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Welcome to our Ambition for Wallsend newsletter

For all the latest progress on our regeneration plans for the town, events and what's going on.

This is the first of what will become a regular newsletter for our Ambition for Wallsend, and anyone can sign up for it by emailing AmbitionW@northtyneside.gov.uk.

Repair works at Segedunum Roman Fort and Museum



Work is set to get underway to repair Segedunum Roman Fort and Museum next week.

Recently, the site has suffered some damage as a result of theft of materials, which has made it more vulnerable to recent adverse weather conditions.

North Tyneside Council has continued to work alongside Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums (TWAM) to put a number of short-term repairs in place while developing ideas and bids for external funding and transformation of the museum and its offer..

And now, following the settling of insurance claims and planning approval being granted, work will get underway on an initial set of repairs to the site.

The funding secured will see the copper cladding at the main entrance replaced with steel seam cladding. The new cladding has no scrap value and this will deter further theft.

The roof work is due to be completed by the end of August, with related minor repairs and redecoration then following on. Restrictions to access will be kept to a minimum so visitors can still enjoy the venue over the summer.

Affordable housing development

One of the policy priorities in the Ambition for Wallsend regeneration masterplan is to Improve the quality of the housing offer in Wallsend; in

particular creating affordable housing opportunities and tackling some of the poor quality privately rented housing in the area.

This priority is being pursued in Wallsend Town Centre by actively looking for new development and refurbishment opportunities and then seeking funding to deliver them.

The Council has submitted a planning application to demolish Parkside House which is a long-term empty property in Elton Street East. Subject to planning approval being granted, demolition is expected to begin on site in September.

Alongside the new build development, A Private Rented Housing Improvement Plan was approved in February 2024. This plan aims to drive up standards in the private rented sector and tackle empty and derelict properties.

The plan includes a specific focus on Wallsend Town and will see a new Landlord Forum set-up and an innovative housing-led regeneration scheme targeting empty homes in Wallsend town centre.

Any homes purchased will be refurbished by the Council and sold at market value to Aurora Affordable Homes, a company wholly owned by the Council to develop homes to be let at affordable rent. This strategy will enable the funding to be recycled to purchase more homes in the future.

Urban Park Market at Richardson Dees Park



On the first and third Saturday of every month, the Urban Park Market comes to Richardson Dees Park.

The market invites hot and cold food vendors, as well as stalls for arts and crafts, fashion and more.

Stalls are hosted in the park, in the area next to the cafe. Please enter via North Road.

The event is free entry and runs from 10am to 3pm.

[More information on the market](#)



A taste of Hungary in Wallsend...

Wallsend has so much going for it. One of those things being that it is an incredibly diverse and multicultural town, with residents and businesses coming from all over.

One of those businesses is Mona Petet, on the High Street. Mona Petet is a Hungarian cake shop, and a phenomenal one at that!

Run by Piotr and his family, they've been in Wallsend for many years now, so we thought we'd stop by to have a chat and see how they've found it.

Piotr said: "It's great. Wallsend is always buzzing! We lived here 30 years ago and I realised. The community is amazing, at first when we moved here it was a little bit strange, because these strange people were talking to us and we couldn't understand why! We realised it was a real community feeling."



Working Well Wallsend

When Connor first attended Working Well North Tyneside, he was nervous and had been struggling to find employment. He worked with one of our Employment Advisors on developing a CV, learning how to fill in online application forms and preparing for interviews.

Connor was supported to find a voluntary position that would help him build on his work experience and confidence, before securing a position in a local store.

Connor's advisor explained the support from the Princes Trust and their 'Get into' programmes. Connor was placed in the Leeds Building Society branch in North Shields and received excellent feedback following his placement.

Staff were particularly impressed with his excellent communication skills and friendly nature. This gave him the encouragement to apply for a full-time role at

Leeds Building Society - and he was successful in getting a Level 2 Customer Service Apprenticeship.

We are thrilled for Connor. He said: "The service was really friendly and helped with everything I needed."

Get involved

People are at the heart of Working Well, so tell us what you think!

- What's your experience of being out of work?
- What are your health related barriers?
- What job would you really like to do?
- What could we do to make things easier for you?

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

GET INTO CARE

One week courses starting on 6th June 2024 & 15th July 2024.
Mon to Fri - 9:00am - 3:00pm.
at YMCA, North Shields

Have you ever considered working in the care sector?

- There is more to social care than you might think and many different types of roles.
- We work with a number of local employers so can support you with your application and arrange an interview for you.
- Social care is an extremely meaningful and rewarding career to be proud of. Everyday really is different and there are many different job roles and opportunities to explore.

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