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News

Success for first Nuclear Week in Parliament



It was my privilege to meet so many talented and enthusiastic young people from Copeland who visited Westminster for the first Nuclear Week in Parliament.

The Nuclear Skills and Apprenticeship Fair was one of the highlights in which apprentices and graduates - including a very sizeable contingent from Copeland - showcased the range of careers and opportunities available in the industry.



There was a real buzz in the room as our area's nuclear expertise and talent - from science and technology to innovation and manufacturing - took pride of place courtesy of the nuclear firms, supply chain and unions in attendance.

It was also a pleasure at the event to meet Katie Wightman (*pictured above*) - a Control Room Operator at Sellafeld Ltd - who has been named the National Skills Academy for Nuclear's Apprentice of the Year.

Further to showcasing exciting opportunities and innovations, Nuclear Week in Parliament was about reminding everyone that we need nuclear - the most sustainable and efficient clean-energy we have - to achieve our net-zero ambitions. The Nuclear Industry

Association (NIA), who organised the events, also used the week to publish its annual [Jobs Map](#) which highlights the number of jobs nationally within the industry.



Support for Woodhouse Colliery application

I detailed my full support for the plans for Woodhouse Colliery - a new coking coal mine in Whitehaven - at the first day of the planning inquiry.

A [full transcript of my presentation](#) to the Planning Inspectorate is available.

Further progress for Millom and Haverigg funding bid

I welcome the decision from the Millom Town Deal Board that it will move all four [proposed Town Deal projects](#) to the next stage of securing the £20.5m offered in Government funding earlier this summer.

These are exciting times for Millom and Haverigg and I look forward to the next stage of the business case being developed over the next 12 months.

Celebrating our beautiful coast

Congratulations to all partners involved in the [official opening](#) of the Whitehaven to Silecroft stretch of the England Coast Path.

Our coastal landscape is absolutely stunning and it is wonderful news for residents and tourists alike that work has been completed on this 32-mile stretch



that opens up our coast for more people to enjoy.

The route is the third to be completed in Cumbria - following paths from Whitehaven to Allonby and around Walney Island - and brings the total distance covered by the England Coast Path in the county to 70 miles.

When it is completed, the trail will cover the whole English coast at over 2,700 miles and will be the longest coastal walking route in the world.

Engineering boost for Cleator Moor

I'm absolutely delighted to see Sellafeld Ltd's [Engineering Centre of Excellence](#) officially open its doors at Leconfield Industrial Estate.

This is fantastic investment in Cleator Moor, and taking complex challenges off the Sellafeld site and enabling young people to be trained by established engineers is exactly what we need to grow our economy and skills base.

Congratulations to our life-savers

Many congratulations to Cumbria's 12 life-saving mountain rescue teams - including Wasdale and Keswick - for receiving the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

Their volunteers give up their time and put themselves at risk to help others, and we all owe them a debt of gratitude for everything they do.

Thank-you from me

I'd like to thank everyone who has wished me well on my appointment as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Transport. I am proud to accept the ministerial position, which is testament to all those who have given me such fantastic support, and I look forward to this next chapter.

In the community



It has been wonderful to continue getting out and about in the community over the past month, attending events and meeting residents across the constituency.

This has included a visit to [Valley School, Whitehaven](#), to learn more about their

outstanding and award-winning Spotlight mental health campaign (*top*); an update visit to the [Wellbank housing development](#) in Bootle (*middle left*); attending the opening of [Craig Hamilton Art](#) in Cleator Moor and [Wigton Motor Club's new headquarters](#) in Moota (*middle right and bottom left respectively*); and the 100th anniversary and refurbishment celebrations at [Borrowdale Institute](#) (bottom right). Thank you to everyone for the kind invitations.

Consultations and events



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Public Surgery
2pm – 4pm
Friday 1st October
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Appointments preferred

Please call 01229 718 333

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Whitehaven surgery

I am pleased to have returned to in-person surgeries, which continue at Kells Rugby League Club today (Friday, October 1) 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

Hospital design plans unveiled

Plans for the proposed £40m next stage of the redevelopment of the West Cumberland Hospital have gone on public display. The plans represent a significant upgrade in facilities for both patients and staff.



The scheme includes a new paediatrics area, care of the elderly ward, palliative care ward and stroke/rehabilitation ward. The project will also include the refurbishment of gynaecology, and the maternity post-natal ward will move next to the delivery suite.

Plans can be viewed [here](#) and in person at Whitehaven Library.

Register your view on Copeland Local Plan

Copeland Borough Council is inviting residents to have their say on proposed changes to the Local Plan.

The Local Plan will guide development and investment in the borough until 2035 and is used to help decide on planning applications and other planning-related decisions.

Changes under consideration include additional and deleted site allocations for housing and employment development, amendments to settlement boundaries and new policies.

Residents are invited to [respond to the consultation](#) before the October 17 deadline.

Have your say on transport infrastructure

Cumbria County Council is encouraging people to give their views and feedback on the Cumbria Transport Infrastructure Plan (CTIP) 2022-2037 through an online survey.

The CTIP has been developed by Cumbria County Council and Cumbria Local Enterprise

Partnership and sets out the policy framework for the role of transport and connectivity in supporting sustainable and inclusive growth in Cumbria.

Residents are invited to [respond to the consultation](#) before the October 25 deadline.

Call for people to join fostering family

Cumbria County Council's fostering service is looking for enthusiastic, committed people to come forward and consider fostering children and young people.

While the council supports around 275 foster carers already, more are needed to ensure children can remain close to their friends, school and extended family.

For more information, visit the [website](#) or telephone 0303 333 1216.

Grants available

- The Lake District Foundation is inviting businesses and community groups to apply for funding for projects that reduce operational carbon footprints. [The scheme is open until October 14.](#)
- Electricity North West is inviting applications to its Powering Our Communities Fund, which provides seed funding to support the development of community and local energy. [The scheme is open until November 5.](#)

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



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