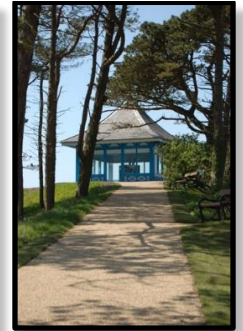


# Silloth-on-Solway Town Council



## Annual Report 2016/17



# 2016/17 Annual Town Report

Welcome to the 2016/17 Annual Report. This report has been produced and made available prior to the Silloth Annual Town Meeting, to be held on Tuesday 30th May 2017 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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**Published:** May 2017

# Mayor & County Council Report – Cllr. Tony Markley

I continue to receive many good comments from residents and visitors on how well the town is looking.

My thanks go to the dedicated staff, local community helpers and Town Councillors. We have been working to maintain The Green and various Town assets the Council has under its control.

The Town has yet again won the Best Coastal Town award in the Cumbria in Bloom competition with a vast array of awards given to specialist areas and members of the community been nominated for The Britain In Bloom National finals and receiving a Silver Gilt award for this is a marvellous achievement for the community and Town.

The Town still suffers from pockets of vandalism on The Green and around the area which incurs unnecessary use of tax payers' money to monitor and maintain. The Police are aware of this issue and ask all members of the community to be vigilant and report any incidents to the Police a.s.a.p.

The Town continues to prosper and attract many visitors to the annual events on The Green and around the Town. My thanks go to everyone who donates their time to these well attended events.

Denise and I have been privileged throughout the year to represent Silloth on Solway around the County at many Civic events and continued to host the civic service for the Town which was once again well attended by numerous organisations from all over the County.

The County Council has moved to its new offices in Botchergate at Carlisle and a new Chief Executive is in place. Cumbria has been awarded approximately £109 million pounds from the Conservative Government for highway, bridge and flood repairs after the horrendous storm Desmond damage that the County endured last year. This will continue to be delivered all over the County.

It has been another great year which I have thoroughly enjoyed. Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 will be election day for the County Council. It has been an honour to represent the Town as Mayor and your elected Cumbria County Councillor. I look forward to your support at this election and wish to continue serving "Silloth and The Solway Coast" to the best of my ability. Thank You.

Cllr Tony Markley  
"Silloth on Solway" Mayor  
Cumbria County Councillor  
Silloth & Solway Coast Division



Mayor Tony Markley and Cllr Bill Jefferson, receiving the SILVER Gilt Award for Silloth in the Coastal Town (up to 12k) category at the Britain in Bloom Awards Ceremony.



Mayor Tony Markley presenting Brian Story and Alan Oliver at the Golf Club with the Cumbria in Bloom award.

## Town Clerk's Report – Wendy Jameson



The 1 April 1997 was the date I started working for Silloth-on-Solway Town Council. Prior to this, I trained in Accountancy and when I started to have my family, I decided to look for something part-time to fit in with the kids. I don't think back then, I expected to still be in the same job 20 years later and to have enjoyed it as much as I have.

When I started, I worked 12 hours per week. The Council employed a part-time cleaner to clean what was then the Squash Court, and a guy to cut the grass and litter pick at the Eden Street sports and recreation area. As the Council has taken on more responsibility over the years, more staff have been employed and my hours have increased. I am now employed for 30 hours a week, although in truth I do an awful lot more. This job seems to have become a way of life for me.

In the 20 years that I have been Town Clerk, I have seen some considerable changes. I have had the opportunity to work with some interesting people, been involved with some exciting projects and thoroughly enjoyed working for the community of Silloth. There have also been some challenging times over the years, as can be expected but to see the town now and what we've achieved over the years, makes it all worthwhile. When you have 12 Councillors sat around a table, it's not always possible for everyone to agree and personalities occasionally clash but at the end of the day we have a common goal - to improve the town and represent the people who live here.

One project that I'm proud to have been a part of is the renovation of Silloth Green. Successful funding bids by the Town Council to Heritage Lottery under the Parks for People Programme resulted in a project spanning eight years to restore Silloth Green, its Victorian features and heritage buildings, with several new features also added. Silloth Green is the town's main asset and attracts visitors from far and wide. This was a large project for a relatively small Council. A visitor survey carried out in 2009 found that 80% of respondents said they had visited the Green before, while a similar survey in 2015 found an increase in respondents who had previously been to the Green, in addition to an increase in visitors from outside the area. In the 2015 survey, a large majority (72%) of respondents rated the Green's 'welcome/atmosphere' either a 9 or a 10 (out of 10). The various features on the Green were all ranked between 8.5 and 9.1 out of 10. The toilets were at 7.5, the car park at 8.1 and cleanliness of the park gaining 9.2. The perception of the park overall was 9.3 out of 10. This was a substantial increase from 2009, when only 15% gave these high scores.

For the last 4 years, Silloth Green has consistently achieved a Green Flag Award which is testament to the hard work and dedication of our grounds maintenance team and to the volunteers who help to keep the Green and its gardens in tip top condition.

Over the last 20 years, I've worked with seven different Chairmen - Jim Aird, Jim Snaith, Bill Allison, Margaret Snaith, Graham Wilkinson, Eli Baty and the present Chairman & Mayor Tony Markley – some of whom are still on the Council today and some of whom are sadly no longer with us. The role of Chairman is not an easy one. Chairmen have a duty to ensure that council meetings run smoothly, that all business is properly considered and all councillors who wish to speak can do so.

Technology has certainly changed in the last 20 years. In 1997, contacting the Council was by ringing the landline telephone or by letter. Back then, I used to type documents on a "word processor" but now almost everything is done by email which certainly speeds things up. The only drawback is the sheer number of emails we receive – often with documents that are 100's of pages long, all of which need to be filtered through and printed out. With smart phone technology, you are contactable 24/7 and can check your emails wherever you are. Good in some ways but bad in others. You need to be strong willed to resist the urge to check your emails and answer your phone



at all times of the day and night. The Local Government Transparency Code 2015 was issued to meet the government's desire to place more power into citizens' hands to increase democratic accountability. There is now a vast amount of information available on the Town Council's website, as a result. Technology has made the Council much more accessible to the public via the website and using social media which can only be a good thing.

Normally I'm not a one for attending events and functions but this year I made an exception.

- 14 July – Meeting the Cumbria in Bloom judges on their visit to the town.
- 4 August – Meeting the Britain in Bloom judges was an excellent opportunity to show them what our town had to offer.
- 8 September – Cumbria in Bloom Awards ceremony at Penrith, representing the town.
- 16 October – Silloth Civic Service at Christ Church Silloth which was attended by various local dignitaries and representatives from local organisations.
- 14 October – Attending the Britain in Bloom awards ceremony at Birmingham when Silloth achieved a Silver Gilt Award which was a tremendous result for our first year of entering.
- 13 March – Commonwealth Flag Raising ceremony at the Community Garden which was attended by youngsters from both schools and other representatives from the town.

One of the highlights of the year for me, was attending the Britain in Bloom awards ceremony at Birmingham, in my capacity as Town Clerk and Secretary of Silloth in Bloom, along with Tony Markley, our Chairman and Mayor, Bill Jefferson, Chair of Silloth in Bloom and the Parks Committee, and volunteers Ann Winter and Vivian Russell. It was an amazing evening, so glamorous and for Silloth to achieve a Silver Gilt award was brilliant. I felt so proud to see Tony and Bill go up to receive the award on Silloth's behalf. The icing on the cake for me was when Bill received a Community Champion Award which is given to individuals in recognition of their exceptional commitment and dedication to Britain in Bloom in their community. Bill has been a Town Councillor for almost as many years as I've been Town Clerk, is Chair of the Silloth in Bloom group and has been involved with Silloth's 'in bloom' activities for the last 4 years. The award was well deserved, despite his complete surprise when his name was called out.

I work with an amazing team of staff, all of whom have different skills they bring to the job. Our grounds maintenance team, ably led by Ken Wannop our Park Manager, take a lot of pride in their work, as this is their town and they all live here. Silloth Town Council is a pro-active, forward thinking Council and has taken on a lot of additional responsibilities over the years. This has resulted in a higher Precept compared to other towns but the Town Council can maintain the assets to a much higher standard than was previously achieved. We have a town we can be proud of which is the envy of a lot of other places and is backed up by the various awards we've achieved over the last few years. In 1997/98, the Precept was £45,000 for the year, whereas for 2017/18 the Precept is almost £171,000 which reflects the additional responsibilities the Town Council has taken on, as well as expected rises in costs.

Occasionally, I'm referred to as the Secretary of the Council which is one of my bugbears. The term "clerk" is sometimes misinterpreted to mean a Secretary with some admin skills and does not reflect the many other roles a Town Clerk must fulfil, including legal and financial advisor, publicity officer, events organiser, staff supervisor, lettings agent, accountant, website designer, Health & Safety Officer etc. The diversity of the role as Clerk is something I enjoy and it never ceases to amaze me how I continue to learn new things and develop new skills due to the job I do. It can be a stressful job at times but I wouldn't want to work anywhere else.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my 20<sup>th</sup> year as Town Clerk and I look forward to seeing what future projects the Council will be involved with.

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## 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 2016/17 are listed below: -

Cllr. A.J. Markley - Mayor  
Cllr. J. Cook - Deputy Mayor  
Cllr. I. Baty  
Cllr. A. Emmerson  
Cllr. C. Graham (resigned March 2017)  
Cllr. D. Graham (resigned March 2017)  
Cllr. S.F. Graham  
Cllr. W. Jefferson O.B.E.  
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 must 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 2017/18: -

Mon 5 June 2017	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 3 July 2017	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 4 September 2017	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 2 October 2017	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 6 November 2017	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 4 December 2017	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 15 January 2018	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 5 February 2018	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 5 March 2018	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 2 April 2018	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 7 May 2018	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room

## Representatives on Outside bodies

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

Our local Allerdale and County Council representatives are as follows:

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| • <b>Cumbria County Council</b>    | Cllr. A.J. Markley            |
| • <b>Allerdale Borough Council</b> | 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                           |
| • Donna Collin  | – Cleaner                                    |

# Committees

## Planning Committee

The Town Council is a statutory consultee on all planning applications for Silloth. This means that the Town Council can 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 33 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](http://www.allerdale.gov.uk/planningapplicationsearch)

And the County Council's website: -

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

**2016/17 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.

**2016/17 Members:** - Cllrs. D. Pattinson, G. Wilkinson, A. Emmerson, D. Graham & 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.

**2016/17 Members:** - Cllrs. G. Wilkinson, D. Graham, J. Cook, 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.

**2016/17 Members:** - Cllrs. W. Jefferson, G. Wilkinson, I. Baty, S. Graham, O. Martin & C. Graham.





## Allerdale Borough Council – Cllr. Bill Jefferson



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I have now completed two years on the Allerdale Executive Committee with specific portfolio responsibility for the supervision and implementation of Allerdale wide strategies for heritage, tourism, culture and economic growth. In addition, I participate in all major discussions affecting the Borough. This means I can keep a close watch and influence decisions which affect all communities and rural areas in general and Silloth, in particular. I continue to be responsible for the work and funding of the Solway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty which I have chaired for the past 16 years. The AONB-led Coastal Community Team has recently secured £1m funding for developments in our area. The AONB has a national reputation with its headquarters firmly embedded in Silloth. I continue to be Allerdale's appointee to the Lake District National Park and their representative on the National Park Partnership. I have been a Director of Cumbria Tourism since 2007 and a Director of the Solway Firth Partnership for many years.

All of this means I have a strong and informed voice where it matters, both in Allerdale and Silloth, which benefits from my comparatively ready access to funding. A recent example is funding for the Britain in Bloom bid and provision of specialist support which has guaranteed success for the town.

## Allerdale Borough Council – Cllr. John Cook



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How time flies. It feels like only yesterday that I was writing my last annual report.

It continually gives me great pride in being able to represent the good people of this town on Allerdale Borough Council. The volunteers in this town keep surpassing all expectations of what can be achieved, with the continuing annual festivals and events happening not only on the Green but also taking place around the town.

I understand that a large part of Allerdale's budget must go to the most populated areas but I think they must appreciate more, the value that places like Silloth can give to the entire population of the Borough.

I believe they should not penalise the local population with cut backs and expect them to pick up the tab, as in Precepts. Especially when the town is kept as lovely as it is, for a large part of the Allerdale community to come and enjoy. At the same time pumping large amounts of subsidies into a few buildings that will never make a return. I will always try and get a fair deal for Silloth.

I had a great time at the North Lakes Hotel for the Cumbria in Bloom awards, accepting various accolades for and with the volunteers of this town.

The Britain in Bloom awards were something special. It proved again that the community can come together and achieve good things. This really has put Silloth back on the map.

My thanks again must go to Dr Brian Irving and his team on the AONB, for their work on the Coastal community funding awards - a great result that will hopefully bring another round of badly needed investment to the area.

I believe there is still a long way to go and there will be issues and problems to tackle along the way.

I would like to assure the community of Silloth that whichever party I stand for in Allerdale, I will always put the people first.

## 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](http://www.solwaycoastaonb.org.uk). **Email:** [info@solwaycoastaonb.org.uk](mailto:info@solwaycoastaonb.org.uk)

The AONB started the year with two staff retirements – Rose Wolf and Sue McMillan. Both had served the AONB Partnership for over 15 years. Naturally this left a massive void in the skill set of the AONB but by June both roles had been filled. Naomi Hewitt joined us from being project manager of the Solway Wetlands Project and Michelle Irving joined us from Allerdale Borough Council. Both have settled in well and are producing a high-level contribution already.

Chris Spencer took over the Manager role on the Solway Wetlands project and has completed a range of projects and initiated others leading to the completion of the project in late June 2017.

The AONB Partnership continues to deliver its mandate through the 41 objectives contained in its Management Plan 2015 – 2020.

## 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 – Cllr. Owen Martin



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No report received.

## Solway Community School & Sports Hall – Cllr. Angus Emmerson



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### **Solway Community School**

Councillors will have seen letters that have recently been sent out to parents and other interested parties from Solway Community School. With the support of the Local Authority, we are now collaborating closely with Beacon Hill School and Judith Schafer, Head at Solway, is now interim Executive Headteacher across both schools.

To be very clear, this partnership is intended to provide longevity and sustainability for both schools – each retains its own budget and identity, and by working together we can ensure that both schools deliver the best education for the children in Silloth and Aspatria. For example, because of this partnership, our schools are offering a wider choice of options at GCSE than ever before – wider than many larger schools in Cumbria, who are making teachers redundant and reducing choice for students.

We are also working more closely in terms of financial savings, as the Town Council will be aware that the tender for grounds maintenance for Solway School was recently submitted, to include Beacon Hill as well as two other primary schools. This has meant collaboratively the schools have managed to save £2000 over current costs, which is significant.

We have also launched a 5-a-side Small Schools football tournament with Beacon Hill and Limehouse School, and are planning a coast to coast cycle ride with Beacon Hill over the summer, as well as launching a cycle club. We are currently in the midst of preparing students for GCSE exams, and have some holiday revision sessions due over Easter.

### **Community Sports Hall**

The Sports Hall continues to be well used out of school hours, and usage remains buoyant despite the lighter evening now upon us. We are also hosting sewing classes and Cheerleading as well as various clubs and fitness groups. The Sports Hall/School will also be hosting the annual Football Tournament alongside the Football Club this year, during the May Day Bank Holiday weekend. This time most of the event will be at the Football Club, with two senior pitches at the school, and we are running a small café for the weekend to raise funds for the school.

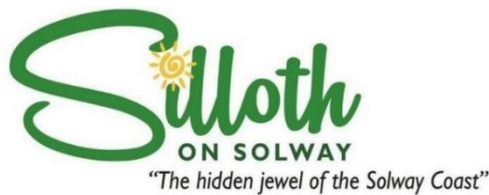
## Sea Dyke Charity - Cllr. Tony Markley

The Sea Dyke Charity is made up of twelve representatives from local parish councils and land owners from around the area. The committee meet at regular intervals throughout the year to monitor their investments.

The Sea Dyke charity own tenanted property, land and a farm around the Abbeytown area. The farm has been recently re-let, with the new tenant making vast improvements to the property and land in conjunction with the committee.

The committee has a duty to maintain their assets, with any surplus funds been distributed to the local community. This year high maintenance costs have been incurred to the property leaving a small surplus to be donated to the Silloth Nursing Home.

## Silloth Tourism Action Group – Cllr. Owen Martin



Over the past 12 months STAG has grown from strength to strength, we have grown in number and in ideas. We have had the usual events including Silloth Green Day, Bonfire & Fireworks and including some new events including Fairy Day. We have distributed 1000's of leaflets around the north west promoting the town.

We are looking to expand our events programme over the next 12 months, including bringing back Gig on the Green in the summer months and hoping to add a cultural event and smaller seasonal events, including an Easter trail.

## Friends of the Green – Cllr. Owen Martin



In 2016, Friends of the Green volunteers Anne & Edna have done an amazing job on keeping the community garden in top condition. They work tirelessly over the summer keeping on top of the garden. It was another fantastic year in terms of horticulture with Cumbria & Britain in Bloom with the community garden getting outstanding in 'It's Your Neighbourhood' award. A big thank you must go to the town maintenance team for all their continued support of the volunteers.



## Silloth Coastal Community Team – Cllr. Bill Jefferson



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This community based group produced its Strategy last year ahead of the announcement that the Coastal Communities Fund would be seeking projects for Round 4 of its funding. An application was made and was passed at stage one to go into a competitive round 2 stage. Competition was right across the UK and we found ourselves competing with the likes of Eastbourne, Brighton, Blackpool and other major seaside towns that were used to winning multi million pound projects.

However, we did turn out winners and have secured £1,000,000 toward a cycleway extension between Silloth and Allonby and all the infrastructure such as amenity and information sites along the way.

## 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 in Bloom – Cllr. Bill Jefferson

### Silloth wins Cumbria in Bloom Awards 2016

The Cumbria in Bloom Awards took place at the North Lakes Hotel in Penrith on Thursday 8 September 2016. A strong contingent from Silloth attended the Awards ceremony and were delighted with some brilliant results.



Silloth-on-Solway has won the Cumbria in Bloom Coastal Resort Trophy for the third year running and achieved a Gold Award. In addition, Silloth won the Friends of the Lake District Trophy for the Best Sustainable Development Town, the Allerdale Trophy for "Best in Borough" and the Rickerby Ltd Trophy, as Best Overall Town and Urban Community.



The Discovery Centre garden which is looked after by the Causewayhead WI ladies was runner up in the Special Category for the Continental Landscapes Trophy. Silloth Golf Club was runner up for the Cumbria Tourism Rose Bowl awarded to Self-catering Establishments & Visitor Attractions.

In addition, the Community Garden and the Heritage Rose & Bee Garden were individual winners of the Royal Horticultural Society 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Awards, each gaining a Level 5 'Outstanding' result. The Heritage Rose and Bee Garden was also winner of the Royal Horticultural Society 'It's Your Neighbourhood' National Certificate of Distinction.

Vivian Russell was recognised for her 'Outstanding contribution to Cumbria in Bloom' with a 'joint' Community Champion Award, which acknowledges all the hours she has spent working on the Heritage Rose and Bee Garden, planting of the flower beds and planters on Criffel Street and supporting the various Silloth in Bloom projects this year.

Bill Jefferson, Chairman of Silloth in Bloom Community Group, Chair of Silloth Parks Committee and Allerdale Executive Portfolio Holder for Tourism attended the Cumbria in Bloom awards ceremony. He said after the event: "I am delighted that Silloth has been recognised with such a cluster of important awards. It reflects the new level which Silloth has reached over the past four years and is a credit to all members of our community, especially the volunteers and the town team. My thanks to them all."

In recent years, Silloth has won several Cumbria in Bloom Awards but being told that Silloth had been nominated as a finalist in the UK wide RHS 'Britain in Bloom' Campaign has encouraged even more businesses, volunteers and local groups to get involved and the 'Silloth in Bloom' team was formed. The clear aim was to continue supporting existing volunteer projects and take innovative new ideas forward prior to judging day.



Tony Markley, Mayor of Silloth said “This is a fantastic achievement for the town of Silloth. Special thanks go to Bill Jefferson, who chaired the Silloth in Bloom team and to everyone involved over the last few years. Silloth is absolutely blooming and has gained the recognition it deserves.”

A dedicated Silloth in Bloom website was set up – <https://sillothinbloom.wordpress.com/> – to provide on-line information about ‘Silloth in Bloom and the campaign to establish Silloth as a Cumbria and Britain in Bloom winner’. The Silloth in Bloom Facebook Page can be viewed at: – <https://www.facebook.com/sillothinbloom/>

The Cumbria in Bloom awards are a tremendous achievement for the whole town and reflects all the hard work and preparation put in by everyone concerned, over many months. The ethos of Cumbria in Bloom is the participation of people working together to help retain, develop and improve the environment of their own communities. This is something Silloth has very much taken on board and needs a huge pat on the back for what it’s achieved

It is vital we try to maintain the high standards we’ve achieved, so if you have a few hours to spare and would be interested in lending a hand, then please get in touch.

Silloth was shortlisted as a finalist in the Britain in Bloom (BiB) national awards in the Small Coastal Town (less than 12000 population) category alongside contenders from St Brelade, Newcastle (NI), Bute, Mablethorpe, Filey and Tenby. We now have to patiently wait for the Britain in Bloom Awards Ceremony which takes place in Birmingham on 14th October 2016, at which time the competition winners will be announced.

## Britain in Bloom UK Finals Awards Ceremony 2016

### It’s a Silver Gilt Award for Silloth

In February of this year, Silloth received the news that it had been shortlisted as a finalist in the Britain in Bloom competition in the Coastal – Population up to 12K category, alongside contenders from St Brelade, Newcastle (NI), Bute, Mablethorpe, Filey and Tenby. After months of preparation, various meetings and a lot of work by the whole community, the judges from Britain in Bloom, Keith Jackson and Mark Wasilewski, visited the town on 4 August. After weeks of trepidation, the Britain in Bloom UK Finals Awards Ceremony 2016, took place on 14 October at Edgbaston Stadium, in Birmingham. Almost 500 delegates from all over the country attended the presentation, with Silloth represented by Bill Jefferson (Chair of Silloth in Bloom), Tony Markley (Mayor of Silloth), Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk and Secretary of Silloth in Bloom) and volunteers, Vivian Russell and Anne Winter.



Silloth-on-Solway were honoured to receive a Silver Gilt Award for the Coastal Town (up to 12k) category, with St Brelade in Jersey being the overall category winner. Bill Jefferson and Tony Markley were presented with the award by *Roger Burnett*, Chair of the *RHS* Britain in Bloom judging panel.

Tony Markley, Mayor of Silloth said

“This is a fantastic achievement for the town. Special thanks go to the Silloth in Bloom team, community volunteers, local businesses and the Town Council’s grounds maintenance team, as this could not have been

achieved without them. Silloth is the most North Westerly town in England and it is phenomenal to have gained national recognition for a small town, with a population of less than 3000 people.”

“Working together with the Councils, business and local community can be both challenging and rewarding but the results are so beneficial for the town which has been proven this year, with the outstanding awards and comments received from residents and visitors.”

Bill Jefferson OBE, Chairman of Silloth in Bloom said

“Silloth-on-Solway is delighted to have received national recognition at Birmingham; the success is down to many and there have been several outstanding efforts from individual volunteers. The role of successive RHS judges (and Green Flag) at Cumbria in Bloom and Britain in Bloom has been absolutely crucial over the years in enabling Silloth to progress to this level and I thank them all, most sincerely, for their valuable time and professional advice. We are very proud to receive our award on behalf of our town.”

“The impact on our small community on succeeding nationally cannot be over-estimated. Success at Cumbria level over the last three or four years has been hard won, progressive and encouraging. National level has represented a serious step up for us but our community has risen to the challenge beyond expectation. We must now focus, not only on celebrating our achievements, but also on sustaining them. Standing still is not an option, but today, we can all feel proud.



The RHS Britain in Bloom UK Finals brings together the highest achievers from all the 16 regions and nations participating in the campaign and, as a result, the expectations are high and the judging is rigorous. The judges look for year-round achievements in three core areas: Horticultural Achievement, Environmental Responsibility and Community Participation. Keith and Mark, the Britain in Bloom judges said “this first-time entry will surely continue to grow from strength to strength and is most certainly one to watch for the future. This young Bloom group could be the catalyst for great change within the community and the judges look forward to hearing of the progress made in the years to come”.

Also, representing Cumbria at the Awards ceremony were Dalston and Kendal. Dalston achieved a Silver Gilt Award in the Large Village Category and Kendal were awarded a Silver Gilt in the Large Town category, with an additional Award for Overcoming Adversity, for brightening up the town after the December floods. A tremendous achievement by all three groups from Cumbria.



The final presentation of the evening was the RHS Britain in Bloom Community Champion Award which is the only RHS award given to individuals, in recognition of their exceptional commitment and dedication to Britain in Bloom in their community. Bill Jefferson OBE, was presented with a well-deserved Community Champion Award, much to his shock and surprise. Bill has been involved with Silloth’s ‘in Bloom’ activities for the last 3 years and is Chairman of the Silloth in Bloom community team. Bill is also a Town Councillor, an Allerdale Councillor, Chairman of the Solway Coast AONB and a member of the Lake District National Park.

## Silloth – Bees' Needs Award



We are proud to announce that the Heritage Rose & Bee Garden on Silloth Green has won a Bees' Needs Award.

The Award is run in conjunction with Defra and the National Pollinator Strategy. The Award is presented to Green Flag Award or Green Flag Community Award winning parks and green spaces in England that have made improvements to encourage pollinators across towns, cities and the wider countryside. Silloth Green has been awarded a Green Flag for four years in succession. 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](#).

Habitat loss is a key factor affecting pollinator population and this award is looking to increase awareness and contribute to improved pollinator-friendly environments. Applicant sites are required to prove that they are making positive changes to their green spaces that encourage and increase pollinator-friendly habitats and food sources throughout the year

A panel of experts selected winners, with the top five projects presented with their Award at a special event which took place at Kew Gardens, London on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016. Vivian Russell attended the Bees' Needs Champions event on behalf of Silloth.



Tony Markley, Mayor of Silloth said

"This is a fantastic achievement for Silloth and is a continuation of the achievements of recent years. None of this would have been possible without teamwork. Vivian has led the project, with support from the Town Council's grounds maintenance team and other volunteers. The Bee Hotel was novel idea for a seaside town and replicates the Pagoda up on the hill which overlooks the sea. We always welcome visitors to the town but the Bee Hotel provides visitors of the insect variety with a place to stay too."

The sunken Heritage Rose Garden was created in 1953 to celebrate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Measuring 30m by 20m, it lies close to the sea, protected for the most part by a shelter belt of rhododendron and holly. The garden was renovated in 2012 but by mid 2014, many of the roses were failing due to poor drainage caused by compaction in the underlying clay base. Rectifying the drainage would still have left the problem of rose sickness, requiring the replacement of tons of earth. This led to a complete rethink of the garden. Silloth Town Council decided to bring the garden into the 21st century and address pressing concerns over the welfare of our bees, butterflies and other pollinating insects, while at the same time preserving the history of the site.

The garden has now been entirely replanted with bee and butterfly friendly plants, including 40 roses which attract bees and withstand the wind blowing off the sea where the garden is exposed.

Rose hedges divide the garden into four sections: garden plants for bees facing the sea, wild flowers for bees facing the Arcade, butterfly plants facing the Green, and a decorative vegetable plot around hazel wigwams with a double row of dahlias.

The roses were planted in cardboard boxes using fresh soil, as this is the best method of dealing with 'rose sickness'.



In the middle of the garden is our Bee Hotel, a replica of the Victorian Pagoda at the top of the wooded hill above the Splash Pool, built by the Silloth Green Maintenance team. The sunny side facing the Green is dedicated to nesting sites for solitary bees, the other three sides serve as winter hibernation and shelter for all the insects which we hope will visit our garden.

Interpretation panels have been installed with more detail about the garden, the types of bees and butterflies it is planted for, and info on the life cycle of bumblebees, honeybees and solitary bees.

As the new Bee Garden began to flourish and the bees, bugs and butterflies began to arrive, word spread and local people began to develop interest. Word soon spread beyond Silloth too, and people of all ages travelled from many different locations to visit the garden. The garden's creator Vivian Russell, has spent many hours talking to them, discussing the different species of bees, bugs and butterflies, as well as the many different plants in the garden.

The Bee and Bug Hotel provides nesting sites for solitary bees and a dry place for butterflies, moths, beetles, ladybirds, lacewings and earwigs to shelter and over winter. Each insect has a role to play in a garden and we rely on the diversity of plants and creatures to help the garden function as a natural balanced ecosystem with no attempt to control or interfere with their lives.

The garden has become a place where everyone can come on a sunny day, sit on the grassy bank, on one of the many benches, or on their mobility scooters and watch the beauty of nature at work.

Bill Jefferson OBE, Chair of the Parks Committee and Chair of Silloth in Bloom Community Team said

"I am delighted that Vivian's major creation of the Silloth Bee Garden has received national specialist success, coming on top of the Royal Horticultural Society tributes from this year's judges at Cumbria and National level. It has been an outstanding personal achievement for all her hard work and professional dedication. Well done and all our thanks."

### Three north Cumbrian towns shortlisted for Britain In Bloom



Beautiful, green and clean. North Cumbria is boasting three finalists in this year's Britain in Bloom competition.

Dalston, near Carlisle, Silloth and Penrith Business Improvement District (BID) – along with Kendal – have been selected to represent the county at the country's biggest horticultural awards.

They have been chosen for their commitment to environmental responsibility, high levels of community participation and their outstanding gardening achievement.

To read the full article which was published in the News & Star on 2 February 2017 click [here](#).

## Silloth in Bloom Prepares to Fly the Flag for Cumbria in National Royal Horticultural Society Competition



### Group shares its top gardening tips ahead of judging

The Silloth in Bloom group has started preparing the town to look its best for this year's Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Britain in Bloom Finals competition.

Silloth-on-Solway is one of 79 finalists vying to win a coveted Gold medal and be crowned one of the cleanest, greenest and most beautiful places in the UK.

In August, the Silloth in Bloom group will lead RHS Britain in Bloom judges on a tour of their area. The winners will be announced at the Britain in Bloom awards ceremony in Llandudno, North Wales on 27 October.

The group's volunteers and Town Council's grounds maintenance staff have been working on the garden at the Discovery Centre, by moving some large shrubs to make space for additional planting. New shrubs have been planted in the beds along Criffel Street and beds have been prepared prior to sowing an annual Wildflower meadow mix in the Community Garden and in the bed overlooking the Edwardian toilets.

Holme Low Parish Projects Group is holding a community litter picking event on 20 May to tidy up the footpath between Barracks Bridge and Causewayhead corner. Everyone is welcome to come along and pitch in. The group will be meeting outside the Community Hall on Petteril Street, Silloth at 10.00 am, with lunch provided afterwards.

Bill Jefferson, Chair of Silloth in Bloom group said: "Our aim is to get the whole community involved, whether you're a beginner gardener or a seasoned expert. Even just adding a few plants to your front garden, planting up a container or picking up litter on your street can make a big difference to making Silloth a greener and more pleasant place to live."

"Last year we won a record number of awards at Cumbria in Bloom and went very close to winning at the Nationals in Birmingham. This year we stand a real chance of gold in the Nationals in Llandudno. I believe we can do it."


Silloth in Bloom has shared their top tips for gardeners this month:

1. If you have a bare patch of soil in a sunny spot, try sowing a bee-friendly annual mix for a big splash of colour that will delight the bees
2. Finish pruning evergreen shrubs and hedges but take the greatest care that there are no bird nests present
3. Garden centres are crammed with plants, so now is the time to get more to fill in gaps, clothe bare fences and replant beds and borders
4. Avoid the Easter rush and go plant shopping before or after Easter
5. Be wary of buying tender plants (a few more frosts cannot be ruled out) and delay buying tender plants for a few weeks (unless you have a greenhouse to keep them in)
6. Sow seeds outdoors – hardy vegetables such as carrots, lettuce and peas or annual flowers such as cornflowers and sunflowers
7. Plant out sweet peas – if you don't have any, garden centres carry good stocks
8. Plant tubers and bulbs such as dahlias, gladioli and potatoes
9. Fill your greenhouse with aubergines, chilli, cucumbers, peppers and tomatoes
10. Dead head daffodils and other bulbs as they go over to encourage bulb production rather than seeds

For more information please contact: Wendy Jameson, Secretary of Silloth in Bloom. Tel: 0777 5686857 Email: [townclerk@silloth-on-solway.co.uk](mailto:townclerk@silloth-on-solway.co.uk)



# Neighbourhood Policing Team

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## Team Members: -



**Richard  
Smillie**

**Inspector  
1653**



**Gillian  
Atkinson**

**Sergeant  
1113**



**Peter  
Nichol**

**PCSO  
5299**



**Hannah  
Donaghy**

**PCSO  
5238**

### 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](http://www.cumbria.police.uk/services)

### A message from Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team

#### Crime prevention over the summer months.

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.

- **Whenever possible** keep your doors locked and windows closed, especially if you are upstairs, or in another part of the house, or in the garden. Also, we encourage people to fit, and most importantly use, good locks on ground floor and accessible windows.
- **Remember to lock up** even if you are only going out for a couple of minutes – that is all the time a thief needs.
- **Before** going to bed, close all ground floor and accessible windows and remember to lock all your doors.
- **It is worth remembering** that most household insurance policies do not cover the theft of property from within a home that has been left insecure.
- **If you have an intruder alarm** – use it. Set it at night to protect vulnerable zones.
- **Outbuildings and sheds** – make sure they are locked and secure using suitable locks

- **Quad bike thefts / farm machinery** - Police would advise owners to check their storage security. The Police can provide farmers or other quad bike owners with **Smartwater kits and signs** at a discounted price of £45. Some quad bike specialists can also fit them with tracking devices. You can check the internet for local suppliers. It is advised that you store your quad bike in a secure outbuilding and remove the key when they are stationary. Domestic households can contact their local PCSO for a Selecta DNA kit which cost £10.
- **Postcode all types of property** to deter thieves and improve the chances of tracing the stolen items. "Postcoding" can be done with ultra-violet marker pens, engraving, stamping or even paint. Further details are available from your local Neighbourhood Police Community Support Officer details below.
- **Tents & Caravans** – please make sure that valuables are taken from them and stored securely out of site no matter how long you are away from them

### **Report anything suspicious**

Please let us know as soon as possible if you see anyone behaving suspiciously; many criminals are apprehended due to information from members of public. Telephone: 101, or if a crime is in progress: 999. If you have information regarding crime you can also contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. You will not be asked for your name or any 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](http://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](https://twitter.com/cumbriapolice)  
<https://www.facebook.com/cumbriapolice>

Contact can be made by calling 101

In an 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 Officers are:

**PCSO 5299 Peter Nichol**

Tel: 101, Opt 2, Ext 45299

Email: [peter.nichol@cumbria.police.uk](mailto:peter.nichol@cumbria.police.uk)

**PCSO 5238 Hannah Donaughee**

Tel: 101, Opt 2, Ext 45238

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## Silloth Police Desk

**When:** Wednesdays – from 2pm to 4pm

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017

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



## Local policing priorities for Silloth

Consultation with the community has identified the following priorities in this neighbourhood.

### Priority

Youth Related Anti-Social Behaviour

### Action taken

#Tackling anti-social behaviour by dealing with this through intelligence led, proactive community policing with our partners. We continue to provide high visibility patrols with the aim of taking positive action with any young person found to be causing anti-social behaviour, this includes youths being taken home to their parents, the use of acceptable behaviour contracts in company with schools, youth providers and housing associations were relevant. Consideration of the use of dispersal orders if required.

# 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

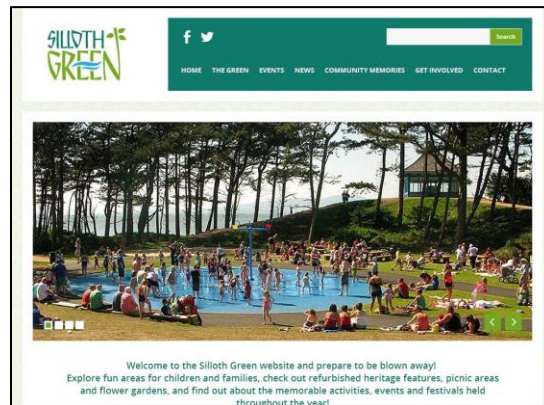
With more and more online users taking advantage of the benefits of the internet, Silloth-on-Solway Town Council's website seeks to provide the community of Silloth with important and interesting information.

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](http://www.sillothgreen.co.uk) and also the Facebook and Twitter pages.



[www.silloth-on-solway-tc.gov.uk](http://www.silloth-on-solway-tc.gov.uk)



[www.sillothgreen.co.uk](http://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 33 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.

**Public Conveniences** – The Town Council is responsible for the Public Conveniences on the Green and at Skinburness, and in April 2017 took over responsibility for the cleaning of these facilities.

**Sports and Recreation** - The Town Council is 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 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](mailto: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.



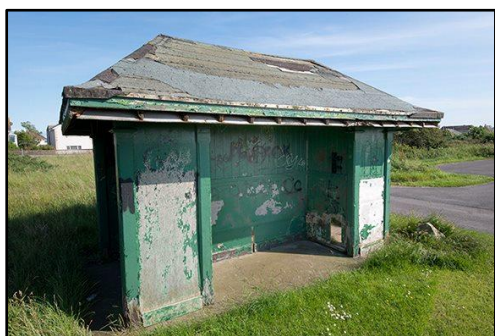
# Silloth Green

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 2016/17:

- ✓ Green Flag status achieved for 2016/17 for the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.
- ✓ Silloth-on-Solway won the Cumbria in Bloom Coastal Resort Trophy for the third year running and achieved a Gold Award.
- ✓ Silloth also won the Friends of the Lake District Trophy for the Best Sustainable Development Town, the Allerdale Trophy for "Best in Borough" and the Rickerby Ltd Trophy, as Best Overall Town and Urban Community.
- ✓ The Community Garden and the Heritage Rose & Bee Garden were individual winners of the Royal Horticultural Society 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Awards, each gaining a Level 5 'Outstanding' result.
- ✓ The Heritage Rose and Bee Garden was also winner of the Royal Horticultural Society 'It's Your Neighbourhood' National Certificate of Distinction.
- ✓ Silloth-on-Solway were honoured to receive a Silver Gilt Award for the Coastal Town (up to 12k) category in the RHS Britain in Bloom 2016.
- ✓ The Heritage Rose & Bee Garden on Silloth Green won a Bees' Needs Award. The Award is run in conjunction with Defra and the National Pollinator Strategy.
- ✓ Nominated as a Finalist in the 2017 RHS Britain in Bloom.
- ✓ The shelter on Skinburness Road which has been extensively renovated and brought back to its former glory was completed in 2016 and was one of the final pieces of the HLF project



The Silloth Green Project shows "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".

**Silloth Green Evaluation Report**



# Commonwealth Day



Uniting a family of Nations in common purpose and understanding around the world

On Monday 13 March 2017, fifty-two countries came together to celebrate Commonwealth Day under the theme 'A Peace-building Commonwealth'. Silloth-on-Solway celebrated Commonwealth Day by raising the Commonwealth Flag at the Community Garden on Silloth Green, on what was a pleasant Spring morning. The event was attended by pupils and staff from Silloth Primary School and Solway Community School, the Town Council and representatives from organisations within the town.



Cllr. Tony Markley, Mayor of Silloth welcomed everyone to the ceremony. For the first time in the history of the Commonwealth, young members of the United Kingdom Army Cadet Force (ACF) will take the Commonwealth flag to the top of the highest peaks in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland on Commonwealth Day. As well as the mountaintop ceremonies, Army Cadets will observe Commonwealth Day by raising the flag at 53 other locations throughout the United Kingdom as part of this international initiative.

Cllr. Markley read out Her Majesty the Queen's Commonwealth Day message. "The cornerstones on which peace is founded are, quite simply, respect and understanding for one another." Her Majesty the Queen

Max Brough and Ben Mattinson, year 9 students from Solway Community School, dressed in their cadet uniforms, proudly read out the Commonwealth Affirmation.



*"Joining together as members of one worldwide Commonwealth community, and valuing the personal dignity and worth of every citizen, we raise this flag as a symbol of the ties of kinship and affinity that we cherish. We draw inspiration from our diversity, and the opportunities for working together, as a rich source of wisdom and a powerful influence for good in the world. We affirm our commitment to upholding the values set out in the Commonwealth Charter, to serving one another in a spirit of respect and understanding, and to advancing development, democracy and cooperation locally, nationally and internationally."*

Cllr. Markley then raised the Commonwealth flag and thanked everyone for attending and taking part in the celebration.



# Silloth Community Hall



Petteril Street, Silloth, CA7 4EA

Web: [www.sillothcommunityhall.co.uk](http://www.sillothcommunityhall.co.uk)

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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 must offer. All 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 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 several new groups using the building now. There's also an online calendar to see when the building is in use.



## Festivals & Events

The Town Council is committed to supporting festivals and events in the town, for the benefit of residents and visitors alike. 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

14 – 17 March 2017 10.00 – 5.00pm	Craft Marquee at Silloth Green
29 – 30 April 2017 All day	Kids Football Tournament Silloth Rugby Club, Silloth
29 April – 1 May 2017 10.00am – 5.00pm	Craft Marquee at Silloth Green
28 May 2017 All day	Silloth Green Day at Silloth Green
10 - 11 June 2017 All day	Silloth Vintage Rally at Silloth Green
17 June 2017 12.00 – 3.00pm	The Great Get Together at Silloth Green
23 - 25 June 2017 All day	Ragnarock Rally at Silloth Rugby Club
13 August 2017 All day	Fairy Day at Silloth Green
28 August 2017 All day	Silloth Carnival at Silloth Green
7 - 10 September 2017 All day	Silloth Music & Beer Festival at Silloth Green
21 October 2017 6.00 – 8.00pm	Bonfire & Fireworks on the Airfield, Silloth



## West Side Stories – Cllr. Denise Pattinson

This organisation came into existence about 2 years ago. Its main purpose is to improve the lives of the residents of West Silloth.

In the past year, we have concentrated on developing our plans for the land owned by Silloth Town Council, which they have kindly said we can develop to provide a facility for all ages to enjoy. The first stage of the plan is to build a small community garden, which will be child led with adult supervision, to this end we have managed to find a gardener who will advise us and guide us in the early stages. Plans for this will hopefully be ready to present to the council within the next couple of months. Grants to fund this garden have been received from Cumbria County Council, CWU union and a donation from the Cumberland Inn, from their Cumberfest event.

The second stage is providing fencing for the area. We are in the process of getting quotes for the fencing. We are aware that the costs of this part of the project is approximately £20,000 and have so far managed to get a grant of £5,000 from the Hellrigg Community Fund, and are now looking at other grants including Comic Relief and Children in Need.

The final stage is building an under 10's playground, with this in mind we have met with 3 companies, Jupiter, Wicksteads and Playdale, who specialise in this field. This part of the plan will cost around £40,000-£50,000. Funding for this will only be looked at following the completion of the first two stages.

Fundraising has continued, we have held successful sports day and children's Christmas party at the Cumberland Inn, at present we are looking at collaborating with another organisation for a larger event later in the year, which we hope will take place on the green. STAG have been very supportive and we look forward to working with them. Proceeds from last year's fundraising has paid for a new noticeboard, which is situated opposite Golf Terrace. Our Scarecrow Competition was expanded to cover both residents and businesses in the area, the winners were Mr William Minnican and Solway Holiday Village. We have already announced our intention of holding the competition again this year in October, with the theme of Halloween, and we will be also holding a pumpkin decorating competition at the same time. We are also part the working party looking at healthier living in the town. With this in mind, we have applied for an allotment with a view to teaching children where food comes from and how it is grown.

We are just a small committee and are always looking for others to join. My thanks need to go to Abi Martin, Kellymarie Henderson and Susan Brown for all their continued help and support. Our thanks should also go to Silloth Town Council, Wendy Jameson, the Town Maintenance Team, Rena Smith and her staff at the Cumberland Inn, Mr Eric Stanwix and the residents of Silloth for all advice and support over the past year.





The Town Council is required to make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs and to ensure that an 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 2017 - 2018 is financed by levying a precept, which is added to the Council tax set by Allerdale Borough Council. The Town Council considered its budget in detail. In 2017 – 2018, the Town Council is raising a sum of £170,912, resulting in a charge on the council tax on a Band A property of £132.15 for the year which equates to £2.54 per week or 36p per day. The previous year’s precept for 2016 - 2017 was £165,094.

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 2017-2018, the Town Council received £1,478 in Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant from Central Government which was less than the previous year’s grant of £2,217.

In 2017/2018, Silloth Town Council will raise 13.7% of its income from sources other than the precept, mainly from rental income, ice cream concessions and income from contracting. We are always looking at ways of increasing our income sources and we now undertake some highways verge cutting in the local area for Cumbria Highways.

The range of assets and services which Silloth Town Council is responsible for is considerable. The Council manages and maintains Silloth Green and the sports and recreation ground. It is also responsible for four sets of public toilets, Eden Street play area, Woodland play area, BMX Track, Splash Pad, Skiddaw Street allotments, the Community Hall, public seats, some public lights and bus shelters. The Council actively supports many of the events and festivals which take place in the town and occasionally gives grants to local organisations.

The Council employs five members of staff - the Town Clerk, the Park Manager, two Parks Supervisors and a part-time cleaner.

£5,000 has been included in the budget for 2017/18, to provide for the cost of replacement vehicles and equipment. £6,500 is included in the budget for the Silloth Green Project, towards ongoing improvements and costs in relation to the Green. £5,000 is also included in the budget to support the creation of a new play area at West Silloth.

**Income & Expenditure Account**  
**For the Year Ended 31 March 2017**

2015/16		2016/17
£	INCOME	£
1,025	Allotment Rents	1,166
443	Bank Interest	47
430	Community Hall rent	1,166
4,000	Disposals of Equipment	10,700
146,987	Grants Received	81,331
2,680	Green Activities	2,000
5,180	Grounds Maintenance Income	4,108
4,075	Ice Cream Concessions	5,150
3,790	Other Income	3,804
152,770	Precept & Concurrent Grants	165,093
4,846	Refunds Received	1,523
1,980	Sports Club Rents	1,980
328,206	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	278,068
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
5,718	Administration	5,230
813	Allotments	2,626
1,594	Changing Room Expenses	1,764
0	Christmas Lights	1,500
6,768	Community Hall Running Expenses	6,742
145	S137 Expenditure	345
2,765	Eden Street Electric	1,320
1,959	Green Activities - Expenses	2,009
5,545	Grounds Maintenance	6,856
9,018	Insurance	9,194
734	Legal Fees	3,189
3,489	Maintenance of Sports Areas	135
34	Miscellaneous	0
7,811	Splash Pad Expenses	8,301
2,191	Play Areas - Maintenance & Equipment	7,403
12,514	Public Conveniences	7,392
0	Purchase of Office Furniture & Equipment	369
429	Purchase of Seats	2,446
309	Purchase of Signs	390
48,169	Purchase of Vehicles & Equipment	44,533
114,763	Salaries & Wages	93,108
71,032	Silloth Green Project	53,415
0	Silloth in Bloom	5,118
1,290	Squash Court - rates etc.	3,084
10,480	Tourism	0
4,186	Training costs	0
4,395	Transport & Vehicle Costs	2,750
400	Youth Provision	0
316,551	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	269,219
11,655	<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	8,849

**Silloth-on-Solway Town Council**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2017**

2015/16		2016/17
£	ASSETS	£
	Cash & Bank Accounts	
15,009	Current Account	51,803
33,031	Deposit Account	31
3	Treasurer Account	3
5,641	Wages Account	5,854
105	Cash Account	-39
53,789	Total Cash & Bank Accounts	57,652
	<b>Other Assets</b>	
1,591	Debtors	10,593
55,380	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	68,245
	<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
19,763	Creditors	23,779
35,617	<b>NET ASSETS</b>	44,466
	<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>	
23,962	General Fund Balance at 1.4.2016	35,617
11,655	Less Net Expenditure	8,849
35,617	<b>TOTAL RESERVES</b>	44,466

The above statements represent fairly the financial position of the Town Council as at 31 March 2017 and reflects its income and expenditure during that year.

These Accounts have been approved by the Town Council.

**Silloth-on-Solway Town Council**  
**Budget**

	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Allotment Rents	1,100	1,200
Bank Interest	150	350
Community Hall Rental Income	500	1,000
Grants Received	0	13,300
Green Facilities	500	500
Fairground Rent	2,000	2,000
Ice Cream Concessions	6,500	4,100
Grounds Maintenance Income	4,000	3,000
Other Miscellaneous Income	50	50
Sports Club Rents	1,980	1,980
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£16,780</b>	<b>£27,480</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Administration	5,500	5,500
Allotment Expenses	1,000	1,000
Allotment Association – Funding	500	0
Changing Room Expenses – Elec, Rates, Water & Reps	2,450	2,450
Christmas Lights	500	500
Community Hall Repairs	1,000	1,000
Community Hall Running Expenses	5,500	5,500
Eden Street Electric	2,500	2,500
Green Activities – Expenses	2,000	2,000
Grounds Maintenance	6,500	6,000
Insurance Costs	8,000	9,000
Legal Fees	3,500	1,000
Maintenance of Sports Areas	1,000	1,000
Play Areas - Maintenance & Equipment	2,500	7,500
Public Conveniences – Elec, Rates, Maintenance & Water	11,320	10,320
Public Conveniences – Provision of Cleaning & Supplies	0	14,850
Purchase of Vehicles & Equipment	5,000	5,000
Salaries & Wages	95,871	96,750
Silloth Green Project	10,000	6,500
Silloth Bee Garden	0	500
Splash Pad - Water & Electricity	8,500	8,500
Squash Court – Rates	950	2,500
Tourism - Tourist Information Centre	2,500	2,500
Tourism - STAG	2,500	2,500
Transport & Vehicle Costs	4,000	4,000
Youth Provision	1,000	1,000
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£184,091</b>	<b>£199,870</b>
<b>Net Expenditure/Income</b>	<b>£167,311</b>	<b>£172,390</b>
Precept	165,094	170,912
CTRS	2,217	1,478
	<b>£167,311</b>	<b>£172,390</b>

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## FOR TOWN COUNCIL INFORMATION

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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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Allerdale House  
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Web: [www.allerdale.gov.uk](http://www.allerdale.gov.uk)

### **CCC**

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The Courts  
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Cumbria  
CA3 8NA  
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Web: [www.cumbria.gov.uk](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk)

## INFORMATION AND HELP

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Tel: 01228 606060

### Allerdale Borough Council

Tel: 0303 123 1702

### Silloth-on-Solway Town Council

Tel: 016973 31128 Mob: 0777 5686857

### Citizens Advice Bureau

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

Website: [www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://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](mailto:AllerdaleRuralNPT@cumbria.police.uk)

Web: [www.cumbria.police.uk](http://www.cumbria.police.uk)

### Crimestoppers

Tel: 0800 555 111

### Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service

Tel: (non emergency) 0300 303 8623

Email: [enquiries.fire@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries.fire@cumbria.gov.uk)

Web: [www.cumbria.gov.uk/cumbriafire/](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/cumbriafire/)

### Cumbria County Council Transport and Roads: Integrated Transport Team

Tel: 01228 226014

Email: [integrated.transport@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:integrated.transport@cumbria.gov.uk)

### Highways Hotline

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

Email: [contact@cumbriahighways.co.uk](mailto:contact@cumbriahighways.co.uk)

### Gas & Electric Emergencies

Gas emergency contact: 0800 111 999

[www.nationalgrid.com/uk/gas/](http://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](http://www.sillothgroupmedicalpractice.nhs.uk)

### Silloth Clinic

Lawn Terrace, Silloth, Cumbria, CA7 4AH

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### 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](http://NHS Choices) website to get full details of GP's, dentists, opticians, pharmacists in the area.

Web: [www.nhs.uk/Pages/HomePage.aspx](http://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 30 May 2017, 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 23 May 2016, as a true record.
  3. **Annual Town Report**  
To receive the Annual Town Report.
  4. **Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2017**  
To receive the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2017.
  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.