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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.

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

1. Riverside Embankment Walkway
2. Bedford Street
3. North Shields 800 logo

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 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 ramp and stair structure is almost complete, with just one ramp left to finish.

Our contractor Willmott Dixon will be laying a base course for Tarmac on all ramps from the week commencing 23 September. This will take two weeks.

Surface paving is due to commence within the next two to three weeks up the stairs and landings, with soft landscaping due to start within the next three to four weeks.

The scheme remains on track for an estimated completion date of December 2024.

Bedford Street



Information boards have gone up in the Transport Hub ahead of a major scheme of improvement works starting on Bedford Street this autumn.

Bedford Street is getting smart new paving, mature trees and modern seating. The scheme is due to be complete in mid-2025.

The pedestrian area will be extended along the length of the street. The new layout will improve safety and create extra outside space for businesses.

There will be access to all shops throughout the works and Bedford Street remains open for business. The Christmas market will still go ahead.

North Shields 800 logo



The winning logo design for the North Shields 800 celebrations in 2025 has been announced after a public poll attracted more than 1,100 votes.

People were asked to choose their favourite from three options 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.

Option A featured a fishing boat, Option B a wave design, and Option C featured a fish.

The winner was Option A the fishing boat design taking 54% of the public vote, with more than 1,100 votes cast. Option B got 12% of the vote and Option C got 34%.

An online poll ran on North Tyneside Council's new digital engagement website, with paper voting slips available in North Shields Community Hub and Library, for a three-week period in August and September 2024.

The winning logo will feature on the new North Shields 800 website, social media accounts, marketing materials and events posters, and be shared with funders and partners so they can proudly display their support.

A call for projects for North Shields 800 has now closed and a panel will consider the applications during October 2024. A Creative Director has been appointed to lead the celebrations, Dominic Smith from the Counterculture Partnership.

North Shields 800 will feature a calendar of exciting events throughout 2025. These include a spectacular parade of sail and a blessing of the fishing fleet, a parade along the Fish Quay, exhibitions, street art, heritage projects and performing arts.

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