



Thank you to members of the local farming community who joined me at the first of my gettogethers last week.

The event at The Countryman, Lamplugh, was well attended and there was lots of interesting questions, debate and discussion. Thanks also to everyone who supported the event by joining me on the panel, including the Rural Payments Agency and Natural England.

There are three further free events coming up, and places are still available to join us; Bootle (February 10), Keswick (February 24) and Gosforth (March 10).

For more information and to RSVP, click here.

Nuclear Week in Parliament



The Copeland contingent was out in force in Westminster this week as part of the annual <u>Nuclear Week in Parliament</u>.

Apprentices and graduates from organisations including the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, Sellafield Ltd, National Nuclear Laboratory, KBR and Atkins, helped showcase the best the industry has to offer in the annual Nuclear Skills and Apprentice Fair. Apprentices from the NDA also enjoyed a tour of the Houses of Parliament (*pictured above*). Congratulations too to Kerry Jackson (*pictured below left*), from NNL and based at Sellafield, on being named the National Nuclear Apprentice of the Year; a fantastic achievement.

There is such momentum for the nuclear industry at present, and this week's Nuclear Week in Parliament is testament to that.

### Levelling Up success for Copeland



It is truly fantastic news that Copeland will receive  $\pounds 20m$  directly – and benefit from a large portion of a further  $\pounds 17.8m$  – in the latest round of <u>Levelling Up funding</u> announced by the Government in January.

Cleator Moor will receive £20m following a successful bid from Copeland Borough

<u>Council</u> and the money will go towards the Industrial Solutions Hub and the second phase of the redevelopment of the Leconfield Industrial Estate.

The £17.8m – <u>successfully achieved by Cumbria County Council</u> – will improve the road between Barrow and Cockermouth, including large sections in Copeland.

Work includes resurfacing, drainage improvements and bridge maintenance, including the A595 (Calderbridge to the A590) and the A5086 (Cockermouth to Egremont road).

This multi-million-pound investment from the Government in Copeland comes only two months after it committed £43.1m to Cleator Moor and Millom through the Towns Fund (which has triggered a further £27.1m in match-funding), which means Copeland is among the highest recipients of DLUHC funding in the country.

 As the Town Deal projects progress in Cleator Moor and Millom, the respective Boards have release videos to update the community. Click <u>here</u> for Cleator Moor and <u>here</u> for Millom.

#### Walking and cycling funding announced

It's very welcome news that the <u>Department for Transport has awarded £358,000 to</u> <u>Cumbria County Council</u> to develop walking and cycling networks in our county.

The funding will enable the council to progress the routes prioritised in its six Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans, including Whitehaven's.

#### Grant funding available



Grant funding is available from <u>Cumbria County Council</u> for tree-planting schemes which can range in size and include different types of planting – from single trees or hedgerows to large-scale woodland.

There is also funding available to support communities in accessing these green spaces, including footpaths, benches and interpretation boards.

The grants are available as part of the Cumbria Coastal Community Forest project, aimed to introduce more trees into the landscape along the western coast of Cumbria.

### In the community



I've enjoyed getting out and about in the community this month, including a number of visits and events around the constituency.

This has included the opening of the <u>Making Everyone Equal (MEE) support centre</u> in Whitehaven (*pictured top left*); a visit to <u>The Bloom Room, Millom</u>, to congratulate owner Nicola Armstrong on being named the UK's Best Retail Florist (*pictured top right*); and an <u>assembly at St James' Infant and Nursery School</u>, Whitehaven, where I answered the children's questions about my role as an MP and a Defra Minister.

## **Grants and support**

My website has a page dedicated to the various streams of <u>grants and support</u> that are available within the Copeland constituency.

# **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 <u>website</u>, and I hope you find it interesting. To receive it directly, please email me on <u>trudy.harrison.mp@parliament.uk</u>



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