

# The Team

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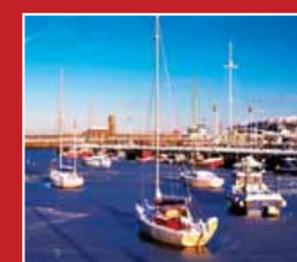
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# Annual Review 2010/11



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Providing a sustainable source of funding for the local community

# Chair Report



## Welcome to the first annual report of the Copeland Community Fund

As this is the first report, it goes without saying that the past year has been a memorable and eventful one.

I am pleased to introduce this report that outlines the numerous successes that the Copeland Community Fund has been involved with. Personally, it is fantastic to see that the Fund has got off to a running start and is already making a difference to a number of crucial community projects right across the borough – ranging from the tiny to much larger projects.

But first of all, let me give you some facts and figures:

- The Copeland Community Fund was set up in 2008
- The first grants were given out in April 2010
- Since that time nearly a £1m has been allocated to 17 community projects in Copeland leveraging in £3.8m of match funding
- 40 projects have been supported with funding and project planning advice

On top of this, we now have in place our Community Development Team, who working with the board, help deliver the above and support a wide range of projects.

In some ways, it's not the grant aid that is the most important aspect of the Copeland Community Fund's work, nor the most heartening. Just as important is the support, advice, and guidance that is on offer to community and voluntary organisations on how they can make their projects succeed. This ranges from advice on creating valid business plans, to guidance on other sources of potential funding. This might seem like a smaller part of the Fund's work, but this is invaluable to the organisations we help.

As part of this, I am pleased that the Copeland Community Fund has been able to develop successful partnerships with other organisations helping community groups, including the Cumbria Community Foundation, Cumbria CVS and the third sector in Copeland.

Likewise, the Fund was developed thanks to strong joint working between Copeland Borough Council, Cumbria County Council and the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, and it is pleasing to see this work continuing to ensure the success of the Fund.

We've supported some exciting projects this year, and in this report you'll get to find out some more about them. I hope you like what you read, and even better than that, I hope you are inspired to think of other Copeland projects that could benefit from the support of the Copeland Community Fund.

Finally, I would just like to say thank you to everyone that has helped make the first year of the Copeland Community Fund's life such a success.

**Cllr Elaine Woodburn**  
Chair of the Copeland Community Fund Board



## Background

The Fund was established to recognise the unique role the Copeland community plays in hosting the national Low Level Waste Repository close to the village of Drigg.

The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority pay £1.5 million per year into the Fund for every year that the current operation vault receives waste: in addition to an initial endowment of £10 million.

A board of directors representing Copeland Borough Council, Cumbria County Council, Nuclear Decommissioning Authority and two independent members manage the fund.

# Grant Stories

**Project:** Copeland Apprentice Initiative

**Grant:** £98,000 **Project Cost:** £245,000

Copeland's Work and Skills Partnership was awarded £98,000 to support their Apprenticeship Initiative.

Chris Pickles, project lead for the Copeland Work and Skills Partnership said, "Working with Lakes College (West Cumbria), Copeland Borough Council, Connexions and PHX training we aim over three years to support 45 individuals into employment and training opportunities via apprenticeships."

"The programme will target individuals not in employment, education and training. We envisage that apprenticeships will be created in a range of areas including tourism, agriculture, leisure, outdoor adventure, catering & hospitality, farming, retail, construction, social care and knowledge - based business.



**Project:** Energy efficiencies at Lamplugh Village Hall

**Grant:** £10,820 **Project Cost:** £30,820

One of the small grants this year went to Lamplugh Village Hall, to make their building more energy efficient.

The project had secured funding from other sources including Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust and Waste Recycling Environmental Limited (WREN) to deliver the work.

The group, with support from the community development team, maximised their applications to other funders and had carried out an energy audit to ensure an efficient and value for money scheme.

With the improvements to heating and ventilation the hall will now be able to open the hall for longer and host more events, creating a suitable income for the hall to expand in the future.



# Community Development Support

- 200 hours of direct community development support to community groups
- Supported at least 40 community groups
- Facilitated 4 consultation events
- Supported 12 groups to apply for £393,695 of match funding
- 1 Funding Fair and launch event

## Official Launch and Funding Fair



Brian Hough, NDA presenting at Launch event

The official launch in Millom on 14 October 2010 was a huge success bringing together the partners who set up the fund a mix of people from local community groups, charities and private sector organisations.

Over 200 people attended the launch event which started off with presentations from leaders. The Funding Fair which followed the launch presentations was a partnership event organised between the community development team and Cumbria CVS.

### Funding Fair Facts

- 106 delegates attended the Funding Fair
- 71 organisations attended
- 3 workshops on project planning, Writing applications, applying to the Fund
- 80% of delegates rated the event as excellent



Community Development Team  
Paula Ratcliffe, Kimberley Elliott  
and Rachel Graham

Paula Ratcliffe, community development worker said

*"The events were a great success with community groups having the opportunity to meet funders and organisations able to support in the development of their projects."*

## Project Support Case Study

**Project:** Ravenglass Play Area Project

**Project Cost:** £60,000

Community volunteers secured £50,000 towards the overhaul of Ravenglass village play area following a successful bid to the Big Lottery Fund Community Spaces Programme with the support of community development worker Rachel Graham.

The winning bid to BIG lottery sees the completion of the funding package needed to revamp the existing play area that has become tired and rundown over the last few years.

The project took over two years to come together since it was identified in the Parish plan. The project team talked to lots of parents and children in the village about the project and were so excited to see all the hard work coming together.

Leo Saldanha, Muncaster Parish Councillor and project leader said, *"We were delighted to have secured the final amount of funding for the project. We have worked very hard towards this point and have accessed support and guidance from the Copeland Community Funds' Development worker in the final stages to help see it through."*

## Partnership Working

The Copeland Community Fund invested in additional Community Development and recruited the team in April 2010 to build capacity amongst community groups.

Key to this has been working with partners. On a quarterly basis the Community Development team have facilitated Partners meetings which give officers and chance to exchange information on projects creating new partnerships

### Partners include

- Copeland Borough Council
- HOME Group
- Cumbria CVS
- Cumbria Community Foundation
- Lake District National Park Authority
- Action with Communities
- Action for Children
- Cumbria County Council Neighbourhood Development
- Age UK



## Communications

### Website

Since officially launching the Copeland Community Fund the website has received over 2,000 hits.

Feedback from users has been positive, saying that the website has been simple and easy to use.

In 2011 we will be looking to develop easier ways for you to catch up on the latest grant stories, development support and events through social media.

To apply or for more information visit [www.copelandcommunityfund.co.uk](http://www.copelandcommunityfund.co.uk)

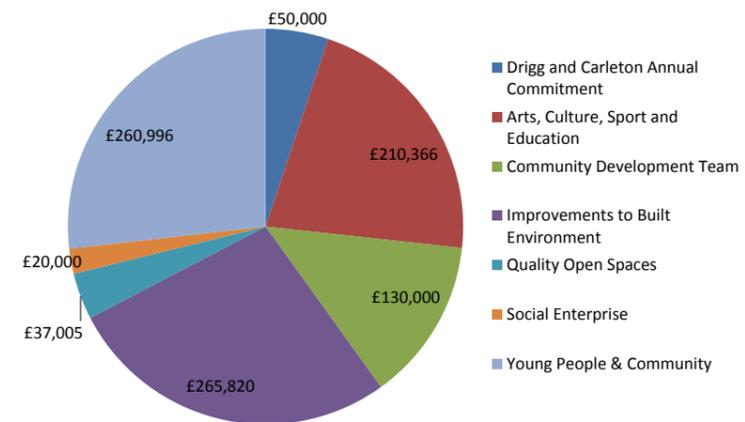


# Grants Allocated 2010/11

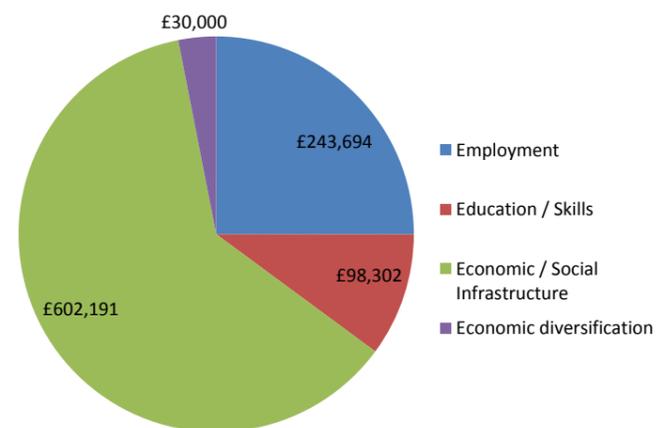
Recipient	Project Total	Total allocated	Description
Egremont and Whitehaven District Credit Union	£50,000	£20,000	Revenue funding towards delivery of credit union services
Sunbeams Music Trust	£74,015	£29,606	Revenue funding towards the delivery of music therapy project
Greenbank Community Association	£91,667	£30,000	Capital funding for improvements to play area and construction of Multi Use Games Area
Copeland Borough Council	£90,000	£5,000	Funding towards redevelopment of upper floor of civic hall and access improvements
Gosforth Nursery	£396,566	£49,066	Capital funding to install renewable energies into new building
Egremont Rugby Union Club	£75,000	£25,000	Revenue funding to support facility coordinator for Sports hub
Phoenix Youth Project	£346,388	£60,000	Revenue funding towards 3 year youth provision in Cleator Moor and surrounding areas
North Copeland Youth Partnership	£42,136	£9,088	Revenue funding towards 1 year programme to deliver youth services
Copeland Work and Skills Partnership	£245,410	£98,302	Revenue funding towards the Youth Apprentice Initiative supporting people not in employment, education and training
Laplugh Village Hall	£30,820	£10,820	Energy efficiency improvements and installation of ventilation systems
Cumbria Rungwe Link Project	£37,475	£14,000	Revenue funding towards honorarium and costs
Wath Brow Hornets RLFC	£189,000	£18,300	Installation of floodlighting and generator
Cleator Moor Town Council	£39,404	£7,005	Development of additional allotments and community garden
Copeland Community Development Team	£30,000	£30,000	Enabling grant to deliver capacity building work in Copeland
Copeland Community Development Team	£300,000	£100,000	Revenue funding to employ Community Development Team for 3 years to support community groups and build capacity
Drigg and Carleton Parish Council	£50,000	£50,000	Annual commitment to Drigg and Carleton Parish
Haverigg Lighthouse Centre Project	£1,287,875	£250,000	Capital grant towards development of Haverigg Lighthouse Centre delivering community based services, support training and employment
Haig Colliery Mining Museum	£210,000	£100,000	Revenue funding to sustain the museum to enable the completion of Stage 2 Heritage Lottery Fund bid (Further £100,000 allocated subject to annual review at end of 2010)
Egremont Rugby Union Club	£183,000	£18,000	Refurbishment of Egremont Rugby Union Club following damage from November 2009 floods
Young Cumbria	£50,000	£50,000	Delivery of holiday youth provision programme by Young Cumbria in Copeland.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£3,818,756</b>	<b>£974,187</b>	

# Financial Information

Grant making by Copeland Community Fund theme



Grant making by NDA thematic priority



Grant making by area

