



# Investment opportunities

## Nuclear industry

West Cumbria has long been linked with the UK nuclear industry and is now the focal point for an exciting new industry based on nuclear clean-up and associated environmental science.

British Nuclear Group has operated nuclear facilities on the Sellafield site for over 30 years. The Sellafield site is one of the largest nuclear engineering centres in the world. Activities centre on remediation, decommissioning and clean-up of the historic legacy. The site is also home to the Thorp and Magnox

reprocessing plants, the Sellafield Mixed Oxide Fuel manufacturing plant and a wide range of waste management and effluent treatment facilities. The site provides work for over 10,000 people and operates 365 days a year.

The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA), whose headquarters are in West Cumbria, is a new Governmental body that has taken strategic responsibility for the decommissioning and clean-up of the UK's civil nuclear sites. The major programme of decommissioning activity will provide opportunities for

development of skills and business capability. The NDA is setting in place contracts for the management, operation and decommissioning of the plants. The NDA's remit is to provide value for money to the Government and the taxpayer through the use of competition.

The NDA aims, through its competitive supply chain, to encourage innovation in technology and management techniques and provide a stimulating and profitable business environment for suppliers and their employees.

## Useful websites

### British Nuclear Group

[www.bnfl.com](http://www.bnfl.com)

### Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

[www.nda.gov.uk](http://www.nda.gov.uk)

### Nuclear opportunities

[www.nuclearopportunities.co.uk](http://www.nuclearopportunities.co.uk)

### West Lakes Renaissance

[www.westlakesrenaissance.co.uk](http://www.westlakesrenaissance.co.uk)

### North West Development Agency

[www.nwda.co.uk](http://www.nwda.co.uk)

### West Cumbria Development Agency

[www.wcda.co.uk](http://www.wcda.co.uk)



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## Tourism and leisure

Tourism brings over £200 million into the Allerdale economy each year and supports over 5,000 jobs.

## Derwent Forest

Allerdale Borough Council, with the support of the North West Regional Development Agency (NWRDA) and West Lakes Renaissance, has the unique opportunity to acquire the former Royal Naval Armaments Depot (RNAD) Broughton Moor site, near Cockermouth.

Covering an area of 425 hectares (1,050 acres), the RNAD site at Broughton Moor is the largest brownfield site in the North West of England. It represents an exceptional development opportunity, situated in an area that stretches from Cockermouth at the edge of the Lake District National Park to the two coastal towns of Workington and Maryport.

Ministry of Defence operations at the site ceased in 1992, by which time the site had been closed to public access for over 50 years. Over that time it has developed a unique environmental character, with a wide variety of species of plants and animals.

The Council and its partners on the Derwent Forest Shadow Board including West Lakes Renaissance, NWDA, Forestry Commission and Cumbria County Council, are keen to promote the site for leisure and tourism uses, based upon the concept of a regional forest park and associated development sites.

Within the forest park setting will be a number of smaller development sites for commercial uses, to bring jobs and visitors to the area, along with 'activity areas', where outdoor activities could take place. Possible uses include forest lodges, high quality hotel accommodation, education facilities and tourist attractions. Activities could include golf, paintballing, coarse fishing and sporting events.

## Other industries

Allerdale is an attractive location for businesses that have realised that they can combine good ICT connectivity and low operating costs with a superb quality of life. The borough's major businesses include:

### James Walker, Cockermouth

[www.jameswalker.co.uk](http://www.jameswalker.co.uk)

James Walker is part of a privately owned, international manufacturing group involved in fluid sealing technology. The company is well established in Cockermouth.

### M-Sport, Cockermouth

Cockermouth is the home of this magnificent multi-million pound development on behalf of the Ford World Rally Team. The facility is owned by M-Sport, founded by the former world class rally driver (and Cumbrian), Malcolm Wilson. M-Sport currently employs people from design, engineering and technical backgrounds.

### Iggesund Paperboard, Workington

[www.iggesundpaperboard.com](http://www.iggesundpaperboard.com)

Iggesund Paperboard is one of the largest manufacturers of paperboard in Europe, with production plants located at Iggesund in Sweden and Workington.

### Sealy United Kingdom, Aspatria

[www.sealybeds.co.uk](http://www.sealybeds.co.uk)

Beds made in Aspatria are slept on throughout Europe and the Middle East. Sealy supplies some of the world's top hotel chains as well as leading retailers all over the UK.

### Innovia Films, Wigton

[www.innoviafilms.com](http://www.innoviafilms.com)

Innovia Films is a leading producer of speciality high performance Biaxially Oriented Polypropylene (BOPP) and cellulose films for packaging and labels. The company's research and development activities are centralised in a £12 million R&D Centre at Wigton.

### British Cattle Movement Service (BCMS), Workington

[www.bcms.gov.uk](http://www.bcms.gov.uk)

The British Cattle Movement Service (BCMS) is part of the Rural Payments Agency, an agency of the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). The service is based in Workington and was established to manage the Cattle Tracing System, maintaining cattle records, issuing cattle passports and operating a dedicated helpline.



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