

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council



Annual Report 2017/18



2017/18 Annual Town Report

Welcome to the 2017/18 Annual Report. This report has been produced and made available prior to the Silloth Annual Town Meeting, to be held on Tuesday 29th May 2018 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

Silloth-on-Solway continues to prosper and attract vast amounts of visitors both nationally and internationally, who along with local residents regularly comment on how well the town is looking. This must be attributed to the dedicated staff, employed by the Town Council, who maintain the vast array of assets the town has in its ownership and control. I thank them for their commitment to the job. My thanks also go to the loyal stalwarts of community members, who diligently maintain the community gardens which continue to be a great asset for the Town, not forgetting the Councillors who are the decision makers and regularly attend the town council meetings.

This year, the Town Council decided not enter the Cumbria and Britain in Bloom competitions. After repeatedly winning best Coastal Town in Cumbria, they decided the time and resources could be best used to continue maintaining the standard that has been achieved over the years, rather than a two/three hour slot for judging on an annual basis.

My continued thanks go to the local residents who generously donate their time in organising the growing number of annual events on the Green and around the town which are always well attended.

This year saw the mounting of “The Hudson Bomber” on the Green, across the road from the last RAFA club in Cumbria. This bomber was constructed by the engineering apprentices at GEN2 at Lillyhall, Workington and donated to the town to commemorate the centenary of the RAF Nationally and the important role Silloth Airfield contributed to the 2nd World War and later as an RAF Aircraft decommissioning facility.

I was not able to attend the Silloth Civic service this year due to illness on the day but the service was well supported by various organisations from around Cumbria. Denise and I have attended numerous civic events throughout Cumbria continuing to promote the Town.

On May 4th 2017, I was re-elected to Cumbria County Council representing Silloth-on-Solway and the Solway Coast Division. My thanks go to you all for your continued loyal support on my re-election to the Council.

The storms we have endured this year have left an awful legacy on the road network throughout Cumbria. This will require vast amounts of money and time to repair which will be challenging for us all. I have managed to highlight the importance and accessibility issues, both locally and nationally, that the B5300 coast road is to Silloth residents, tourism and the importance of continuing to maintain and keep this road open due to coastal erosion.

I am working with The Transport for the North and Northern Powerhouse Groups nationally, to promote the importance Cumbria is for the local and national economy.

I continue to enjoy my role as Mayor and will continue to promote “Silloth-on-Solway”, the Solway Coast and all of its residents to the best of my ability. Thank you.

Cllr. Tony Markley



Town Clerk's Report – Wendy Jameson

2017/18 has been another very busy year. The Town Council's Annual Report provides a lot of information about the Town Council, the money it spends and the activities it carries out and also contains reports from Council representatives on various organisations in the town.



The Town Council's work falls into three main categories -

- Representing the local community.
- Delivering services to meet local needs.
- Striving to improve the quality of life in the local area.

The purpose of a local council is to improve the lives of people in their local community and to give their local community a voice and the means to achieve this which is something our Council and its staff strives hard to achieve. We all take a lot of pride in our town and doing our best for the local community. Being Town Clerk is one of the most rewarding jobs in a local community and I continue to enjoy the variety of work the job entails, although some of the legislation that we have to adhere to is often a challenge.

I've had a few problems with my eyesight this year but thankfully, for the majority of time, I've still been able to work. I was diagnosed with a detached retina in June of last year which was operated on in July. In September, I developed a retinal tear and had to undergo another operation. As a result of all the surgery I've had, I developed a dense cataract which thankfully was operated on in May of this year. It's going to take some time before I know what damage (if any) there has been but I'm hoping that's an end to it all. I think we are all guilty of taking our health for granted but when you have problems with your eyesight, you soon appreciate how important it is. If you ever have any worrying changes to your vision, get them checked out by an optician, as soon as possible.

Unfortunately I wasn't able to attend the Cumbria in Bloom awards ceremony in September but I was able to help with the preparations. It was an honour for Silloth to be asked to host the event and the Golf Hotel did us proud. Thankfully, I did manage to get to the Britain in Bloom awards ceremony at Llandudno on 27 October with our Mayor, Tony Markley and Chair of Silloth in Bloom, Bill Jefferson. We received a Silver Gilt award in the Coastal Town (up to 12k) category which is an amazing achievement for our community and a testament to all the hard work that went into it by 'everyone' concerned.

On 29 November 2017, I spent a lovely afternoon at the Cumbria Women of the Year Luncheon at Bowness-on-Windermere, with some truly inspirational ladies from all walks of life. It was quite a humbling experience and an honour to have been nominated to attend, along with three other ladies from Silloth – Ann Winter, Vicky Hope and Vivian Russell.

One of the disappointing parts of my job is when we have to deal with reports of vandalism and damage to property. It can be so frustrating after all the work that's gone into keeping the Green and the town looking good. This year we've had a window in the Pagoda broken, a picnic bench set on fire, damage to bins on the Green and to shrubs along the Avenue, as well as graffiti. Any damage has to be repaired and incurs a cost which is money that could be better spent on other things. There has also been the ongoing issue with dog fouling, despite there being a vast number of bins on the Green and around the town. We work closely with the Police and Allerdale but if you see anyone causing damage, then please report it to the Police. Dog fouling and littering should be reported to Allerdale Borough Council either by phone or using their new myAllerdale App (see Page 8 for details).

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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 2017/18 are listed below: -

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

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 2018/19: -

Mon 4 June 2018	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 2 July 2018	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 3 September 2018	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 1 October 2018	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 5 November 2018	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 3 December 2018	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 14 January 2019	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 4 February 2019	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 4 March 2019	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 1 April 2019	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 13 May 2019	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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| • Silloth Primary School | Cllr. O. Martin |
| • AONB Joint Advisory Committee | Cllr. W. Jefferson |
| • Silloth Tourism Action Group | Cllr. D. Pattinson |
| • Holm Cultram Sea Dyke Charity | Cllr. A.J. Markley |
| • Longcake Education Trust | Cllr. G. Wilkinson |
| • Friends of the Green | Cllr. D. Pattinson |
| • Solway Community Technology College | Cllr. J. Cook |
| • Sports Hall | Cllr. J. Cook |
| • Sports Association | Cllr. I. Baty |
| • Cumbria in Bloom | Cllr. W. Jefferson |
| • Silloth in Bloom | Cllr. W. Jefferson |
| • 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 |
| • Donna Collin | – Cleaner |
| • Natasha Ward | – Cleaner |

Committees

On this page you will find information about the various Town Council committees, their purpose and membership for the year.

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

And the County Council's website: -

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

2017/18 Members: - Cllrs. I. Baty, A. Emmerson, J. Cook, M. Orchard & W. Jefferson.

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.

2017/18 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.

2017/18 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.

2017/18 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 three years on the Allerdale Council Executive Committee with specific portfolio responsibility for Allerdale-wide strategies and projects in tourism, heritage, culture and economic growth. In addition I participate in all Executive discussions and decisions affecting the Borough including, of course, Silloth. This ensures our voice is always heard when funding and events arise.

Allerdale Borough Council – Cllr. John Cook



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A bit of a quiet year as far as Allerdale goes

Now standing as an Independent, it has given me the freedom to exercise my thoughts at council meetings, without having to follow a party line which sometimes can be very unhealthy for the whole Borough.

The old chestnut of planning keeps raising its head. Who needs permission, for what and where?

It's very frustrating not being able to help the community & feeling your hands are tied.

I hope in the coming year that Allerdale can be persuaded to recognise the potential of the Solway plain as a magnet for tourists as a standalone destination

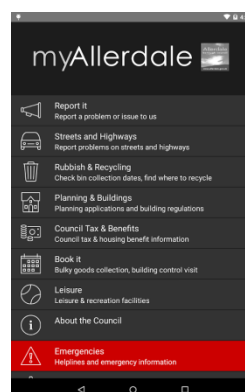
In the year ahead, I still believe Silloth needs a town plan for the future rather than colliding with things as they come along.

myAllerdale App

My Allerdale is a mobile app that enables you to report issues to Allerdale Borough Council.

You can attach photos, video and other relevant information to your report and pin point the exact location with easy-to-use maps.

Your report will be received by the Council's Customer Services team and then forwarded to the relevant department who will deal with the report. You'll be kept fully informed along the way.



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

I continue to be responsible for the work and funding of the Solway Coast AONB and have chaired its Joint Advisory Committee for the past 17 years. The AONB enjoys a national reputation with Silloth as its HQ. I have recently secured its enhanced economic funding and status until 2021. Last year's staff changes have been matched with further changes this year. Dr Brian Irving has now retired as has Graeme Proud. Both gave many years of outstanding service and we wish them well in their retirement. Naomi Hewitt has taken over from Brian as Manager of the AONB having transferred from the now ended and successful Solway Wetlands Project, along with her colleagues Chris Spencer and Michelle Irving. The AONB partnership continues to deliver its mandate through the 41 objectives contained in its Management Plan 2015 - 2020 and work has already started on the next one.

Silloth Coastal Community Team – Cllr. Bill Jefferson



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This team was responsible for securing £1M from central government for the extension of the Solway Coast multi-user trail from Allonby to Silloth and subsequently on to Bowness thereby linking two World Heritage Sites via the AONB. Further funding will be forthcoming. This will raise awareness of the Coast and Silloth amongst a much wider audience. The team remains under the chairmanship of Dr Irving and we expect to make rapid progress in the coming year.

Longcake Education Foundation – Cllr. Graham Wilkinson

The foundation has 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 Cuthbert's.

In the past year £1,250 has been presented to each school.

Furthermore donations of £90 each have been made to the three Sunday schools i.e. Christ Church, Silloth, Holme Cultram and Holme St Cuthbert's.

One personal grant of £150 was also given within the year.

Giving a total in donations of £5,420 in the year.

Silloth Primary School – Cllr. Owen Martin



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Over the past 12 months the school has gone from strength to strength, with Silloth being in the top 2% of schools in the country, then going on to receive an outstanding rating from OFSTED.

The school recently took part in the Junior Rock Challenge (JRock), a dance competition at the Sands Centre and came 2nd.

Solway Community School & Sports Hall – Cllr. John Cook



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Since taking over as Chair of governors last year, I've tried to encourage the new governors to take on board the importance of understanding what we need to do as a body to hold the teachers and management to account at the school.

We've had a joint meeting with the primary school governors, to get an insight of how they achieved outstanding which was very informative. It proved that there is still a long way to go at the Solway but I believe that the new governors are eager and capable of doing their part to improve the school.

Ofsted are back in the Autumn sometime and it would be nice to think we would come out of R.I. (Requires improvement) but I'm under no illusion that it may not.

Last year, Aspatria's Beacon Hill school & Silloth Community College decided to work more closely together with the head of Silloth becoming executive head of both schools. Although there were a few misgivings from parents about pupils travelling between schools, on the whole it has been success.

Silloth is now able to offer their students a wider range of subjects. Governors from both schools can see the benefits to their pupils, staff & schools. We have decided to move this forward, with both schools into a federation and is now out to consultation with parents, pupils and such like. We are doing this to safeguard the future of both schools. We are still separate schools. We are not being taken over. The only difference will be a joint governing body made up equally from both schools.

As for the sports hall, it is very well used. The school keeps a close tab on what's going on and are very firm if anything untoward happens.

Sea Dyke Charity - Cllr. Tony Markley

The Sea Dyke Charity is made up of twelve representatives from local land owners and Parish Councils on the Solway coast.

The Charity own tenanted property, land and a Farm around the Abbeytown area.

The Charity has a duty to maintain its properties. The Farm and land continue to undergo extensive refurbishment due to the recent new tenancy which is improving the Charities assets.

The committee meet regularly throughout the year to agree the schedule of maintenance and repairs. Any surplus funds from the rental income, is distributed to local Schools, Village Halls and Silloth Nursing Home when available.

The Charity continues to successfully operate and uphold its duties for the local communities.

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.

Silloth on Solway Sport's Association has been reactivated to increase its chances at getting a Multi Use Games Area installed at the Eden Street sports facilities. Following advice from Cumbria CVS, the group is looking at becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which allows better governance and back up for the trustees.

Silloth Tourism Action Group – Cllr. Denise Pattinson



No report received.

The object of the group is the promotion and regeneration of tourism in Silloth.

Friends of the Green – Cllr. Denise Pattinson

No report received.

The objects of the group are:

- To work for the enhancement, maintenance and use of the Green
- To work in partnership with the Management of the Green
- To protect the facilities of the Green and help improve them
- To increase public awareness of improvement programmes
- To provide facilities of recreation and leisure time occupation
- To raise funds for maintaining and improving the future of the Green
- To ensure that local people are involved in the future of the Green
- To leave a legacy of the Green for future generations
- To provide lifelong learning and skills development opportunities



Silloth in Bloom – Cllr. Bill Jefferson



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We have enjoyed tremendous success at the highest levels over the past four years at both County and National levels. Most of the credit goes to our volunteers and full details and pictures are available on our web site. To be recognised twice nationally with the silver gilt award brought us to the attention of a wider world when we represented Silloth at both Birmingham in 2016 and Llandudno in 2017. We have also achieved five green flags in a row - a rare achievement. The coming year we have decided to sit things out for a year or two and work for Silloth without the severe workload that judges and competitions bring - not to mention expense. We also hosted the Cumbria in Bloom Awards ceremony in the Golf Hotel who provided a venue to be proud of.

Royal Horticultural Society Judges Coming to Silloth-on-Solway

Quest to find cleanest, greenest and most beautiful places in the UK begins.

From Aberdeen in Scotland down to St Helier in Jersey, Silloth is one of 78 finalists vying to win a Gold award in this year's Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) national Britain in Bloom competition.

On 2 August, Silloth will be visited by the RHS judges. The group will lead the pair of judges on a tour of the town, taking in areas including the Green, the Community Garden, the Discovery Centre Garden and the Bee Garden, and a walk around the town.

Bill Jefferson, Chair of Silloth in Bloom and Silloth Parks Committee said:

"Silloth is competing in the Coastal town (up to 12K) category and has already been recognised as one of the cleanest, greenest and most beautiful places in the UK by the award of the prestigious Green Flag for five successive years. Silloth has again been invited to compete at national level by the RHS and its entry will be assessed across three key criteria; horticultural achievement and innovation, community involvement and support, and environmental responsibility and sensitivity. Last year we did well at the national finals in Birmingham, achieving the second highest award – the Silver Gilt. We are trying to better that this year in Llandudno in October and we need to demonstrate to the BiB judges this Wednesday that we have improved in all areas. I think we have and I thank all those who have worked for that. Let's hope for a fine day".



Silloth awarded the Coastal Resort Trophy for the fourth year running!



The Cumbria in Bloom Awards Ceremony took place in Silloth this afternoon at the Golf Hotel. Silloth has been awarded the Coastal Resort Trophy for the fourth year running which is a tremendous achievement. The award was presented by Cumbria High Sheriff Alistair Wannop. Silloth also achieved a Silver Gilt Cumbria in Bloom Pride in Your Community Medal Award.



The Heritage Rose & Bee Garden achieved an 'Outstanding' RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Award. The Causewayhead WI ladies achieved a 'Thriving' RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Award for the Discovery Centre Garden and the Friends of Silloth Green achieved an 'Advancing' RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Award for the Community Garden. The awards were presented by Eileen Kirby & Jane Hasell-McCosh.



Silloth-on-Solway Golf Club achieved a Silver in the Cumbria in Bloom Tourism Medal Awards.

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. There have been a lot of positive comments received this year from both visitors and local residents. The town has never looked better!

Hosting this year's Cumbria in Bloom Awards Ceremony has certainly put Silloth on the map, with visitors from all over the County attending the ceremony, many of whom popped across to the Community Garden before they left, to enjoy the afternoon sunshine.

Silloth is also a finalist in the Britain in Bloom (BiB) national awards, in the Small Coastal Town (less than 12k population) category alongside contenders from Whitby, North Berwick, Newcastle (NI), Hunstanton and Sidmouth. Also representing Cumbria in the national competition are Dalston, Kendal and Penrith BID. The national results will be announced on October 27. The competition winners will be announced at the Britain in Bloom Awards Ceremony which takes place in Llandudno on 27th October 2017.

A full list of the 2017 Cumbria in Bloom Awards can be viewed at the Cumbria in Bloom website at:- <http://www.cumbria-in-bloom.org.uk/>



From left to right – Edna Allison, Bill Jefferson, Judith Scott, Anne Winter, Tony Markley, Vivian Russell and Cumbria High Sheriff Alistair Wannop.



Anne Winter, Judith Scott & Edna Allison being presented with an 'Advancing' RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Award by Eileen Kirby, for the Community Garden.



Frances Jackson & Ann Harrison being presented with a 'Thriving' RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Award by Jane Hasell-McCosh, for the Discovery Centre Garden



Vivian Russell was presented with an 'Outstanding' RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Award by Eileen Kirby, for the Heritage Rose & Bee Garden.

Thanks to Jan Fialkowski for taking the photographs of the event.

Britain in Bloom Awards Ceremony 2017

On Friday 27 October 2017, Silloth-on-Solway was awarded a Silver Gilt in the Coastal Town (up to 12k) category at the Britain in Bloom Awards Ceremony which was held at Llandudno.



Tony Markley (Mayor of Silloth) and Bill Jefferson (Chairman of Silloth in Bloom) with Iolo Williams (naturalist, TV presenter and writer) who presented the awards.

RHS judges visited the 78 finalists over the summer to assess each group against three key criteria: community participation, environmental responsibility and horticultural achievement.

Silloth was judged in August by Ian Beaney and Richard Budge.

“The dominating feature of Silloth has to be its impressive Green. This swathe of preserved open space was well maintained, with individual features such as the Storytelling Chair made by local woodcarvers, the water fountain and the Millennium Mosaic.”

“The protection of the grand open space of Silloth Green was commendable, as many such open spaces have suffered from disjointed development over the years. The security that the community has afforded to this important open space and the pride of place it enjoys should ensure its future for the town for many years to come.”

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped Silloth to Bloom again this year. The town has looked amazing which has been reinforced by all the positive comments we received from visitors and locals alike. It has taken a lot of work over many years to get the town looking as good as it does, with a lot of that work going on behind the scenes. Silloth is a wonderful place to live, work and play and with continued efforts by the Town Council, its staff, volunteers and local businesses, our town will continue to flourish.


Also representing Cumbria at Llandudno was Penrith BID, Dalston and Kendal. Penrith won the Business Improvement District (BID) category and was awarded a gold medal for their entry. Dalston was also awarded a gold medal in the Large Village category. Kendal was awarded a silver gilt in the Large Town category.

Cumbrian volunteers Joan Robinson and Liz Auld also received community champion awards in recognition of their contributions to their Bloom groups' success.

Well done to everyone representing Cumbria!



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**Gillian
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1113**



**Peter
Nichol**

**PCSO
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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.

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

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://www.facebook.com/cumbriapolice>

Contact can be made by calling 101

In an emergency always call 999

Your local Inspector is: **Inspector 1915 Rachel Gale**

Your local Sergeant is: **Sergeant 1113 Gillian Atkinson**

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

Tel: 101, Opt 2, Ext 45299

Email: peter.nichol@cumbria.police.uk

Local policing priorities for Silloth

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

Priority

You said:- Youth Related Anti-Social Behaviour in Silloth

Action taken

#We did:- Tackling anti-social behaviour on and near The Green in Silloth 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 where relevant. Consideration of the use of dispersal orders if required.

#Communities Together

#The Allerdale Hub along with Allerdale Rural Policing Team PCSO's will be working with Solway Community School to establish a project aimed at reducing youth related Anti-social Behaviour in Silloth. The aim of the project is to break down barriers between young people and others in the community to promote a sense of ownership with the long-term objective of reducing Anti-Social Behaviour throughout the summer period and beyond. Further information will be provided in the coming months.

#PCSO Activities

#PCSO 5299 gave a talk at Silloth primary School on Hate Crimes.

#PCSO 5299 along with Cumbria Fire and Rescue Services gave a talk on Fire Safety and nuisance fires.

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 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.



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 2017/18:

- ✓ Green Flag status achieved for 2017/18 for the 5th 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 Silver Gilt Award.
- ✓ The Community Garden and the Heritage Rose & Bee Garden were individual winners at the Cumbria in Bloom awards ceremony. The Community Garden received an 'Advancing' RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Award and the Heritage Rose & Bee Garden received an 'Outstanding' RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Award.
- ✓ Silloth-on-Solway was honoured to receive a Silver Gilt Award for the Coastal Town (up to 12k) category in the RHS Britain in Bloom 2017 competition.
- ✓ A lot of new planting has taken place in the Community Garden this year. The volunteers spend a lot of time making sure the garden looks its best and do an amazing job.
- ✓ New wildflower bed near the Edwardian toilet block.
- ✓ A lot Spring bulbs have been planted in the Community Garden and other areas of the Green.
- ✓ Taking over responsibility for the cleaning of the Public Conveniences on Silloth Green.
- ✓ RAF100/Hudson Bomber project to commemorate the 100th birthday of the Royal Air Force.
- ✓ Refurbishment of the Story Telling Chair in the Community Garden by the Solway Woodcarving Group.

Plans for 2018/19:

- ✓ Creation of a new Children's Play Area, next to the Water Splash Pad for children aged 0 - 5 yrs.
- ✓ Re-surfacing of the gravel footpaths and extending the flowerbeds within the Community Garden.
- ✓ Development of the Silloth Fairy Trail and Wishing Tree Project, working with Vicky Hope from the Fairydust Emporium.
- ✓ A commemorative plaque is being designed and carved by the Solway Woodcarving Group for the fire crew who sadly lost their lives over 60 years ago.



Children's Playgrounds

Work to the Eden Street Play Area is now complete and the park is ready for youngsters to enjoy. Let's hope we get some sunshine now!

Cllr. Tony Markley, Mayor of Silloth said "We are grateful to Allerdale Borough Council for providing us with some funding which the Town Council chose to spend on the Eden Street play area, for the benefit of our local residents. The park has always been very popular and the new equipment and safety surfacing means it can be enjoyed for many years to come."

A memory swing seat has been installed which is designed to allow eye-to-eye contact between a toddler and their parent/carer. The Jupiter roundabout has seating and in addition, youngsters are able to control their speed by varying the strength of the disc's rotation. One of the existing sets of swings has been replaced with an exciting new Mega Swing which allows kids to swing together, to get as high as they can. New safety surfacing and bins have been installed and gives the park a bright new look. £15,000 from Allerdale Borough Council and also £3,000 from the Town Council's budget was used to fund the project.



In addition to the Eden Street play area, Silloth also has the woodland play area in the pines, the Water Splash park and the BMX track on Silloth Green.

The Water Splash Park is really popular in the summer months and there are plans to create a small children's play area over by the Water Splash Park with a pirate theme, aimed at younger children of 0 – 5 yrs. It will provide an additional amenity and compliment the facilities we already have. Designs and quotations have been obtained, although some fine tuning is still to be done. Funding applications are to be submitted in the coming months. A Community grant of £1,000 has been received from Cumbria County Council and the Town Council has agreed to allocate £7,000 from the 2017/18 budget towards the project. Silloth Rotary Club has also agreed to provide funding of £2,000, so things are well underway and we look forward to seeing the final outcome.



Commonwealth Day



More than one thousand Commonwealth flags were raised around the world at 10.00hrs local time on Monday 12 March – Commonwealth Day 2018, in a shared celebration of this amazing family of nations that encompasses the globe.

Silloth-on-Solway took part in the celebration, with the raising of the Commonwealth Flag in the Community Garden on Silloth Green. The ceremony was well attended, with pupils and staff from Silloth Primary School and Solway Community School, and representatives from other groups and organisations in the town.

At 9.45am, Cllr. Graham Wilkinson, Deputy Mayor of Silloth welcomed everyone to the Flag Raising Ceremony. The Commonwealth Affirmation was read out by Becky Weightman, Ella Baker and Kia Orchard, Yr 9 pupils from Solway Community School. They were supported by Max Brough and Ben Mattinson, who read out the affirmation at the 2017 flag raising ceremony.

Cllr. Wilkinson read out a personal message from the Commonwealth Secretary-General, The Right Honourable Patricia Scotland QC. “Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth is an occasion to acknowledge publicly and collectively the continuing aspiration of the Commonwealth to build on common traditions and uphold our shared values of democracy, inclusive development and respect for diversity.” At 10.00am, Cllr. Wilkinson raised the Commonwealth Flag, this being the fourth year of the event.

The 2018 Commonwealth theme: ‘Towards a Common Future’, explores how the Commonwealth can address global challenges and work to create a better future for all citizens through sub-themes of sustainability, safety, prosperity and fairness, in line with the theme of the 2018 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in London.

In a message from Her Majesty the Queen, as Head of the Commonwealth, sent ahead of Commonwealth Day: “Voluntary effort, by people working as individuals, in groups or through larger associations, is so often what shapes the Commonwealth and all our communities.”

This is so very true of the community of Silloth and something we can all be very proud of.



RAF100/Hudson Bomber Project



On Sunday 1 April 2018, to celebrate the 100th birthday of the Royal Air Force, a new feature was unveiled on Silloth Green.

Councillor Tony Markley, Mayor of Silloth welcomed everyone to the ceremony which was well attended, with a broad range of people from Silloth and from further afield, on what was a lovely Spring day. He talked about the Hudson Bomber project, about Silloth's history and the role of the airfield during WW2.

Silloth Airfield was opened in June 1939, just before the start of WW2, and closed on 31 December 1960. It was originally designed to be used by RAF Maintenance Command, 22MU, but was handed over to Coastal Command during November 1939. No1 (Coastal) Operational Training Unit (OTU) was responsible for training pilots and crews from the UK and Allied countries.

To celebrate the town's involvement in WW2 and to support Silloth's 'in Bloom' activities, Silloth Tourism Action Group had the idea of a permanent structure based on the shape of a WW2 Hudson plane. Cllr. Markley approached Gen2, the Cumbrian training provider at Lillyhall, to enquire if their talented apprentices could construct a replica Lockheed Hudson plane, as one of their annual projects. The apprentices successfully built the plane which was put on display during Apprentices week in March. Gen2 has been named Apprenticeship Provider of the Year at the inaugural Annual Apprenticeship Conference which is a brilliant achievement. The plane has been gifted to the people of Silloth and is a welcome addition to the Green. The plane is sited above a new raised flower bed, built by the Town Council's grounds maintenance team, to be planted up with colourful summer bedding in the shape of an RAF roundel.

The new feature is sited opposite the Silloth RAFA club on Petteril Street which is the only remaining RAFA Club in Cumbria. The RAFA Association was well represented at the ceremony, with members from Silloth, Penrith, Cockermouth and Carlisle branches in attendance, displaying their Ceremonial Standards. Representatives from RAF Spadeadam were also at the ceremony.

The project has been funded with a Community Grant from Cumbria County Council and a kind donation by the family of a former aero engineer, Rex Morris, who served at 22MU Silloth during the War.

After the plane was unveiled, a moving poem entitled 'Hudson Bay' written and narrated by Tim Barker was played over the PA system. Tragically, a large number of Lockheed Hudson aircraft and their crews, who had crashed during take-off or approach to the wartime airfield of Silloth ended up in the Solway, resulting in it being renamed locally as 'Hudson Bay'.

Refreshments after the ceremony were provided by Silloth RAFA club, with a specially commissioned cake to celebrate the 100th birthday of the RAF. Thank you to everyone who attended the event yesterday and a special thanks to everyone who played a part in making this project happen.



HUDSON BAY - Tim Barker

When the Nazis threatened Europe all the world was called to arms
And an aerodrome was built here, among the peaceful farms;
It was not a combat station, just a work shop and a school
Where men came for instruction, and machines came for renewal.
And the town was full of guests as it had never been before,
Guests who travelled from around the world to exercise for war.

Men learned gunnery and bombing, navigation and the skills
How to hunt for submarines and when they found them, how to kill.
But to exercise for battle is to sit a lethal test
And failure claims the lives of both the weakest and the best;
And sixty heroes lie in graves beside the Solway Shore
Who saw the face of death before they ever faced the war.

Flying low over the wavetops, flying blind on moonless nights,
Sitting cold in lonely turrets, peering over cannon sights,
They flew many types of aircraft but the name that still survives
Is the fatal Lockheed Hudson, for it claimed so many lives
In the waters of the Solway, and so many went astray
That the waters of the Solway were re-christened "Hudson Bay".

Some were instantly recovered, some were never seen again
And many sank or drifted to be cast up now and then;
And many were so damaged that their names could not be guessed,
Flayed and broken by the ocean; and its creatures did the rest
For the creatures of the ocean take whatever comes their way,
And they reaped a royal harvest in the years of Hudson Bay.

Now when strangers bring their caravans to Silloth by the sea
They're looking for a holiday with peace and harmony,
And driving into town they seldom cast a second glance
At the little blocks of factories and light electric plant;
But those buildings have a history and where tourists camp today,
Other strangers came to Silloth who have never gone away.

Flying low over the wavetops, flying blind on moonless nights,
Sitting cold in lonely turrets, peering over cannon sights,
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Is the fatal Lockheed Hudson, for it claimed so many lives
In the waters of the Solway, and so many went astray
That the waters of the Solway were re-christened "Hudson Bay".



Silloth Community Hall



Petteril Street, Silloth, CA7 4EA

Web: www.sillothcommunityhall.co.uk

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

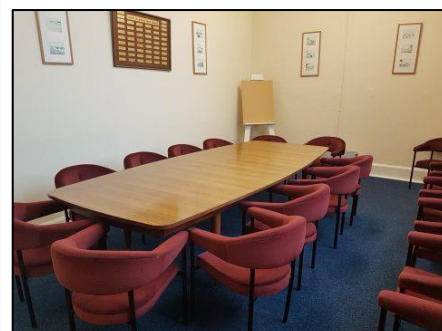
Silloth Community Hall is owned and run by Silloth Town Council. In recent years, considerable improvements have been carried out to make the building fit for purpose. The Town Council want to create a place belonging to the community, where people and groups can meet, socialise and network, in a safe 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 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 groups using the building now. There's also an online calendar to see when the building is in use. 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.



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

30 March – 2 April 2018 <i>10.00 – 5.00pm</i>	Craft Marquee at Silloth Green
5 – 6 May 2018 <i>All day</i>	Kids Football Tournament at Silloth Rugby Club, Silloth
27 May 2018 <i>All day</i>	Silloth Green Day at Silloth Green
9 - 10 June 2018 <i>All day</i>	Silloth Vintage Rally at Silloth Green
22 - 24 June 2018 <i>All day</i>	Ragnarock Rally at Silloth Rugby Club
14 July 2018 <i>11am onwards</i>	Northern Soul Event at Silloth Green
11 – 12 August 2018 <i>All day</i>	Pirate & Princess Day at Silloth Green
12 August 2018 <i>All day</i>	Special market & Music at Silloth Green
13 – 27 August 2018 <i>All day</i>	James Town Circus at Silloth Green
27 August 2018 <i>All day</i>	Silloth Carnival at Silloth Green
6 - 9 September 2018 <i>All day</i>	Silloth Music & Beer Festival at Silloth Green
20 October 2018 <i>At 5.00pm</i>	Silloth Bonfire & Fireworks at Silloth Airfield



Finance

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 2018 - 2019 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 2018 – 2019, the Town Council is raising a sum of £170,149, 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 2017 - 2018 was £170,912.

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 2018-2019, the Town Council received £739 in Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant from Central Government which was less than the previous year’s grant of £1,478.

In 2018/2019, Silloth Town Council will raise 8% of its income from sources other than the precept, mainly from rental income, ice cream concessions and income from contracting work. We are always looking at ways of increasing our income sources and 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 six members of staff - the Town Clerk, the Park Manager, two Parks Supervisors and two part-time cleaners.

£5,000 has been included in the budget for 2018/19, 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 to maintain standards achieved over recent years. Unspent funding of £7,000 from the 2017/18 budget will be used towards the provision of a new children’s play area on Silloth Green.

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council**Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 March 2018**

2016/17		2017/18
£	INCOME	£
1,166	Allotment Rents	1,243
47	Bank Interest	0
1,166	Community Hall rent	1,725
10,700	Disposals of Equipment	0
81,331	Grants Received	31,521
2,000	Green Activities	3,335
4,108	Grounds Maintenance Income	3,128
5,150	Ice Cream Concessions	6,009
3,804	Other Income	2,020
165,093	Precept & Concurrent Grants	170,912
1,523	Refunds Received	1,012
1,980	Sports Club Rents	1,580
278,068	TOTAL INCOME	222,485
	EXPENDITURE	
5,230	Administration	5,157
2,626	Allotments	2,149
1,764	Changing Room Expenses	2,002
1,500	Christmas Lights	478
6,742	Community Hall Running Expenses	6,818
345	S137 Expenditure	170
1,320	Eden Street Electric	1,379
2,009	Green Activities - Expenses	2,138
6,856	Grounds Maintenance	5,870
9,194	Insurance	10,234
3,189	Legal Fees	330
135	Maintenance of Sports Areas	485
8,301	Splash Pad Expenses	7,914
7,403	Play Areas - Maintenance & Equipment	13,300
7,392	Public Conveniences	10,315
369	Purchase of Office Furniture & Equipment	0
2,446	Purchase of Seats	371
390	Purchase of Signs	45
44,533	Purchase of Vehicles & Equipment	0
93,108	Salaries & Wages	101,373
53,415	Silloth Green Project	4,461
0	Bee Garden	998
5,118	Silloth in Bloom	10,409
3,084	Squash Court - rates etc	985
0	Tourism	5,000
2,750	Transport & Vehicle Costs	3,299
0	Youth Provision	1,400
0	Youth Shelter	5,132
269,219	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	202,212
8,849	NET INCOME	20,273

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2018

2016/17		2017/18
£	ASSETS	£
	Cash & Bank Accounts	
51,803	Current Account	65,590
31	Deposit Account	31
3	Treasurer Account	3
5,854	Wages Account	11,307
-39	Cash Account	182
57,652	Total Cash & Bank Accounts	77,113
	Other Assets	
10,593	Debtors	2,361
68,245	TOTAL ASSETS	79,474
	LIABILITIES	
23,779	Creditors	14,735
44,466	NET ASSETS	64,739
	REPRESENTED BY:	
35,617	General Fund Balance at 1.4.2017	44,466
8,849	Add Net Income	20,273
44,466	TOTAL RESERVES	64,739

The above statements represents fairly the financial position of the Town Council as at 31 March 2018 and reflects its income and expenditure during that year.

These Accounts have been approved by the Town Council.

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Revenue Estimates

Last Year	Description	Current Year		Next Year
Actual		Budget	Probable Actual	Budget
2016/17		2017/18	2017/18	2018/19
£	INCOME	£	£	£
1166	Allotment Rents	1200	1201	1250
47	Bank Interest	350	50	50
1166	Community Hall Rental Income	1000	1500	1500
10700	Disposals of Equipment	0	0	0
81331	Grants Received	13300	29521	0
0	Green Facilities	500	525	500
2000	Fairground Rent	2000	2000	2000
5150	Ice Cream Concessions	4100	5000	5000
4108	Grounds Maintenance Income	3000	3127	3000
3804	Other Misc Income	50	1852	50
165093	Precept	0	0	0
1523	Refunds Received	0	434	0
1980	Sports Club Rents	1980	1780	1780
278068	Total Income	27480	46990	15130
	EXPENSES			
5230	Administration	5500	5500	5000
2626	Allotment Expenses	1000	1500	1500
1764	Changing Room Expenses			
0	- Electricity	800	800	800
0	- Rates	900	850	900
0	- Repairs	500	500	500
0	- Water	250	400	400
1500	Christmas Lights	500	391	500
0	Community Hall Repairs	1000	1000	1000
6742	Community Hall Running Expenses	5500	5500	5500
0	Community Hall Improvements	0	0	0
345	Donations and Grants	0	170	0
0	Election costs	0	0	0
1320	Eden Street Electric	2500	2500	2500
2009	Green Activities - Expenses	2000	2000	2000
6856	Grounds Maintenance	6000	6000	6000
9194	Insurance Costs	9000	10234	10250
3189	Legal Fees	1000	690	500
135	Maintenance of Sports Areas	1000	1000	1000
0	Miscellaneous	0	0	0
7403	Play Areas - Maintenance	2500	2500	2500
	Play Areas - Equipment	5000	15000	0
7392	Public Conveniences			
	- Electricity	3000	3000	3000
	- Hand drier	320	0	0

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	- Non Domestic Rates	3000	3198	3200
	- Maintenance	500	1500	500
	- Water	3500	3500	3500
	- Provision of Cleaning & Supplies	14850	2000	2100
2446	Purchase of Seats	0	371	0
390	Purchase of Signs	0	50	0
369	Purchase of Office Furniture & Equip	0	247	0
44533	Purchase of Vehicles & Equipment	5000	5000	5000
0	Revenue Grant Overclaim	0	0	0
93108	Salaries & Wages	96750	104113	107000
53415	Silloth Green Project	6500	6500	6500
	Silloth Bee Garden	500	1000	500
5118	Silloth in Bloom	0	10000	0
8301	Splash Pad - Water & Elec	8500	8500	8500
0	Sports Fund	0	0	0
3084	Squash Court - Rates & Repairs	2500	2500	2500
0	Tourism - Events	0	2500	0
0	Tourism - TIC	2500	2500	2500
	Tourism - STAG	2500	2500	0
0	Training costs	0	290	0
2750	Transport & Vehicle Costs	4000	4000	3500
0	Youth Provision	1000	1400	0
0	Youth Shelter	0	5132	0
269219	Total Expenditure	199870	226336	189150

-8849	Net Expenditure/Income	172390	179346	174020
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Precept	170912	170149
Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant	1478	739
From Reserves	0	3132
	<u>172390</u>	<u>174020</u>

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FOR TOWN COUNCIL INFORMATION

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

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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Allerdale Borough Council

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Silloth-on-Solway Town Council

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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

Crimestoppers

Tel: 0800 555 111

Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service

Tel: (non emergency) 0300 303 8623

Email: enquiries.fire@cumbria.gov.uk

Web: www.cumbria.gov.uk/cumbriafire/

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 29 May 2018, 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 30 May 2017, as a true record.
 3. **Annual Town Report**
To receive the Annual Town Report.
 4. **Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2018**
To receive the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2018.
 5. **Matters of Interest**
To invite the public to raise any matters of interest.
- **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.