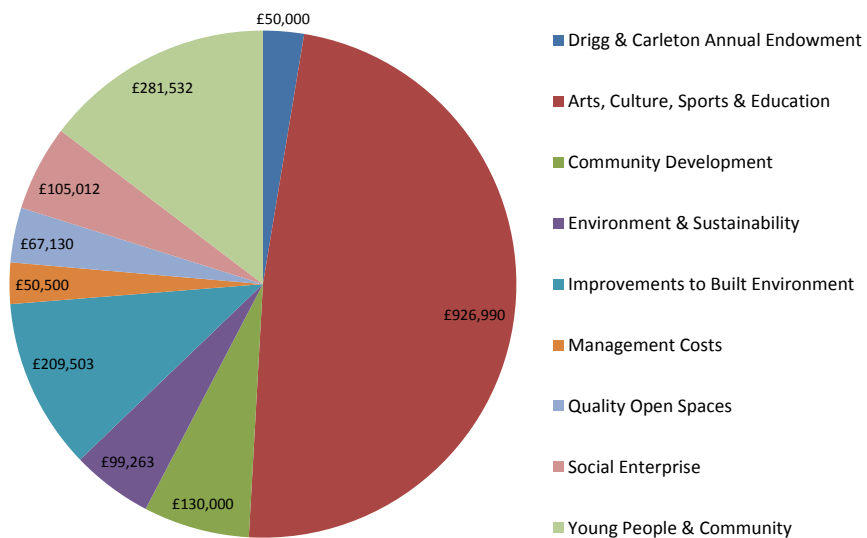
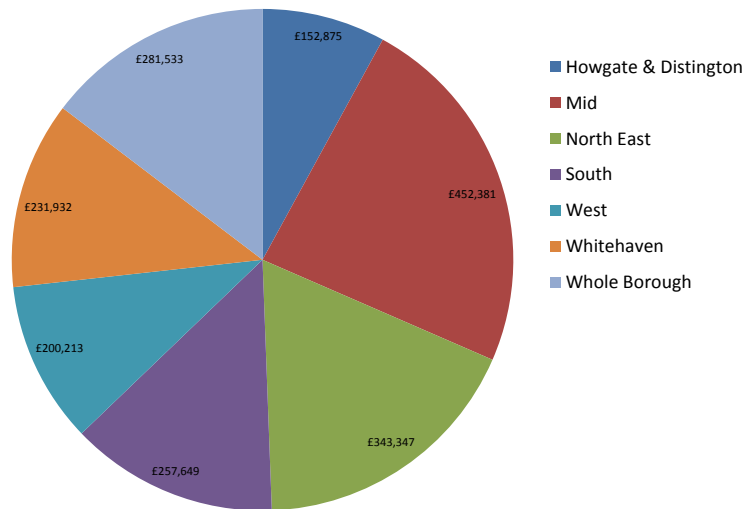


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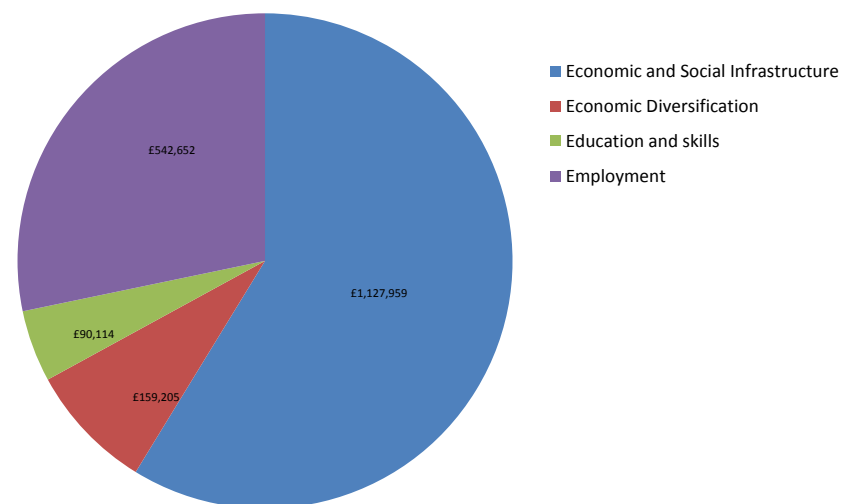
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Value of funding allocated by locality



Value of funding allocated by NDA Thematic Priority



Summarised Financial Information

Opening Balance as at 1st April 2011 £12,607,138.68

Income
NDA Payment £0.00 *

Interest Earned £137,226.96

Expenditure
Board Expenses & insurance -£1,530.38

Management Costs - CBC -£130,000.00

Management Costs - RST -£31,204.13

Payments to Large Projects -£371,102.10

Payments to Small Projects -£385,781.42

Closing Balance as at 31st March 2012 £11,824,747.61

* Payment of £1.5M was received after the end of the financial year 2011/12

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Annual Report 2011/12



Providing a sustainable source of funding for the local community

Chair's Report



I am delighted to say this has been another fantastic year of success for the Copeland Community Fund with the second round of grants being allocated.

Here are the facts and figures:

- £1.9m of grants allocated for projects in 2011/12.
- £8m estimated total of match funding to be drawn in to area over life time of those projects.
- 68 grants allocated in 2011/12.
- 64 organisations based in or for the benefit of Copeland supported in 2011/12.

This year we have also been able to see some very visible funding in action with the completion of key projects like the Haverigg Lighthouse Centre and the success of the Copeland Apprenticeship Initiative.

This year we have focused on driving forward a strong youth sector with over £600,000 allocated to date in local youth providers. We have also worked with youth groups on collaborative projects to support young people and reduce anti-social behaviour.

The Fund continues to invest in building the skills and confidence of community groups through our community development team. As well as offering one to one support with groups, our enabling fund has invested in '6 steps to successful funding' - a free training course delivered by Cumbria CVS, which was designed to improve the fundraising skillset of Copeland community groups.

We held two celebration events this year, in Millom and Whitehaven. Volunteers are key to the success of the Fund and many projects both in terms of applying for funding and their drive, commitment and dedication to make the project happen.

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 inspiring projects that could benefit from the support of the Copeland Community Fund.

As our chairpersons rotates on a bi annually basis, this will be my last year as chair, and I will pass the baton onto another member. It has been an honour to lead the Fund over its first two years from inception to its flourishing now. I wish all the best for our next chair over their two years as chair.

Elaine Woodburn



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.

Youth and Community

COMMUNITY groups in the area have benefited from £600,000 in grants to support a range of projects for young people. The funding has contributed towards a total of £2.25M been invested into the youth sector in Copeland alone despite a hard year of cuts and tougher funding requirements.



The community led projects that have received grants range from £8,000 to £90,000 to support youth groups, charities and initiatives.

Steve McClure, Community Fund board member said, "The Fund receives a healthy number of applications from the youth sector in Copeland and we have a fantastic range of highly skilled and talented youth workers and young people in the area. Schemes such as the apprenticeship initiative and Young Enterprise are doing an excellent job supporting young people into employment."

"Schemes such as the Young Cumbria mobile youth mini bus and centre based projects are also doing great work to provide activities for young people after school and during holidays."

"The Fund is committed to support great projects and over the coming years and through our community development workers in partnership with Copeland Borough Council Youth Engagement Officer new networks have been set up where by youth organisations

can work collectively to draw funding into the area. This will also ensure that we can consistently meet young people's needs right across Copeland."

"One grant of £38,000 recently went to Connexions to provide youth work activities in Egremont and Whitehaven and provide advice and support which will impact on the teen pregnancy rate, risk taking and anti-social behaviour."

Michael Priestley, from Inspira said, "This latest project funded by the Copeland Community Fund and NHS aims to provide activities for young people on Friday night in Egremont and Whitehaven Town Centre as well as enabling us to set up a young person's clinic where they get confidential advice on teen pregnancy and sexual health."

"Through working in partnership with other youth providers across Copeland we will be aiming to ensure Friday provision covers the whole of Copeland."

Grants allocated per theme: **£281,533**
 No. of successful grant applicants: **19**
 Estimated match funding drawn in over project lifetime: **£1,243,053**

Case Study



Copeland Apprenticeship Scheme

Grant Award: £98,000

Since the Fund awarded grant funding to the Copeland Apprenticeship Initiative the scheme has gone from strength to strength. This 3 year initiative aims to provide 45 apprenticeship training opportunities to unemployed residents in Copeland.

The partnership scheme led by Copeland Borough Council and Lakes Colleges is open to unemployed individuals aged 16 and over with specific emphasis on those young people not in employment, education and training (NEET). The scheme engages with local employers, in particular those who have not employed apprentices previously and they are entitled to a 60% subsidy towards the apprentice salary.

Success of the scheme has meant additional funding has been attracted and 55 people are now signed up.

Apprenticeships are being created in the areas:

- Tourism
- Leisure
- Catering & Hospitality
- Retail
- Construction
- Social Care
- Nuclear Supply Chain

Quality Open Spaces

Thanks to £60,000 of grant funding from the Copeland Community Fund local open spaces projects have got the green light.



The grants have completed the funding packages for local community projects including:

- Moor Row play area project (£24,000)
- Woodhouse play area project (£30,000)
- Ravenglass village green improvements project (£5,000)

Since launching in April 2010 the Funds' small grants panel has allocated over £100,000 to community open spaces projects.

In addition to the grants, support from the development team has helped community groups secure over £400,000 from funders such as WREN and the BIG Lottery.

Brian Hough, NDA board member said, "We are delighted to support the improvements of these vital community spaces and improve the quality of life in some of our most disadvantaged and rurally isolated neighbourhoods."

"The grant support from the Fund has also enabled groups to draw in a large amount of funding from other sources and help build the skills and confidence to apply for funding from the likes of BIG Lottery. This is what the Funds' board had intended when we employed a team of development workers to support groups."

Grants allocated per theme: **£67,130**
 No. of successful grant applicants: **5**
 Estimated match funding drawn in over project lifetime: **£245,973**



Other community spaces projects supported include:

- Greenbank play area and Multi Use Games Area
- Millom Park outdoor gym
- Ravenglass play area
- Gosforth play area
- Cleator Moor community allotments



Arts, Culture, Sport and Education

Project: "Oliver Messel – An International Story of Local Significance" Exhibition

Grant Award: £5,600

A collection of drawings by one of the country's legendary theatre designers of the 20th century, Oliver Messel, was opened at The Beacon in Whitehaven and funded in part by the Copeland Community Fund. Over 6000 people came to see the exhibition with over 300 young people getting involved in craft sessions and workshops.

The exhibition told the story of Oliver Messel and his connection with Rosehill Theatre. The exhibition, produced in collaboration with Rosehill Theatre, is the largest exhibition of the famous designer's work outside of the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

Messel was not only responsible for the interior designs of The Bath Assembly Rooms (1963) and The Dorchester Hotel (1953), but he was also the genius behind the interior of Whitehaven's Rosehill (1959).



He also had strong links with the town through Sekers silk manufacturers and was a friend of Rosehill's founder, Miki Sekers.

Oliver Messel's nephew Thomas Messel was there to open the exhibition.



Grants allocated per theme: **£926,990**
 No. of successful grant applicants: **26**
 Estimated match funding drawn in over project lifetime: **£5,059,519**

Environment & Sustainability

Project: Gosforth Nursery

Grant Award: £40,000

Children from Gosforth and surrounding villages now benefit from a brand new eco-friendly nursery following a £40,000 grant from the Copeland Community Fund.

The grant completed the £400,000 funding package needed to complete the building and was allocated to:

- Install and commission solar and photovoltaic panels
- Air source heat pump system
- Underfloor heating
- Thermal hot water system

Gillian Jackson, nursery manager, said: "The nursery has been operating for the last 17 years from portacabins which have reached the end of their lives and no longer meet the needs of the children and staff. The new building is a



fantastic opportunity for us to widen our services to a greater number of children and families in the community.

"Installation of 'green' equipment, solar panels, air source heat pump and photovoltaic cells for generation of electricity should mean we can generate our own energy and reduce associated costs, providing a sustainable future for the building."

Grants allocated per theme: **£99,263**
 No. of successful grant applicants: **6**
 Estimated match funding drawn in over project lifetime: **£225,598**

Social Enterprise

Project: Ennerdale Community Hub

Grant Award: £100,943



The community of Ennerdale has been given more than £100,000 from the Copeland Community Fund to bring the village's facilities back to life.

Earlier in the year residents bought shares in the Fox and Hounds pub, which had been closed for five months, renovated it and reopened it as a community pub.

Now the aim is to use the new grant to fund staff, training and fees over the next five years in an effort to reinstate lost services. These could include a shop, post office, visitors' centre, bicycle hire, a café and toilets.

As well as putting in between £100 and £4,000 each to buy shares, the new shareholders helped renovate the property to bring it back up to standard.

They, along with volunteers, cleaned, redecorated, did essential electrical work, refurbished the kitchen and overhauled the beer garden to create an idyllic rural village pub.

Peter Maher, project manager, said: "This has been an incredible community project to be involved in and this pub will now benefit from having over 214 shareholders (so far!) committed to its future success."

Grants allocated per theme: **£105,012**
 No. of successful grant applicants: **4**
 Estimated match funding drawn in over project lifetime: **£1,095,541**

"It has brought our community together in many different ways and the support already received from volunteers and trades could not have been better. There a real buzz of excitement in the community now and a growing confidence that they are able to achieve remarkable things"

The group have also recently secured funding from the Copeland Community Fund to support the sustainability of the project and to enable the project to reinstate other services back into the village.

Project: The Lighthouse Centre

Grant Award: Grant Award: £300,000



This year saw the launch of a multi-million pound community centre open in Haverigg open for business thanks to funding from the Copeland Community Fund.

The £1.5m Haverigg Lighthouse Centre project has taken around 10 years from the drawing board to completion and has overcome a number of barriers. The centre will operate as a social enterprise providing affordable childcare and school meals as well as acting as a centre for community events and conferences.



Built Environment

Project: Seascale Community Gym

Grant Award: £73,700

Local residents across Seascale and surrounding areas have celebrated as funding for a new community fitness centre at the Windscale Club in Seascale was secured in 2011.



A partnership between community residents and SASRA raised £160,000. Work to renovate an underused room in the club and turn it into a modern fitness facility started in February 2011 and was completed for the opening in May 2012.

Andrew Kendall, Project Manager, SASRA said, "The project has taken just over two years to get to this point and we are so excited about the future for this fantastic community facility."

"We have received support from the Copeland Community Fund development team which has provided invaluable advice and guidance in drawing together the funding package and business planning support."

Andrew explained, "The centre will be fitted out with the latest cardio and resistance equipment as well as providing accessible male and female changing rooms. The centre is well located within the Windscale Club with ample free parking, women's only fitness suite and competitive rates on membership".

Funds for the project have come from Copeland Community Fund, RDPE Fells and Dales, Cumbria County Council, Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust, BIG Lottery Awards for All, Cumbria Community Foundation, LLW Repository Ltd, Europa Cleaning, SASRA, Cumbria Police, community donations and support from local businesses.

Grants allocated per theme: **£209,503**
 No. of successful grant applicants: **7**
 Estimated match funding drawn in over project lifetime: **£303,068**



Community Development Support

Great turn out for Volunteer Events

Over 100 volunteers from across Copeland were recognised at two special events hosted by Cumbria CVS and sponsored by the Copeland Community Fund in June 2011.



Volunteers from a range of organisations were treated to an evening supper, entertainment and talks from inspirational volunteers at events in Millom and Whitehaven.

The events took place in Volunteers' week which is an annual event which celebrates the fantastic contribution that millions of volunteers make across the UK. The week plays a huge part in raising the profile of the millions of volunteers

who regularly contribute to society, while inspiring others to get involved too.

Volunteers fed back that it was great that their contributions to the local area were recognised and the events were a great opportunity to meet likeminded people and share experiences.

2 volunteer events
89 volunteers celebrated
22 volunteer organisations attended



The Copeland Community Fund has two dedicated Development Workers and Grants Officer who are able to provide your community group with one to one support and advice on the Copeland Community Fund.

We can also help you develop your skills to apply for other sources of funding, source business planning and governance advice too.

For more information contact (01946) 598352 or visit us at www.copelandcommunityfund.co.uk

6 Steps to Successful Funding



Community groups across Copeland celebrated the completion of a series of training sessions based on developing their fundraising and project management skills this year.

Eighteen groups participated in the '6 steps to successful funding' training which was commissioned by the Copeland Community Fund and delivered by Cumbria CVS.

The course was delivered between January and April this year and was free to community groups in the area. Delegates ranged from parish council's to village hall committee's and from agricultural shows to residents groups.

As part of the training delegates were taught how to develop and manage their projects as well as develop a case for funding.

Vera Lowrey, from the Gosforth Agricultural Society said, "The training courses were very valuable as we have just started to fundraise for our 3 year development project to improve the attractions and activities at our annual show. Managing and applying for funding is all new to us and the training courses have really helped us understand the skills required and also share experiences with other similar organisations."

Paula Ratcliffe, Development Worker for the Fund said, "Since the Fund opened in 2010 we have worked with a range of different charitable organisations across the borough. Our role as development workers has been to work with groups to build their skills and confidence to apply for funding."

"To date we have supported groups with one to one support and investing in training has been a new venture for us to support even more groups."

6 half day training sessions
18 community groups supported
25 individuals attended

Grants Allocated

Theme	Applicant	Project Name	Grant	
Annual endowment	Drigg and Carleton Parish Council	Annual Endowment	50,000	
	Grant & Development Support	Community Development	30,000	
		Community Development	100,000	
		Fund management costs	50,500	
Arts, Culture, Sport and Education	Parton United FC	Parton sports field pavilion	18,000	
	Rosehill Theatre	Rosehill Theatre Phase 1	48,000	
	Gosforth & District Agricultural Show	Gosforth Agricultural show development project	6,725	
	Regen NE Copeland	West Lakes Extreme	21,180	
	Regen NE Copeland	Community Partnerships Together	63,117	
	Regen NE Copeland	West Lakes Extreme (loan)	45,000	
	South Copeland Tourist Community Interest Company	South Copeland adventure leaflets	14,750	
	Egremont Cricket Club	Egremont Cricket Clubhouse extension & enhancement project	80,000	
	Haig Colliery Mining Museum	Revenue & capital funding for delivery of Haig development phase	110,000	
	Haig Colliery Mining Museum	Haig Pit project	235,000	
	The Playground Association	At the playground	10,000	
	Whitehaven Colliery Mission	Colliery banner restoration	7,222	
	Copeland Borough Council	Copeland Olympic project	5,000	
	Kendal Arts International	Lakes Alive Copeland	25,000	
	Signal Films & Media	Creative digital media programme for Copeland	15,000	
	Rosehill Theatre	Oliver Messel Exhibition	5,600	
	Lighthouse Centre Ltd	Haverigg Lighthouse project	49,300	
	Copeland Borough Council	Pathways to participation South Whitehaven	5,875	
	Whitehaven Adult Education	Community counselling programme	6,250	
	Young Enterprise	Young enterprise activities in Copeland	5,063	
	Egremont Rugby Union Club	Sports development coordinator	10,000	
	Millom Network Centre	Providing & facilitating business, educational & community services	60,000	
	Thornhill Nursery	Thornhill Nursery provision project year 1	9,851	
	Cumbria Rugby Union	Copeland community rugby union coach	12,000	
	North Country Leisure	Copeland Sports Aspiration Coaching project	33,400	
	Phoenix Enterprise Centre	Abolish digital exclusion	20,000	
	Millom Folk Museum	RAF Millom display	5,656	
	Environment and Sustainability	Low Gillerthwaite Field Centre	Hydro electric scheme	10,000
		Friends of Millom Station	Millom station land & neighbourhood environmental improvement plan	5,500
		Whitehaven and District Beekeepers	Teaching apiary	3,670
		Muncaster Castle MVM Ltd	Mid Copeland electric bicycle network pilot project	8,988
	Improvements to Built Environment	N&W Cumbria FLAG - (loan)	M & W Cumbria FLAG programme establishment and administration	30,000
		RSPB Hodbarrow	Hodbarrow Nature Reserve- It's your turn!	41,105
		SASRA	Seascale community fitness centre	73,701
Crossfield Community Centre		Crossfield community centre	15,108	
Lighthouse Centre Ltd		Development of The Lighthouse Centre	49,000	
The Hill Village Hall		Main hall floor replacement	6,290	
Copeland Rungwe Link		CRCL in Copeland	2,800	
St Bees Priory Parochial Church Council		St Bees Priory Old College Hall restoration project	59,604	
Ulpha Village Hall		Hall refurbishment phase 2	3,000	
Ravenglass Village Forum		Ravenglass village green enhancements	5,000	
Seascale Parish Council		Seascale beachfront improvement project	3,130	
Friends of Millom Park		Millom town fitness trail	5,000	
Quality Open Spaces	Moor Row Playground Fund	Moor Row playground project	24,000	
	Woodhouse Compound Millennium Green	Woodhouse Millennium green play project	30,000	
	Cleator Moor Credit Union	Credit union sustainable development project	20,000	
Social Enterprise	Phoenix Enterprise Centre	Access Copeland	55,832	
	The Ennerdale Hub Ltd	Fox and Hounds Community pub project	23,292	
	Hospice At Home	Whitehaven charity shop	5,888	
Young People & Community	Shackles Off	Shackles Off	10,000	
	Lamplugh Parish Diamond Jubilee Group	Lamplugh Parish Diamond Jubilee celebrations	3,000	
	Woodhouse Family Advice Centre	Children's project coordinator	8,000	
	Copeland Talking Newspaper	Copeland Talking Newspaper digital project	3,301	
	West Cumbria Carers	Copeland young carers ID and support project	5,753	
	Millom Town Council	Town and traders initiative	6,051	
	Connexions Cumbria	What else is there to do?	38,128	
	Cumbria Youth Alliance	Sustainable and successful youth provision in Copeland	5,700	
	Impact Housing	Whitehaven Foyer innovation officer	19,000	
	North Copeland Youth Partnership	Delivery of youth services	18,415	
	Phoenix Youth Project	Core costs for Phoenix Youth Project	20,000	
	Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project	Personal development of young people	7,500	
	Copeland Borough Council	Copeland Apprenticeship Initiative	32,654	
	Sunbeams Music Trust	Music for health and wellbeing in Copeland	9,866	
	West Cumbria Domestic Violence	The Freedom Project	19,103	
	Young Cumbria	Copeland mobile youth provision	49,354	
	Distington Club for Young People	Get up, get involved, give it a go!	8,500	
Open Gates Family Centre	Orgill Open Gates playgroup	12,107		
New Rainbow Playgroup	New Rainbow self sustainability objective	5,100		
TOTAL			1,919,930	