



**Mid Copeland GDF
Community Partnership**

Update Report

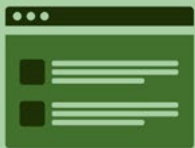
(November 2023 - October 2024)



Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership was formed in November 2021. Our aim is to share information, discuss concerns and find answers to questions the community has about all aspects of the Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) siting process, including what hosting a GDF could mean and how its community could benefit. We work to ensure that whether a GDF is delivered in Mid Copeland, or elsewhere, it will deliver benefits and a positive legacy for our communities.

The Partnership provides communications and engagement activities, awards Community Investment Funding and shares information on the work of GDF developer Nuclear Waste Services.

The year in numbers:



26
articles added
to the website



88
funding awards
were made to local
projects totalling
£1M



66
events held or
attended. Holding
conversations with
1,114
people



2 printed
newsletters were
each delivered to
3,017
homes in the
Search Area



3
e-bulletins each
delivered to
776
online subscribers



4
press releases
issued



Content on
Partnership social
media channels
was viewed
55,582
times



11
members are
currently on the
Partnership



6,871
people visiting the
Partnership's website
over the past year

Highlights

by Andy Pratt, **Partnership Chair**

Thanks to everyone we've spoken with over the past year, including those who took part in our annual residents' survey. As we continue with our community vision work and share more information from NWS over this next year, keep a look-out for events as we continue this journey.



Communications

We use a range of communications including GDF News, our printed newsletter to homes, press releases, social media, e-bulletins and website updates. We're also working towards a refreshed website to provide clear, easy-to-navigate information.



Youth Work

We've continued our work with young people this year, which included working with two different scout groups as well as local young farmers. Their involvement has provided us with valuable insight and our work with youth groups will continue.



Engagement & Events

Community engagement is a priority. We want to make sure we share information in an understandable way, so we hold regular drop-ins throughout the year, as well as attend events organised by other local groups. Over the past year, we've held or attended 66 events and spoken with 1,114 people.



Community Vision

We're creating a community vision to look at what's important locally and how a GDF can shape that vision. We've held a number of forums for people to discuss hopes and ideas for the area, plus an online questionnaire. One of the main topics of conversation to date has been transport.



Community Investment Funding

Local organisations have successfully applied for and been awarded Community Investment Funding from the GDF programme; it's a pleasure to see such progress. We've awarded £1million this year – totalling £3million in the past three years.

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