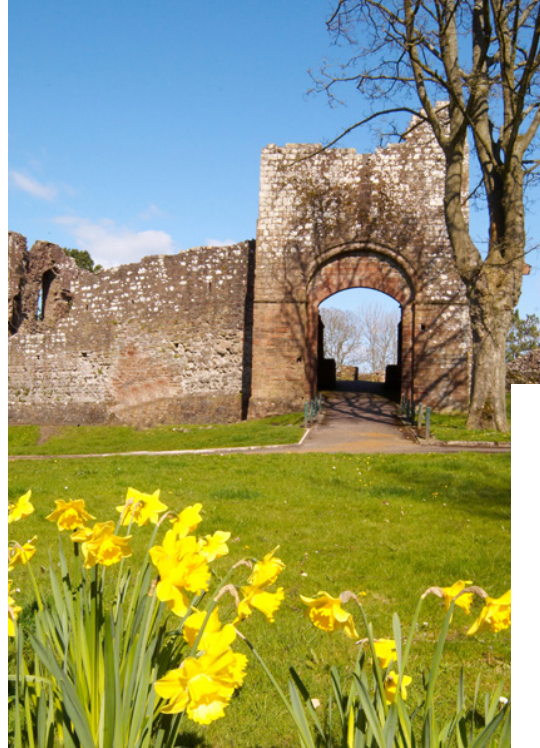




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Annual Review 2022/23

Over £28.5 million invested in Copeland from 2010 to 2023



A Note from our Chair

I have represented LLWR on The Fund Board since January 2017 and as I reflect on a third year as Chair, the annual review gives an opportunity to highlight the grants and investments we have awarded as well as the additional support delivered by the Fund Team during 2022/23. I am pleased to report that The Fund has committed £1.5M during 2022/23, attracting £2.5M of match funding into the area. This year's commitments bring The Fund's overall investments to over £28.5M in Copeland since 2010, bringing far-reaching benefits to the local community.

The Board and Team work tirelessly to ensure The Fund delivers maximum benefit for Copeland's communities. A collaborative approach is at the heart of what we do, in terms of grant giving but also with the Board's investment in the Fund's 'Animation' work. Our engagement with local stakeholders, funders and social investors allow the development of projects that address local needs and challenges whilst using our funds to lever and drive further investment into the area and co-create local solutions. Continually reflecting on the current challenges faced by Copeland communities and the organisations that support them we ensure the outcomes of our funding decisions meet current community need, are meaningful and bring about lasting change to improve the lives of Copeland residents.

The current financial climate is putting huge pressure on the Voluntary and Public sectors and so we need to work with our partners to direct resources to build strong, resilient communities for the future. Local needs change and evolve and this is reflected in the changes to The Fund's priorities and the levels of funding awarded under each priority. 2022 has seen a larger proportion of the annual budget awarded under our Community Wellbeing and our Children and Young People themes, to support those disproportionately impacted as we continued to recover from the impacts of COVID and face food, fuel and financial challenges.

The Fund has supported Growing Well, to establish a therapeutic horticulture facility near Egremont, providing 'Green Care' for people managing and recovering from Mental Health issues whilst providing a source of healthy food to the local area. We continued to fund Phunky Foods to deliver their healthy, affordable food education programme for preschool children and their families.

The Board approved further support for **Good Enough Start (GES)**, an early intervention programme to offer specialised care to transform the lives of newborns' and their future life chances. GES Practitioners work within a 'Family Hub' in Millom, which sees a unique partnership arrangement with Midwives, Health Visitors, Social Workers, Family Action, Millom GP Surgery, Furness General Hospital Unit and Chorley Mother and Baby Unit. The partnership is leading the way with community, statutory and voluntary, family support services all working collaboratively. An innovative approach that is a first for Cumbria, with the potential to be replicated in other areas.



A grant was made to **CADAS** to support local residents struggling with mental health issues and addictive behaviours as we saw rises in those affected by gambling, smoking, drinking, compulsive eating and drug use and associated health conditions. The Board approved a contribution to **The Keppleway Participation Inclusion Fund**, to subsidise outdoor and residential activities for disadvantaged families and groups from the Copeland area, allowing those most in need of respite the opportunity to participate.

The Board have always prioritised provision for children & young people, and were pleased, this year, to be able to offer continued support for universal youth providers offering quality provision within local communities, including **Soundwave (Parton), Shackles Off (Seascale & Millom), South Whitehaven Youth Partnership and Distington Youth Partnership**.

Employment and Enterprise remained a priority for the Board, evidenced in our awards to support a new three-year **Copeland Skills and Enterprise Programme** which will seek to address workforce needs and skills shortages with an increasingly diverse range of interventions.

I have seen the importance of our decision to introduce a Community Resilience Fund, which has been a key mechanism to direct 'Emergency' support to those most in need within our communities, including the provision of mental health first aid training, emergency food vouchers, emergency digital support, money management support, warm hubs in more rural isolated areas of Copeland and crisis funds for our most vulnerable to access, equipping cornerstone local providers to offer much needed support.

Enabling grant requests continue to grow offering a strong indication that new and adapted offers are emerging in the area. I was heartened to see such good attendance at the West Cumbria Funders fair, supported by the Fund, and so many groups coming along to meet The Funds Development Officers at our 'meet the funders' events held across Copeland, all giving local organisations and groups the opportunity to access valuable information, advice and support.

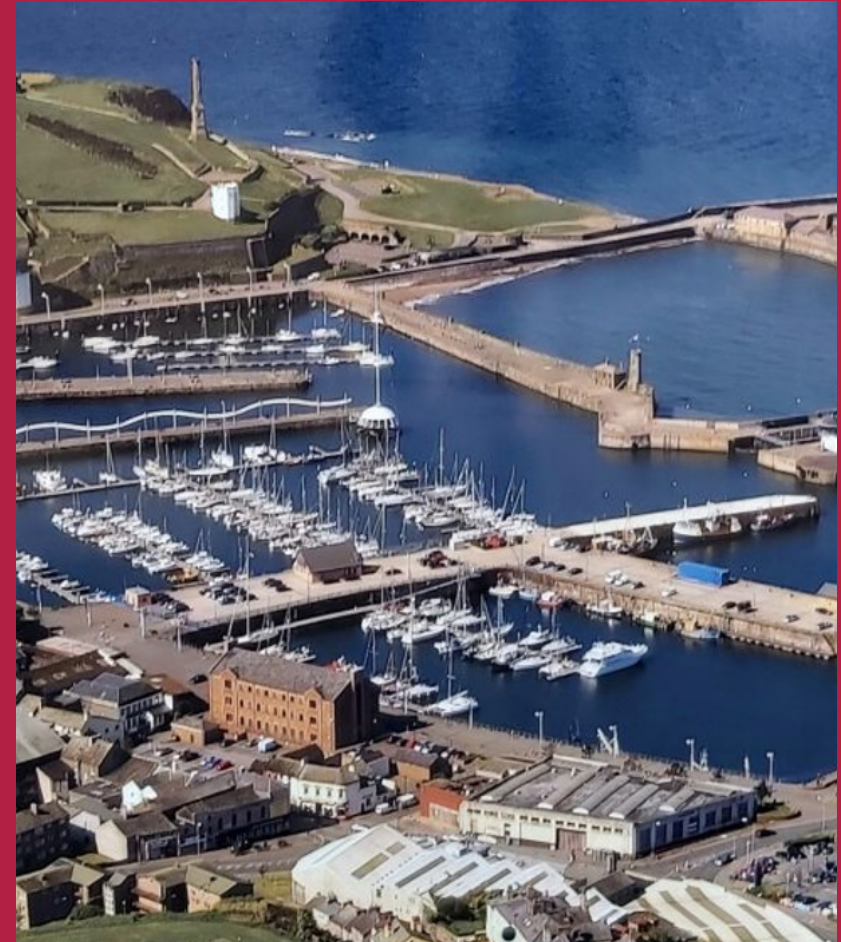
Whilst reflecting on the successes of the past year, we remain focused on the year ahead. We will continue to support those most in need, **through investing in the local people, the local economy, and local places, to create more opportunities and better lives for the residents of the Copeland area**.

On behalf of the Fund, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all previous Board and Panel members for their role in supporting the delivery of the Fund and its achievements.

R Cummings

Background

Copeland Community Fund was set up under an agreement negotiated with the government to recognise the service Copeland provides to the nation by hosting the Low Level Waste Repository (LLWR) near the village of Drigg. The Fund resulted from a Corporation Agreement between Copeland Borough Council, Cumbria County Council and the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority. The LLWR gave an initial endowment of £10M to the Fund and will continue to give the Fund £1.5 m every year that the Repository is operating. The overriding principle is that the Fund is managed to provide a sustainable benefit to the residents of Copeland even after waste disposals at the LLWR are completed. The Fund is administered by a Board comprising representatives from Copeland Borough Council, Cumbria County Council, the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority and the LLWR and two independent members. A delegated Panel meets quarterly to consider applications and make decisions on grants under £25,000.



Meet the Board



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LLWR (Chair)



David Henderson
Shepley Engineers Ltd (Independent)



Cllr Keith Hitchen
Cumbria County Council



Councillor David Southward MBE
Cumbria County Council



Gillian Elliot
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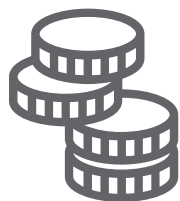
Spotlight on Copeland

Bringing Opportunities

From Distington to Duddon Bridge...
Stunning surroundings combine with inspirational opportunities.

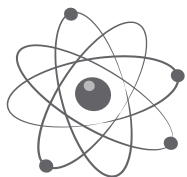


Place of innovation and opportunity with a
Skilled & Committed Workforce



One of **The Most Prosperous Yet Affordable**

places to live in the UK, with low house prices (median £125,000K) and the third highest median annual salary in the country (£44,000)



International Centre for Nuclear Excellence

across the nuclear fuel cycle from generation, reprocessing, waste management and decommissioning



Strong sense of community spirit



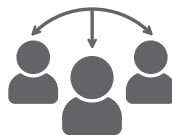
A strong Volunteering Ethos



High Profile
Social Investors



At the forefront of the UK's
Clean Energy
agenda with a
Zero Carbon Economy by 2050



High levels of Social Capital



With a **Natural Landscape** that includes, England's highest mountain, deepest lake, stunning Lake District and coastline, visitors and residents can connect with rural and coastal environments to improve their wellbeing.



60% of Copeland is in the Lake District National Park which is a
UNESCO World Heritage Site



90km of Coastline
including the Heritage Coast south of Whitehaven and Marine Conservation Zone between St Bees Head and the Ravenglass Estuary



Home to 60 locally designated
Biodiversity Sites
and 15 nationally designated Sites of **Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)**

Meeting the Challenges

Areas of high deprivation sit next to pockets of affluence across Copeland. one of the biggest challenges is narrowing the gap.



Employment & Enterprise

- 25,130 residents are in receipt of DWP state benefits ,including state pension (Nov 2021)
- 79% of UC claimants have been claiming for more than a year (GB 75%) (April 2022)
- Apprenticeship 'starts' continue to decline - 17% lower in 2020/21 than in 2017/18
- Economic growth is projected to be well below the national average over the next decade with growth of 1.7% in employment (UK 6.6%) and of 18.4% in gross value added (UK 26.4%)
- The number of active enterprises has fallen by 13.5% in the past 5 years (v 8.2% growth nationally) (2021)
- The working age population is projected to fall by 1,000 in the next decade (-2.5% v 6.5% growth nationally)
- Only 26% of the population is qualified to level 4+ compared to 33.8% nationally (2021). 21.2% of the population have no qualifications (UK 18.2%, 2021)



Children & Young People

- 16% of children aged 0-19 live in low-income families, (2,301 children)
- Number of 'Looked After Children' exceeds the national average
- Low level of GCSE Maths & English grades 4+ attainment
- Prevalence of Childhood obesity 27% of 4-5 year olds, 38.1% of 10-11 year olds classified as over weight or obese



Community Wellbeing

- Copeland falls within the 10% most deprived areas for health deprivation & disability
- 4,280 households were in fuel poverty in 2020, (14.5% of households compared to England 13.2%) *before the current fuel situation*
- 46% of UC claimants are not available for work (eg for health reasons or caring responsibilities, GB 28%, April 2022)
- 23% of adults are classed as physically inactive

Places & Spaces

- Environmental sustainability, reach Net Zero by 2050.
- Rural isolation, 65% of Copeland residents live in 10 rural areas (17.6%) nationally. Poorly served by public transport and broadband infrastructure making access rather than cost the main barrier to employment, education, health services, shopping & leisure opportunities.

Community Wellbeing

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Community Wellbeing Priorities

- ✓ Mental Health & Wellbeing
- ✓ Active Lifestyles
- ✓ Arts & Culture
- ✓ Carers Initiatives
- ✓ Social Inclusion
- ✓ Social Action
- ✓ Healthy Eating Programmes & Initiatives
- ✓ Engagement & Connectivity

Projects Address The 5 Ways To Wellbeing

- ✓ Connect
- ✓ Be Active
- ✓ Keep Learning
- ✓ Give to Others
- ✓ Be Mindful

Community Wellbeing Grants The Impacts

£510,938 Total Awarded

£1,549,641 Match Funding

10 FTE Jobs Created/
Safeguarded

6178 People reached by Health
Interventions

4064 Volunteer Hours





Projects awarded 2022/23

- **Kirkgate Arts – Arts out West Project awarded £12,000**

Arts Out West programme brings high quality professional theatre, music, dance and comedy to community venues across Copeland. Funding will support the delivery of an enhanced programme, extending the cultural offer and reach to a wider range of people in Copeland.

- **Keppleway – Copeland Participation Fund awarded £8,052.72**

The grant will contribute to the Participation Inclusion Fund (Copeland). To 'subsidise' outdoor & residential activities for disadvantaged families & groups from the Copeland area over 2 years.

- **Phunky Foods – Community Healthy Eating awarded £24,404**

This project will provide family cook clubs in engaged schools in Copeland to promote and educate families to lead healthy lifestyles, promoting tangible health behaviour changes in a fun, lively and positive manner.

- **Growing Well – Mental Health Growing Project awarded £275,000**

Funding will support the capital and staffing costs to develop a third Growing Well Site at Egremont, offering a therapeutic horticultural programme to support long term mental health recovery in the local community.

- **Howgill – Good Enough Start awarded £90,000**

Grant funding will support staffing, training and resources to provide the pioneering, early intervention support, addressing 0-2 years and maternal mental health within Millom.

- **Triple A – Positive Pals awarded £18,677**

In order to meet demand, funding was awarded to expand the offer from two sessions per week to three sessions per week, to deliver mental and physical health support to autistic adults living in Copeland.

- **CADAS – Salaries & Core Costs 2023-2026 awarded £81,007**

This project will provide focused support to Copeland residents struggling with mental health issues and addictive behaviours, together with providing proactive preventative support.

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Employment & Enterprise Grants The Impacts

£245,000 Total Awarded

£430,368 Match Funding

25 People Employed who were previously unemployed for 1 year

15. N.E.E.T.s* who got a job as a result of a programme funded

2000 Hours supporting unemployed people back into work

Not in Employment, Education or Training

- ✓ Information, advice & guidance for work.
- ✓ Skills development for work.
- ✓ Experience for work.
- ✓ Access into work.
- ✓ Work & Skills infrastructure development.
- ✓ Creating and/or Safeguarding jobs.
- ✓ Pathways into Work & Skills.
- ✓ Value For Money.
- ✓ Meets with NDA Socio Economic Strategy.

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Projects awarded 2022/23

Home to Work – Goodlives Project, awarded £25,000

Goodlives is a fresh produce growing project located on Westlakes Science Park, offering a 'work' environment focused on food production whilst supporting people into employment, education and training opportunities together with delivering health and wellbeing benefits. Funding provided a modular kitchen/classroom and additional polytunnels to increase productivity and skills development.



Copeland Borough Council – Copeland Skills & Enterprise, awarded £220,000

The Copeland Skills and Enterprise project delivers support to Copeland residents with training, employment and enterprise related skills. During 2023-2026, the project will deliver a programme of support consisting of the following work streams:

- Sector Development, Employer Wage Subsidies, Business & Enterprise Skills Development, Work Readiness & Employability Fund.

Places & Spaces

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Places & Spaces Grants The Impacts

£71,658 Total Awarded

£73,423 Match Funding

2 Community Spaces
improved

1370 Hours dedicated to
sustainably improving public
spaces

Places & Spaces Priorities:

- ✓ Climate Action
- ✓ Recycling or Reuse Initiatives
- ✓ Community 'Growing' Schemes
- ✓ Improvements to Open Community Spaces
- ✓ Refurbishment or New Build Community Facility
- ✓ Improvements to Transport (Infrastructure or Community Schemes)

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Projects awarded 2022/23

- **The Ennerdale Hub –Green Energy, awarded £19,750**

The funding will contribute to the installation of a solar system at The Gather, to include solar panels with battery support and Electric Vehicle Charging Points for both customer and community use. This project will allow The Ennerdale Hub to generate and store electricity, with the aim of promoting the take up of renewable energy within the wider community.

- **CAfS – Copeland Community Champions, awarded £19,908**

The grant has been awarded to support the recruitment, development, and training of a network of volunteer ‘Copeland Community Climate Champions’, to run a widespread programme of events and activity on climate science and solutions in their local communities, driving action on climate change.

- **St Johns Old Laundry – Refurbishment, awarded £12,000**

Funding will be used towards the regeneration of The Old Laundry Building in St John’s Churchyard at Waberthwaite, this will provide a useful meeting space for a range of different groups to use for social and educational purposes.

- **AOC Archaeology – Ravenglass Roman Fort Dig, awarded £20,000**

The project is to undertake a community archaeology excavation at Ravenglass Roman fort and settlement, as part of the Hadrian’s Wall 1900 Festival. The excavations will be done by local volunteers, with particular focus on young people; targeting schools, local youth groups and families under the supervision of professional archaeologists.

Children & Young People

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Children & Young People's Grant The Impacts:

- ✓ **£414,736** Total Awarded
- ✓ **£421,680** Match Funding
- ✓ **150 Young People** Supported by Mental Health Initiatives
- ✓ **640 Young People** Engaged in additional Opportunities

Children & Young people Priorities:

- ✓ Generic Youth Provision
- ✓ Outdoor Pursuits
- ✓ Creative Arts Based Provision
- ✓ Emotional Resilience
- ✓ Improvement to Facilities / Equipment

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- **Hand Picked Productions - Arts Gym & Sum Art To Do, awarded £25,000**

‘Arts Gym’ is a pilot project to provide weekly creative workshops for young people aged 11-18 years, providing access to affordable arts and creative activities within the Copeland area. The ‘Sum Art to Do’ offers family workshops encouraging play, exploration and experimentation through creativity, these are delivered during school holidays in ‘The Gather in Ennerdale’.



- **Soundwave – North Copeland Youth Worker Salaries 2022/2024, awarded £23,239**
- **Shackles Off, Seascale – Youth Worker Salaries 2023/2026, awarded £65,087**
- **South Whitehaven Youth Partnership – Youth Worker Salaries 2023/2026, awarded £164,410**
- **Distington Youth Partnership – Youth Worker Salaries 2023/2026, awarded £62,000**

Funding for the four Youth Organisations covers revenue costs relating to staffing and expenses. This will enable continuation of high-quality youth provision in Distington, Parton, Mirehouse, Woodhouse and Seascale, benefitting the children and young people of Copeland.

Community Resilience

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Community Resilience Priorities

- ✓ Food & Finance
- ✓ Digital
- ✓ Health & Wellbeing
- ✓ Children & Family

Community Resilience Grants

78
No. of People reached by health
interventions

£102,089
Total Awarded

1363
Total Beneficiaries

Community Resilience

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Projects awarded 2022/23

Community Resilience funding offers support for projects that address the local community need in response to an emergency, which delivers benefits in the 4 priority areas of focus.

- ✓ Cumbria County Council: Emergency Food Vouchers, awarded £5,000
- ✓ Every Life Matters: Mental Health First Aid Training, awarded £15,135
- ✓ Action for Communities: Warm & Wellness Hubs, awarded £24,000
- ✓ Copeland Age & Advice Service: Money Matters Project, awarded £11,954
- ✓ Citizens Advice Copeland: Discretionary Relief Fund, awarded £25,000
- ✓ Time to Change: WOW Emergency Crisis Fund, awarded £15,000
- ✓ Healthy Hopes: Hillcrest Wellbeing Drop-in, awarded £6,000

Project Development & Support

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Enabling Grants

Enabling grants of up to £5,500 are available to support project development. The grants can cover up to 100% of development project costs.

Project & Application Development Support

- ✓ Support is available from the Fund's Community Development Officers to assist with project & application development
- ✓ **Over 97** Groups & Projects supported during 2022/23

Governance help

- ✓ Cumbria CVS: Commissioned to deliver 1:1 Governance support to community groups in Copeland

Enabling Grants Awarded in 2022/23 to:

- ✓ Together We
- ✓ Dave Camlin, Earth Song
- ✓ Egremont Town Council
- ✓ Citizens Advice Copeland
- ✓ Copeland Swimming Club
- ✓ Ennerdale Promotions
- ✓ Norman Nicholson Society
- ✓ Howgill Family Centre
- ✓ Shackles Off
- ✓ Cumbria Rungwe
- ✓ Growing Well
- ✓ St Bees Village Hall
- ✓ Vulture Club
- ✓ Millom RUFC

West Cumbria Funders Fair

- ✓ **57** Groups & Charities attended
- ✓ **21** Project enquiries to Copeland Community Fund



Our Impact

To measure & report Social Value...
Copeland Community Fund uses
The National Themes, Outcomes and
Measures Framework (TOMs)



£2,478,312

Match Funding brought into
Copeland



2,000

Hours dedicated to supporting
local people into work through a
coordinated programme
(NDA 8)



11664

Volunteer Hours dedicated to
support Voluntary Community &
Social Enterprises
(NDA 28)



30

FTE New People
Employed Locally
(NDA 1)



5814

People supported
to engage in Health
Interventions
(NDA 24)



15

People who were not in
Education, Employment or Training
supported into work
(NDA 5)



992

No. of people reached to access
effective Mental Health Support
(NDA 25)



640

Young people supported into
sustainable outcomes
(NDA 37)

Our Financials

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£1,469,906.50

Total Committed to support
Copeland Communities
2022/23



£245,000

Invested in
Employment & Enterprise



£102,089

Invested in Community
Resilience



£414,736

Invested in
Children & Young People



£56,527

Invested in
'Enabling'



£510,938

Invested in
Community Health
& Wellbeing



£71,658

Invested in
Places & Spaces



£68,958.50

Annual
Endowments

Meet the Team



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