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## Play Group Re-opens at Thwaites

A generation ago Thwaites Village Hall had a thriving playgroup but this had to be discontinued many years ago. Some of the children who attended that group are now adults, live locally and are restarting the group for their children.

A selection of the old toys have been checked and cleaned and there is also a large number of toys donated by local parents and a disbanded playgroup.

The playgroup is running at Thwaites Village Hall on Mondays 10:00 to 12:00. The group is targeted at pre-school age children and their parent or carer. The cost will be £1/child with a drink and biscuit Please let us know (e-mail to [TVHplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:TVHplaygroup@gmail.com) or [oandacontact@gmail.com](mailto:oandacontact@gmail.com)) if you are planning to come so we can manage numbers and refreshments.

**The Play Group have been successful with grant support from the South Copeland Partnership - we wish the Group every success in this new venture for the local area**

# News @ Thwaites Village Hall



Village Hall is now re-open for business within the guidelines set by HM Govt to ensure a Covid-19 secure environment. **If you wish to book the Hall, please contact Chris on 773284.**

## Thwaites Village Hall

100 Club Winners - Dec 21 and Jan 22

### December Results:

1st No 54 Cath Sewell £50  
2nd No 143 Derik Dixon £30  
3rd No 61 Karen Bishop Miller £20  
4th No 10 Dave Forsman £10  
5th No 20 John Wearing £10  
6th No 39 Marjorie Long £10

### January 22 Results:

1st No 3 Joe Birch £30  
2nd No 129 Angela Flannery £15  
3rd No 74 Tracey Gibbison £10  
4th No 142 Derik Dixon £10



## Community Lunch @ Thwaites Village Hall

**Soup & dessert, £6.00 per head**

**Arrive for 12 noon**

**Anyone willing to help for a couple hours once a month, please contact Jan Procter on 774234.**

**Please note the next event 23rd Feb 22**

**FRIDAY 11th February 21**  
**Red Squirrel Conservation**  
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## Key Dates For Your Diary!

## @ Thwaites Village Hall

### MONDAYs

**ADULT & TODDLER GROUP**  
**From 10.30 to 12noon**

**BOWLING from 1.30 to 3.30pm**

**SCOUTS from 7pm (Term time only)**

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**TUESDAY 8th & 15th**

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### WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY evenings

**TABLE TENNIS is from 6 to 7.30pm**  
**Cost is £2 per person and all are welcome**

### FRIDAYS

**Fit Friends from 9.15 to 10.15**

**FLOW is from 10.30 to 11.30 am**  
**All are welcome**

**SUNDAY Evenings from 7 to 8pm**  
**Table tennis team practice**



**The results  
of the  
January 100  
Club draw**

**1st Prize £50 No 18 Helen Chew**

**2nd Prize £20 No 118 Richard  
Parsons**

**3rd Prize £20 No 104 Victoria Guyatt**

**4th Prize £20 No 48 Howard Procter**

**5th Prize £10 No 33 John Sutton**

**6th Prize £10 No 45 Ian Hudson**

**7th Prize £10 No 41 James Hall**

**Next open  
house is 5th  
Feb from  
5.30pm -  
7.30pm. BYO  
drinks.  
Nibbles  
provided.**

## **AN APPRECIATION, PAUL WESTON**

Sadly, our good friend Paul Weston died at the end of November. He and his wife Theresa will be greatly missed by all in the Hill. Paul was a long serving member of The Hill Village Hall committee joining soon after he and Theresa retired to the area. He was elected as Chairman in 2014.

Paul was renowned for his wit, warmth and innovation and together with Theresa they were a byword for fun and hospitality. As a strong believer in community and inclusiveness he initiated events such as the Community supper, brought the Christmas party from very cold door to door carolling to mince pies and songs around the wood burner in the Hall. He sponsored a regular village newsletter which morphed into regular contributions to "Around the Combe" and "Out and About".

A keen plantsman Paul was central to the Hall's annual plant sale and for many years worked hard donating cuttings and seedlings from their cottage garden to ensure that the sale maintained its reputation as one of the highlights of the local events calendar. Failing health led Paul to resign from the Committee in 2018 but both he and Theresa continued to play an important role in village life. We miss them both and extend love and sympathy to all their devoted family.



# **Millom Without Parish Council - Joins South Copeland Community Partnership (GDF)**

The Parish Council have been invited to join the South Copeland Community Partnership (GDF) and following further discussions with the developer (Radioactive Waste Management - RWM), the Parish Council has decided to join this Partnership.

The Parish Council will work alongside Whicham Parish Council and Millom Town Council, who including our Parish Council will be voting members on the SCC Partnership.

The Parish Council has made it clear to RWM, this decision does not reflect our endorsement of the project, but is consistent with keeping close to the potential siting of a Geological Waste Repository within South Copeland and ensure our residents "voice" can be represented as both the partnership and the project develops. The time frame of the project is to complete its studies within 10-15 years.

The first meeting of the Partnership took place on Monday 24th January 22 and there is a significant scope of work to be undertaken and the Parish Council remains engaged to ensure we understand the full impacts for both our Parish and the wider area.

## **What is a Community Partnership?**

A Community Partnership is a larger, longer-term group which has now taken over from the Working Group to take forward discussions about whether South Copeland could be the right place to host a GDF. The Partnership will consider the possibilities of GDF siting in more detail, including:

- facilitating discussion with the community
- identifying information required for people in the Search Area
- reviewing and refining Search Area boundaries as investigations progress
- identify priorities for Community Investment Funding
- developing a community vision for the long-term well-being of the community
- making recommendations to the principal local authorities on the Community Partnership on whether to invoke the Right of Withdrawal (to withdraw from the process) and if and when to launch a Test of Public Support – to give people living in the affected wards a direct say
- be the key vehicle for community dialogue with the GDF developer
- agreeing a programme of activities to develop community understanding
- monitoring public opinion in relation to siting a GDF.

# Going Green - Information and Action



## EV Charger - Making a Contribution

Since the EV charger was installed at the beginning of Summer 21 - it has been used on 54 separate occasions using 439Kwh, up to the end of November 21. So small steps as the move to electric picks up the pace

## Copeland collection of recyclable materials

MWPC have approached the Copeland Borough Councillor on problems experienced by residents with recyclable material collection at the end of last year. These problems included

1. A number of properties (estimate over 50) that do not have any collection of recyclable material.
2. A number of residents highlighted that their properties which are scheduled for regular recycle collection had not received a recyclable material collection service for several months and reported no/poor response from the Copeland waste team to their complaints.

The Copeland Borough Council position is that waste and recyclable material collections have been adversely affected by changes to staff and staff absences due to the pandemic. There have also been problems ensuring HGV drivers are available. These problems are ongoing and very difficult for the Council to address.

The suggestion that multiple household local collection points for recyclable waste be established was not considered viable as it was indicated that different collection vehicles would be required. Residents are urged to individually request Copeland to provide collection of recyclable material. It is recognised that some residents have tried this approach before without success. Please let the Parish Council know if there are problems with fulfilling these requests and these cases can then be taken further.

## Litter Picking

The road verges are fairly clear of vegetation at present but this has exposed litter, a scourge of our roadsides. Last March residents cleared well over 100 bags of litter and scores of items of fly-tipped items such as carpets, oil drums, enough hubcaps and tyres for several vehicles, wing mirrors and other car parts, bathroom fittings (at least 2 toilet seats), carpets, a wheel barrow, bicycle rack and mudguards (which when assembled on the verge were picked up for re-use by a passing cyclist).

**This year the Millom Without environment group are going to clear litter from the top section of the A595 (e.g. between St Anne's brow and the top of Buckman Brow) from 10:00 on Saturday 5th February (or Sunday 6th from 10:00 if inclement).** For further information and to let us know you are coming please contact [oandacontact@gmail.com](mailto:oandacontact@gmail.com). We can provide litter pickers and tabards but it would be useful to bring your own equipment if available and old compost or feed bags for collecting litter. We want to show that leaving waste strewn along the roadsides is not acceptable: please join us!

## Recyclable waste - Did you know?

For recyclable waste that Copeland Borough Council doesn't collect did you know that soft plastics – such as bread bags, fruit and vegetable packaging, crisp packers, baby and pet food pouches - can be recycled at Millom Tesco. Some Co-op stores also take this waste.





Cumbria Wildlife Trust  
DUDDON SUPPORT GROUP  
Thwaites Village Hall  
The Green LA18 5HJ  
RED SQUIRREL CONSERVATION  
Friday 11 February, 7.30 – 9.00pm



South Lakes Red Squirrel Group co-ordinator, Jackie Foott, will tell us about recent developments to help red squirrels make a come-back. Find out about the local and national squirrel situation and what you can do to help this iconic native species survive.

Admission: £3 suggested donation, including tea/coffee  
and biscuits

If you plan to join us please contact Elaine Essery, E: [elaine.essery@bbh.myzen.co.uk](mailto:elaine.essery@bbh.myzen.co.uk),  
T: 01229 716129 to help us manage numbers.  
Members and non-members welcome

PLEASE NOTE: BEAVERS ARE BACK TALK RESCHEDULED FOR  
8 APRIL (POSTPONED FROM 14 JANUARY)

## **New Local Plan for Copeland - have your say**

COPELAND residents are being invited to have their say on planning in the borough.

The council is developing a new Local Plan, which will guide development and investment in the borough until 2038. Residents are now being asked to comment on a draft of the plan before it is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in April for a public examination.

Local Plans are used to help decide on planning applications and other planning related decisions. They are the local guide to what can be built where, shaping infrastructure investments and setting out the vision for development in the borough. The Local Plan sets out which areas of land could be suitable for residential or employment use.

Copeland's Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning, Coun Andy Pratt, said: "I hope everyone takes advantage of this opportunity and gets involved. These are really important issues for the future shaping of our borough, and we want to make sure everyone has the chance to have their say on that."

The six-week consultation, launched this week, allows residents and interested parties to comment on the draft ahead of the public examination. Final changes will then be made before the plan is adopted in early 2023.

The draft consultation document and related information can be viewed, and residents can respond, here <https://www.copeland.gov.uk/content/local-plan-2021-2038-publication-draft-consultation>. Questions can be emailed to [localplanconsultation@copeland.gov.uk](mailto:localplanconsultation@copeland.gov.uk) (link sends e-mail)

The documents will also be available to view by appointment at Copeland Borough Council's offices in the Market Hall, Whitehaven, and at libraries. The deadline for the consultation is Monday, February 21.



# Local Trust Funds - Here to help

## CGP Trust Fund

Millom Without Parish Council and Whicham Parish Council manage part of the fund and award grants to community groups and charities (not individuals) for a range of project types, such as:

- Environmental improvements
- Community events
- Maintenance of local public buildings such as churches, village halls etc.
- Assisting in welfare projects for local residents
- Activities of local groups (sports clubs, scouts, support groups, etc.)
- Improving open access recreational facilities
- Repair and improvement of local facilities and public areas

**More Information and application form:**

**Millom Without Parish Council website:**

<https://millomwithoutparishcouncil.com/cgp-trust-fund/>

## Ghyll Scaur Quarry Community Fund

This fund is administered by the Parish Council and Aggregate Industries, as the funder for the Trust Fund.

Applications are invited towards good causes primarily within the Parish Boundary

**More Information and application form:**

**Millom Without Parish Council website:**

<https://millomwithoutparishcouncil.com/ghyll-s>

