



Mid Copeland Community Partnership Update Summary

November 2022 - October 2023

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, delivers engagement activities and awards Community Investment Funding. The Partnership also shares information on siting activities in Mid Copeland - such as studies and surveys being undertaken by developer Nuclear Waste Services (NWS). Here's a short snapshot of Partnership progress in Mid Copeland over the past year.

The year in numbers:



8 press releases were issued and

15

web articles published



11 members are currently on the Partnership



Content on Partnership **social media** channels was viewed

73,880 times



2,723 people visited the **Partnership website**



The Partnership held or attended **73 events**, holding conversations with **984 people**

3 printed newsletters were each delivered to **3,017** homes in the search area



3 e-bulletins were each sent to

780 online subscribers



27 Community Investment Funding awards were made to local projects totalling **£1million**



Highlights from Andy Pratt, Partnership Chair

Thanks to everyone who took part in discussions with Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership over the past year. One of our main roles is to share information and keep people informed about the work of the GDF programme and Partnership. We welcome all views.



Engagement Community engagement is important – having conversations with local people about what a GDF could mean for Mid Copeland is at the core of what we do. We’ll always endeavour to find answers for people and listen to any concerns.



Events We’ve held, or attended, 73 community events over the past year, resulting in discussions with just short of 1,000 people. We plan to continue with these sorts of events throughout this following year, as well as look at other ways to engage.



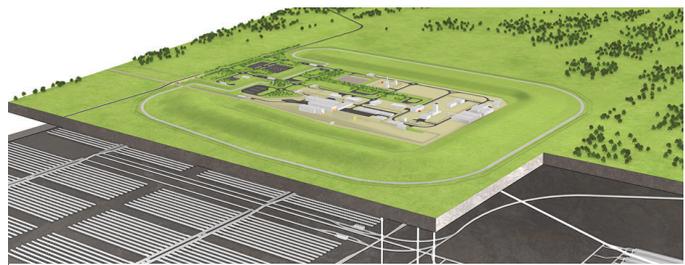
Communications We also keep people informed and encourage feedback through meetings, e-bulletins, press releases, social media, website articles, adverts and our printed newsletter, GDF News. We’ve had communications in local and national media, including Sky News.



Youth work We ran an engagement project with Shackles Off youth group, gathering views and ideas about GDF. They presented their knowledge and provided feedback, alongside writing an article for our newsletter. Our youth work now continues with other organisations.



Community Investment Funding Through NWS’ GDF programme, the Community Partnership has awarded £1million over the past year to lots of local projects. To support people’s ideas to bring improvements and see new facilities coming to fruition is real progress for our area.



Residents’ survey The Partnership holds an annual residents’ survey in the search area to gather a snapshot of views towards GDF, nuclear and the Partnership. Results show a small increase in net support for construction of a GDF in Mid Copeland from +39 to +41.

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