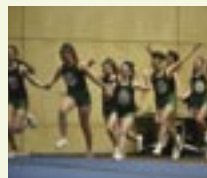


North Tyneside Tin On A Wall

Established in July 2020, Tin On A Wall North Tyneside CIC is a volunteer-focussed food collection initiative, collecting donations

every first Saturday of the month. All donations are gifted to Building Futures East, Cedarwood Trust, Hazlerigg Community Centre, Our Community Spirit, Walking With and Wallsend Memorial Hall.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS, local residents are invited to pledge their time to leaflet their street and collect the food on collection day, which goes directly to our nominated groups the very same day. Visit our website to join our team of volunteers or find out more. Email tinonawall@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook



Catalyst Allstars

Our allstar cheerleading team has blossomed since taking root in North Tyneside in 2021. Starting Season 4 with a new home at

North Tyne Industrial Estate (opposite Asda Benton), our athletes would love some new teammates and friends. With competitive and FUNdamentals classes, for ages 5+ (including adults), and plans to expand, there's a space for everyone. Please visit our website www.catalystallstars.co.uk or email hello@catalystallstars.co.uk for joining information.

Whitley Bay Round Table

Want to make more friends, socialise more and maybe even support your local community? Round Table has existed for almost 100 years to help young men do just that. We meet regularly to socialise and organise events to benefit local people such as our annual Santa's Sleigh plus volunteer at community events. We're part of the Round Table Family which has groups for adults of all ages and sexes.

Visit www.whitleybayroundtable.org for more information on how you can #DoMore."



Live Well with Cancer

Our charity empowers anyone affected by cancer to improve their health and wellbeing. Our services are free to anyone affected by cancer, including family, friends, carers and healthcare professionals. Come see us at 38 Nile Street, North Shields, where we run in-person and online workshops, events and support groups and offer 1-2-1 support from our Wellbeing Centre. We'd also love to see you downstairs at North Bank Café for a cuppa and a chat. Check out our website at www.livewellwithcancer.co.uk or email us at info@livewellwithcancer.co.uk.



Warrior Generation Fitness

Do you want to get active? Or know someone who may benefit from these classes? Armchair Warriors (low impact seated exercise classes) are our most popular classes. We run these sessions from various venues across North Tyneside. Did you know once we hit our 30s we can lose as much as 5% muscle mass per decade! Our classes are focused on strengthening muscles using resistance bands and other lightweight equipment. We also work on posture, balance and co-ordination. Most of our classes are either free or subsidised, and suitable for all ages and abilities. For details on all our classes please call/text 0774 555 3574 or email warrriorgeneration@outlook.com

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