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# Ambition for North Shields and the Fish Quay

**May 2024**

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 regeneration projects in North Shields town centre and riverside.

In this edition you'll find the latest updates on:

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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.

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**Riverside Embankment Walkway**



The bulk earthwork excavations are nearing completion which will mean less construction traffic coming and going from the site. The earth walling works are progressing well and are in line with the current programme.

Lorries and plant equipment will continue to access the site from Bell / Liddell Street until the end of May, this is to allow access to install the earth walls at the bottom of the bank. From early June, the earth walling works will continue to the upper section of the embankment and will be served from Tyne Street.

The drainage to the walkways is due to start in early May ahead of the footpath and ramp construction works which will start the following month.

Following feedback from a residents' drop-in session held on 18 March, the contractor is currently reviewing the landscaping proposals and we will be providing an update on this in the coming months.

The estimated completion date for the project remains December 2024.

We would like to thank everyone for their continued patience and understanding and apologise to those residents who have been impacted by these works.

## Nile Street Footpath Repairs



The footpath works on Nile Street, next to the Metro forecourt, are being carried out by Northern Power Grid (NPG). Whilst constructing the Transport Hub and Town Square, the Council discovered that NPG's electricity cables had previously been laid too shallow in the ground.

Before the Council can lay the new footpath along this section, NPG must lower their cables further into the ground. Due to the cable's location above the Metro tunnel and the restricted depth for any excavation works, it took longer than expected for NPG to identify a solution.

NPG have advised they will complete the work to Nile Street in July of this year. The Council will be on site to reinstate the footpath shortly afterwards. We apologise on NPG's behalf for the inconvenience this is causing residents and visitors to North Shields.

**We advise all pedestrians to avoid walking along the road, a safe pedestrian route is available via the Metro forecourt area and new crossing to the Town Square.**

## Stephenson Street Gateway





Footpath paving is near completion around Stephenson Street with the landscaped area near the law courts due to commence mid-May.

Pedestrian diversions are still in place, please follow on-site signage.

Four-way temporary traffic lights will remain in place until the project is complete.

The scheme is on schedule and the expected completion date remains June 2024.

## Northumberland Square Railings





The works to reinstate the railings at Northumberland Square are now fully complete.

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

This completes the perimeter of the square, which has been restored close to its original Georgian layout as part of the Heritage Action Zone project, using funding from Historic England.

The work was carried out by our construction partners Capita.

Thank you to everyone for their patience while this work was carried out.

**Transport Hub up for six awards**



North Shields Transport Hub has been shortlisted for four prestigious industry awards and is in the running for a further two. That's on top of three awards the project already picked up last year.

The Transport Hub was opened in September 2023 and is the first carbon net zero building in North Tyneside. It promotes cleaner travel by connecting bus services, Metro, taxis and cycle routes.

A high-quality, open waiting area creates a safe and comfortable environment for passengers. It has a Changing Places toilet, with extra equipment and space for people with a disability.

The £12.994 million Transport Hub and town square was funded through the Transforming Cities Fund via Transport North East, North of Tyne Combined Authority and North Tyneside Council. The main contractors were Willmott Dixon Construction and Napper Architects.

The six awards are as follows:

The scheme is one of 10 finalists in the national Construction News Awards Low Carbon Project of the Year, with the winner due to be announced in July.

The Transport Hub has made the shortlist for the Constructing Excellence North East Climate Action award. It is one of seven finalists and the winner will be announced in June.

It is on the regional shortlist for the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors Awards in both the North East Public Sector and Community Benefit categories. The winners will be announced in June.

The Transport Hub has been entered in the Royal Town Planning Institute Awards for

Planning Excellence, with a shortlist due to be announced in May, and in the Local Authority Building Control Excellence Awards, which is currently open for entries.

The building has already won three awards at the Institution of Structural Engineers (Northern Counties) Awards 2023: Large Project Award, Zero Carbon Award and Most Collaborative Project.

All the above entries were submitted by Willmott Dixon or Napper Architects.

## Working Well North Tyneside



Working Well North Tyneside is a one-stop-shop to make it easier for people to access employment, health and skills support.

As well as expert employment advice, there is support to address the wider barriers to employment including finance, debt, housing, and physical and mental health. We have regular sessions with employers so you can find out exactly what they are looking for in candidates and understand the career pathways within their business.

We have specialist support for people aged 50+, social housing tenants, refugees and asylum seekers, young people and those with health issues and caring commitments.

This service is delivered by North Tyneside Council in partnership with the NHS, Department of Work and Pensions, the community and voluntary sector and local



### How we can help:

- Confidential, tailored advice and support
- Workshops and courses to build your skills
- Advice from health professionals
- Help with job search, applications and interview coaching
- Opportunities to meet with local employers
- Computer access and digital support
- Health and well-being advice and support services
- Career planning and support to build your professional network

### Where you can find us:

- The Beacon Centre, North Shields (Mon –Fri 9.30am – 3.30pm)
- Wallsend Customer First Centre (Mon – Fri 9.30am – 3.30pm)
- The White Swan Centre (Mondays 1pm – 3pm)
- Forest Hall Library (Tuesdays 10am –12.30pm)
- John Willie Sams Centre (Tuesdays 10am –2pm)
- Whitley Bay Big Local (Fridays 10am -2pm)

If you would like a free, confidential, no obligation appointment, get in touch. We'll meet you at a location that is convenient for you and provide one-to-one support to help you get where you want to be.

Email: [employability.skills@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:employability.skills@northtyneside.gov.uk)

Telephone: 0191 643 2288

Employer support: If you are a business in North Tyneside would like free support with recruitment and retention or access to our local, motivated and skilled talent pool, please get in touch. All our services are free.

Opportunities coming soon: [Get into Music Industries](#) event, North Shields, 22 May.

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