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News

Reactor funding announcement

I enthusiastically welcome the announcement that [Rolls Royce SMR has secured funding](#) to develop small nuclear reactors – and I will continue to lobby for Copeland to be the location of this new development.



Rolls Royce SMR will invest £195 million of private funding across three years in the project, with a further £210 million pledged from the Government, as announced by Business Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng in support of the “largest engineering collaboration the UK has ever seen”.

SMRs will deliver clean, low-carbon, affordable energy and will play a significant role in our net zero ambitions.

- A new website has been launched to provide a wealth of information and resources on the [Net Zero Needs Nuclear](#) campaign.

Grants available for farmers

I am encouraging Copeland’s farming community to apply for newly-launched Government grants.

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) is inviting applications to the £27 million [Farming Investment Fund](#), which offers grants for equipment, technology and infrastructure that improves farm productivity and benefits the environment.

This could include solar-powered electric fences, water treatment systems that use

ultraviolet light rather than chemicals, and cameras for monitoring livestock.

Available to farmers, foresters and growers, the Fund is split across two strands:

- the Farming Equipment and Technology Fund, which focuses on smaller grants for equipment from a set-list, including electronic seeders and chemical-free disinfectant
- the Farming Transformation Fund, for more substantial technology with the potential to transform business performance, with an initial focus on water management.

Funding boost for Copeland venues

Five organisations in the Copeland constituency will receive over £900,000 in the latest round of [Culture Recovery Fund](#) grants.



The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has announced that 925 organisations will receive a share of £107 million in the third round of grants, including:

- Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway Company - £451,500
- Cumbria Theatre Trust/ Theatre by the Lake - £135,000
- Keswick Museum and Art Gallery - £77,400
- Rosehill Arts Trust - £176,807
- Keswick Alhambra Ltd - £84,782

New community forest for Cumbria

A new [coastal community forest](#) will be created in Cumbria to help bring people closer to nature.

Defra, England's Community Forest and Cumbria County Council have announced that up to 150 hectares (or around 210 football pitches) of trees, woodlands and forests will

be planted on the coast through Copeland, Allerdale and Barrow.

The project has received a £220,000 boost from Defra's Nature for Climate Fund to kickstart planting in the next year, and ultimately, the aim is to create a minimum of 5,000 hectares of new woodland along a 56-mile stretch over the next 25 years.

Kickstart success in Copeland

Eighty young people in Copeland have secured work through the [Government's Kickstart Scheme](#) - giving them the opportunity to find work, develop their skills, and get a crucial first step on the career ladder.

Safety initiative launched

A new pilot service - [StreetSafe](#) - has been launched for anyone to anonymously tell the police about public places where they have felt or feel unsafe. This could be because of environmental issues (eg street lighting, abandoned buildings or vandalism) and/or because of some behaviours (eg being followed or verbally abused).

Support small businesses

This Saturday (December 4) is the annual [Small Business Saturday](#), in which small business are encouraged to promote themselves and shoppers are encouraged to support their local high street.

Congratulations to all our award winners!



Award season is in full swing, and I'm delighted to say that Copeland residents, workers and businesses have been among the winners.

Congratulations to:

- the winners of the [Golden Apples Education Awards](#), including Whitehaven Academy trio Oliver Stewart, Dawn Burkinshaw and Beth Rothery (*pictured above with Headteacher Nigel Youngman*).
- the winners of the [Cumbria Sports Awards](#), organised by Active Cumbria.
- the winners of the [inCumbria Business Awards](#).
- BEC, Copeland Borough Council, Sellafield Ltd and all partners involved the Whitehaven Bus Station project, which has won three awards at the [RTPI North West Awards for Planning Excellence](#).

In the community



It's been a pleasure to be out and about in the community this month. My visits have included a question-and-answer session with pupils from [Waberthwaite School](#) as part of UK Parliament Week (*top left*) and to Monkway Junior School in Whitehaven to meet their School Council (*top right*), Nurture Club (*bottom left*) and Brilliant Cumbria Ambassadors (*bottom right*).

It was also a privilege to attend the Remembrance Sunday parade in Whitehaven, and to share the many [tributes to services personnel](#) from Copeland that were sent to me over the Remembrance period.

Consultations and events

- Cumbria County Council has launched a public consultation into its budget proposals for 2022/23. Read further details and complete an [online survey](#) before the deadline of January 4.
- Allerdale Borough Council is inviting Keswick residents to comment on the future of leisure provision in the town. Read further details and complete an [online survey](#) before the deadline of December 3.
- Copeland Borough Council and partners are inviting comments on proposals for the Cleator Moor Innovation Quarter project. Read further details and complete an [online survey](#) before the deadline of December 3.
- A [new website](#) has been launched providing more information on the local government reorganisation process in Cumbria, which is replacing the current structure with two unitary councils.
- The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) is holding a public consultation into proposals to phase out single-use plastics. Read further details and complete an [online survey](#) before the February 12 deadline.

Newsletters

I also offer two other 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

Christmas wishes

As this is my last newsletter before the festive period, I'd like to thank you for your interest during 2021 and I look forward to continue to sharing news and information from across Copeland with you in 2022.

I wish all constituents a very happy Christmas and best wishes for the new year!



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