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News

## Nuclear updates

The Prime Minister's ongoing ambition and determination to deliver 24GW of new nuclear is echoed by the Nuclear Minister, Andrew Bowie.

I met Minister Bowie last week in Parliament to discuss [Solway Community Power Company's](#) plans and to reinforce that nobody does nuclear better than West Cumbria.

The well established, world leading skills we have place us in pole position and we're edging closer to spades in the ground for Rolls-Royce SMR.

The progress on SMRs was also on the agenda at the [Northern Nuclear Conference](#), hosted by John Stevenson MP in Carlisle last week.

At the conference, attended by Minister Bowie, I was pleased to Chair a breakout session on Community Support, alongside Jamie Reed from the NDA and Ivan Baldwin from Bechtel.



## Alexander House meeting

Councillor Andy Pratt and I have met with the Director of Abbeyfield regarding the continued provision of Alexander House in Bootle.

We sought assurances that there would be no closure of Alexander House. In parallel and

whilst Abbeyfield are facing financial challenges, I will be working with the operators as they engage with other organisations interested in running Alexander House in the long term in accordance with the needs of our area.

It is important to remember that Alexander House was named after our late GP Dr Alexander Smith, and was very much created by the community and for the community. As I live in the community, it is of great personal importance to me that Alexander House continues to be an much-loved asset for Bootle and the wider area.



### **Energy efficiency upgrades**

I am pleased to share the news that Cumbria will receive a minimum of [£12.4 million in Government](#) funding to improve the energy efficiency in homes in the county.

The funding from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero to Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council will allow them to provide energy efficiency

upgrades and low carbon heating to 600 homes in Cumbria, helping residents save money and reduce their carbon footprint.

### **Farm funding boost**

It's extremely welcome news that farmers and foresters in Copeland have received £641,742 so far from the [Government's Farming Equipment and Technology Fund](#).

The funding will help recipients boost productivity and reduce costs, while increasing environmental sustainability.

### **Active Travel progress**

It's excellent news that Cumbria will receive [£1.6 million in Government funding](#) to deliver Active Travel schemes in the county.

The funding will be used to deliver improvements that allow walking, cycling and wheeling for everyday trips, supporting the uptake of active travel in 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 a visit to [Gosforth School](#), where I congratulated the pupils on achieving success in the Bright Stars entrepreneur challenge (*pictured top*), and to HMP Haverigg, where I took a tour of the positive projects the inmates are involved with, including flower and vegetable cultivation.

## 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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