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Ambition for North Shields and the Fish Quay

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Hello and welcome to our latest edition of the Ambition for North Shields and the Fish Quay newsletter.

This is a regular bulletin to keep you up to date with progress on our ambitious masterplan regeneration projects in North Shields town centre and riverside.

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Our ambition for North Shields aims to create a more vibrant town centre with more flexible retail opportunities, expanding the evening and weekend economy and improving the quality of public space in the town centre.

[Find out more](#)

Bedford Street



Work is due to start in mid-September on a major programme of improvements to Bedford Street.

Information boards with details of the scheme are going on display in the Transport Hub. Layout and loading plans are available to view [online](#).

Below are some Frequently Asked Questions about the scheme.

What is happening?

Improvements to Bedford Street are due to start in September 2024 and finish in Spring 2025. Bedford Street will be repaved, with new trees and seating added. Only emergency and maintenance vehicles will have access. The pedestrian area will be extended south from Wellington Street to connect to Saville Street. The work is being done by our construction partner Capita.

Why are we doing it?

Improvements to Bedford Street are part of our Ambition for North Shields and the Fish Quay. This aims to create a more vibrant town centre with smarter public spaces. Bedford Street will have a high-quality finish, like other recent schemes including the Town Square and Howard Street. We are stopping vehicle access to make the street safer for pedestrians.

Who is paying for it?

It's being paid for by Government funding, via the North East Combined Authority and

Active Travel England. It's not being paid for from council tax.

Will businesses stay open?

We are making sure there is access to shops and other businesses all the way through the works. We have spoken to them all about deliveries and new loading bays are being provided. The Christmas market will still go ahead.

Where will I park?

You will not be able to park on Bedford Street. If you have a blue badge, extra spaces are being added on Russell Street. If you are dropping off, you can use Wellington Street and West Percy Street. The Beacon Centre multi-storey is the best parking option for shoppers.

Riverside Embankment Walkway



The Riverside Embankment Walkway will provide a step-free route between North Shields town centre and the Fish Quay, making it easier for people to travel between the two parts of town.

The route of the walkway continues to take shape as construction of the remaining stonewall completed in early August. The stairs are beginning to be installed from the bottom of the embankment to the top. The balustrading to the top of the embankment is now being fitted.



Work on the gateway into North Shields at Stephenson Street / Albion Road is now complete, creating a more welcoming entrance to the town.

The new layout offers a safer route for cyclists and pedestrians to the town centre and Fish Quay with upgraded traffic signals, footpaths and crossing points.

The work was carried out by our construction partner Capita.

We would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding while these works were carried out.



A pair of derelict Grade II listed Georgian townhouses have been brought back from the brink and transformed into six stunning homes.

Numbers 11 and 12 Northumberland Square in North Shields are now on the market as five apartments and a townhouse and have been attracting strong interest from buyers.

Built between 1810 and 1816, the grandeur of the buildings has been restored with the addition of modern living spaces, new sash windows, stylish fitted kitchens and eco-efficient heating systems.

It follows the successful redevelopment of former offices at 13-16 Northumberland Square into 28 homes and completes the sympathetic restoration of the historic square in the centre of North Shields.

The rescue and repair was led by North Tyneside Council, which bought the two abandoned townhouses and worked with contractor Compass Developments to transform them into desirable homes. Several North Shields-based firms were involved in the build - Classic Masonry, Hastie Burton Joinery and AJ Walton Surveying.

The former office buildings had suffered years of decay and damage, with caved in roofs, fallen ceilings, vandalism, flooding and missing sections of floor.

Securing the future of the townhouses helps protect the heritage of the Northumberland Square conservation area, which is considered the nearest thing Tyneside has to the celebrated Georgian squares of London, Bath, Edinburgh, and Dublin.

North Tyneside Together



Free family festival North Tyneside Together returns on Saturday 31 August with a day of entertainment celebrating the borough's multicultural diversity.

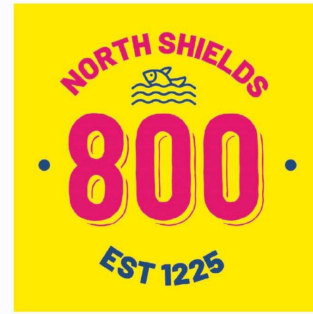
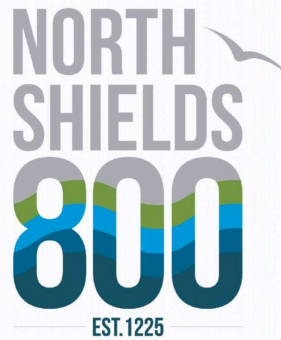
The event is being held in Northumberland Square in North Shields town centre on Saturday 31 August, from 11am to 4pm.

It features live music, children's rides, arts activities, food stalls, a diverse fashion display, a tombola and the first ever North Tyneside Together puppet mascot - a giant puffin.

North Tyneside Together is organised by North Tyneside Council's Ethnic Diversity Community Task Force, whose members work to tackle racism and celebrate equality and diversity throughout North Tyneside.

Among the entertainment on offer will be North Tyneside Steel Band, singer Kanvee Adams, spoken word artist Rasheedat Isede, Voices of Virtue gospel choir, and local theatre and storytelling event Curious Caravan.

North Shields 800 logo poll



The people of North Shields are being asked to choose a logo design for the North Shields 800 celebrations in 2025.

Three options have been created that celebrate the town's past, present and future including its proud maritime heritage and its growing reputation as a vibrant arts and culture destination.

People can go online to vote using [Our North Tyneside Voice digital engagement website](#), or they can pop into North Shields Library and cast a vote in person.

North Shields 800 is a community effort, with the people of the town working together to host a year of celebrations for its 800th anniversary.

The result of the public vote will be announced in Autumn 2024 and the winning logo will feature on the new North Shields 800 website, social media accounts, event posters, marketing materials, and be made available to funders and supporters so they can proudly display their support.

One of the designs was put forward as a voluntary contribution by local designer Kimberley Creative. The other two designs were created by the graphic design team at North Tyneside Council.

North Tyneside Business Awards



Applications for the 27th North Tyneside Business Awards are now open.

Applicants can enter any of the five categories and all category winners are automatically entered for the overall North Tyneside Business of the Year Award. Category winners receive a certificate, prize and trophy as well as substantial recognition and publicity.

The categories are:

- Technology Innovation: Businesses that embrace digital technologies and drive innovation
- Action on Climate Change: Businesses that prioritise sustainability and take action to combat climate change.
- New Business: A business that has made an impactful start since January 2023.
- Heart of the Business: Nominated by the business commending a member of staff who has proven to be a real asset.
- Retail and Service Provider: Recognising outstanding businesses in the service and retail sector that excel in delivering exceptional customer experience.

In addition to the five categories, the public will nominate and vote for the Heart of the Community Award which recognises the way that businesses support their local community.

The North Tyneside Business Awards are organised by the North Tyneside Business Forum and will take place on Thursday 14 November at the Village Hotel, Cobalt Park. The awards are in partnership with North Tyneside Council and will be hosted by BBC Radio Newcastle presenter Anna Foster.

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