

# Ambition for North Shields and the Fish Quay

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Hello and welcome to your Christmas special of the [Ambition for North Shields and the Fish Quay](#) update!

This is a monthly newsletter to keep you up to date with the latest progress to our ambitious masterplan regeneration projects in North Shields town centre and riverside.

We hope you're all getting into the festive season, but just in case you're not, we're here with a special Christmas edition of our monthly update to get you in the spirit. In this issue you'll find:

- Transport Hub update
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The aim is to improve the area so that it provides the right environment to support residents, businesses, retail, and visitors. The Masterplan features eight separate ambitious projects, including:

1. [Gateway improvements](#)
2. [Transport Hub with new Town Square](#)
3. Public realm improvements at Bedford Street and Saville Street
4. [Northumberland Square redevelopment](#)
5. [Howard Street Cultural Quarter](#)
6. [Riverside Embankment Walkway](#)
7. Allocated housing sites
8. Relocation of the North Shields ferry landing

## Transport Hub update



As you can see by this incredible aerial shot by Mediapixs Photography, the shape of the Transport Hub is really coming together, with the expected completion of the roof to be two to three weeks' time.

[Check out this brilliant video of the Transport Hub progress](#), and don't forget to subscribe to their channel for some fantastic drone footage around North Shields.

## Embankment Walkway update

A full road closure is now in place to traffic on Bell Street for 17 weeks to allow a large crane to be brought to site for the installation of the sheet pile walls that will strengthen the embankment prior to its excavation and reconstruction.

Parking in the area will not be affected, and the Fish Quay will be accessible to vehicles via Tanners Bank and Brewhouse Bank. As shown in the below map:

- Residents/businesses west of the closure will still be able to access their properties/car park via Bedford Street, Borough Road, and Dock Road.
- Residents/businesses east of the closure will be able to access their properties via Brewhouse Bank and Tanners Bank.
- Egress from the Fish Quay via Brewhouse Bank will be restricted and so all outward trips must exit via Tanners Bank.

The road closure will not affect access for pedestrians or cyclists. However, during periods where road space is unavailable, cyclists will be required to dismount and use the narrow footpath section adjacent to the closure on Bell Street.

The below map also gives an overview of the Gateway 3 works currently in place. Please see next section for more information on this project.



## Gateway 3 update

Improvement works are being made to the five-arm roundabout located on Howdon Road / Prudhoe Street to make it easier and safer for highway users to access the town centre. Works are expected to take around nine weeks.

The Trinity Terrace arm of the roundabout will be closed for the duration of the project. Road users are diverted to Howdon Road via Lawson Street or to Prudhoe Street via Trinity Street (see diversion map below).

Four-way temporary traffic signals will be installed at the roundabout to keep traffic moving. These will be in operation at all times and staffed during peak periods. Minor pedestrian diversions may also be in place.

The works are expected to last around nine weeks and will involve:

- Installing a new circular central island to help the roundabout function more effectively.
- Relocating crossing points on the Prudhoe Terrace and Prudhoe Street arms of the roundabout to better accommodate pedestrians and cyclists.
- Installing a new zebra crossing on the Waterville Road arm of the roundabout. The bus stop in this location will also be moved slightly west.
- Constructing a new splitter island with pedestrian crossing on the Trinity Terrace arm of the roundabout. The block paving at this location will also be removed and replaced with a new tarmac surface.
- Extending the pedestrian guardrail on the Prudhoe Terrace arm.
- Installing new gullies in the centre of the roundabout to improve drainage and help alleviate flooding in this area. Gully repairs will also be carried out on Prudhoe Terrace and Waterville Road.
- Resurfacing the roundabout and its arms.



## Wooden Dolly vandalised



We are heartbroken to announce that the famous North Shields Wooden Dolly in Northumberland Square has been badly vandalised. It would appear that someone has purposefully damaged her and covered her in food.

Unfortunately, this is not an easy fix and will require the statue to be removed for repair. We're in talks with Thompson's workshop, where she was originally created back in 1958, to arrange a repair plan, but it is expected to take several months of work to get her back to her former glory.

This is extremely disappointing following the recent restoration works she has undergone as part of the investment we are putting into the town centre to make North Shields and riverside an environment where people choose to live, work and visit.

Wooden dollies are part of a long-standing tradition in North Shields and when the condition of the dolly began to deteriorate back in 2020, we decided we had to take action to preserve an important piece of local history.

We are working with our community protection partners to ensure that incidents of this nature do not happen again.

## What's on this December

There are tons of things to do in North Shields this festive season, from Christmas markets to creative writing sessions, live music to arts and crafts – there's something to suit everyone!

Over on our [Facebook page](#) we're spreading some festive cheer with our daily Christmas advent – 24 days of awesome activities, terrific things to do, historical titbits and latest updates from our ongoing Ambition for North Shields ✨

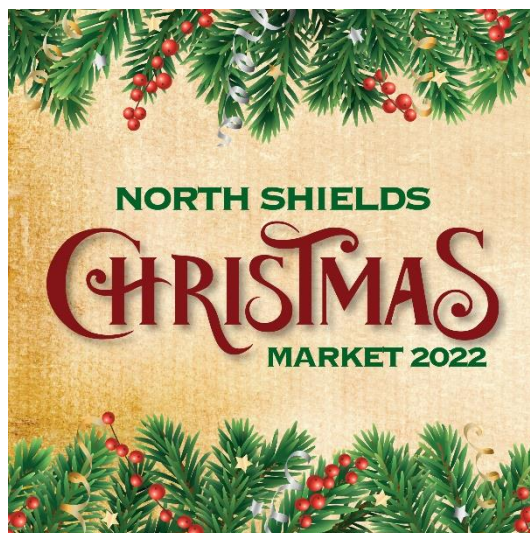
Here's just a few highlights on what's going on around the town centre and the Fish Quay:

## North Shields Christmas Market

Saturday 10 Dec 10am-5pm

Sunday 11 Dec 10am-4pm

North Shields Christmas Market is back and this year it's even bigger than before! Get into the festive spirit with over 70 traders offering a wide variety of gifts, homewares, crafts and artisan produce on Howard Street, and entertainment, live music, fairground rides and a pop-up food and drink village serving mulled wine and tasty street food in Northumberland Square.



## Swap Shop, North Shields Library

Saturday 10 Dec, 11am-2pm

Having a clear out before Christmas hits? Why not swap your unwanted clothes and books for something you really want, or something you think someone would love as a gift! All while helping take action on climate change by sending fewer items to landfill.

## Dick Wittington Panto

10, 16, 17, 23 & 24 Dec

Panto season is back! Join Dick Whittington and his trusty cat as he seeks fame, fortune and happiness journeying to become the Lord Mayor. Don't miss the action-packed pantomime full of comedy for all the family.

Tickets cost £18 adults, £15 children and concessions, £60 family of four (up to two adults). [Book here.](#)





**The Magic of Christmas Concert,  
The Linskill Centre**  
Monday 19 Dec, 7pm

Grab your tickets for the annual Christmas Concert at the Linskill Centre, where the Linskill Community Choir promises you a magical evening of seasonal songs.

Tickets are £6 per person, email [ireneanderson5@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ireneanderson5@hotmail.co.uk) to book

**Flash House Christmas Bash**  
Friday 23 Dec, 11am-4pm

It's that time of year again when Flash House Brewing Co. invites you to their annual Christmas Bash! Loads of festive music to get you into the party spirit and a charity raffle with beers from local breweries up for grabs – all proceeds go to YMCA North Tyneside!

[Find out more here.](#)



**Salt Market Social Christmas Disco**

Friday 16 and Saturday 17 Dec  
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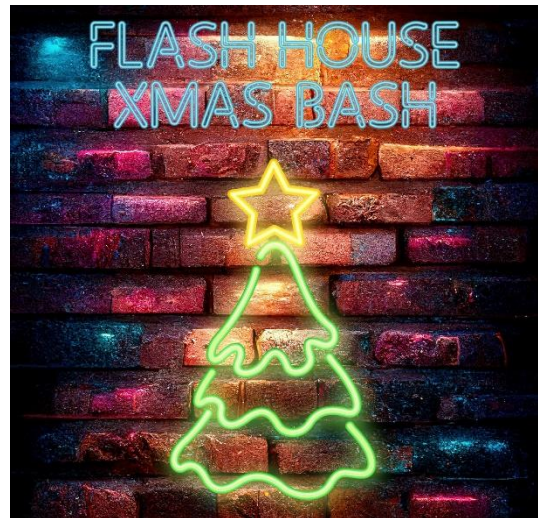
Get yourself in the party spirit this weekend at the Salt Market Social Christmas Disco! Classic Christmas disco with classic Christmas tunes, Christmas crackers, Christmas cocktails, Christmas street food and plenty of Christmas crack!

**Christmas Party, Customer First Centre**

Tuesday 20 Dec, 5.30pm-7pm

Join Double Deckers Entertainment for some festive fun. There'll be dancing, party games and a magic show. Suitable for ages 3 and up.

Tickets £3 per child



**New Year's Eve Boho Party,  
Barista Boho**

Saturday 31 Dec, 6pm till late

Looking to see in the New Year surrounded by canny folk, tasty food and great drinks? Look no further than Barista Boho! With live music, craft beer, cocktails and canapes, what better way to wave goodbye to 2022 and say hello to 2023!

## Pioneering employment hub opens in North Shields

An exciting new service to support people back into work is opening in North Shields.

Working Well North Tyneside will provide a one-stop-shop to make it easier for people to access employment and skills support including the latest jobs available on the market to building confidence.

The experts at the hub, based in the Beacon Centre, will be on hand to help address the wider barriers to employment including housing, finance, debt and physical and mental health.

It'll be delivered by our specialist employment and skills team in partnership with the NHS, Department for Work and Pensions, and the community and voluntary sector to bring together all of the fantastic support in the borough to make it easier for people to overcome barriers they may face and fulfil their employment aspirations.

The project is closely linked to the regeneration of North Shields masterplan, expanding the support available and encouraging developers and employers in the town centre to offer training and job opportunities.

The hub will be open from 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 from 9.30am till 3.30pm, Monday to Friday.

## North Tyneside offers a warm welcome

To support our residents with the rising cost of living, our libraries are set to open their doors as part of a network of almost a hundred Warm Welcome sessions launching across the borough.

All Customer First Centres and libraries will be open to visitors six days a week, for a cuppa, wi-fi and computer access, baby-friendly facilities, film and book clubs, and board games for free.

Everyone is welcome to use and enjoy the facilities on offer at the Warm Welcome venues – whether you're working or not, retired or studying.

Community and voluntary sector organisations across the borough are also opening their doors this winter. Find your nearest Warm Welcome venue here: <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/1655/support-all-residents-including-low-income-households>

We're also offering a grant of up to £1,000 to community and voluntary sector organisations to help them cover the cost of running similar schemes. Those taking part will be encouraged to display a 'Warm Welcome' sticker in their venue and will

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be promoted on our website. There are almost one hundred sessions each week at council and community venues.

For more information, see [my.northtyneside.gov.uk](https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk), visit your local library or Customer First Centre, or call 0345 2000 101.

## Further information

### Parking

Parking is not affected around the Fish Quay, and is accessible via Tanners Bank and Brewhouse Bank.

Weekend parking is free this December in Norfolk Street car park and King Street car park, as well as the below on-street parking sites:

- Back Howard Street
- Bedford Street
- Camden Street
- Church Way
- Little Bedford Street
- Lovaine Street
- Nile Street
- Norfolk Street
- Northumberland Place
- Northumberland Square
- Railway Terrace
- Rudyerd Street
- Russell Street
- Sidney Street
- Spring Terrace
- Stephenson Street
- Suez Street
- Tyne Street
- Union Street
- West Percy Way

### Buses

From 21<sup>st</sup> November until March 2023 the number 19 bus service will be diverted via Borough Road and Brewhouse Bank but will still serve the North Shields Ferry landing and Fish Quay at an adjusted schedule. Residents of Clive Street, Liddell Street, and Bell Street will need to travel further to their nearest stop which will be either the North Shields Ferry landing or a temporary stop on Tanners Bank.

Bus stops on Northumberland Square and Northumberland Place are now closed. Buses are instead serving the existing stop on Albion Road and a new permanent stop on Stephenson Street.

Further details about changes to services in North Shields are available on the [Go North East website](#) and [Arriva](#).

### **Check out our Digital Story Map**

We've created a digital story map showing all the exciting developments either already underway or still in the design stage for North Shields and the Fish Quay.

The map is a really handy interactive tool that plots each project included in the Ambition for North Shields Masterplan with a brief summary of what to expect.

You can view the [story map here](#).

### **Follow us for more updates!**

We are working hard to minimise disruption where possible and we would like to thank you for your continued patience. We will keep you updated throughout the duration of the project.

Keep an eye on our [Facebook page](#) for more updates as works progress.

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