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**Member of Parliament for Copeland**



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## News

**Funding for the Lake District**

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# £4.4 MILLION TO IMPROVE OUR NATIONAL PARKS

including our own  
**Lake District National Park**



I am pleased to share the news that £440,000 in extra funding is being invested into the Lake District National Park to protect and conserve our natural environment and widen access to our scenic beauty spots, supporting tourism and growing the economy.

The Government has announced that all 10 National Park Authorities will benefit from an equal share of the additional £4.4 million funding. The extra investment will support services for visitors, including education and visitor centres, ranger services, new trails, residential programmes, and provide more opportunities for people to enjoy National Parks.

All 10 National Park Authorities are being awarded the additional grant in recognition of the vital role that National Parks play to protect our precious wildlife, our world famous scenery, and support the tourism sector.

The new funding will support access and engagement programmes that are helping to conserve the natural beauty and wildlife of these protected landscapes for future generations to enjoy.

The Government has also confirmed that the Farming in Protected Landscapes (FIPL) scheme, delivered across 10 National Parks and 34 Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty since 2021, has been extended until March 2025 to continue supporting custodianship of our world renowned natural heritage.

### **Farming events**



Thank you to members of the local farming community who have joined me at my get-togethers in Lamplugh, Bootle and Keswick.

The events have been well attended and there have been lots of interesting questions, debate and discussion. Thanks also to everyone who supported the event by joining me on the panels, including the Rural Payments Agency and Natural England.

I look forward to my final event in this series in Gosforth next week, and thanks to those who have replied to let me know you'll be joining us.

### **Household discounts available**

A number of constituents who live in park homes have contacted me to enquire about accessing the £400 energy bills discount.

Applications are now open to the Alternative Funding Scheme for those who did not qualify for the previous household discount, including people who live in park homes, houseboats and those who are not on a mains electricity/gas grid.

To make an application, click [here](#).

### **Boost for electric vehicles**

It is excellent news that Cumbria is to receive a further £1.4m of funding to install 900 new Electric Vehicle chargepoints across the county.

The [Department for Transport funding](#) will be topped up by £500,000 of private investment to create 780 chargepoints within streetlights or new charging bollards, and a further 120 in car parks.

### **Changing Places funding**

Copeland Borough Council will be working with Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway Company to create [fully accessible changing facilities](#) at its Ravenglass Station.

The Changing Places room will provide life-enhancing freedoms for people with additional needs to visit and enjoy our area, and has been made possible with £68,000 of Government funding.

### **Dream Placement**



It's been a pleasure to welcome Mayumi Singh to my constituency office for her [Dream Placement](#).

Mayumi has been a very welcome addition to the constituency team, assisting us with numerous tasks while gaining an insight into how an MP and the team work, both in the constituency and in Parliament.

I'd like to thank Mayumi for her contributions, which have included assisting us in planning our upcoming skills fair, preparing a students' questionnaire and carrying out research tasks.

Mayumi has displayed a tremendous knowledge and aptitude in politics and current affairs, and I'm sure has a very bright future ahead of her in wherever her studies and career take her.

Thanks to the Centre for Leadership Performance for inviting me to again be part of the excellent Dream Placement programme.

## 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 a visit to the what will become the [iSH Enterprise Campus](#) at Leconfield, Cleator Moor (*pictured top*) and two SMEs already achieving success from their base at Leconfield; Capalex (*pictured bottom left*) and Forth Engineering. I also had the opportunity to visit Seascale School to hear more about their environmental work, and had the chance to speak with newly-qualified Teaching Assistant Apprentice Millie Rogers (*pictured bottom right*).

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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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