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Local Champions



Oliver Watson, aged 12, has started competing alongside his father, Ross Watson, of Lady Hall, in Northern working dog trials. With his sheepdog 'Jet' Oliver has won a number of young handler classes this Autumn at Windermere, Holmrook, and the Dales trials. At the recent North Lancashire trial in Carnforth Oliver won best young handler again while his father also gained a fourth title with his dog, 'Don'. Watch out for the Watsons and their dogs

We would welcome stories for future editions about your dog – (or any other pet) - whether or not it works, wins competitions, or sits by the fire after an occasional walk. Send details to oandacontact@gmail.com with text and a photo, if available.

Results - Thwaites 100 Club - Winners - November - 2020

1st 26 Terry Wright -
£30

2nd 56 Malcolm Sewell
£15

3rd 66 Sheila Green -
£10

4th 118 John Malham -
£10

WINNERS

The Hill Village Hall 100 Club Winners November - 2020

and the
winner is...

1st £50 Kath Barnard 64

2nd £20 May Scurrah 111

3rd £20 Jean Usher 96

4th £20 Olivia Delaney 29

5th £10 Helen Chew 18

6th £10 Pauline Murray
63

7th £10 Julia Aspinall 3

- Next issue will be February 2021
- Please send any articles/ notices to oandacontact@gmail.com by 25th of each month
- Now the magazine is e-version only - please ask any new neighbours or friends to have their copy by sending a request - again at oandacontact@gmail.com
- **The Out and About Support Team wishes everyone an enjoyable Christmas and we can hopefully look forward to a new start in 2021.**



Play Park Update



In this most difficult of years for everyone, Millom Without Parish Council are very pleased to announce that the new CHILDREN'S PLAY PARK will be coming to the village playing field in early 2021. The final details of the project have been concluded and work on the play park will commence in early spring next year. This is one of the core items identified in the Community Plan and one of the top priorities for our community based upon their responses to the research we undertook. Our Parish is in the happy position to have a thriving population in which there are many families with young children who we know will love this new facility. We'll have more details as the construction date approaches and there will still be opportunities for people to join in with the final delivery of the play park, so keep watching this space. Thanks are due to Thwaites Village Hall for their support all along the line and to Kompan for their technical assistance.



Copeland GDF Working Group formed to discuss geological disposal of radioactive waste

The following article has been produced by Radioactive Waste Management who is leading on the search for a Geological Disposal Facility

In early November a Working Group was formed to start local engagement on whether Copeland could be a suitable location for a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) for UK higher activity radioactive waste. Mark Cullinan, the independent Chair of the Working Group, explains its role and the importance of local community engagement.

“You may have seen the recent news about the formation of a Working Group in Copeland. A nationwide search is underway in England and Wales for a potentially suitable location to host a GDF, based on achieving the twin aims of finding a suitable site, along with a willing host community.

We will engage with local people to begin to understand their views and will identify and propose a Search Area (or Areas) for further consideration. We will also recruit initial members for a Community Partnership, that could take the process further forward beyond a Working Group.

As well as me as independent Chair, members of the Working Group include an independent Facilitator along with representatives from the interested parties who came forward with initial ideas for consideration, Radioactive Waste Management (RWM – a subsidiary of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority) and Copeland Borough Council. Other groups and bodies can be invited to join, such as the Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC). In the identification of a Search Area(s), the Working Group will be talking to people across the community to begin to understand their views.

I have more than 30 years’ experience of senior leadership in public sector organisations. My role in the Working Group is truly independent, which reflects my professional background, where in all my previous roles there was an expectation that I was politically neutral and independent – that’s no different in this new role.

This GDF process is ultimately based on the consent of the local community and along with other members of the Working Group, I will ensure that local people have every opportunity to ask questions, express their views and get expert advice.

Gathering and understanding the views of local people is important, because at the end of the day, whenever that day comes, the potential host community can take an informed decision on whether their community should or shouldn’t host a GDF.

We’ve already made a great deal of information available through our website <https://copeland.workinginpartnership.org.uk/> – and you can find out more about a range of topics, including the technical, safety and environmental aspects of a GDF, as well as details on how you can get involved.

The Covid-19 pandemic has had an impact on all of us so while meeting face-to-face isn't possible at the moment, I do hope it won't be too long before me and the team can get around Copeland. In the meantime, we have the website and several ways for you to get in touch (see below). We can also arrange virtual meetings, so if you're part of a community group or a local business and would like to find out more, we can still meet, thanks to digital technology.

What matters to me is that local people get enough information and are able to express their views, so that they can make an informed choice in future. I look forward to meeting and listening to many of you in the months ahead".

Mark Cullinan

Independent Chair

Copeland GDF Working Group

Where to find out more and how to get in touch. The Working Group can arrange informative briefings on a range of topics that may be of interest to you. There's plenty of information on our website <https://copeland.workinginpartnership.org.uk/> and if you're part of a community group or a local business, we can organise an on-line briefing to suit your requirements.

Please get in touch.

Email usgdfinfo-copeland@nda.gov.uk

Call us. If you would like to speak with us, please call: 0300 0660 100

Write to us :GDF Enquiries. Radioactive Waste Management, Building 329 West, Thomson Avenue, Harwell Campus, Didcot, OX11 0GD

Ghyll Scaur Quarry - is this in the running for a GDF? Parish Council Understanding of the Position



With the launch of the search for a long term disposal facility for radioactive waste, you will find at this web address an Initial Evaluation Report for Ghyll Scaur Quarry:

<https://copeland.workinginpartnership.org.uk/working-group-area/>

As a Parish Council we aware that Radioactive Waste Management (RWM), a subsidiary of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) have stated on their web site:

"The Copeland Working Group will initially consider the whole of the Borough of Copeland and adjacent inshore area up to 22km from the coastline, with the exclusion of the area within the boundary of the Lake District National Park and any future extension".

This would mean Ghyll Scaur Quarry sits within the proposed extension of the Lake District, which this Council played a leading role in working with other Parish Councils and the Friends of the Lake District to complete a landscape assessment of our beautiful area. This submission was made to HM Govt in July 2019.

This means that Ghyll Scaur would not be progressed as an option for a GDF and the search will continue in areas which sit outside the National Park and the proposed extension.

Millom Without Parish Council have arranged to hold a video conference in early December (through the South Copeland Partnership - a local body of Parish Councils) to discuss and listen to the new Chair of the Independent Working Group. We will of course be pressing that words stated on their website are real commitments that can be made to our Community. We will continue to update Residents via our Website, Facebook, and via this Magazine.

The Final Arrival of the Green Standing Stone

The Green Standing Stone has finally arrived with a wide partnership of organisations and people who have made this happen.

The project was led by Irene Rogan who published a number of articles in Out and About telling the story of how this work has progressing; working alongside a local Sculptor - Danny Clahane.



This work is part of "Between Silence & Light" project. This is the second stone of the project and represents the flow of Black Beck through The Green towards the coast.

The project has been supported by the Ghyll Scaur Community Fund which encourages projects with a long term legacy and helps to enhance our local communities. This Trust is funded by Aggregates Industrie who operate the Ghyll Scaur Quarry and the fund is administered by the Millom Without Parish Council.

The stone was donated by Burlington Slates and the development of the sculptor work was kindly supported and housed at Beckside Farm, Whicham Valley.

We thank everybody for their support and for Irene in making this happen for our community.



Social Prescribing Service

Copeland Borough Council, have a new service called Social Prescribing. Social Prescribing is a way of connecting people to groups, services and activities in the local area that may help improve people's lives. A directory of services can be viewed by following the link <https://www.copeland.gov.uk/social-inclusion>



Social Prescribing in Copeland

Enhancing your health and wellbeing by linking you to groups and activities in your community.

What is Social Prescribing?

Social Prescribing is a way of helping you improve your health and wellbeing in a non-medical way. We can connect you with community groups and social activities that are enjoyable, useful and relevant to you.

How could this improve my health?

We know that being active, engaging with others, learning something new and getting involved in the world around you will improve your health and wellbeing.

Who can we help?

Anyone over 18 who lives in Copeland.

What sort of services could I be directed to?

- Help with using digital technology
- Housing and homelessness
- Social and creative activities
- Help with mild depression and anxiety
- Activities around health and keeping physically active
- Advice on managing finances
- Befriending or support groups
- Experts who can advise on benefits
- Training and volunteering opportunities

How does it work

If you think social prescribing could work for you, our directory, available at www.copeland.gov.uk/social-inclusion, has the details of many organisations who may be able to support you. You can also talk to staff at your GP surgery, who can refer you to a social prescribing link worker.

