



Sellafield Ltd

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MP Jamie opens Sellafield Ltd's latest learning centre

Local MP Jamie Reed was at Sellafield recently to officially open the company's fourth satellite union learning centre.

The new centre, which was opened in the High Level Waste Plants facility, will give up to 2,000 employees access to online learning to help develop their numeracy and literacy skills.

Developed through joint funding from both Sellafield Ltd and the company's trade unions, the first satellite learning centre opened at Sellafield in 2003.

In seven years, over 3,000 individuals have taken advantage of the facilities, accessing over 6,000 courses – each providing them with the confidence and ability to develop and progress in their careers, providing a real benefit to the business.

"I think lots of people really do want to learn – if only they had access to learning – which is where the union learning centres come in," said improvements coordinator, Debra Sloan.

Congratulating the team on opening the new centre, Waste and Effluent Disposition Director, Mike Johnson added: "Improvement through learning is crucial to everything that we do; I speak on behalf of the Company's management team in fully supporting and recognising that this initiative provides a very important service to the business."

Copeland MP Jamie Reed added: "This is a progressive partnership – one that is good for West Cumbria. It is through practical projects like this that ambition can be turned around; it is this ambition, while beneficial to Sellafield Ltd, that will eventually be passed down to our children – who are the future of this area."



OFFICIALLY OPEN: Richard Edgar, head of HLWPs, Union Learning Centre Manager Dave Riley, Debra Sloan, Jamie Reed MP and Jim Robson at the official opening.

Egremont get kitted out as they battle back from floods

The devastation caused by the flooding in November is being felt across the region, and one of our local sports clubs is doing its best to battle bravely on.

Whilst most of the flood recovery effort is, understandably, being focused on the worst hit areas in Cockermouth and Workington it is easy not to realise that Egremont Rugby Union Club was badly affected too.

But the club is looking on the bright side, and has announced some proud new sponsorship deals.

Team manager Billy Maxwell, who works in manufacturing support in the fuel handling plant at Sellafield, said: "The club house was totally destroyed by the floods.

"We basically have an empty shell now, the bar has gone and the function room, everything has had to be ripped out and the club is devastated."

The club's committee has started the long process of finding funding from a variety of sources to try and help rebuild their club house, and in the mean time the team will set about keeping up with the pace setters in the Cumbria League.

And when the team do take the field they'll do so in a new kit, which has been provided by Martin Hogg, an architect who carries out work at Sellafield.

The strips are provided by Farrell's Sports at Cleator Moor. Dave Farrell, who works at Sellafield as an IT support officer, as well as helping out with the family business, said: "We have been involved with Egremont for the past couple of seasons. They are a great family club and, on behalf of everyone at Farrell's sports, I'd like to wish them every success in their new shirts.

The familiar name of Hertel will also be seen at Bleach Green, as the company has provided Egremont with new post protectors.

Dermott Conway, safety manager, said: "We are delighted to be able to support Egremont."

"Sports clubs rely on companies like ours to help them out and we are pleased to be able to."

West Lakes Laundry has provided new corner flags, further strengthening their links with the club.

Billy added: "The girls at West Lakes Laundry are great with us – they provide us with a fantastic service, considering the state the kit gets into sometimes.

"We will still be using the kit we got last season from Capes – we have purposely got the two kits in different styles so that where one might clash we could use the other. We are always thankful that these companies see fit to help is out.

"We are only at the beginning of a long road to getting the club up and running again – but we will get there. People like Ian Marr and Luke Murphy, who are both senior managers at Sellafield, are doing great work on our committee."



LOOKING AHEAD: The Egremont team with their sponsors and coaches

Incident Report

A Sellafield Ltd employee suffered a broken foot after tripping on a short flight of steps and twisting their ankle.

The individual concerned was descending a short flight of three steps when they lost their footing. It appears that the injured party thought that they had reached ground level but was actually on the bottom step.

The injured party, who was not carrying any items, was treated at the scene by site medical professionals before being taken to The West Cumberland Hospital, where a fracture to a bone in their right foot was confirmed.

This injury is reportable under RIDDOR because a fracture is defined as a major injury.

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