

Supporting Communities in Copeland

Newsletter | Spring/Summer 2014

New Webpages

We now have a new page on the Cumbria County Councils award winning website, our page is called 'Your Copeland' on there you can find links to grants, your county councillor, local committee, Citizens Advice and credit unions. www.cumbria.gov.uk/yourcommunitysupport/areasupportteams/yourcopeland

Electoral Division Profiles

There are three tiers of councils in Cumbria – Parish, District and County. These tiers all work to different geographical boundaries. The boundaries changed at the last election and the Area Support Team has been busy writing new profiles for each of the new electoral divisions. These will be online on our new webpages soon.

Budget Consultation

From October 2013 - January 2014 Cumbria County Council consulted on a budget delivering an unprecedented fourth consecutive year of local authority funding reductions. To ensure residents of Copeland had their say on this budget, the local Area Support Team held drop ins at Whitehaven, Egremont and Millom libraries and took the budget consultation documents to all Neighbourhood forums and partnership meetings during the consultation period. The budget has now been agreed by Cabinet and the Area Support Team will work with local communities to help implement these changes.



Healthy Weight Event

Copeland has been in national press recently as being the most obese district in England. To address this the Area Support Team has worked with Public Health to set up two stakeholder events which took place in Whitehaven and Millom, the aim was to set priorities and make commitments as to how we can work together to tackle obesity collectively at a local level in Copeland. We are continuing to meet with key delivery partners to develop a Copeland action plan.

Community Grants

During the financial year 2013/2014 Copeland Local Committee gave £181,558 in community grants to a huge variety of projects within Copeland. If you are a community organisation and would like to apply for a grant, please see our new webpage www.cumbria.gov.uk/yourcommunitysupport/communitygrants

Dates of Grant Panels

Grants Panels are held on a bi-monthly basis, the panel is made up of the 12 County Councillors and representatives from the Copeland Youth Council. Groups are not expected to be present, but any applications should be made at least two weeks prior to the following dates:

Wednesday 11 June 2014
Wednesday 17 September 2014
Wednesday 3 December 2014
Wednesday 25 February 2015

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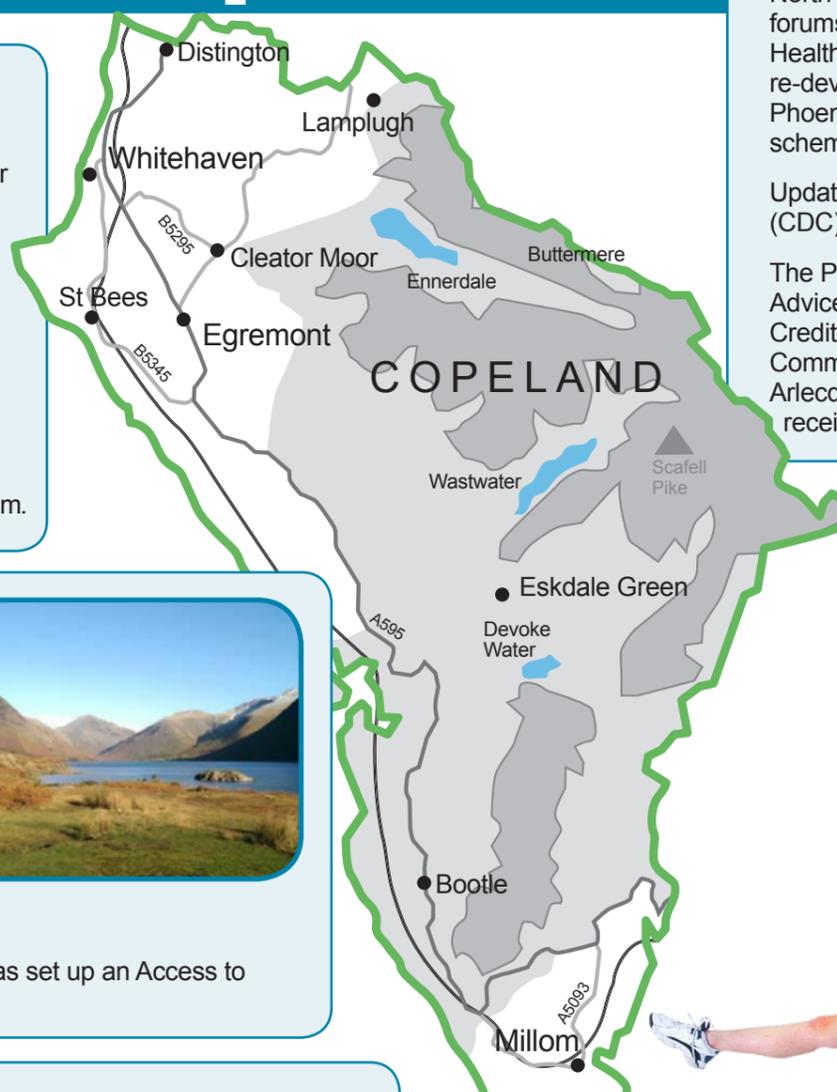
Out and About in Copeland

Whitehaven

Forums in Whitehaven have been held at the Harbour Youth Project and at St Patrick & Gregory's School in Mirehouse. The Copeland Youth Council came and talked about the work they were doing and how the youth council works. We also received presentations from the West Cumberland Hospital re-development, Whitehaven Action Group, Cumbria County Council Highways, Whitehaven Town Heritage Initiative and Whitehaven Foyer.

We received updates from Healthwatch and Cumbria Constabulary.

Two additional meetings have been held in Whitehaven, one to specifically address highways issues for residents living on Meadow View and Low Road Whitehaven and another to facilitate discussions about the household waste recycling centre at Hensingham.



North East Copeland

North East Copeland Forums have been held at Frizington & Montreal Schools. The forums received presentations from Cleator Moor & District Credit Union, the new Fellview Health Centre at Cleator Moor, Les Morgan – Director at the West Cumberland Hospital re-development, Dr Rogers - Medical Director at Cumbria Clinical Commissioning Group, Phoenix Youth Project, Citizens Advice Bureau and BeActive, the community activity scheme run by North Country Leisure.

Updates were provided by Skills 4 U, the North Copeland Community Development Centre (CDC), First Responders, Cumbria Constabulary and Cumbria Highways.

The Phoenix Youth Project, Citizens Advice Bureau, Cleator Moor & District Credit Union, the North Copeland Community Development Centre and Arlecdon & District First Responders all received community grant funding.



Howgate and Distington

Forums were held at Parton Village Hall and Lowca Community School. Topics discussed included the latest on the West Cumberland Hospital re-development, HealthWatch, coastal erosion at Parton and flooding issues at Moresby. Cumbria CVS also talked about the services they offer and their Funding Fair which will be held on the 3rd July at Energus.

An update was received from Cumbria Constabulary and a presentation from Lowca Community School as they seek funding for outdoor play equipment.

At Parton, North Copeland Youth Partnership had put together a short film showing their activities and finished their presentation off with a Cheerleading demonstration from their newly formed group which later received a Community Grant for cheerleading sessions and a trip to the Superhero Spirit Challenge in Glasgow this year.

Parton now forms part of the England Coast Path a new National Trail around all of England's open coast. New access rights on the stretch of coast between Allonby and Whitehaven began on Friday 11 April, work continues in Parton and Whitehaven harbour to repair the damage caused by the winter storms. Natural England aims to complete "Walking the Course" from Whitehaven to Silecroft in April as the next part of this project in West Cumbria. To find out more about work to deliver coastal access in Cumbria and elsewhere in England visit: www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/access/coastalaccess



South Copeland

A variety of topics have been discussed at South Copeland Neighbourhood Forums which have been held in Millom Network Centre and Captain Shaws School, Bootle. Topics included Emergency Planning, Dementia Care, Dr Joliffe - lead GP for the Furness health locality, the new Credit Union for Millom, South Copeland Disability Group, Millom Parents and Carers Group and the Neighbourhood Care Independence Programme managed by Age UK.

Updates were provided by Wellbank at Bootle, Bootle Parish Council, Millom Park and a short video by Cumbria County Councils Fostering Team.

Following the forum with Dr Joliffe in attendance, representatives from Millom have been asked to join their Health & Wellbeing Board.

Mid Copeland

The Mid Copeland Neighbourhood Forums were held at Gosforth Methodist Hall and Muncaster Parish Hall. The main topic for both was Fire Service cover within West Cumbria; a series of open days have just taken place throughout the county and a campaign is ongoing to recruit on-call firefighters. Other topics included HealthWatch and the Lake District National Park who discussed the Wasdale Visitor Management Project which is tackling issues raised by the Three Peaks Challenge.



Updates were received from Cumbria Constabulary and information given about the Local Heating Oil Buying Cooperative and **West Lakes Squirrel Initiative**.

Transport remains to be an issue in Mid Copeland; the Mid Copeland Parish Partnership has set up an Access to Services/Transport Task & Finish Group to look at local issues.

West Copeland

West Copeland Neighbourhood Forums were held in Egremont Rugby Union Club and the New College Hall at St Bees Priory. Presentations were made by Healthwatch, Egremont Young Fire Fighters, The Environment Agency, Public Health and St Bees Parish Council. Updates were given from Cumbria Constabulary and a presentation by Egremont Amenity Committee having received funding towards Egremont's Christmas Wonderland Event 2013 which attracted in excess of 4,000 visitors.

The Egremont Fire Officers gave a great presentation on the Young Firefighters Scheme which covers Basic Firefighting skills, Rescue Techniques, First Aid, Life safety skills, Road safety awareness and Home safety. Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service also undertakes School Visits and HeartStart training; they also informed the forum of their free fitting service for smoke alarms. To get your home safety assessment and free fitting, please contact Freephone **0800 358 4777**

Community Grants have been awarded to Bigrigg Over 60s Circle, Egremont Amenity Committee, Egremont Crab Fair, Egremont Fur & Feather Society, Egremont Town Council, Egremont Regeneration Partnership, Egremont Youth Partnership, Moor Row Jubilee Club, Orgill & Castle Croft Residents & Tenants Group, St Bees Parish Council, Thornhill Afternoon Club and Thornhill Village Association.



“Keep Cumbria’s Hearts Beating”



Throughout his year in office county council Chairman, Alan Barry has pulled out all the stops to help keep Cumbria’s hearts beating with his defibrillator campaign. Thanks to the support of the county’s communities, parishes and county councillors, more than 60 defibrillators have been secured to be located across the county. The defibrillators are an essential tool in the council’s drive to cut coronary deaths in Cumbria. Key to the campaign’s success was a partnership with Cumbria’s Rotary Clubs who share the same goal of having easy access to a defibrillator from anywhere in the county.

Each defibrillator is fitted inside a secure metal box with key code access and then fitted outside community buildings, local businesses and in town centres so that if an emergency occurs the 999 service will give the caller the location of the nearest machine along with the key code so that treatment can be administered while the ambulance is on its way.

The defibrillators provide verbal instructions on how to operate them and will only deliver a shock if they don’t detect a heartbeat – thereby ensuring they are not used in the wrong situations.

Within Copeland, community defibrillators have been purchased for:

- Millom
- Whitehaven
- Mirehouse
- Moor Row

If your group would like Free ‘HeartStart’ training on Emergency Life Support (ELS) skills please contact Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service on **01768 812550** or E-mail: valerie.ayre@cumbria.gov.uk

Flood Forums

Flood forums have been held in Ravenglass, Seascale, Gosforth and St Bees with the Local Flood Risk Management Team (LFRM) who presented their Published Reports on the investigations into the flooding that took place in summer and autumn 2012.

Investigations are continuing in Parton, Moresby, Distington, Sandwith and Whitehaven and all residents who have been affected will be informed either directly or invited to a flood forum.

If you have been affected by flooding and want to be kept informed of the investigation and the results please telephone: **01228 221330** or email: lfrm@cumbria.gov.uk

ARE YOU AT RISK?



Creative Wellbeing in Copeland

Copeland Local Committee recently gave start-up funding to Creative Wellbeing, a not-for-profit social enterprise which supports adults (16+) within the community to enhance their wellbeing through creativity. A broad range of creative activities will be available through Creative Wellbeing.

For more information please visit:

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