



Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership



Update Report

November 2024 - October 2025

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:



19

news articles added to the website



29

funding awards were made to local projects totalling

£1M



94

events held or attended. Speaking to more than

2,800
people



2

newspaper-style newsletters were each sent to

3,017

homes in the Mid Copeland Search Area



2

e-bulletins delivered to the Partnership's

780

online subscribers



3

press releases issued



Content on Partnership social media channels (Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram and X) was viewed

56,266

times



11

members are currently on the Partnership



7,112

people visiting the Partnership's website over the past year

*excluding paid-for social advertising

Highlights

By Andy Pratt, Partnership Chair

I'd like to thank the community for their involvement - attending events, providing feedback and asking questions. We welcome views from everyone as we take part in the GDF programme and we're happy to arrange discussions and help to answer questions.



Communications

We use a range of communications including GDF News, our printed newsletter to homes, press releases, social media and e-bulletins. Our website is also regularly updated.



Youth Work

An important part of our work is our focus on young people and increasing their voice in our conversations. We're continuing to hear from local youth organisations in the area and planning to set up a youth group to work with the Partnership.



Engagement & Events

Over the past year the Partnership has held or attended 94 events, speaking to more than 2,800 people about what a GDF could mean and the work of the Partnership. Events attended included Gosforth Show, Rotating Wheels and Wasdale Show, as well as various community groups.



Community Vision

We've made good progress to start developing a Community Vision with lots of input and ideas from residents to let us know what their aspirations are for the future. We produced a leaflet to use at our engagements and events, providing a summary of work to date. This vision will continue to evolve over time.



Community Investment Funding

Over the past year, £1million in Community Investment Funding (CIF) has been awarded to projects in the Mid Copeland – totalling £4million in four years. We've seen positive progress locally with new facilities, enhanced activities and increased services for people.

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