

Welcome to our e-bulletin

Hello and welcome to the South Copeland GDF Community Partnership e-bulletin, in an edition which marks almost two years since this Community Partnership formed.

We've been developing our engagement with you, the local community, in recent months, and our recent Community Forum was a valuable experience in understanding your questions and concerns, and helping us to fulfil your expectations of us as a Partnership. We'll be sharing a report on the recent event on our website soon, and hosting more Community Forums in the New Year.

Coming up this week, the Film Talks: Exploring GDF events are an opportunity to hear different perspectives on geological disposal. Members of the Community Partnership, myself included, are looking forward to viewing the films, learning from the different experts in the room, and raising our questions, thoughts and concerns. We hope to see you there.

This e-bulletin also brings you the latest news on the Marine Geophysical Survey which we'll be hosting an event on in January (keep an eye on our website for the date); the aerial surveys taking place across West Cumbria; NWS deciding not to take Allerdale further in the GDF siting process due to limited suitable geology; and our updated FAQs.

As always, do get in touch with us to have a conversation, ask a question, or raise a concern.

We send you our very best wishes for the festive season and 2024.

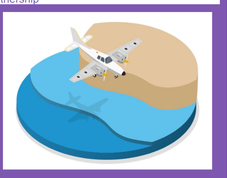
Ged McGrath
Chair of South Copeland GDF Community Partnership



The latest on the Marine Geophysical Survey

Data from the Marine Geophysical Survey continues to be assessed by Nuclear Waste Services. Work to date in Mid and South Copeland has indicated potentially suitable geology.

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Aerial survey taking place off the coast - flight dates

NWS is carrying out aerial surveys off the West Cumbrian coast from October to March 2024. The surveys will provide NWS with information on the presence and numbers of birds and marine wildlife.

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You're invited to Film Talks: Exploring GDF

The Film Talks: Exploring GDF events on 24 and 25 November are an opportunity to hear different perspectives on what geological disposal could mean for South Copeland and ask your questions.

There'll be short films, as well as talks and Q&As with NWS' geologists, engineers and scientists, members of the Community Partnership, academics, the Environment Agency, the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) and the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CoRWM).

Join us:

- **Friday, 24 November 2023, 5-8pm, The Beggar's Theatre, 1-2 Market Square, Millom LA18 4HZ**
- **Saturday, 25 November 2023, 2-5pm, Drigg Village Hall, Drigg, Holmrook CA19 1XF**

The films and Q&A will start from 6pm on Friday 24 November and 3pm on Saturday 25 November with an hour before for refreshments and discussion.

Find out more



Allerdale exiting the siting process

NWS concluded only a limited volume of suitable rock was identifiable in Allerdale and the geology in the area was unlikely to support a safety case. NWS has therefore decided not to take Allerdale further in the search for a suitable site to host a GDF.

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Frequently Asked Questions updated

We have recently updated the Frequently Asked Questions sections of our website to accurately respond to the questions we're hearing most often from the local community. We'll continue to update these going forward.

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Newsletter - Issue 5

In this issue, you'll find a summary or the recent public Community Forum, the latest community survey results, how the developer NWS will identify a suitable site for a GDF through its six 'siting factors', information on the aerial surveys taking place across our region this autumn/ winter, and an international focus on the Cigéo project (the GDF in France).

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