



Tynemouth

News from Alan Campbell
MP

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Community News

Keir Starmer visit to Whitley Bay

I was pleased to welcome, along with Elected Mayor Norma Redfearn, Keir Starmer to Whitley Bay recently to discuss coastal regeneration and see at first hand how a Labour team has worked locally to bring about exciting change to our area.

Earlier this month Tynemouth Labour Party nominated Keir to be the next Leader of the Labour Party.



Keir Starmer Visiting Whitley Bay

Celebrating local hero Thomas Brown



It was, according to Churchill, a crucial WW2 event. These documents would later lead the Bletchley Park codebreakers to crack the German Enigma code. Tragically Thomas Brown lost his life in a household fire just three years later.

A true local hero, Thomas's George Medal was on show in North Shields at the weekend.

It was an honour to speak an event at the Exchange in North Shields which celebrated the 75th anniversary of death of Thomas Brown.

Thomas Brown was a North Shields lad who joined the Navy at 15. In 1942, he was involved in the action between Petard and U-559, being one of three men to board the sinking submarine in an effort to retrieve vital documents, and was the only one of the three to survive.



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National Apprenticeship Week



As part of National Apprenticeship Week I visited Newcastle Building Society on Cobalt . With Ministers looking to an Australian-style migration points system as part of leaving the EU, the need to invest more in the skills of home-grown talent has become more urgent.

Royal British Legion Poppy Presentation Evening



The Whitley Bay and North Shields Royal British Legion has raised £81,000 so far as part of this year's poppy appeal. I was pleased to speak at a recent presentation evening to say thank you to all those who give their time year after year supporting this cause.

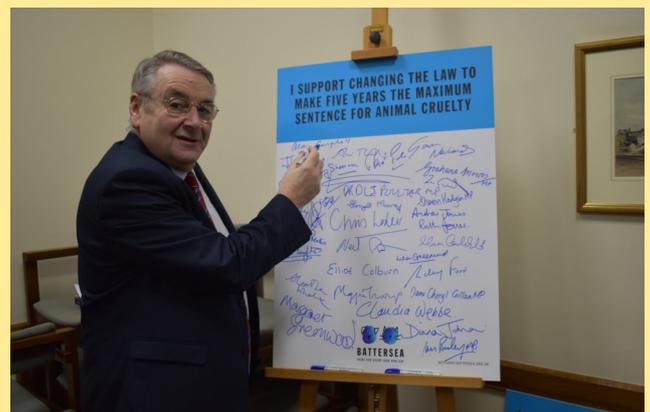
Be Safer Online Campaign



The UK Safer Internet Centre provides support and advice to children, parents and professionals working with children all year round. I'm backing their campaign for future funding when, after Brexit, EU funding may well disappear.

To find out more visit www.saferinternet.org.uk

Stopping animal cruelty—Battersea event



Battersea is currently campaigning to increase the maximum sentences for animal cruelty. We need to change the law to better protect animals in the future. The current maximum penalty is neither a punishment nor a deterrent to offenders and this change is long overdue. I'm proud to support Battersea's campaign.

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Less Survivable Cancers



As part of World Cancer Day, it is important to recognise we have made big steps in treatment and prognosis for many cancers but we now need targeted action to close the deadly gap for the less survivable cancers.

Forward Assist



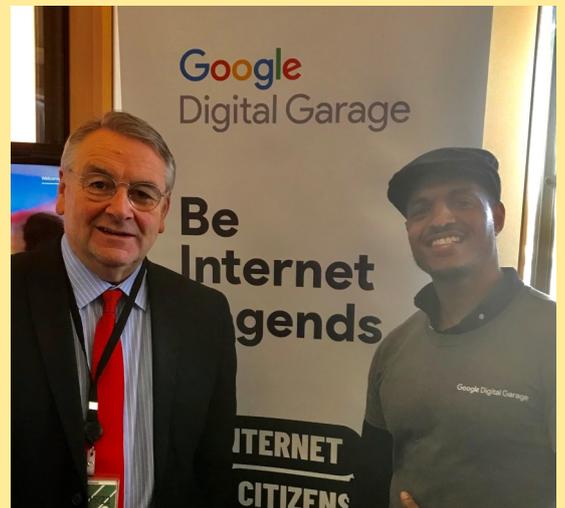
I recently organised a meeting between the Minister for Defence and a local veteran's charity Forward Assist. We discussed the lack of targeted help available for female veterans who suffered harassment and abuse while serving.

Net Zero Emissions



We can clearly see the impacts of climate change on our doorsteps and we must put policies in place to get on track to reaching our legally binding net zero targets. I'm supporting policies that make our country fit for the future, and being cleaner and greener to end our contribution to climate change.

Be Internet Legends



The Google Digital Garage is a multi-million pound initiative that helps people, small businesses, and charities in Britain learn crucial skills for the digital age by offering free workshops and 1:1 mentoring sessions. I am looking to organise an event in Tynemouth Constituency and hope to provide further details in a future edition.

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Brew Monday



I went to a Brew Monday event in Parliament organised by the Samaritans. The national campaign helps to tackle loneliness and social isolation. To contact the Samaritans call 116 123 free

Future economy of the NE



In the last few weeks I have met with organisations including the Federation of Small Businesses and the NE Chamber of Commerce to discuss economic issues affecting the region and their priorities for next months's budget.

Aldi for North Shields?



Representatives from Aldi visited my recent surgery to discuss their plans for a new Aldi store on Hawkey's Lane in North Shields.

Although a planning application has not yet gone in, once it does it is important that local people have their say.

National Wildlife Crime Unit



The National Wildlife Crime Unit is a specialist unit widely respected for its prevention, intelligence and enforcement work. As it's future funding is now at risk I have urged that the Government urgently commits to properly funding the National Wildlife Crime Unit and that funding is put on a permanent basis.

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