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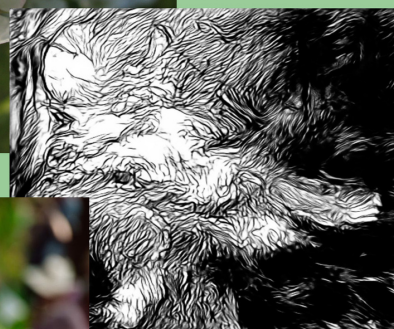
Out and About In Thwaites
October 2021 - Issue No 451

MWPC Environment Group
ART EXHIBITION

LANDSCAPE & COMMUNITY

Reflecting the places and faces of Parish life

To accompany the launch of a new Community Environmental Group
Open to everyone - collection boxes at Thwaites Village Hall & The Hill Village Hall
For alternative ways to submit and to find out more about the group, see below



Closing date 31 October

Full submission details can be found on our Facebook page and at
www.millomwithoutparishcouncil.com or email nickgamble.mwpc@gmail.com



The Return of Bonfire Night



The bonfire and fireworks **is hoped** to be held this year on Friday 5th November. More details will follow on Thwaites Village Hall and Green Matters facebook page.

We are now seeking volunteers to support this event. Please speak to any member of the village hall committee or ring Melanie wright on 07792522517.

We urgently require raffle prizes for the bonfire, please contact melanie wright 07792522517, to arrange delivery/collection.

Environment Day

As part of the nationwide Big Green Week series of events to support COP26 in November Millom Without Parish Council organised an 'Environment Day' on 18 September at Thwaites Village Hall. The event included childrens arts and crafts with a tree theme, a tree-based nature trail around the playing fields, and films in the hall. Both films had an environmental theme: 'The Lorax' was shown for children (and their adults) in the afternoon and '2040' was shown in the evening for adults. v There was also information on local environmental issues and initiatives posted in the hall.

Approximately 80 people attended the afternoon and evening events. The Parish Council received funding from CGP and the National Lottery Community Fund for this event as a springboard for establishing a community environment group of people who care about the place we live and the quality of life we all have and want to 'do something'. Please contact millomwithoutparishcouncil@outlook.com if you would like to add your name to the list of those willing to be part of this group as it develops.

(Please note that this Environment Day was funded with help from the CGP trust fund and also the National Lottery Community Fund as part of the Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership's ambitious emission reduction programme to make Cumbria carbon neutral by 2037).

Play Park Is Formally Opened

As part of the Environment Day, the Play park which was completed in Feb 2021, was formally opened by Geoff Storey, Estates Manager for Aggregate Industries.

The Play park is a great example of a number of funding groups which included Ghyll Scaur Community Fund (funded by Aggregate Industries), CGP and Millom Without Parish Council who all provided the financial support to make the play park come to life.

The support of Thwaites Village Hall in leasing the land to the Parish Council is another example of organisations working together to deliver for the community.

We also wish to express our thanks to Dunningwell Farm who helped finance a new bench for the Play Park.



Cherry Tree Dedication

Two cherry trees were dedicated on 18 September to two long serving Millom Without Parish councillors, Wilson Huck and Les Butcher. The trees are located either side of the main junction into The Green. As a Parish Council we are grateful for their long and loyal service to the day to day work of the parish council. Their choice of a cheery tree will provide a habitat for bird and insects for many years to come.



The Green Standing Stone Ceremony

The new standing stone at The Green was presented to the community by the artist Irene Rogan on 18 September. This stone was part of a project 'Between Silence and Light' organised by her in 2019. This project led to the creation of three large new standing stones and also a bench to engender a sense of continuity and a legacy for communities around the Duddon estuary. The stones were inspired by the ancient stones in our area.

Unlike their ancient predecessors, the new stones are not only monumental but also contain a narrative element specific to their site. The stone at The Green represents the flow of Black Beck through The Green towards the Duddon estuary. The stone features an extract from Wordsworth's poem 'Tributaries' from the Duddon Sonnets: 'Of yon pure water from their aery heights'. The stone also references the memorial tree in front of 'The Punch Bowl' (a pub visited by William Wordsworth) and 2020 as the international year of trees and forests. The stone for The Green was provided by Burlington Slate and is nearly 2m high. The project was supported by the Ghyll Scaur Community Fund which is funded by Aggregates Industries who operate the local Ghyll Scaur Quarry. The stone was carved by Irene Rogan and Danny Clahane with the support of Beckside Farm, Whicham Valley. There is a poster in the bus shelter at The Green (as well as the Parish Council website) with more information about the new stone and also a new walking route to Swinside stone circle.

GDF - Key Update - Search Areas Announced

Copeland GDF Working Group has been working towards identifying Search Area(s) for further consideration in the search for suitable sites to host a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF).

A GDF is an underground facility designed to safely and securely dispose of higher activity radioactive waste. A Search Area is the geographical area on land within which Radioactive Waste Management (RWM) would seek to identify potentially suitable sites. The Working Group is proposing two Search Areas, each with its own Community Partnership. Search Areas have to be based on district electoral ward boundaries. The area within the Lake District National Park (LDNP) and proposed extension will continue to be excluded from consideration, even where these electoral ward boundaries may overlap with the park boundary.

Deep geology beyond the coast is also being considered for the siting of the underground elements of a GDF and the Working Group has recommended that RWM's initial focus is in this area. This means a surface facility on the coast could provide access to a disposal area deep in the rock beyond the coast, where – based on existing data – the Working Group and RWM understands there may be geology worthy of further detailed investigation.

There are no plans to consider using existing or future coal mines for the geological disposal of radioactive waste, because they will not be suitable.

One Search Area includes the electoral wards of Gosforth & Seascale and Beckermest. The second Search Area includes the electoral wards of Millom and Black Combe & Scafell.

Mark Cullinan, Chair of the Copeland GDF Working Group, said: “Over the past 11 months we have talked with local people and looked at the data available. The Working Group feels confident that we have selected two Search Areas worthy of further consideration as an initial starting point going forward.

“We are still in the very early part of the GDF journey and it's up to the local authorities and RWM to now decide whether we progress further to forming Community Partnerships. We look forward to their decision in the coming weeks.”

The Working Group's identification of the Search Areas has involved looking at readily available information on the local geology, environmental issues, transport infrastructure and safety – as well as information from previous work in the area.

Starting a conversation with local people has been a key activity since the Working Group was formed last November and the views received so far have been used to inform members, alongside other local information.

A Community Partnership is a longer-term group made up of a larger number of people which would take over from the Working Group and consider the possibilities of GDF siting in more detail. Initially the Working Group would start to recruit some community members and then any Partnership would recruit further potential members to join them to take it forward.

Both Search Areas would be considered by RWM to identify potentially suitable sites to host a GDF. A surface facility, which would be the entry point for a GDF, would require up to 1 sq km of land and would require suitable transport links.

The underground part is likely to require anywhere between 10-20 sq km, of suitable geology deep underground. The underground disposal areas do not need to be located directly below the surface site – they could be separated by many kilometres.

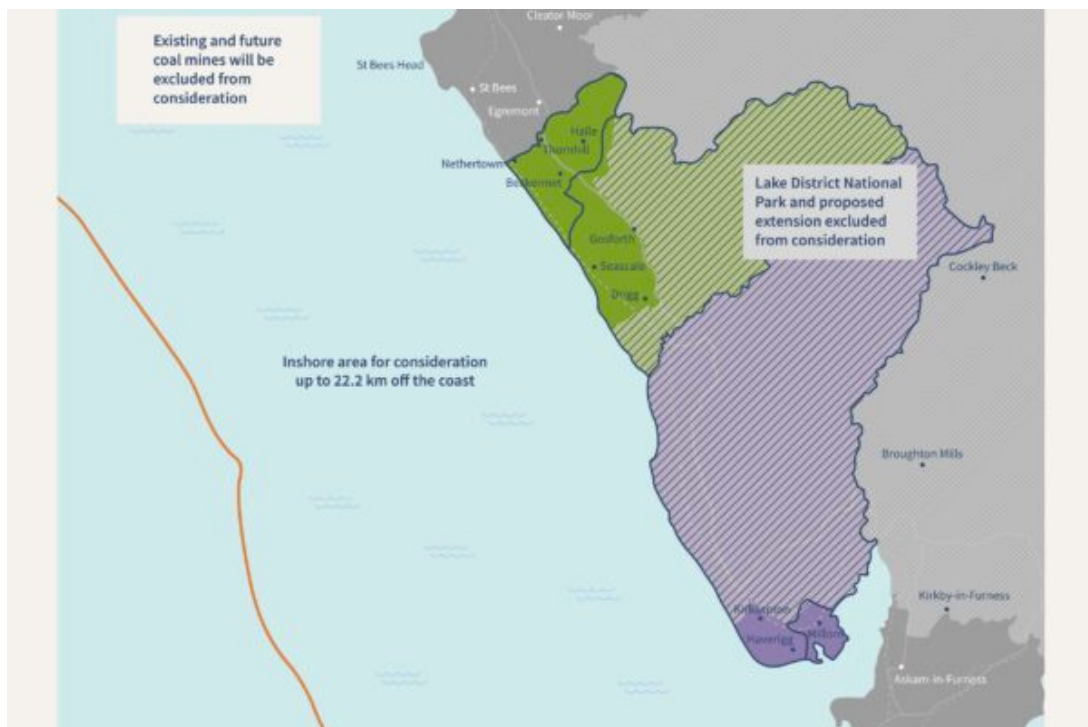
Progressing to the formation of Community Partnerships would unlock an initial sum, for each partnership, of up to £1m a year funding for local projects, rising to £2.5m per year if deep borehole investigations to assess geology take place.

Chair Mark Cullinan added: “The work of a Community Partnership – which would involve members of the community, at least one principal local authority and RWM – would include further public engagement and creating a ‘Community Vision’ for the long-term well-being of the community.

“No decision has been taken on any specific locations for a potential GDF. Identifying these Search Areas is a starting point which will allow RWM to initiate investigative works and the Community Partnership to extensively engage with local people over several years.”

Construction of a GDF requires both a suitable site and willing community. If a suitable site is eventually found in Copeland – which could take 10-15 years – a Test of Public Support (such as a poll or referendum that gives people a direct say) would be held with those living in the wards affected. Without public support the project would not go ahead.

If Community Partnerships are formed, residents in these wards will receive information giving further details, and how people can get involved.



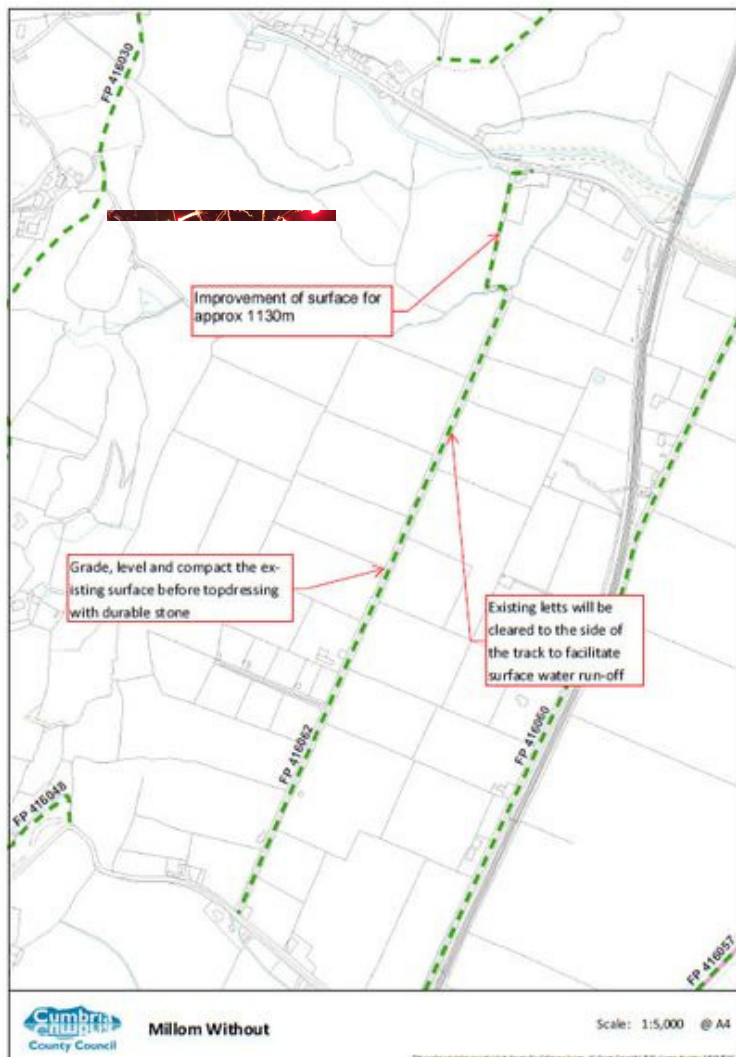
Middle Cut - Update

A quick reminder from July 21 - Out and About:

In February 2021 Cumbria County Council recognised that the Covid-19 lockdown restrictions had brought the importance of the environment into sharp focus for many individuals and communities. Their daily walks and cycle rides had made them more aware of all the paths and cycleways around their area. As a result the Council created a one off Environment Fund of £1.2m to enable further investment in the local environment. The purpose of the ring-fenced fund was to support a range of environmental improvements or enhancements. Each of the 6 Local Committees was given £200k of the fund to support projects covering for example enhanced verge maintenance; tree and footpath maintenance; nature recovery; biodiversity improvements; and improving the environmental conditions and quality of life 'on the doorstep'.

Middle Cut was awarded £33K contribution to the cost of upgrading this path way from The Hill to The Green

Latest Update issued by Cumbria County Council



THE COUNTY OF CUMBRIA (FOOTPATH NO.416062 IN THE PARISH OF MILLOM WITHOUT) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF PEDESTRIANS) ORDER 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that to enable improvement works to be carried out as part of the Government Environment Grant Scheme ("the Works"), the County Council of Cumbria intends to make an Order the effect of which is to prohibit pedestrians from proceeding along the entire length of Public Footpath No.416062 in the Parish of Millom Without, between The Green and The Hill, Millom.

There is no suitable alternative route available for pedestrians.

Any queries to the Countryside Access Team, The Parkhouse Building, Kingmoor Business Park, Carlisle CA6 4SJ or countryside.access@cumbria.gov.uk or Highways hotline 0300 303 2992.

The Order will come into operation on 1 October 2021 and may continue in force for a period of up to six months from that date. However, it is anticipated that it will only be required for 7 days within the 6 month period from 1 October 2021 and only as and when the appropriate traffic signs are displayed.

Chief Legal Officer, Cumbria County Council, Cumbria House, 117 Botchergate, Carlisle CA1 1RD

News @ Thwaites Village Hall



Village Hall is Open for Business

Village Hall is now re-open for business within the guidelines set by HM Govt to ensure a Covid-19 secure environment. Limitations on numbers who can safely socially distance are in place for both the Main Hall and Supper Room. **If you wish to book the Hall, please contact Chris on 773284.**

Special Event - Saturday 2nd October 21 Millom Poultry Club - Show

Thwaites Village Hall 100 Club Winners - Sept 21

**1st No 72 Cathy Holland
£30.00**
**2nd No 19 Andrew
Rigg
£15.00**
**3rd No 128 Bruce
Partington
£10.00**
**4th No 124 Gail Savage
£10.00**



Soup & dessert, £5.00 per head - 27th Oct

Arrive for 12 noon

Last Wednesday of the month: 27th October 21

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

Other dates for your diary - subject of course to any changing Covid-19 conditions include:

Dates for future Lunches: 24th November, 15th December

**Community
Lunch @
Thwaites
Village Hall**

Key Dates For Your Diary!



@ Thwaites Village Hall

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY evenings

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

MONDAY's
BOWLING from 1.30 to 3.30pm

SCOUTS from 7pm (Not half term week - 25th
Oct)

TUESDAYS evenings (12th and 19th)

Women's Institute

Friday's
FLOW is from 10.30 to 11.30 am
This is the exercise group that helps us to get out of
bed
in the morning.....and sends us away with a spring
in our step!
All are welcome



**The Village Hall Social Committee and are planning to hold a
Bonfire Night this year - keep looking out for updates on the
Village Hall and Green Matters Facebook Page**

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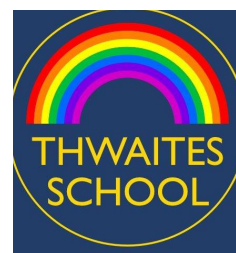


The Parish Council Public Bench Renovation Team have been giving a little bit of TLC to the seat in The Green. Should be good for a few more years to come now. Many Thanks



Thwaites School - litter picking adventure

After reading 'A Planet Full Of Plastics' by Neal Layton during their English lessons, Year 2 and Year 3 learned all about reducing, reusing and recycling. The children explored some of the other interesting words and phrases such as 'biodegradable' and 'garbage patches' and were really shocked to hear how it was damaging our oceans. As a result, they were incredibly motivated to go out, to do some litter picking and to make a difference! Collectively, they planned a route and decided that Silecroft Beach would be a good start in an attempt to save some of our sea creatures. After clearing the beaches, the children then adventured to Haverigg recycling banks in our school minibus, to recycle most of the litter that they had collected. All members of staff are incredibly impressed with the children's enthusiasm, teamwork skills and overall passion for saving the environment - they're already planning the next litter pick in Millom Park.



Copeland residents invited to have their say on Local Plan changes

The changes are being considered as the result of feedback from the consultation on the Preferred Options Draft which took place in September 2020, and the publication of a series of related evidence documents.

The five-week consultation launched today (Monday, September 13) gives residents and interested parties the opportunity to comment on the changes being considered, ahead of the planned six week consultation on the Local Plan Publication Draft in January 2022.

The draft consultation document that sets out the changes being considered can be viewed, and residents can respond, online at <https://www.copeland.gov.uk/content/copeland-local-plan>. The deadline for consultation responses is Sunday, October 17.

Further information about the consultation and how to get involved can be found at

<https://www.copeland.gov.uk/content/copeland-local-plan>.

Alternatively, please contact the Strategic Planning Team on 01946 598300 or by emailing

localplanconsultation@copeland.gov.uk



**Copeland Local Plan
2021- 2038**

**Focused Pre- Publication
Draft Consultation
September 2021**

Millom Town Deal - work starts

WORK is underway to ensure all four ambitious projects outlined as part of Millom's multi-million pound Town Deal proposal can move forward to the next stage in the formal process. Working with Copeland Borough Council, Millom and Haverigg secured an offer of £20.5 million in June from the Government's £3.6 billion Towns Fund initiative to help ensure it can thrive as a great place to live, work and visit now and into the future.

Now, detailed business plans are to be developed for each of the four projects over the next 12 months as part of the route towards releasing the promised cash.

The four projects are: -

-The Iron Line - A proposal to transform the unique coastal lagoon into an inspiring visitor attraction which fuses ecology, heritage and art within an inclusive recreational space around the sea wall.

- Reactivating heritage buildings - A proposal to significantly enhance Millom Town Centre by bringing derelict, vacant and underused heritage buildings back into active use to increase vitality and footfall.

- Activating community health - The creation of a new, multi-purpose community and leisure hub to provide a range of facilities including a swimming pool and 3G pitch, as well as improvements at Millom and Haverigg parks.

- Connected Millom and Haverigg - Improving Millom's transport network to create a gateway to the town at the railway station, while transforming cycling and walking infrastructure in both Millom and Haverigg.

The Mayor of Copeland, Mike Starkie, said: "We were delighted to have received an offer of more than £20 million from the Government for our Town Deal proposal. "These are four very ambitious and exciting projects which have the potential to unlock a wide range of benefits for our communities for generations to come. "Securing an offer of the funds we need to deliver these projects was the first step and a huge achievement. "Now the hard work continues as we move to the next phase of the process which is to develop detailed business cases over the course of the coming ten months."

Millom and Haverigg were among 101 towns invited to bid for a share of the Towns Fund in 2019 - part of the Government's Levelling Up agenda. The four projects are set out in Millom and Haverigg's Town Investment Plan. They aim to help maximise inclusive economic growth and better connectivity for the area while developing a welcoming arts, culture and tourism offer, thriving independent businesses and healthy, active people.

The Heads of Terms - an agreement confirming the Government's financial offer in principle - was signed this summer. Each business case must now demonstrate the development, cost and scope of each project. The completed cases will be subject to a rigorous assurance process next year before high level summaries are submitted back to the Government for approval.

Robert Morris-Eyton, chair of Millom Town Deal Board, said: "There's no doubt this funding represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity for our communities to create exciting schemes that will generate wide-ranging benefits into the future. "We are delighted to have secured the offer of funding from Government and we now want to progress all four projects to the next stage. "Input and engagement from residents, the business community and stakeholders across the area is going to play an important role in this process and we look forward to their continued involvement and support."