

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council



Annual Report 2015/16



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2015/16 Annual Town Report

Welcome to the 2015/16 Annual Report. This report has been produced and made available prior to the Silloth Annual Town Meeting, to be held on 23rd May 2016 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, Silloth Community Hall, Petteril Street, Silloth.

The Town Meeting is a meeting of the electors of the town of Silloth and provides an opportunity for residents to discuss the information provided and to question the Council on its activities during the year. Any resident of the town is welcome to attend this meeting.

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Mayor & County Council Report – Cllr. Tony Markley

It continues a privilege to be Mayor of Silloth-on-Solway, especially when I receive many comments from visitors and local members of the public on how well the town is looking.

The extreme weather the country endured this year has been extremely detrimental for the County. Luckily the town escaped any serious pockets of flooding. Flood prevention bags were made available in the town for members of the public if required.

The main concern was keeping the roads open, especially along the coast during this horrific weather. I have worked with the County Council to continue funding coastal defences, allowing this road to be maintained and opened as soon as possible.

After numerous discussions with the bus operator, the local daily bus service to Maryport was saved. This will continue, incorporating a new published time table and visits Cockermouth. I must stress that this service must be used, to continue making it a viable option and sustainable service, as there is no public money available to support these services. So in my words “Use it or lose It” during these difficult times.

The town continues to move forward positively with the support from the Town Council members, local community helpers and the dedicated staff, who continue maintaining The Green and all of the town’s assets.

The town this year has been nominated as a finalist in the national “Britain in Bloom” competition, to be judged in August of this year. This is a great achievement for our coastal town.

This year saw the refurbishment of the rose garden with the fantastic new “Bee garden” being established, the renovation of the Skinburness shelter and new Victorian style lights soon to be installed along the Green footpath.

It is upsetting that there is an element of Vandalism in certain areas throughout the town which is detrimental to the landscape. This costs the Council, with local tax payers resources used to repair the damage. The Police and schools are aware of this and are continuing to monitor the situation.

Denise and I continue to represent Silloth-on-Solway and have attended many civic duties throughout the year. Once again we held a civic service for the town which was well attended by numerous organisations from all over the county.

The annual events in the town continue to prosper and attract many visitors, no more than the town being honoured last year with the Tour of Britain Cycle ride coming through Silloth. This event stimulated the community, ably co-ordinated by Silloth Rotary and Inner wheel members, to formulate the construction of the largest human cycle on the Green and being awarded with a plaque and published in the Guinness Book of Records.

It has been another great year and I have enjoyed serving the town to the best of my ability.



Mayor Tony Markley and Cllr Bill Jefferson, receiving the Coastal Town Trophy and Certificate, awarded to Silloth for the second year running



Mayor Tony Markley, Cllr Bill Jefferson and volunteers, Vivian Russell and Anne Winter, receiving Royal Horticultural ‘It’s Your Neighbourhood’ Awards

About Silloth-on-Solway Town Council

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council serves the Town of Silloth with a population of approximately 3,000 residents. We deliver many services in the town, including the provision of open spaces, playing fields and recreation areas. Our aim is to provide residents with information about the Town Council and the services which we deliver in the town.

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council is one of around 9,500 Town and Parish Councils within England. Town and Parish Councils are the first tier of local government and work closely with the other tiers of local government, to try and achieve the best for their local communities. A Town Council is an elected body made up of local people representing the interests of their community.

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council has twelve Town Councillors, who are elected every 4 years, with the next elections to be held in 2019. All Town Councillors are unpaid volunteers who give their time freely because they are committed to their local community.

Members of the Town Council during 2015/16 are listed below:-

Cllr. A.J. Markley - Mayor
Cllr. W. Jefferson O.B.E. - Deputy Mayor
Cllr. I. Baty
Cllr. J. Cook
Cllr. A. Emmerson
Cllr. C. Graham
Cllr. D. Graham
Cllr. S.F. Graham
Cllr. O. Martin
Cllr. M. Orchard
Cllr. D. Pattinson
Cllr. G. Wilkinson

The Council meets on the first Monday of each month in the Council's meeting room in the Community Hall, at 7.00pm, except when there is a Bank Holiday. There is also no meeting in August. All meetings of the Town Council are open to members of the public and the Council welcome views and comments during the Public Participation part of the meeting. The Chairman will adjourn the meeting to allow members of the public an opportunity to ask questions or raise matters of interest. The meeting will be adjourned for a maximum of 15 minutes. Items for discussion have to be submitted to the Town Clerk in writing, prior to the meeting.

Minutes for all Town Council meetings are published on our website and are available for inspection on request.

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council Meeting Dates 2016/17:-

Mon 9 May 2016	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 6 June 2016	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 4 July 2016	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 5 September 2016	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 3 October 2016	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 7 November 2016	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 5 December 2016	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 9 January 2017	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 6 February 2017	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 6 March 2017	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 3 April 2017	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 8 May 2017	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room

Representation

The Council appoints members as representatives on various outside bodies. This ensures good working relationships with local groups and organisations. During the year the Council has been represented on the following bodies:

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| • Silloth Primary School | Cllr. A.J. Markley |
| • AONB Joint Advisory Committee | Cllr. W. Jefferson |
| • Silloth Tourism Action Group | Cllr. O. Martin |
| • Holm Cultram Sea Dyke Charity | Cllr. A.J. Markley |
| • Neighbourhood Forum | Cllrs. G. Wilkinson & D. Graham |
| • Longcake Education Trust | Cllr. G. Wilkinson |
| • Friends of the Green | Cllr. C. Graham |
| • Solway Community Technology College | Cllr. A. Emmerson |
| • Sports Hall | Cllr. A. Emmerson |
| • Sports Association | Cllr. I. Baty |
| • Cumbria in Bloom | Cllr. C. Graham |
| • Silloth Coastal Community Team | Cllr. W. Jefferson |

Our local Allerdale and County Council representatives are as follows:

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| • Cumbria County Council | Cllr. A.J. Markley |
| • Allerdale Borough Council | Cllrs. W. Jefferson & J. Cook |

Staff

The Town Council employs five members of staff:-

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|-----------------|----------------------------------------------|
| • Wendy Jameson | – Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer |
| • Ken Wannop | – Parks Manager |
| • Aaron Ward | – Parks Supervisor |
| • David Hart | – Parks Supervisor |
| • Susan Walsh | – Cleaner |

Committees

Planning Committee

The Town Council is a statutory consultee on all planning applications for Silloth. This means that the Town Council has the opportunity to support or object to plans within the town, although the final decision on whether permission is granted is made by the planning authority.

The **Planning Committee** consider any planning applications received. There were 20 planning applications dealt with by the planning committee during the last year.

Planning applications can be viewed online at Allerdale Borough Council's website:-

www.allerdale.gov.uk/planningapplicationsearch

And the County Council's website:-

<http://onlineplanning.cumbria.gov.uk/ePlanningOPS/searchPageLoad.do>

2015/16 Members:- Cllrs. I. Baty, C. Graham, A. Emmerson, J. Cook & M. Orchard.

Play Equipment Committee

The **Play Equipment Committee** considers any improvements or maintenance required to the Town Council's play areas. Our play areas are maintained and regularly inspected by our grounds maintenance team. An independent annual inspection is also carried out.

2015/16 Members:- Cllrs. D. Pattinson, G. Wilkinson, A. Emmerson & S. Graham.

Allotment Committee

The **Allotments Committee** is responsible for setting the annual rent and sorting out any problems that may arise in relation to the allotments and their tenants.

2015/16 Members:- Cllrs. D. Graham, J. Cook, G. Wilkinson, I. Baty & A. Emmerson.

Parks Committee

The **Parks Committee** is responsible for considering matters relating to parks & open spaces and the maintenance of those areas.

2015/16 Members:- Cllrs. W. Jefferson, G. Wilkinson, I. Baty, S. Graham, O. Martin & C. Graham.

Business Plan Committee

The Business Plan Committee is responsible gathering information and feedback from local residents, with the aim of putting together a Town Council Business Plan which will identify what the Council hopes to achieve over the next few years.

2015/16 Members:- Cllrs. A.J. Markley, G. Wilkinson, A. Emmerson, J. Cook & D. Graham.

Allerdale Borough Council – Cllr. John Cook



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I will try and keep this report as short as possible from my first year as an Allerdale Councillor.

First of all, I must thank you all for your kind words, help & support over the last year. I'm very proud to be able to represent the good people of this town and was very humbled by the turnout and support for my election to the seat. Sometimes I have to sit down and remind myself that a large majority of the electorate of this town gave me their mandate to be their voice on the Allerdale Council. I must admit it's been a very steep learning curve (as I keep saying to everybody). I would like to move mountains in a short period of time but of course the truth is I can't and sometimes the route has been totally foreign to me. In saying that, I'm still totally focused on doing and getting the best for this town.

There have been many highlights for me this year, one which was in another guise as the President of the Silloth Rotary Club, helping to organise the Tour of Britain Bike Race festivities in the town, including the Guinness Book of Records attempt of the largest human bike image on the Green. Not as I said in my first speech at Allerdale House, (The biggest human bike). This event proved to me that this is a willing community that would take on and appreciate the hard work organisers put in.

There have been a number of issues brought to my attention this year from a few constituents which with the help from Allerdale officers have been acted upon. I think this is my biggest asset, to listen to the community and get problems resolved the best we can.

Recently I've been appointed to the Scrutiny panel at Allerdale. This gives me a chance of asking and questioning certain decisions that are made on the Council.

I believe we are entering more positive times for Silloth & the surrounding area.

The Silloth Green project has been a real success and will leave a great legacy for the future of the town. I would like to thank the whole team that has brought this to fruition, past as well as the present. It has definitely put Silloth back on the map.

My goal is to make sure that Allerdale Borough Council sees Silloth as an asset, not a liability and worth the investment.

WE ARE THE HIDDEN JEWEL OF THE SOLWAY COAST.

For the coming year, I've decided to hold Councillor Surgeries, so the people of Silloth can get a say at Allerdale on what happens in their town and their life.

Forgive me if I've forgotten to thank or mention everything, I will make sure to have a full report next year.

Once again thank you for your support.



Allerdale Borough Council – Cllr. Bill Jefferson



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It's been a good first year for the new administration and I was pleased to be invited back onto the Executive with specific responsibility for the supervision of the preparation of Allerdale-wide strategies for heritage, tourism and culture, in addition to active participation in all major discussions affecting the Borough. This also means I can keep a close watch and influence decisions which affect rural areas in general and Silloth in particular. This also has a bearing on the work of the Solway Coast AONB which I have chaired for the past fifteen years and which is now a proven national asset with its headquarters in Silloth. I remain a member of the Lake District National Park Authority, nominated by Allerdale, and also stand as Allerdale's representative on the National Park Partnership, as well as a Director of Cumbria Tourism and a Director of the Solway Firth Partnership. All this helps to ensure that Allerdale and Silloth have a strong voice where it matters.

Solway Coast AONB – Cllr. Bill Jefferson



For more information, contact the Solway Coast AONB team on 016973 33055 or visit the Solway Coast AONB website at www.solwaycoastaonb.org.uk. Email: info@solwaycoastaonb.org.uk

Unlike most other government initiatives the National family of AONB's have secured increased funding from Defra covering the next four years. This is as a direct response to the good work we are doing across all national initiatives including social inclusion, wellbeing, health, climate change, rural growth and many other areas of our work. By far the biggest contribution we make is the leverage of external (non-government) funding into our areas. Our main thrust last year was to complete the £3.4 million Solway Wetlands Project (SWP). Notable successes are the opening of the exhibition and café at Holme Cultram Abbey in Abbeytown, the viewing platform and boardwalk access into Glasson Common (Raised Mire), the replacement of traditional sandstone gate stoops and the re-introduction of the marsh fritillary butterfly into many wetland areas around the coast. Work is now underway to provide access and interpretation for the 28 projects we have delivered under SWP.

On a more sombre note we lost two of our staff, namely Rose Wolfe and Sue McMillan both of whom have retired. They had both served the AONB for over 14 years. Rose has moved to her beloved Scottish Highlands (near an estuary though) and Sue has joined her husband in retirement. Their contribution was immense as is their legacy. We wish them both well for the future. In their place, we have Naomi Hewitt taking over Rose's role. She comes from project managing SWP and the other is a Solway Coast resident from Mawbray, namely Michelle Irving. We look forward to a bright future using their expertise and knowledge. Finally, we employed a Silloth lad, Colin Baty into the role of Tourist Information Assistant. Colin is working hard to get Silloth on the tourism map.

Longcake Education Foundation – Cllr. Graham Wilkinson

The Foundation have met three times in the past year at Wheyrigg Hall.

At each meeting donations are made from the interest accrued on the account to each of the four schools covered by the remit of the Foundation i.e. Silloth Primary, Solway Community Technology College, Holme Cultram and Holme St Cuthberts.

In the past year this has seen £1,200 presented to each school.

Furthermore, donations of £100 each have been made to the three Sunday schools i.e. Christ Church, Silloth, Holme Cultram and Holme St Cuthberts.

One grant of £70 was given to Mawbray play park.

Silloth Primary School & Solway Community Technology College – Cllr. Tony Markley



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I report on progress to the Town Council, as I am a Governor at both Schools.

Both Schools are progressing well and every time I visit, I find the pupils extremely polite and friendly.

The new Headmistress at Solway school is moving the school forward and continues to work extremely well for the good of the pupils and community.

The Head mistresses and staff at both establishments are dedicated to support and educate the students in these local schools to a very high standard which is portrayed by the achievements the students have attained over the years at County and National level.

Solway Community Technology College & Sports Hall – Cllr. Angus Emerson



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Report by Jennifer Rowlands, Head of Business & Finance, Solway Community School

Solway School is at the heart of the community in Silloth. Many of the young people in the town either have been or still are pupils of the school. And as the Town Council will be aware, we have suffered a spate of vandalism related to anti-social behaviour within the town. We worked closely with police to identify the perpetrators of the damage

to our school and sports hall, and were disappointed to find they were students at our school. These young people have been dealt with appropriately and have made some reparation for the damage they have caused.

The school has very clear values and an ethos that is shared by staff, students and parents alike. We operate a zero tolerance behaviour policy, which has resulted in significantly better behaviour within school. We have and continue to work closely with the police to try to replicate this better behaviour outside of school. We work closely with town organisations such as the lifeboat and AONB to provide opportunities for our students, and we regularly fundraise to support local and national charities.

The school hosts after school clubs and revision clubs almost every night, and provides roller skating in the Sports Hall on a Monday and Friday. We also host the Friday Night Club, which gives young people a place to go and do positive activities on a Friday. We are hoping to apply for grants to turn one of our playgrounds into an outdoor meeting and sports space for young people – giving them somewhere to go and do things, and keeping them away from the traditional gathering areas in town. We trust our students to look after their school and respect whatever is provided for them. We would welcome the Town Council's support in this venture.

We have recently hosted a Solway Arts production, and have another planned for the end of May. We hope to welcome as many of you as possible to our school to see Kathleen Ferrier – Whatalife on Friday 27th May 2016. We will also be hosting Arts Out West productions from the autumn onwards.

We are very proud of our school and feel that we are truly part of the community. We would welcome visits from the Town Council or members of the public to see how great our school is.

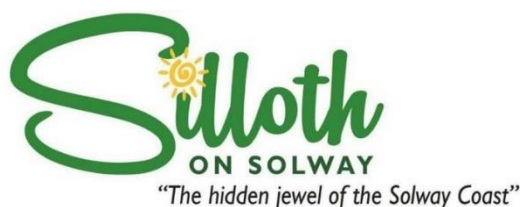
Sea Dyke Charity - Cllr. Tony Markley

I represent the Town Council on the Sea Dyke Charity which meets at regular intervals throughout the year.

The charity committee is made up of twelve representatives, including the local parish councils and local land owners from around the area.

The Charity owns a farm, land and property around the Abbeytown area. These are rented out to local members of the community. Over the last 12 months, the committee advertised for a new tenant for the farm. After many applications were received, interviews were undertaken by members of the committee and a land agent. A new tenant was appointed in the autumn of last year. The committee has a duty, after operational and maintenance expenses, incorporating various property improvements, have been carried out, any surplus funds are distributed to local Churches, Village Halls, schools and residential homes within the allotted area, to assist with their overheads and operational expenses.

Silloth Tourism Action Group – Cllr. Owen Martin



There were changes in the officers of STAG during 2015 and 2016. Chris Graham resigned as Secretary in 2015 to be replaced by Marisa Maietta, and John Cook, Chair and Fausto Previtali, Treasurer stepped down in 2016 to be replaced by Owen Martin and Jan McGreavy respectively. Owen had been deputy chair for some two years previously.

2015 was another good year for STAG and thanks to the funding from Silloth Town Council was able to organise a number of successful events across the year.

The Silloth Airfield project with funding from HLF enabled the committee members, led by Anna Malina, to carry out research and interview people who had connections to the airfield when it was operational during World War II. This resulted in a vast amount of information being collected some of which had never been shared publicly.

Fascinating stories of bravery and friendship were told with a large number of humorous anecdotes shared with the interviewers. Anna set up an excellent website which shows the work undertaken in this project. To mark the end of the project an open evening was held in the Solway Community Technology College which attracted hundreds of people.

The Rain or Shine Theatre Company was invited back to Silloth to perform another outdoor performance on the Green. This time it was Shakespeare's 'The Tempest', a tale that encompassed comic capers, romantic encounters, villainous plots and a host of apparitions and spirits, where a fantastic web of intrigue was woven. This event was very well attended and has shown once again its popularity as an event, bringing classical theatre into the heart of the local community.

The Beach Half Marathon was held for the third year running with numbers of entrants up on 2014. This event went very well despite earlier organisational difficulties due to circumstances out of STAG's control. With sheer determination and perseverance these difficulties were overcome resulting in a successful event. The piece de resistance was the filming of the event by James Smith and his drone!

The annual Bonfire held on the airfield had a good turnout and was enjoyed by all those attending. Local pyrotechnics gave their services free with STAG only having to foot the bill for the fireworks which was just as well as the cost was £100 per minute! The fair provided rides for all ages and the food stalls ensured that those attending could buy food and hot drinks.

The Silloth and District Chamber of Trade was set up at the request of STAG by Don Graham, formerly employed by Cumbria Chamber of Commerce. He and Chris are still leading this group, although it was hoped that by now one or more of the businesses would have come forward to take over the reins. Support at the outset looked promising and the group was engaged by the many issues currently affecting Silloth. Unfortunately, during the summer months of 2015, meeting numbers dwindled and have yet to pick up again. Given the support the business community has recently shown for Silloth in Bloom it is hoped that this will be the catalyst for increased engagement in the future.

Friends of the Green – Cllr. Chris Graham



The 2015 Green Day was once again a huge success. Despite the cool weather the event attracted hundreds of people to it.

There was something for everyone. Donkey rides with long queues of youngsters waiting their turn gave a nostalgic feel to the Green whilst interest in the mechanics of the vintage vehicles was brisk throughout the day. There was a wide variety of stalls including handicrafts, toys, confectionery and of course food and beverages. Charity stalls were allowed free and these included the North West Ambulance, Cumbria in Bloom and the RNLI. BBC Radio Cumbria had a stall and not to miss an opportunity Owen Martin, Chair of FOG and Bill Jefferson, Deputy Chair of STC both gave interviews on air and so were able to promote Silloth.

Birds of prey gave the crowds an impressive display of skill and it was amazing the rapport they had with their handlers. We were told it takes many years to develop a relationship with these beautiful birds. Face painting was very much in demand and the queue continued to grow as the day progressed.

The highlight of Green Day had to be the Dog Show. An incredible number of dogs were entered and the judges had some difficult decisions to make in each of the categories. There were large dogs, small dogs, long haired dogs, short haired dogs, even dogs dressed up in outfits all of whom had owners who felt their dog was the best!

The Friends of the Green relies heavily on its volunteers and none more so than Ann Winter with her sister in law Joan, and Vivian Russell. Ann and Joan visit the Community Garden regularly to weed and tidy the flower beds. Most days of the week Ann can be seen trowel in hand kneeling at one of the beds challenging the weeds to grow!

With Ann's help the Community Garden has continued to be a source of interest to visitors. In 2015 Silloth saw the rose garden transformed from a garden where roses withered, to a beautiful bee and rose garden. Vivian spent hundreds of hours creating a haven for bees and other insects. A bee hotel was made by the greens team to replicate the Victorian pagoda and a matching weather vane was commissioned. The garden soon became very popular with visitors and residents and great interest was shown in the transformation. Our grateful thanks go to these ladies who give so much of their time in ensuring that the Green develops into a place of real beauty.

Our entry into the Cumbria in Bloom awards proved once again to be successful. For the second year in succession Silloth was nominated best coastal town and the community garden and bee and rose garden were given a special award by the RHS. Our thanks go to Anna Malina for preparing and delivering the presentation for the judges. Following the awards, CIB judges nominated Silloth to be considered as a finalist for Britain in Bloom. After a few nerve racking weeks we were delighted to be told that we had been successful. It is now even more important that everyone associated with the Green works together to ensure that when the CIB and BIB judges come to Silloth they won't be disappointed. The stakes are much higher now.

North West Allerdale Neighbourhood Forum – Cllr. G. Wilkinson

The Forum covers an area bounded by Allonby, Aspatria, Silloth, Anthorn and Bowness-on-Solway.

From my records the Forum have only met once in the past twelve months. This was in July when the matters discussed were the forthcoming Tour of Britain cycle race and how to make the most of its presence in the area, plus the consultation on the proposal for the formation of an internal drainage board for the Waver and Wampool catchment area.

Sports Association - Cllr. Ian Baty

The purpose of the Sports Association was for the Sports Clubs to work together, with the Town Council, to enable them to access funding to improve the sports facilities in the town.

No report.


Silloth Coastal Community Team – Cllr. Bill Jefferson

In October, the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) announced a new initiative to create coastal community teams that would deliver economic growth to seaside towns and their surrounding countryside. Silloth was quickly out of the blocks and formed a Team from the inspired and dedicated community within Silloth. We made our bid and along with another 110 coastal towns won £10,000 to create our own economic strategy to deliver projects using their themes. They are: encouraging greater local partnership working, supporting local solutions to economic issues, encourage the sustainable use of heritage and cultural assets to provide both focus for community activities and enhanced economic opportunities, promoting the visitor economy and supporting the sustainable growth of the local business sector. None of this was new to the Team as they had all either individually or collectively driven those same or similar themes for years. However, the fact that government has woken up to what is needed, we can go forward on familiar ground to deliver our agenda.

Based on the themes above our strategy contains a raft of projects from wildlife tourism to Silloth in Bloom, Victorian facelift scheme, to the Silloth to Allonby cycleway.

Round four of the Coastal Communities fund launches on 23rd May and we will be bidding to this to kick start our journey as a Coastal Team. The initiative is supported and anchored by Allerdale Borough Council.

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**Gillian
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**Sergeant
1113**



**Peter
Nichol**

**PCSO
5299**

A Message from your Neighbourhood Policing Team

Our new web-site is up and running and you can find general advice and information on how to deal with some situations, and who would be best to contact to assist with them. www.cumbria.police.uk/services

Crime prevention over the summer months.

Rural Crime

Please be vigilant where you park your vehicle, ideally park in well used car parks and try to avoid parking in laybys in isolated locations. Please remove all belongings including tell-tale signs such as satellite navigation / iPod cables.

Keep an eye on your oil storage tank, make regular checks on the level of oil and make sure any filling caps are secure. There are specialist alarms that can be fitted to alert the householder of any tampering to the tank or a sudden drop in the level of oil.

Cyclists are advised to secure your cycle at all times to immovable object. There have been instances where cyclists have popped into toilets or into a café and on returning to where they left their cycle, it has been stolen. Think about registering your bike through the Bike Register scheme, ask your local PCSO for details.

Cumbria Community Messaging

Please pass this message onto friends, family and residents of your areas to re highlight the issue.

If you would like to join Cumbria Community Messaging then please contact us or visit:
www.cumbriacommunitymessaging.co.uk

It is managed by the Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch Association and offers you and other members of communities across Cumbria the means to receive crime information from Cumbria Police. You can select which information you wish to receive by managing your own settings, and it is completely FREE. Anyone can join, you do not have to be a member of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW), or become a member of NHW to join. Farm Watch, Church Watch and Camping and Caravan Watch are a small example of the schemes that you can register for. You can join as an individual or as a group. If you want to receive information but do not wish to be responsible for a larger group, you are still welcome to make use of this messaging system.

As well as Cumbria Constabulary the partners providing information are Cumbria County Council, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service and Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch Association. If you do not have internet access, contact your local PCSO and they will aid in registering your details on the system.

YOU CAN ALSO FOLLOW CUMBRIA POLICE ON TWITTER AND FACEBOOK. THESE WILL GIVE TRAFFIC REPORTS AND INFORMATION IN RELATION TO CUMBRIA POLICE AND ANY UNEXPECTED INCIDENTS.

www.twitter.com/cumbriapolice or <https://www.facebook.com/cumbriapolice>

Contact can be made to: call 101

For emergency always call 999

Your local Inspector is Inspector 1653 Richard Smillie

Your local Sergeant is Sergeant 1113 Gillian Atkinson

Your local Police Community Support Officer is: PCSO 5299 Peter Nichol

Email: peter.nichol@cumbria.police.uk

Silloth Police Desk

When: Wednesdays – from 2pm to 4pm

11th May 2016
15th June 2016
20th July 2016
24th August 2016
28th September 2016
2nd November 2016
7th December 2016

Where: Silloth Local Links Community Office, Liddell Street, Silloth



Park Watch Scheme

What is a park watch scheme?

Similar to neighbourhood watch schemes, a Park Watch scheme aims to protect parks from vandalism and improve safety and security.

Why do we need a park watch scheme?

A Park Watch scheme can help to ensure that a park is safe for children to play in and for all the community to use. Park users and people overlooking parks should report any vandalism or anti-social behaviour that they witness, so that the Police can build up a profile of anti-social activity in an area.

Reporting vandalism also helps the Council make sure that any damage is repaired as quickly as possible.

If you see it - report it!

If you would be interested in getting involved in a new Park Watch scheme, then drop a line to the Town Clerk at townclerk@silloth-on-solway.co.uk.

Communication and Consultation

The Council is committed to being accessible by all and to sharing information about what we do. We do this in the following ways:

Websites

With more and more online users taking advantage of the benefits of the internet, Silloth-on-Solway Town Council's website seeks to provide the community of Silloth with important and interesting information.

As well as publishing information about the Town Council, the Silloth-on-Solway Town Council website supplies online visitors with helpful information on the community including details about forthcoming events, town history, local and Council services and information for visitors to the town. We also publish our Council Policy documents, Annual Reports, Statement of Accounts and Minutes of meetings etc., in line with requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For more information about Silloth Green, its history, forthcoming events etc. take a look at the dedicated website at www.sillothgreen.co.uk and also the Facebook and Twitter pages.



www.silloth-on-solway-tc.gov.uk



www.sillothgreen.co.uk

Social Media

Facebook is used as a quick method of getting information, news and updates into the public domain <https://www.facebook.com/TownClerk>.

Notice boards

Details of all Town Council Meetings are displayed on the Town Council's notice boards on Criffel Street, at Skinburness Road (on the bus shelter) and at the Community Hall on Petteril Street.

Solway Buzz

Information is provided to the Solway Buzz which is our local free paper and is circulated around households within Silloth and the surrounding area.

Local Newspapers

The Council engages closely with local newspapers and they are welcome to attend and report on meetings of the Council. Regular press releases are sent to local media on matters of interest relating to the Green and other ongoing projects.

Direct contact

Direct contact with Councillors is always welcome. See page 27 for contact details of Town Councillors.

Services provided by the Town Council

Public Open Spaces – The Town Council manage large areas of public open spaces. Silloth Green incorporates Harbour Green, a large area known simply as ‘the Green,’ and Skinburness Green which is one of the largest and longest village Greens in England. The Town Council also own and maintain land at New Street and an area of land at West Silloth. There are plans to re-establish the land at West Silloth as a children’s play area and community garden. See page 22 for more details.

Sports and Recreation - The Town Council are responsible for the maintenance of the Eden Street sports fields, the football changing rooms, the former Squash court which is occupied by the Solway Fitness Centre and the tennis courts on Skinburness Road.



Playgrounds - Within our Open Spaces, the Town Council is responsible for the up-keep of the playground at Eden Street, the Woodland play area on the Green, the Water Splash park and the BMX track. They are looked after by the Council’s grounds maintenance team and are regularly inspected to ensure they are clean and safe. An independent annual safety inspection is also carried out.

Street Furniture - The Town Council owns and maintains benches, seats, bins and notice boards on the Green and other areas.

Silloth Community Hall – The administrative centre of the Town Council, the Community Hall provides an office for the Town Clerk and also houses the Council meeting room. There are rooms and kitchen facilities available for use by individuals, local groups and organisations for meetings etc. If you would like to book a room or enquire as to the availability, please get in touch with the Town Clerk on Tel: 016973 31128 Mob: 0777 5686857 Email: townclerk@silloth-on-solway.co.uk.

Allotments - Silloth Town Council’s allotments are situated at the top of Eden Street, adjacent to Skiddaw Street and are available to rent by residents of Silloth. Allotments are extremely popular and there is often a lengthy waiting list. An application form is available on the Council’s website or alternatively contact the Town Clerk.

Civic Services - The Mayor of Silloth is happy to support any Silloth-based resident, organisation or group as far as diary commitments allow. If you would like the Mayor to attend an event, please contact the Town Clerk or the Mayor direct.

Planning Applications - The Town Council monitors all planning applications applicable to areas within the Town, making representations to the Planning Authorities as necessary.

Representing local views - The Town Council has actively promoted the views and interests of Silloth to national, regional and county level government on a host of consultative matters.

Council Offices and Support Services - The Town Clerk provides a full range of management, financial and administrative support to the Council, the Mayor and its staff. The Town Clerk is usually the first point of contact for members of the public, who have questions to bring up with the Council.

Silloth Green

The Green forms a grassy link between the Silloth townscape and the sea front promenade, complementing the grand regency style buildings on Criffel Street, which runs along the opposite side of the broad cobbled road.

Successful funding bids to Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) under the 'Parks for People Programme,' resulted in a refurbishment project to restore the Green and its heritage buildings. The major restoration work was completed in 2012, with additional improvements carried out since then.

Achievements in 2015/16:

- ✓ Creation of a Heritage Rose and Bee Garden – After extensive work to improve the drainage, the garden was replanted with bee and butterfly friendly plants, including roses which attract bees and withstand the wind blowing off the sea where the garden is exposed at the Arcade end.
- ✓ Interpretation panels on the Green have been installed at the Bee Garden and also inside the Pagoda.
- ✓ Winner in the 2015 Cumbria in Bloom competition and nominated as a Finalist in Britain in Bloom.
- ✓ Green Flag status achieved for 2015/16 for the 3rd year running. The coveted award is a benchmark national standard for parks and green spaces in the UK. It recognises that the Green meets the extremely high standards set by Keep Britain Tidy.
- ✓ Victorian style lighting has been installed along the edge of the Green on Criffel Street, to compliment the heritage style of the town. This was part of the original proposals to HLF but was taken out when the match funding was significantly reduced.
- ✓ The shelter on Skinburness Road has been extensively renovated and is almost complete.



Legacy of the Silloth Green Project



The Silloth Green HLF funded restoration project has been many years in planning and realisation and has ended officially on 30 April 2016. The Evaluation Report records and illustrates its outcomes in its full historical context as a permanent record of what a small remote community can achieve through the efforts of its own people when they come together to breathe life and hope into the focused realisation of a dream shared by all.

The switching on of the Victorian lights separating the Green from the town on 26 April marked the completion of the final action in the project. The project has been led formally by Silloth Town Council but could never have been achieved without the assistance of all sectors of the community, young and old, creating a strong sense of civic pride, self-belief, ownership and responsibility which augurs well for the future sustainability of what has been created. Nor could the project have succeeded without the understanding, advice, flexibility and funding of the HLF or the considerable support of Allerdale Borough Council and Cumbria County Council, both of whom regularly went the extra mile when it was needed.

Key funding elements have also been from the RDPE and a substantial commitment from Silloth Town Council, not only financial but through considerable inputs from its own work force. The addition of a dedicated Community Engagement Officer helped significantly. Plans are already well laid to build on and enhance the success of this project and to extend the reach to communities close-by.

Silloth Community Hall



Petteril Street, Silloth, CA7 4EA

Web: www.sillothcommunityhall.co.uk

Email: townclerk@silloth-on-solway.co.uk

Silloth Community Hall is owned and run by Silloth Town Council. In recent years, considerable improvements have been carried out to make the building fit for purpose. The Town Council want to create a place belonging to the community, where people and groups can meet, socialise and network, in a safe and friendly environment. The Hall provides a convenient and valuable location for a variety of groups, clubs, organisations to hold meetings and host varied events.

The building itself has two rooms and a well-equipped kitchen. There are modern well-appointed male and female toilets, as well as a disabled toilet which also has baby changing facilities. The Hall houses the Town Clerk's office and is also the home of the Solway Woodcarving Group, who have their workshop within the building.

The building is situated next to the Solway Coast Discovery Centre where you will find the Tourist Information Centre and Library. Also nearby is the Sports Hall, Silloth Primary School and Solway Community Technology College.

Rooms are available for private hire to individuals, groups and businesses. Come and see the hall for yourself to fully appreciate all that it has to offer. All of our facilities are available on a "one off" or regular basis, so please use our contact details to get in touch detailing your requirements and we will be happy to assist with your room hire needs.

We now have a dedicated website and a Facebook page for the Community Hall to promote its use which has had encouraging results over the last year, with a number of new groups starting to use the building. There's also an online calendar to see when the building is in use.

Town Centre Clean Up – Friday 15 July 2016

This year's Silloth Town Centre Clean Up will take place from **10am to around 2pm on Friday the 15 July.**

As in previous years, we will have members of the Allerdale Borough Council's Streetscene Team and staff from FCC and ISS on hand to undertake work as needed.

Volunteers are welcome with equipment, cleaning materials and refreshments provided. Anyone wanting to help out just needs to come suitably dressed and come to Silloth Community Hall at 10am on the day.



Please can you spread word of this event and encourage people to get involved? We're also very keen to hear suggestions of works / small projects that we could do on the day. It has to be public space but we've done cleaning, weeding, painting, digging, litter-picking amongst other things before now. Contact the Town Clerk at townclerk@silloth-on-solway.co.uk

In addition to the Town Centre Clean Up, we will be organising some litter picks on the Green and other areas around the town in the coming weeks. Watch out for the dates. Pop along and lend a hand.

Let's ensure Silloth is looking at its best for the Britain in Bloom judging.

Festivals & Events

The Town Council is committed to supporting festivals and events in the town, for the benefit of residents and visitors alike. The Town Council was allocated £10,000 by Allerdale Borough Council during 2015/16 which the Town Council decided to use to support events and festivals in the town. Funds were distributed to Silloth Tourism Action Group, Silloth Vintage Rally, Silloth Festivals and used towards the cost of the big screen located on the Green during the Tour of Britain cycle race.

The events on the Green are organised by dedicated groups of volunteers, who put in a lot of effort beforehand and on the day of the event, to enable them to take place. The organisers are always keen to welcome new volunteers and if you would like to get involved, then get in touch with the individual committees or contact the Town Clerk, who can pass your details on to them.

If you would like to apply to hold an event on the Green, it will be necessary to fill in an application form. The application form and other relevant documentation needs to be returned to the Town Clerk at least 28 days prior to the event but it is advisable to get in touch long before the proposed event to get the Council's initial approval and to make sure the date is available.

For more information about organising an event, check out the Town Council's website where you can download all the relevant forms etc. or contact the Town Clerk, who will provide you with a hard copy.

Forthcoming Events

25 – 28 March 2016 <i>All day</i>	Craft Marquee at Silloth Green
28 & 29 May 2016 <i>All day</i>	Silloth Green Day at Silloth Green
11 & 12 June 2016 <i>All day</i>	Silloth Vintage Rally at Silloth Green
11 June 2016 <i>5.00pm – 9.00pm</i>	Queen's 90 th Birthday Picnic at Silloth Green
24 - 26 June 2016 <i>12.00 noon onwards</i>	Ragnarock Rally at Silloth Rugby Club
23 & 24 July 2016 <i>All day</i>	West Coast Retro Weekender at Silloth Green
27 - 29 August 2016 <i>All day</i>	Silloth Carnival at Silloth Green
4 – 6 September 2016 <i>All day</i>	Silloth Food, Craft & Film Fair at Silloth Green
8 - 11 September 2016 <i>All day</i>	Silloth Music & Beer Festival at Silloth Green
October 2016 <i>7.00pm</i>	Bonfire & Fireworks on the Airfield, Silloth





Silloth was a winner in the 2015 Cumbria in Bloom Awards

Silloth-on-Solway has won the Cumbria in Bloom 'Coastal Town' Award for the Second Year running. In addition, this year, the special category Continental Landscapes Trophy was awarded to Silloth for the Community Garden and the new Bee Loving Garden, which were joint winners. In addition, the two gardens were individual winners in the Britain in Bloom Royal Horticultural 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Category, each gaining a Level 5 'Outstanding' result.

Cllr. Bill Jefferson, Chair of the Silloth Town Council Parks Committee said "I am delighted at the numerous awards achieved by Silloth and particularly the special recognition of outstanding awarded to the Bee Centre/Rose Garden project."

Both winning gardens are looked after by local volunteers. Anne Winter puts in many hours in the Community Garden, which opened in April 2014, and is much admired by local people and visitors.

More recently, from May of this year, Vivian Russell has put many long hours into digging out and adding a variety of different bee loving plants to the sunken Rose Garden, which was originally created in 1953 to celebrate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Over the Winter of 2014/15, the site was drained by Silloth Town Council, but replanting the garden with roses alone was problematic due to a condition known as 'rose sickness' caused by a build-up of soil pests and pathogens over time. This led to a complete rethink of the garden. The Council decided to bring the garden into the 21st century and address pressing concerns over the welfare of our bees, butterflies and biodiversity, while at the same time preserving the heritage of the site.

The garden has been entirely replanted by Vivian with robust bee, bug and butterfly friendly annuals, perennials, shrubs and roses, the latter having been planted inside empty chip boxes filled with new soil and nutrients before being covered over. Vivian believes that "by the time the boxes have disintegrated the old soil will be fine for the rose roots to grow in." Her hope is that the plants chosen will withstand the wind blowing off the sea, especially where the garden is exposed at the arcade end.

In the middle of the new bee loving garden stands a striking Bee and Bug Hotel, a replica of the Victorian Pagoda, which overlooks the Solway from the top of the wooded area above the Splash pad. The replica structure was built by the Green's Maintenance Team. The weathervane on the top is a copy of the original weather vane, which sat for many years on the top of the original Victorian pagoda.



The sunny side of the bee hotel, described by one of the Cumbria in Bloom judges as 'fit for a Queen (as in Queen Bee),' faces the Green and has nesting sites for solitary bees to use next spring. The other three sides provide shelter and a place to 'over winter' for other insects. Vivian grew many flowers from seed, and has filled the gaps between the young garden perennials with the annual green manure Phacelia, which is a brilliant plant for bees. The garden is 100% organic. Many people have stopped by the garden over the summer to admire Vivian's efforts and the beautiful display of colourful flowers. The hope is to develop education plans with local schoolchildren and advise adults over the choice of plants for their own gardens. Vivian hopes that people will take away some ideas, knowing that the plants will cope with our Cumbrian weather. Enter 'Silloth Bees' in the 'Search' button on Facebook to learn more and 'like' this exciting new Garden.

Silloth-on-Solway named 2016 RHS 'Britain in Bloom' Finalist



Silloth-on-Solway is overjoyed by the news that the town has been selected from more than 600 entrants to take part in the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Britain in Bloom UK Finals 2016 in the Coastal Town (up to 12k) category. The recent announcement identifies Silloth as one of the best cared for communities in the UK and presents the Town Council and volunteers with a fantastic opportunity to promote what is happening in the town.

Andrea Van Sittart, RHS Head of Community Outreach, said:

"We would like to congratulate Silloth-on-Solway for reaching the UK finals of RHS Britain in Bloom. It's a tremendous achievement and illustrates the town's impressive commitment to improving their local environment."

"Volunteers of all ages and all walks of life participate in Bloom, making extraordinary efforts to improve streets and neighbourhoods in towns, villages and cities across Britain. It is vital we celebrate and recognise their efforts to strengthen their communities and inspire others to get involved."

Britain in Bloom started in 1964 and is now a UK-wide campaign with a strong focus on environmentally friendly responsible practices, bringing people together to create greener and cleaner surroundings, as well as building civic pride. The Finals Judging Tour is to take place in August 2016, when judges will travel the length and breadth of the UK to visit all 72 finalists in under two weeks.

Along with the other finalists, Silloth will be judged on three criteria; 'Horticultural Achievement,' 'Community Participation,' and 'Environmental Responsibility.'

Silloth Mayor, Tony Markley said:

"The Britain in Bloom campaign is as much about the community as it is about horticulture and the local environment. The Town Council and its staff provide support and work closely with volunteers to generate local pride and achieve the best for the town."

Silloth Green has already been recognised as one of the District's top green spaces, having achieved Cumbria in Bloom's 'Coastal Town' Award for the past two years, as well as joint RHS 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Awards in 2015 for the new Heritage Rose and Bee Garden and the Community Garden.

In addition to the Green, the Britain in Bloom judges tour will cover different areas of the town.

Bill Jefferson, Chair of the Parks Committee of the Council and Tourism Portfolio Holder for Allerdale Borough Council hopes that different groups in the town will come together to meet the Britain in Bloom challenge.

"We hope very much that members of the local community including residents, the business community, events, schools, churches, sports and youth groups will all step up to the plate and join the Council to work collectively to make Silloth look its very best before the judges visit. Improving the town will have added benefits, quality of life for local people will increase, visitors will get more enjoyment and businesses will profit too."

"We are asking for support funding from the Government's Coastal Community Fund and from HLF. We are also very grateful for the continuing support and advice from Allerdale Borough Council through their town centre manager, Joe Broomfield and to Vivian Russell, the creator of the widely acclaimed environmentally innovative Bee Garden."

Cllr. Jefferson indicates that the next step is to invite representatives of the community, e.g. residents, organisations, clubs, groups and businesses to join members of the Parks Committee in creating a vibrant 'Silloth in Bloom' Team to take the town's efforts forward.

Those who would like to get involved are invited to contact Wendy Jameson, the Town Clerk (townclerk@silloth-on-solway.co.uk).

West Side Stories – Cllr. Denise Pattinson

In July last year, West Side Stories became a Facebook page for all those interested in life in West Silloth. The name was chosen after asking residents to put suggestions forward. Mrs. Christine Jones, of the Crofts, provided us with our new title.

A fun day, including children's sports, a raffle and barbecue at the Cumberland Inn was held over the August Bank Holiday weekend. It proved a great success and led to the forming of a temporary committee to look at ways of improving life in this area of the town.

Silloth Town Council had already placed some football posts, donated by Silloth Football Club, on the site of the former playing field which is close to all three main housing estates in the area, The Crofts, Holiday Crescent and the new estate Harvest Park, and this led to the committee looking at other ways the land could be used to benefit all residents of the area. After much discussion and consideration, it was agreed that the project we decided upon should be of use to all residents both old and young, with the hope that it would be something that the whole community would work, with adults and youngster working together. It was agreed that the best way forward would be to split the area into 3, with the area near the bridge being made into a children's playground, the football posts in the middle, and a small communal garden in the third area. The garden would be child led, with adult supervision. This will hopefully mean the area will provide something for everyone.

In March, Silloth Town Council agreed that the area could be used for the project that we had put forward. All work will be done in conjunction with the Council, who have provided valuable advice and support in our plans. In April the formal committee was formed and a constitution agreed. The work of fundraising and grant applications is beginning, with hopes that work can begin on the communal garden in the next few weeks. Over the past few months, we have continued to update our Facebook page, and held various local events including Christmas Lights and Scarecrow competitions, raised over £130 via a raffle for the Floods Fund, and spoke to our MP Sue Hayman about the problems with speeding in our area.

I would personally like to thank all those that have helped us in the past year, especially Abi Martin, Susan Brown and the Cumberland Inn, also Heather Lennon and Kellymarie Higgins, for all their support. Our next fun day will be held in the next few weeks.



If you have any ideas of what you would like to see included in the new Community area at West Silloth, then please get in touch with Denise or send a message via the West Side Stories Facebook page. If you can help in any way, it would be appreciated, whether it's advice or practical help, even if it's only for a couple of hours now and again.

Finance

The Town Council is required to make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs and to ensure that one officer is responsible for the administration of those affairs. This requirement is detailed in the Local Government Act 1972 (s.151). The Town Clerk is the “Responsible Financial Officer” for the Town Council.

The Town Council is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is both adequate and effective. This process of management includes a sound system of internal control that includes arrangements for the management of risk. The Town Council conducts an annual review of the effectiveness of internal control.

The Town Council maintains accounts and supporting records in accordance with the appropriate legislation and national guidelines. A budget is set for the financial year and regular reports are submitted to Town Council meetings in order that councillors can scrutinise the Town Council’s financial position.

At the end of each financial year (31 March), a Statement of Accounts is produced for consideration by members of the Council. Each year the Accounts are audited by the internal Auditor and the Annual Return is then submitted to the external auditors BDO LLP at Southampton. The Accounts and Annual Return is available for public scrutiny.

How is the Town Council Financed?

The net cost of the Town Council’s activities in 2016 - 2017 is financed by levying a precept, which is added to the Council tax levy set by Allerdale Borough Council. In 2016 – 2017, the Town Council are raising a sum of £165,094, resulting in a charge on the council tax on a Band A property of £132.25 for the year, equating to £2.54 per week. The previous year’s precept for 2015 - 2016 was £152,770.

Silloth Town Council considered its budget in detail and had hoped not to increase the Precept. Despite its best efforts, the amount charged to each household increased this year due to a number of factors. The concurrent grant system has been phased out and from 1 April 2013, national council tax benefit was replaced by council tax support which took the form of reductions within the council tax system and affected the council tax base. For 2016-2017, the Town Council received £2,217 in Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant from Central Government which was less than the previous year’s grant of £3,310.

£5,000 has been included in the budget for 2016/17, to provide for the cost of replacement vehicles and equipment. The Council have the opportunity of doing some contracting work for Cumbria Highways which will bring in some much needed revenue and benefit the town in the long term. £10,000 was also included in the budget for the Silloth Green Project, towards ongoing improvements and costs in relation to the Green.



Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 March 2016

2014/15 £		2015/16 £
	INCOME	
1,009	Allotment Rents	1,025
185	Bank Interest	443
87	Community Hall rent	430
0	Disposals of Equipment	4,000
150,539	Grants Received	146,987
2,450	Green Activities	2,680
1,000	Grounds Maintenance Income	5,180
6,757	Ice Cream Concessions	4,075
2,005	Other Income	3,790
119,893	Precept & Concurrent Grants	152,770
4,735	Refunds Received	4,846
1,980	Sports Club Rents	1,980
290,640	TOTAL INCOME	328,206
	EXPENDITURE	
6,762	Administration	5,718
1,381	Allotments	813
1,654	Changing Room Expenses	1,594
335	Christmas Lights	0
13,289	Community Hall Alterations & Repairs	0
6,029	Community Hall Running Expenses	6,768
195	S137 Expenditure	145
2,904	Eden Street Electric	2,765
2,037	Green Activities - Expenses	1,959
5,031	Grounds Maintenance	5,545
7,025	Insurance	9,018
0	Legal Fees	734
232	Maintenance of Sports Areas	3,489
557	Miscellaneous	34
9,174	Splash Pad Expenses	7,811
1,559	Play Areas - Maintenance & Equipment	2,191
10,802	Public Conveniences	12,514
326	Purchase of Seats	429
188	Purchase of Signs	309
4,558	Purchase of Vehicles & Equipment	48,169
1,000	Revenue Grant Overclaim	0
110,112	Salaries & Wages	114,763
74,268	Silloth Green Project	71,032
960	Squash Court - rates etc.	1,290
8,400	Tourism	10,480
4,773	Training costs	4,186
3,500	Transport & Vehicle Costs	4,395
0	Youth Provision	400
277,051	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	316,551
13,589	NET EXPENDITURE	11,655

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Balance Sheet at 31 March 2016

2014/15		2015/16
£	ASSETS	£
	Cash & Bank Accounts	
10,864	Current Account	15,009
20,031	Deposit Account	33,031
3	Treasurer Account	3
3,852	Wages Account	5,641
95	Cash Account	105
34,845	Total Cash & Bank Accounts	53,789
	Other Assets	
3,502	Debtors	1,591
38,347	TOTAL ASSETS	55,380
	LIABILITIES	
14,385	Creditors	19,763
23,962	NET ASSETS	35,617
	REPRESENTED BY:	
10,373	General Fund Balance at 1.4.2015	23,962
13,589	Less Net Expenditure	11,655
23,962	TOTAL RESERVES	35,617

The above statements fairly represent the financial position of the Town Council as at 31 March 2016 and reflects its income and expenditure during that year.

These Accounts have been approved by the Town Council at their meeting on 9 May 2016.

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council - Budget Figures**2015/16 2016/17**

INCOME	£	£
Allotment Rents	1,000	1,100
Bank Interest	10	150
Community Hall Rental Income	500	500
Grants Received	22,477	0
Green Facilities	500	500
Fairground Rent	2,450	2,000
Ice Cream Concessions	6,500	6,500
Grounds Maintenance Income	1,000	4,000
Other Miscellaneous Income	50	50
Sports Club Rents	1,980	1,980
Total Income	£36,567	£16,780
EXPENSES		
Administration	6,000	5,500
Allotment Expenses	1,000	1,000
Allotment Association – Funding	0	500
Changing Room Expenses – Elec, Rates, Water & Reps	2,400	2,450
Christmas Lights	0	500
Community Hall Repairs	0	1,000
Community Hall Running Expenses	5,000	5,500
Eden Street Electric	2,500	2,500
Election costs	1,500	0
Green Activities – Expenses	2,500	2,000
Grounds Maintenance	6,500	6,500
Insurance Costs	7,000	8,000
Legal Fees	1,000	3,500
Maintenance of Sports Areas	1,000	1,000
Play Areas - Maintenance & Equipment	3,000	2,500
Public Conveniences – Elec, Rates, Maintenance & Water	10,800	11,320
Purchase of Vehicles & Equipment	10,000	5,000
Salaries & Wages	114,061	95,871
Silloth Green Project	0	10,000
Splash Pad - Water & Electricity	8,500	8,500
Squash Court – Rates	950	950
Tourism - Tourist Information Centre	4,936	2,500
Tourism - STAG	0	2,500
Transport & Vehicle Costs	4,000	4,000
Youth Provision	0	1,000
Total Expenditure	£192,647	£184,091
Net Expenditure/Income	£156,080	£167,311
Precept	152,770	165,094
CTRS	3,310	2,217
Concurrent Grant	0	0
	£156,080	£167,311

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AND NOTICE BOARDS LOCATED AT:-

- Silloth Green, Criffel Street, Silloth
- Silloth Community Hall, Petteril Street, Silloth
- Skinburness Road (bus shelter), Silloth

For contact details of your Councillors and Clerk, please refer to the previous page of this report.

For information and help on the following services, please call the appropriate authority (details at the right of this page) :-

Bulk Waste Collection Service	ABC
Bus Shelters	STC
Car Parks (Silloth)	STC
Cemetery (Causewayhead)	ABC
Council Tax	ABC
Dog Wardens	ABC
Education	CCC
Environmental Health	ABC
Fly Tipping	ABC
Grit Bins	CCC
Highways	CCC
Housing	ABC
Libraries	CCC
Licensing	ABC
Seats	STC
Pest Control	ABC
Planning Permission	ABC
Play Areas (Silloth)	STC
Sports Fields/Tennis Courts	STC
Potholes	CCC

Public Toilets	STC
Recycling (inc. bag scheme)	ABC
Refuse Collection	ABC
Reg. of Births, Deaths, Marriages	CCC
Register of Electors	ABC
Rights of Way (footpaths/bridleways)	CCC
Silloth Green	STC
Social Services	CCC
Street Cleaning	ABC
Street Lighting Repairs	ABC
Trading Standards	ABC

STC

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CCC

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The Courts
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Web: www.cumbria.gov.uk

INFORMATION AND HELP

Cumbria County Council

Tel: 01228 606060

Allerdale Borough Council

Tel: 01900 702702

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Citizens Advice Bureau

Providing consumer advice, free of charge on a range of issues or complaints.

Website: www.adviceguide.org.uk

Consumer Helpline: 08454 040506

Textphone: Dial 18001 followed by helpline number 08454 040506

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Always dial 999 in case of an emergency

Police

For emergency assistance from police ambulance and fire services dial 999

Only dial 999 if:

- Offenders are nearby
- Life is at risk
- Injury is caused or threatened
- Crime or disorder is in progress
- Emergency situations

For everything else call 101 which should be used to report non-emergency crime and anti-social behaviour issues, as well as general enquiries.

Cumbria Police

Tel: (non emergency) 101

Email: AllerdaleRuralNPT@cumbria.police.uk

Web: www.cumbria.police.uk

Cumbria Police – Silloth Newsletter:

www.cumbria.police.uk/neighbourhood-overview/silloth?style=pdf

Crimestoppers

Tel: 0800 555 111

Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service

Tel: (non emergency) 0300 303 8623

Web: www.cumbriafire.gov.uk

Cumbria County Council Transport and Roads: Integrated Transport Team

Tel: 01228 226014

Email: integrated.transport@cumbria.gov.uk

Highways Hotline

Tel: 0300 303 2992 (answer phone service evenings, weekends and public holidays)

Email: contact@cumbriahighways.co.uk

Gas & Electric Emergencies

Gas emergency contact: 0800 111 999

www.nationalgrid.com/uk/gas/

Electricity emergency contact: 0845 708 090

United Utilities

Tel: 0845 7462200

Water Leakline

Tel: 0800 330033

Floodline

24 hour emergency service - 0845 988 1188

For flood warnings and other useful information and advice on what to do before, during and after a flood, Visit <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods/default.aspx>

Doctors:-

Silloth Group Medical Practice

Lawn Terrace, Silloth, Cumbria, CA7 4AH

Tel: 016973 31309

Fax: 016973 32834

Out of hours: 03000 247 247

Web: www.sillothgroupmedicalpractice.nhs.uk

Silloth Clinic

Lawn Terrace, Silloth, Cumbria, CA7 4AH

Tel: 016973 31325

Hospitals:-

Cumberland Infirmary

Newtown Road, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA2 7HY

Tel: 01228 523444

West Cumberland Hospital

Homewood, Hensingham, Cumbria, CA28 8JG

Tel: 01946 693181

Visit NHS Choices website to get full details of GP's, dentists, opticians, pharmacists in the area.

Web: www.nhs.uk/Pages/HomePage.aspx

Annual Town Meeting

I hereby give notice of the Silloth Annual Town Meeting which will be held in the Community Hall, Petteril Street, Silloth on 23 May 2016, commencing at 7.00 pm.

W E Jameson

Wendy Jameson
Town Clerk

Agenda

1. **Apologies**
 2. **Minutes**
To approve the minutes of the Annual Town meeting held on 26 May 2015, as a true record.
 3. **Annual Town Report**
To receive the Annual Town Report.
 4. **Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2016**
To receive the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2016.
 5. **Matters of Interest**
To invite the public to raise any matters of interest.
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- **Purpose of the Annual Town Meeting** - The main purpose is to enable the registered electors to discuss matters which affect the town and to pass resolutions thereon. This meeting is also an opportunity for the Council and community group leaders to update the community about their activities over the last year and outline plans for the future.
 - **Who can attend the meeting?** - Anyone may attend but only registered electors in the town of Silloth may speak and vote.
 - **Will I be able to ask questions and make resolutions?** - Yes, any registered elector may ask questions of the Council. These will usually be answered by the Chairman or by the Town Clerk or a designated Councillor. An elector may also make suggestions and comment on town issues and propose resolutions. Resolutions relating to allotments are legally binding but all others are persuasive only, but will be considered by the Town Council at future meetings.
 - **Who will chair the meeting?** – The Chairman of the Town Council must chair the meeting, if present. In his absence the vice chairman must preside if present. If neither is able to attend, then the meeting will elect a chairman from those electors present.
 - **Will Town Councillors be there?** – Although there is no compulsion, Councillors normally attend. They will speak if required, but the purpose of the meeting is to enable the ordinary electors to have their say. Councillors will listen with interest and as electors themselves, also have the opportunity to raise questions and make comments if they wish.
 - **How long will the meeting last?** - As long as need be within reason. It really depends on those present and the number of questions and the discussion that is raised. The meeting will probably last one hour.
 - **Will the Press be there?** – The local press are allowed to attend the meeting, as they are for all meetings of the Council.