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**TRUDY HARRISON MP**

**Member of Parliament for Copeland**



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## News

### **Cost of living support**

I understand that many are struggling with rising energy bills and other financial pressures at present.

Please visit my [website](#), which contains links and information regarding the support that is available locally and from the Government, to ensure you are claiming all the help you are entitled to.

### **Nuclear Week in Parliament**

I'm eagerly awaiting this year's [Nuclear Week in Parliament](#) (September 12 to 16), which will once again showcase, promote and drive forward the nuclear industry.



I know Copeland will be very well represented in Westminster for the second annual event, and I look forward to sharing news and updates throughout the busy week.

### **Passport support**

My office and I have been able to assist a number of constituents who have been experiencing delays in receiving their new or renewed passports.



Thank you to those who have sent kind messages of thanks to the team; they are very much appreciated.

If you are experiencing a delay, please [contact me](#) and we will do everything we can to help.

### **Physical activity boost**

It is excellent news that Cumbria has been named as one of 11 pilot areas to receive [Government funding](#) for a scheme to encourage physical activity.

Cumbria County Council will receive £1.5m from a £12.7m pot to allow social prescriptions - including walking, wheeling and cycling - to be offered by GPs as part of a new trial to improve mental and physical health.

- It is also welcome news that the Coast to Coast route, stretching from St Bees to Robin Hood's Bay in North Yorkshire, has been designed as a [new National Trail](#). Natural England will work alongside partners to improve the 197-mile route, with £5.6 million committed for upgrades.

### **Funding for farming projects**

I am pleased to report that farming projects in Copeland have received more than £117,000 in grants in the first year of the Government's [Farming in Protected Landscapes](#) programme.

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) programme provides funding for farmers and other land managers to work in partnership with National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty bodies to deliver projects for climate, nature, people and place.

Successful projects include those in Seascale, Keswick, Nether Wasdale, Millom and Muncaster.

- In other Defra funding news, the [Cumbria Coastal Community Forest](#) has been allocated almost £900,000 in extra funding to plant trees and create new woodlands along a 56-mile stretch of the western coast of Cumbria.

### **Significant progress for Town Deal bids**

Business cases have now been submitted to the Government as the final pieces in the jigsaw to secure over £40 million of investment in Copeland.

This is a significant milestone in the Town Deal process to draw down the earmarked funding of £22.5m for [Cleator Moor](#) and £20.6m for [Millom](#) for a series of transformational projects in each community.



### **Safety funding announced**

I welcome the announcement that the Government has made an extra £50 million available to communities as part of the fourth round of the Safer Streets Fund.

Cumbria Police and Crime Commissioner Peter McCall has successfully secured funding for crime-prevention projects in the county in all three rounds so far.

The £191,583 received for Whitehaven in round three has paid for new lighting and CCTV in Castle Park. It is also funding Active Bystander Training for almost 1,000 people, including security staff, school pupils and youth groups, to influence the culture of reporting and preventing unacceptable behaviour towards women.

The newly-announced £50m takes the Safer Streets Funding total to £120m to tackle neighbourhood crime, anti-social behaviour, and violence against women and girls.

- The Ministry of Justice has committed [£780,000 funding](#) that will go to support victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence in our county. Organisations receiving the funding are Gateway4Women, Safety Net, The Birchall Trust, West Cumbria Domestic Violence (The Freedom Project) and Women' Community Matters, and the money can be used to support existing clients, as well as new referrals.

## Business support extended

The Government's [Help to Grow: Digital](#) scheme offers businesses discounts worth up to £5,000 on approved software.

Previously, only businesses with more than five employees were eligible for the scheme. But now, businesses with at least one employee are now eligible to benefit.

## Bright Stars recognised



Congratulations to all the schools who took part in this year's Centre for Leadership Performance Bright Stars challenge.

Pupils were given an initial £50 and had eight weeks to work with their business mentor to make a profit, and also make a difference to their community.

Copeland schools were well represented this year and I'd like to commend all who took part: Bookwell, Gosforth, Jericho, Mayfield, Monkway, Moor Row, Seascale, St Bees Village, St Bega's, St Bridget's (Parton), St James' Infant and Nursery, St Mary's, Montreal and Valley.

And many congratulations to Copeland's winners:

- Gosforth Primary School - Best Social Enterprise Idea
- St Bridget's Primary School, Parton - Best Logo (pictured)
- St James' Infant and Nursery School - Best Example of Staying Positive and Resilient

### Chance to take part in Parliament Week

There's still time for schools and youth organisations in Copeland to get involved in this year's [UK Parliament Week](#) and join the conversation about our democracy.



A number of schools in Copeland have already signed up for UK Parliament Week (November 14 to 20), which engages people from across the UK with their Parliament, explores what it means to them and empowers them to get involved on the issues they care about.

Schools that sign up are sent a free kit packed with curriculum-linked lesson plans and activity ideas. There are tailored kits available for primary and secondary schools.

### Tourism survey

Cumbria Tourism has launched its latest ['business tracker' survey](#) to gather data about the issues being faced presently in the industry.

### Nuclear update meetings

I have held meetings with two parish councils recently to update councillors on my plans to bring small modular reactors (SMRs) to land to the south of Sellafield.



With both Ponsonby and Calderbridge Parish Council and Beckermets With Thornhill Parish Council, we had extremely productive discussions regarding energy generation, timescales, infrastructure, visual/environmental impact and skills, and I look forward to the conversation continuing.

## In the community





It's been a pleasure to attend a number of visits and meetings across the constituency over the summer months.

This has included being asked to visit and officially open [Cafe HNW](#) and its cycling-friendly facilities in Keswick (*pictured top*); meeting members of [Keswick Community Housing Trust](#) for a tour of their developments (*pictured middle*); receiving an update on their proposals from the Esk Crossing Working Group (*pictured bottom left*); and an update visit to Huger Homes' [Wellbank housing development](#) in Bootle (*pictured bottom right*).

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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 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has launched a consultation on the benefits and challenges presented by the rise in short-term and holiday lettings. View the consultation and [complete an online questionnaire](#) before the September 21 deadline.
- The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has launched a consultation in which social housing tenants and landlords are being asked for your views on a proposed rent cap to understand how best to support



households with the cost of living. View the consultation and [complete an online questionnaire](#) before the October 12 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 a newsletter covering the nuclear sector that contain a wealth of news and information from myself and the industry.

Please view all editions of the newsletter at my [website](#), and I hope you find it interesting. To receive it directly, please email me on [trudy.harrison.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:trudy.harrison.mp@parliament.uk)

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