



South Copeland
GDF Community Partnership

Annual Review Snapshot Summary 2024

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 the UK's most hazardous radioactive waste.

We aim to assist local people through the GDF process, whatever their views, by sharing information, discussing concerns and finding answers to questions about the siting process and what hosting a GDF could mean. Whether a GDF is delivered in South Copeland or elsewhere, we aim to ensure there will be a positive legacy for our community.

We provide communications, deliver engagement activities and award Community Investment Funding (CIF). We also share 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



40
helpdesk
enquiries



7,337 visits to the Community
Partnership website



£3M
Community Investment
Funding awarded to
local projects 2022-2024



**3 newsletters
and 1 leaflet
delivered to
5,478
households**



3
e-bulletins
sent to
614
subscribers



29
projects received
funding awards
totalling
£1M
in 2024



25
news articles added
to the website
125
social media
comments

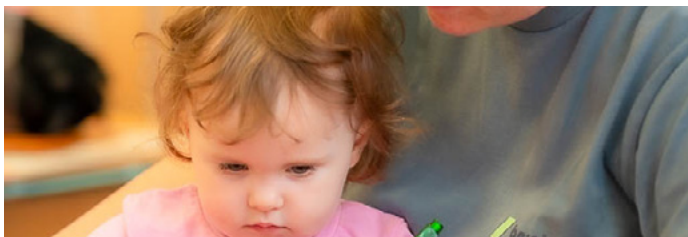


386
community
visioning
responses



**11 local
events
attended by
176
people**

Highlights from 2024



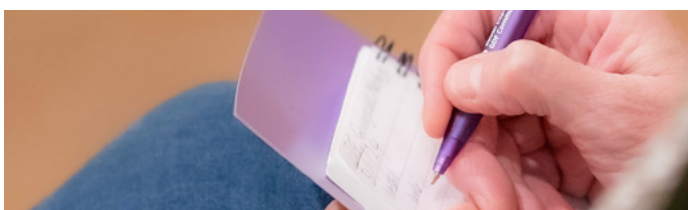
Community Investment Funding

We've assisted with a further £1 million in grant funding, bringing the total to £3 million in our third year. Providing economic opportunities, enhancing the natural environment, and improving community wellbeing.



Community Vision

Our role includes working directly with local people to create a Community Vision. We have attended and organised events to understand views, and a questionnaire received almost 400 individual responses.



Understanding your views and information needs

A residents' survey gathered views on a GDF, nuclear and the Community Partnership. Results show that working age women are less likely to engage with this subject, resulting in lower understanding. Engaging with women is a priority.



Engaging, listening and responding

Following feedback, we've identified five priority themes: Policy, process and the Community Partnership; Engineering feasibility, the construction phase, infrastructure and transport; Safety and security; Environmental protection; and Local economy, jobs and skills.



Community events

Our February geology event helped explore the science behind a GDF and answer key questions on site suitability. And our Community Forums served as vital spaces for discussion, with voices heard and concerns shared.



Sharing the latest

We bring you updates on the topics you tell us matter. We aim to ensure our community is informed and aware of opportunities to learn more, and we're always looking at new ways of interacting with you.

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