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The Play Park is nearing completion and will be opened once all inspections and certifications are in place.

This Project is a key milestone in delivering the actions set out in the Community Plan which was finalised in May 2019.

We will communicate the opening date via Facebook and Millom Without Parish Council Website.

The Play Park will be subject to Covid-19 secure arrangements and a number of safety rules, which with your full support will ensure the Play Park is a safe place for family fun.

This project could only have happened with the backing of Thwaites Village Hall Management Committee, the supporting funders: the Parish Council, CGP and Aggregates Industries (Ghyll Scaur) who finance locally based community trust funds.

And finally, the behind the scenes support of your Parish Councillors who have worked in testing times to make this project come to life.

Please look out for the opening date and enjoy safe fun.

Results - Thwaites 100 Club - Winners - January - 2021

1st Prize £30 No 107

Jack Giles

2nd Prize £15. No 33

Carole Pogrel

3rd Prize £10 No 131

Eva Flanders

4th Prize £10 No 127.

Andrew Wearing



The Hill Village Hall 100 Club Winners January - 2021

1st £50 John Crocket

2nd £20 Gaby

Napolentani

3rd £20 Sally Irwin

4th £20 Howard

Proctor

5th £10 Peter Bowyer

6th £10 Angela Gibson

7th £10 Iona Dodd



A Reminder of Local Support - Covid-19



The Out and About Team, working with Millom Without Parish Council, remain committed to supporting our community.

As reminder as to how local Residents can access our voluntary support:

- **Drop and email to oandacontact@gmail.com and provide a telephone number for a volunteer to ring you back.**
- **Ring 01229 7772512 between 9am and 5pm. Please leave a message and we will get back to you. An answer machine is available.**

Please note this is a local voluntary team and it is not set up to replace any emergency services or services provided by the local authorities. We would also appreciate that you plan ahead to avoid any unnecessary panics or last minute needs, but we realise this is not always possible.

HM Government

NHS

**STAY HOME
PROTECT THE NHS
SAVE LIVES**

The new COVID-19 variant is spreading fast.
We all need to play our part to stop the spread.

STAY HOME ▶ PROTECT THE NHS ▶ SAVE LIVES

**Copeland Working Group
launches virtual exhibition – go hundreds of metres
underground to see how a
Geological Disposal Facility works**

**This Press Release was prepared by Copeland
Working Group - GDF**

An interactive virtual exhibition has been launched today - including videos, graphics and information - for people living in Copeland to show how a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) works.

The virtual experience has been set up by the Copeland GDF Working Group which was established to help people get involved in local discussions about the potential for building a GDF somewhere in the area of Copeland for the UK's higher activity radioactive waste.

Working Group Chair, Mark Cullinan, said: "During these current uncertain times it's more important than ever to offer alternative ways for people to access factual information about what a GDF is, in an easy to understand way.

"Under normal circumstances, we'd be going out to speak to people face to face and offering them the opportunity to see an exhibition. We can't do that right now because of Covid, so we want to provide an experience that's as near to that as possible.

The virtual exhibition looks at what a GDF is, brings to life what a facility could look like, what it could mean for Copeland and the benefits it could bring as it takes the viewer around a display of interactive information boards.

Community Engagement Manager, Gillian Johnston, said: "We want as many people as possible to visit our virtual exhibition, where they'll find videos and lots of other interactive content which brings the project to life and will help spark discussions.

"It's easy to access and we hope it will really help people's understanding of what geological disposal could mean for Copeland. Let us know what you think and come back to us with any questions, we're here to listen and help."

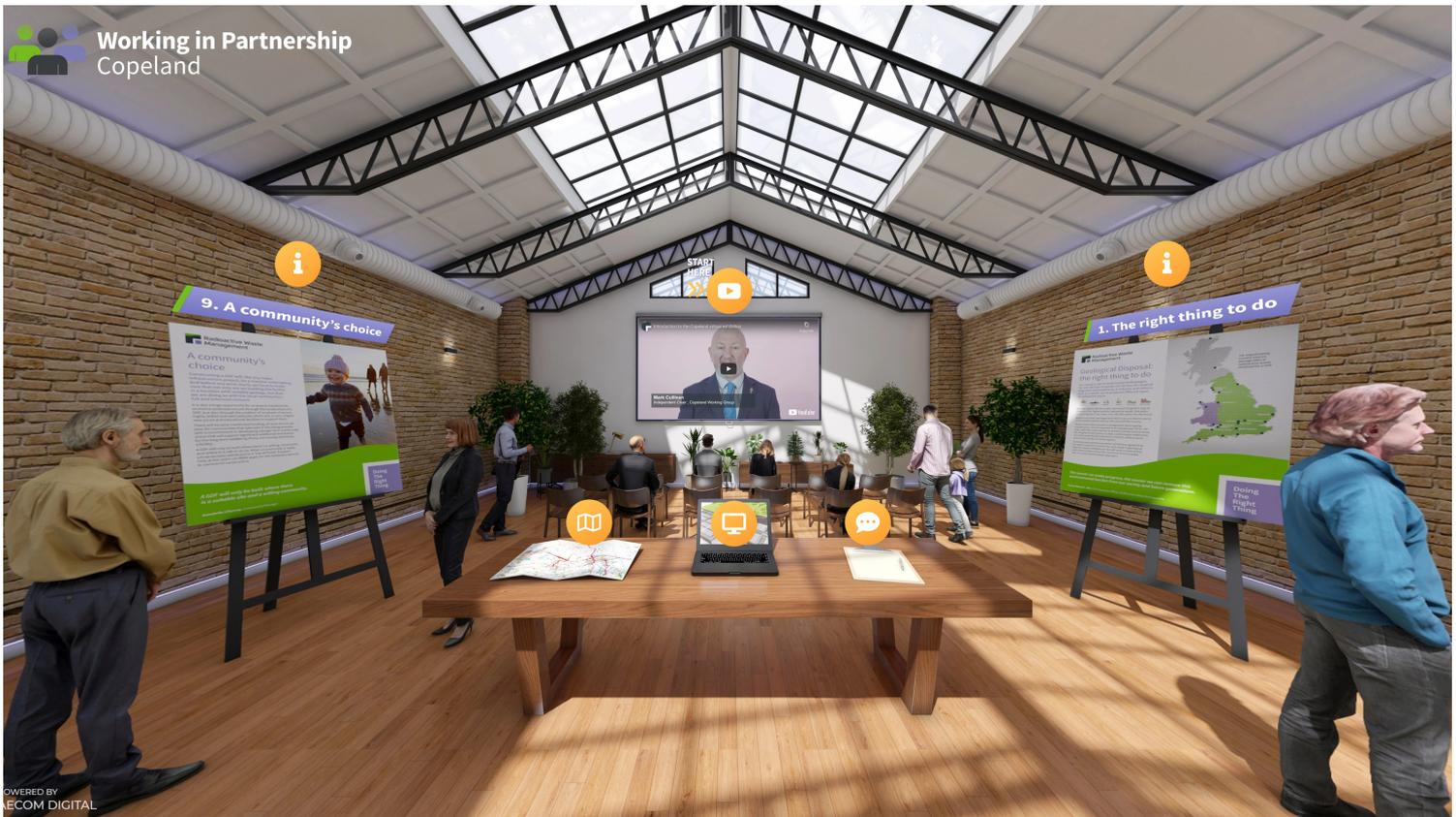
The Working Group, which was launched in November, has three main tasks – begin to gather and understand community issues, opportunities and questions about the GDF programme; identify a search area or areas within Copeland which could be further investigated for potential locations for a GDF, and identify initial members for a Community Partnership which could take that work forward.

This is a consent-based partnership approach and there must be both a suitable site and a willing community in order to proceed. Radioactive Waste Management (RWM) is a member of the Copeland Working Group and provides factual information about geological disposal and the consent-based process.

You can access the online exhibition by visiting the website: copeland.workinginpartnership.org.uk

For those without access to digital channels, a dedicated phone line has been set up to answer queries or discuss areas of interest: telephone 0300 0660 100 Alternatively, email: gdfmedia-copeland@nda.gov.uk

The Virtual Exhibition



Volunteer Befrienders

Copeland Age and Advice Service (CAAS) have put out a request for volunteers to help with their befriending scheme "We are looking for individuals who would be willing to spare 30 minutes a so once or twice a week to contact lonely and isolated individuals in Copeland who are struggling due to the lockdown restrictions. We will attempt to link individuals by interests and with a male/female befriender wherever possible.

If anyone is interested in supporting our lonely and isolated older generation through lockdown, they can give Claire a call on 01946 552166 or email referrals@caasteam.com for more information."Details of the work that CAAS do can be found at their website www.caasteam.com

Please Be Alert - Scam Texts - Covid19 Vaccination

Scam SMS text about Covid. We have been alerted to a highly believable scam which starts with a text and advises the user that they are eligible to apply for the new vaccine and to click on the link in the text message. The user is then led to a webpage, which looks very convincing and asks them to complete some details, in order for them to be able to apply for the vaccine.

The details asked for: Name, Address, Date of birth, Proof of address, Card payment details. With the recent approval of multiple vaccines in the UK, these types of scam attempts are likely to continue, as fraudsters continue to take advantage of the roll out to so many people.



CGP and Ghyll Scaur Community Funds - Deadline for Applications

Please note the following deadlines for applications from the two locally administered (by Millom Without Parish Council Council) community funds. Application forms can be found on the Millom Without Parish Council website: <https://millomwithoutparishcouncil.com>

Meeting Date

7th April
7th June
6th September
1st November
1st December

Application Deadline

31st March
30th May
30th August
25th October
25th November



Town Bid Update

We are proud to present our exciting and transformational application to the Towns Fund that we hope will bring significant investment into Millom and Haverigg. Our Town Investment Plan was agreed by our Board last week and supported by Copeland Council's Executive at their meeting yesterday, and it is made up of four categories:

- **Iron Line;** to transform the unique coastal lagoon into a major visitor attraction, between Millom and Haverigg, through the creation of a new linear park, fusing ecology, heritage and art into a fully inclusive recreational space incorporating walking and cycling.
- **Reactivating Heritage Buildings;** to bring back into use vacant and underused heritage buildings in Millom town centre for a range of uses, including workspace, residential, retail, arts and culture. Public realm improvements are also included.
- **Activating Community Health;** to create a new multi-purpose centre to develop the leisure economy, including leisure provision, skills support, swimming pool and fitness space. Improvements to parks and a 3G pitch are also included.
- **Connected Millom and Haverigg;** to improve the transport network, walking and cycling infrastructure, and to strengthen Millom Railway Station as a transport hub.

Our Town Investment Plan will be submitted by the end of this week, and we anticipate feedback from the Government and a potential offer of funding before the end of March 2021.

CALL FOR QUOTATIONS TO REPAIR TWO BUS SHELTERS



Having two "new" bus shelters would be a great way to get 2021 underway and a real, visible landmark that our community is bouncing back after a tough twelve months for all of us. Please help us if you can.

The condition of the bus shelters at The Hill and The Green were identified as areas for improvement in the Community Plan. It's clear that they don't reflect the generally very high standard of the built environment in the Parish so we want to undertake repairs to both.

The council had a generous offer from HMP Haverigg to carry out the repairs during 2020, however, the covid crisis has meant that this work has not been able to commence. While we would still like our agreement with HMP Haverigg to come to fruition, it seems unlikely that this will be the case in the foreseeable future so the council have decided to take the realistic view that we must readvertise the work within our community and search for a local individual or company who would like to help us get this project underway.

A specification for the works has been produced and can be downloaded from the link to our website at the bottom of this post. Expressions of interest can be made to the Clerk as can requests for further details, using the contact information on this website and the specification document.

If you'd like to be part of improving our Parish please get in touch.

<https://millomwithoutparishcouncil.com/.../bus-shelter.../>