

# South Copeland Annual Review Snapshot Summary 2023

The **South Copeland GDF Community Partnership** was launched in December 2021 to continue the conversation with local people about hosting a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) for higher activity radioactive waste.

We aim to assist everyone in the local community through the GDF process, whatever their views, by seeking out and sharing relevant information, discussing concerns and finding answers to local people's questions about the siting process and what hosting a GDF could mean for South Copeland. We will work to ensure that whether a GDF is delivered in South Copeland or elsewhere, there will be benefits and a positive legacy for our community.

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

## The year in numbers:



**108**

Contact Centre enquiries



**9,268**

Web page views

**1,909**

Website users



**Engagements**

Number of local events

attended: **63**

Number of people

spoken to individually:

**906**



Number of e-bulletins: **4**

Number of e-bulletin subscribers:

**644**



**422**

social media posts

Number of times social posts have been seen

**1,051,628**



**38,246**

Door drops

**3** newsletters and **4** information leaflets delivered to

**5,478**

households



**Community Investment Funding**

**12** small grants below **£10,000**

**6** medium grants between **£10,001** and **£50,000**

**5** large grants above **£50,000**



## Highlights from 2023



### Engagement

As a Partnership, our main goal is to ensure that our community understand the GDF project and what it could mean. This year, we have attended 63 engagement events talking to 906 people.



### Events

We've held Community Partnership meetings in public, drop-in sessions, larger scale showcase events, and joined community meetings, shows and openings. We've heard from NWS, CoRWM, independent academics, the Environment Agency and ONR.



### Communications

We keep people updated through our meetings, newsletter, e-bulletin, social media, website and local press. We strive to ensure our community is informed and are aware of opportunities to find out more, and continue to look at new ways of interacting with and updating the public.



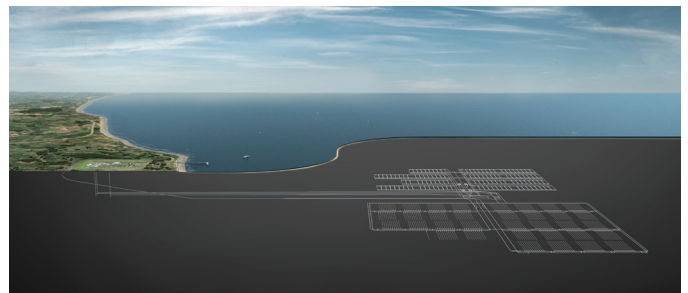
### Hearing from you

We host Community Forums with round-table public discussions, where attendees can share their views on GDF, find out more about it, and help to influence the work of the Community Partnership. We're learning that the public would like more information, such as on the siting process, location of the Search Area and the potential site/s, construction phase, and safety.



### Community Investment Funding

The Community Partnership has assisted with the award of a further £1million in grant funding to local projects during its second year. We've supported a wide variety of community initiatives across South Copeland and it's great to see the positive impact this funding provides.



### Residents' Survey

A residents' survey runs three times a year to gather insights and views towards GDF, nuclear and the Community Partnership. From June 2022 - November 2023, local awareness has increased from 37% to 53%, and understanding from 19% to 50%.

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