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## TRUDY HARRISON MP

### Member of Parliament for Copeland



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## News

### Compelling case for new reactors in Copeland

I have joined colleagues in making a compelling case for Copeland to host the first

small modular reactors (SMR) in the UK.

I chaired a meeting of key personnel in Whitehaven last week at which our joint vision and justification for hosting SMRs in Copeland was outlined to officials from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

SMRs will deliver clean, low-carbon, affordable energy and will play a significant role in the Government's Net Zero ambitions for 2024.

This community knows more about nuclear power than anywhere else in Europe. We have a deep talent pool with a track record of safety and delivering nationally-significant projects, and I am lobbying strongly for Copeland to be at the forefront of this new and exciting approach to nuclear.

The meeting was held on the 65th anniversary of Calder Hall - the world's first civil nuclear power plant - was connected to the grid and [more information](#) is available here.

- I am very much looking forward to the Nuclear in Parliament Week, which begins on Monday, September 13 and promises to be a fabulous showcase of the the benefits and potential of the nuclear industry in Copeland and in the UK. I'll share full details in my October newsletter.

### **Double delight for Copeland towns**



I am thrilled with the news that the communities of Cleator Moor and Millom will soon benefit from a multi-million-pound Government investment.

Both towns have been successful in their applications to the Towns Fund, and investment offers have been made of £22.5m for Cleator Moor (incorporating Cleator) and £20.6 for Millom (incorporating Haverigg).

Each Town Board is now in the process of formally accepting the offer and will spend the next 12 months developing the projects to the point of investment.

Further information is available on the [Cleator Moor announcement](#) and the [Millom announcement](#).

### **Support for farming community**

It was my pleasure to welcome Victoria Prentis, Minister for Farming, Fisheries and Food, for a visit to Nether Wasdale. Along with colleagues from Defra and the National Trust, we met with the Federation of Cumbria Commoners and the Nether Wasdale Commoners Organisation to discuss commons work and management projects.



The Minister also visited the Sawmill Cafe and Farm shop in Nether Wasdale to meet with staff to understand more about the struggles and challenges that come with opening and running a new business during a global pandemic.

Read more about the [Nether Wasdale visit](#).

### **New council structure for Cumbria**

I welcome the decision by the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government to introduce a new unitary council structure for Cumbria.

Two unitary councils will be established; a West unitary council covering Allerdale, Carlisle and Copeland and an East unitary council covering Barrow, Eden and South Lakeland. The councils will be responsible for delivering all the services in their area,

replacing the current two-tier model of a county council and six districts.

The move will strengthen local leadership and help ensure people and businesses across Cumbria have sustainable high-quality local services.

[Read more](#) about the changes.

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## In the community





As things edge closer to normality, it has been a pleasure to begin getting out and about to visits, events and meeting people right across the borough.

These have included a meeting with Forestry England to hear an update on the [Wild Ennerdale project](#) (*top*); a visit to [Seascale School](#) to learn about their innovative work to reduce plastic waste (*middle left*); attendance at a party with residents of [The Gardens, Whitehaven](#), which celebrated 100 years since becoming the first council estate to open in the town (*middle right*); a guest judging slot at West Lakeland Rotary Club's Rotating Wheels show (*bottom left, picture courtesy of David Culley*); and a visit to Keswick Ministries' Pencil Factory development (*bottom right*).

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## Consultations and events



# SATURDAY CHATAWAY



JOIN TRUDY HARRISON MP  
Saturday 4th September

Reading Rooms  
Beckermet  
10am -12pm

Please call 01229718 333  
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Appointments preferred

## **Saturday Chataway**

I am pleased to be returning to in-person surgeries, which continue at Beckermet Reading Rooms this Saturday and will take place every month.

If you would like to contact me in between times, please get in touch on 01229 718333 or [trudy.harrison.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:trudy.harrison.mp@parliament.uk)

## **Consultation into animal legislation**

I am encouraging Copeland residents to respond to a new consultation into plans to crack down on puppy smuggling and ban the import of dogs with cropped ears or docked tails to the UK.

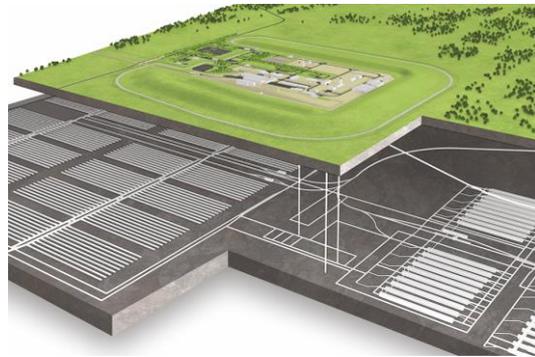
The new powers, which also include raising the minimum age for importing a puppy from 15 weeks to six months and banning the import of heavily pregnant dogs to help protect puppy and mother welfare, are aimed at safeguarding the welfare of the

thousands of puppies and dogs that come into Great Britain from overseas each year.

Please respond to the [consultation](#) before the October 16 deadline.

### **GDF consultation events**

An exhibition roadshow is taking place during September to allow people to find out more about what a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) is and what it could mean for Copeland.



A GDF is an underground facility designed to safely and securely dispose of higher activity radioactive waste. Copeland GDF Working Group has organised a series of exhibitions to encourage further conversations and understanding about geological disposal.

It will take place in [10 locations across Copeland](#), from September 1 to 17.

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## **Newsletters**

I have launched two new newsletters - covering the nuclear and tourism sectors - that contain a wealth of news and information from myself and the industry.

Please view the [nuclear](#) and [tourism](#) newsletters and I hope you find them interesting. To receive them directly, please email me on [trudy.harrison.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:trudy.harrison.mp@parliament.uk)

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