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## TRUDY HARRISON MP

### Member of Parliament for Copeland



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## News

### Progress for reactors

Last week, I chaired a meeting to bring together key organisations to progress the plans to bring Rolls Royce's new small modular reactor (SMR) to Copeland.

We agreed to pursue a specific site, planning application and infrastructure requirements for electricity generation and transmission. Rolls Royce SMR have set out their ambitions for the tightest of timescales, to be on the bars by 2029.

Nowhere stands a better chance of success than Copeland. That's because we are one of a handful of suitably, licensed sites, with supportive neighbours at Sellafield and a qualified, experienced workforce across our local supply chain.

No other council has as much planning experience, over many decades, as Copeland Borough Council and never have we needed UK energy security more than today.

The next step is a formal proposal to Government to put forward my case for the first Rolls Royce 470MW SMR power station to be sited at Fellside, on NDA-owned land next to Sellafield.

#### **Levelling Up Minister visits Copeland**



It was a pleasure to welcome Neil O'Brien, Levelling Up Minister at the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, on the Copeland leg of his visit to Cumbria.



We spent time in Millom and Cleator Moor, where we visited key sites earmarked for transformational Town Deal funding that is heading to each of the towns – including the site of the proposed leisure facilities and the Square in Millom, and Leconfield Industrial Estate and the Square in Cleator Moor.

The Minister and I are very much in favour of the 'plant, paint and renovate' approach to rejuvenating our towns and villages, and I am confident that the £22.5m and £20.6m that are heading to Cleator Moor and Millom respectively is just the start of the Levelling Up agenda for Copeland.

Many thanks to Mayor Mike Starkie, our borough and county councillors, Cumberland Council candidates, Town Board representatives and supporters for helping make the Minister so welcome in Copeland.

### **NHS Parliamentary Awards**



It's a privilege to nominate the following teams and individuals from across Copeland for the annual NHS Parliamentary Awards.

I'd like to thank everyone who submitted entry suggestions; the standard was an extremely high and it was a very difficult task to choose which nominees to put forward.

- Excellence in Healthcare – Nichola Mitchinson, Nursing Sister at the West Cumberland Hospital (pictured)
- The Excellence in Mental Health Care Award – LINK (Barnardo's Young People Social Prescribing Service)
- The Excellence in Urgent and Emergency Care Award – A&E Teams
- The Excellence in Primary Care and Community Care Award – Practice Development CAPES Team
- The Future NHS Award – North Cumbria Health Pathways
- The Nursing and Midwifery Award – Maternity Teams
- The COVID Response Award – Paul Fieldhouse (pictured) and the Vaccine Team

For more information on all of the nominees, click [here](#).

The nationally shortlisted entrants will be announced on June 13 and the Awards Ceremony will be held on July 6. I'd like to wish Copeland's nominees the very best of luck!

### **New Energy Security Strategy published**

The new [British Energy Security Strategy](#), published by the Government, is a massive step forward for the nuclear industry.

It will target more nuclear energy, as well as renewables, in a quest to produce low carbon power for 95 per cent of all our energy needs by 2030.

I am particularly encouraged by the role for nuclear. A new nuclear delivery body will supercharge delivery, and a commitment for up to eight new nuclear reactors by 2030 provides a great opportunity for new nuclear deployment here in Cumbria.

### **Copeland to benefit from new fund**

It has been announced that Copeland Borough Council will receive £2,638,112 from the Government's new [UK Shared Prosperity Fund](#).

This could include regenerating high streets, fighting anti-social behaviour and crime, or helping more people into work.

In addition, Cumbria County Council will receive £2,326,432 from the Shared Prosperity Fund for 'Multiply' - the new £560m drive to improve adult numeracy across the UK. Allowing upper tier authorities to invest in basic skills to improve routes to higher paid employment and level up.

## In the community



It's been a pleasure to be out and about in the community over the past month, taking part in visits and community events. This has included visits to [St Begh's School](#) in Whitehaven (*pictured top*) and [Moresby School](#) (*pictured bottom left and right*), where I was invited to speak to the pupils and the School Councils about the role of an MP and to answer their excellent questions.

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## Consultations and events

- Copeland Borough Council has announced changes to its kerbside recycling collection service from October; with two bins replacing the current boxes/bag system. Further information is [available online](#).
  - The Department for Education is holding a public consultation into proposals to improve support for children and young people with SEND. Read further details and complete an [online survey](#) before the July 1 deadline.
  - The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport is holding a public consultation on tightening the rules for the online advertising industry, giving greater powers to regulators to tackle harmful, offensive and misleading content. Read further details and complete an [online survey](#) before the June 1 deadline.
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## Grants and support

My website has a page dedicated to the various streams of [grants and support](#) that are available within the Copeland constituency.

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## 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](mailto:trudy.harrison.mp@parliament.uk)

Additionally, I write a column in *The Mail* every week and in *The Whitehaven News* every four weeks, both of which are also available at [my website](#).

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