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News

COP26 under way

COP26 - the global climate change summit - is under way in Glasgow. For all the latest information, commitments and announcements from this hugely significant event, visit the [COP26 website](#) or follow COP26 on social media. I will share a summary of the events in next month's newsletter.

Remembrance Sunday

The service and sacrifices of our brave men and women will be honoured at a series of community services and events across Copeland on Remembrance Sunday, November 14.



I am proud to have been invited to plant a commemorative tribute in the new [House of Commons Constituency Garden of Remembrance](#), created by the Speaker's Office and the Royal British Legion. The Copeland tribute will be planted alongside those from all 650 constituencies across the UK in the garden at New Palace Yard.

I am therefore inviting residents to nominate an individual, regiment or community with a connection to Copeland to whom the commemoration will be made - and I will proudly share their stories and photographs on my website and social media throughout the Remembrance period.

To nominate an individual, regiment or community, please send a summary of their service (maximum 250 words, with a photo if possible) to Trudy.harrison.mp@parliament.uk before Monday, November 8.

Budget to deliver stronger economy

Last week's Budget increases total departmental spending over this Parliament by £150bn. I am confident that the Budget and Spending Review will deliver a stronger economy for Copeland and the UK through:

- Increasing the National Living Wage next year by 6.6%, to £9.50 an hour - for a full time worker, that's a pay rise worth over £1,000.
- Investing £1.7bn through the Levelling Up Fund
- The biggest capital investment in the NHS since 2010
- Extending Tax Relief for museums and galleries for two years
- Tax relief for theatres, orchestras, museums and galleries doubled
- 50% business rates discount for the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors - the biggest cut in 30 years
- Cutting duty on draught beer and cider by 5%
- Cancelling the planned increase in duty on spirits
- £1m Annual Investment Allowance will not end in December as planned, it will be extended all the way to March 2023
- Providing £560m for youth services over the next three years, enough to fund up to 300 youth clubs in England
- Investing £500 million in expanded support for children and families, including £300m for local authorities to transform services in new local Family Hubs.
- Cutting the Universal Credit taper rate from 63% to 55%

Moorside site shortlisted in STEP search

I welcome the announcement that the Moorside site has been shortlisted as a potential host of the UK's first [prototype nuclear fusion power plant](#).

The site on land next to Sellafield has been named as one of five locations nationally under consideration to locate the STEP (Spherical Tokamak for Energy Production) plant.

The design and construction of STEP - which will pave the way to commercial fusion and a virtually limitless supply of low-carbon energy - will be delivered through the UK Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA). Communities across the UK were invited to make a

submission of a suitable location for STEP earlier this year, and an original 15-site long list has been narrowed down to the final five.

Opening day for engineering centre



I was delighted to be invited to officially open the new £3m [Civil Engineering Centre at Lakes College](#).

I congratulate Lakes College and partners for their vision and determination in bringing this significant project to fruition, and I know it will be an asset to our area for decades to come.

Funding boost for Muncaster

It is excellent news that Muncaster Castle is one of 142 historic sites across England that are receiving grants from the [Government's Culture Recovery Fund](#).

The £198,158 being awarded to Muncaster Castle is included in the latest round of

grants announced by Historic England and the funding will help support heritage sites by paying for vital repairs and major building programmes.

Progress for Cleator Moor bid

The Cleator Moor Town Deal Board has announced that it will move all five proposed Town Deal projects to the next stage of securing the £22.5m offered in Government funding earlier this summer.

These are exciting times for Cleator Moor and Cleator and I look forward to the next stage of the business case being developed over the next 12 months. In the meantime, a series of projects has been completed as part of the 'accelerated' funding aspect of the bid. This includes a new [3G sports pitch](#) at Cleator Moor Activity Centre.

In the community





I have been pleased to visit a number of projects and meet with a range of people across Copeland over the past month.

My visits have included an introduction to three [newly-recruited international nurses](#) at the West Cumberland Hospital (*top*); attending an assembly and question-an-answer session at [St Bees School](#) (*bottom left*); and receiving an update tour on United Utilities' [Thirlmere to West Cumbria pipeline project](#) (*bottom right*).

Consultations and events

Tourism opportunities

Copeland has plenty of great career opportunities - not least in its tourism and hospitality sector.

It's a great career choice that can be as flexible and individual as you, with amazing progression opportunities and lots of friends and family perks and bonuses too.

As well as full and part time roles, many of our businesses also offer apprenticeships and access to award-winning training programmes.

[More information and for current vacancies is available.](#)

Funding for Keswick businesses

Allerdale Borough Council is encouraging eligible local businesses to apply for a new version of a Government-backed grant made available to those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

A relaunched [Additional Restrictions Grant](#) is available for eligible businesses who can demonstrate that Covid-19 restrictions and regulations reduced their turnover in the financial year 2020/21 compared to 2019/20. The deadline for applications is Friday, November 12.

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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