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Multi-million-pound Tyne Bridge refurbishment starts after Great North Run

An 'ambitious' four-year refurbishment programme will start on the Tyne Bridge after it carried this year's runners in the 'world's greatest half-marathon', the Great North Run.

The first phase of the £32m programme will see engineers begin erecting scaffolding below the bridge deck around the Gateshead tower, which will have minimal impact on the travelling public.

From 2024, lane closures will be required as work moves on to the arch and road deck of the Tyne Bridge itself, to ensure the iconic structure can be safely restored.

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INTERVIEW: Newcastle games studio on supporting 'next generation' of developers

As part of Bdaily's coverage of *National Video Games Day*, we sat down for a chat with Owen O'Brien, studio director of Sumo Newcastle, a prolific video game developer with plenty of well-known titles under its belt.

We discussed the growth of the local gaming scene in the North East and the importance of supporting the developers of tomorrow. Read on to find out more...

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'Iconic' multi-million-pound Newcastle city centre redevelopment moves forward

Recently appointed Robertson Construction has kick-started work on the 'iconic' Pattern Shop redevelopment in the heart of Newcastle.

Work on the £8.7m office scheme stalled earlier this year after the collapse of the previous contractors Tolent. However, work has now resumed on the Forth Street site with the scheme projected to complete early 2024. Joinery, mechanical and electrical works are now well underway and groundworks including drainage and building services installation will restart imminently, paving the way for surfacing works scheduled for later this year.

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'Historic' Northumberland pub reopens after four years following restoration

A historic Northumberland pub that once hosted Bonnie Prince Charlie has reopened its doors four years after they closed.

The Highlander - Ponteland has been carefully restored after it was bought by the company behind two major wedding venues in the county.

Plans to reopen the 18th century coaching inn, near Belsay, were revealed more than a year ago by Unveiled Venues. The company runs award-winning Ellingham Hall and newly launched Lemmington Hall, which are exclusive-use luxurious wedding venues.

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