

# Silloth-on-Solway Town Council



## Annual Report 2018/19



## 2018/19 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

Welcome to the 2018/19 Annual Report. This report has been produced and made available prior to the Silloth Annual Town Meeting, to be held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, Silloth Community Hall, Petteril Street, Silloth.

The Annual 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

I am happy to report this year that I still receive great comments from visitors and members of the local community on how well our Town is looking and continues to prosper, with the continued support from the Silloth Town Council members, who regularly attend meetings making the decisions which continue to attribute to the Town's success.

The dedicated staff employed by the Town Council, the committed eager volunteers who continue to maintain the Community garden and vast array of gardens around the Green, who work tirelessly to maintain the natural assets within the town's ownership and control. This can only attribute to the continued success of the Town.

The organising of the vast and varied events held on Silloth Green and surrounding areas continue to flourish and grow which is important in attracting increasing numbers of visitors from all over, both nationally and internationally to the town. My thanks go to everyone who contributes their time to making sure these events continue annually.

This year through the dedicated hard work of individuals and groups, to secure funding and grants from Cumbria County Council and Allerdale Borough Council, a Junior Pirate Ship Play area has been established offering another great attraction for the Town. Also, the MUGA built at the sports ground which will be another great asset for the towns people - a great achievement by members of the local community for the Town.

I wish to thank everyone who has contributed and dedicated their time to achieving these welcomed useful assets for the good of the community of Silloth on Solway.

The setts on Criffel Street are undergoing maintenance and will be re-laid to continue the vast Heritage this Town continues to portray, as a great place to visit.

The storms we continue to endure annually have left the road network as an awful legacy in Cumbria, no more than the horrendous coastal erosion at Dubmill, resulting in the B5300 being closed for traffic. Cumbria County Council are awaiting licenses and permits from Natural England to access the SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest). These permits are expected very soon. I continue to stress to the County Council, the vital importance this road has for the local communities living and using it on a daily basis.

In my role as Mayor, I have been privileged to represent Silloth and visit many events over the year and have promoted Silloth on Solway as a great destination to live and visit.

Allerdale Borough Council and Silloth Town Council will hold elections this year on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. I would like to thank you all for allowing me the privilege to represent you and hope you will continue to support me, as I support and promote this great Town.

Cllr. Tony Markley, Mayor



## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT — WENDY JAMESON

Highlights from last year have been the opening of the new Pirate Ship play area for 0-5 year-olds on Silloth Green (page 23) which was the idea of Anthony Reid, Chairman of Friends of Silloth Green; the construction of the new Multi-Use Games Area (page 12) which has been on the wish list of the sports clubs for many years but has finally come to fruition this year through the hard work and determination of Colin Baty; the creation of the new Fairy Door Trail (page 21) which was the brainchild of Vicky Hope; the development of a wildlife woodland area next to the Edwardian toilet block and improvements to the shrub beds (page 20) on Criffel Street undertaken by Judith Scott and Ann MacKenzie; and achieving a Green Flag Award (page 21) for the sixth year running. None of this could have been achieved without the hard work of some amazing volunteers, working in partnership with the Town Council and its staff.

I would like to thank Cllr. Tony Markley, who has been our Chairman and the Mayor of Silloth for the last six years and to date, is our longest serving Mayor. He is a larger than life personality and has been a pleasure to work with. He has Silloth in his blood and always promotes the town wherever he goes.

I would also like to thank our grounds maintenance and cleaning staff who do an amazing job in keeping the Green and our facilities in excellent order. The Town Council is responsible for 45 acres of Silloth Green, which includes four sets of public conveniences, the Pagoda, Water Splash park, Woodland play area, Pirate ship play area, BMX track, Putting Green, gardens and shrub beds etc. We are also responsible for the grounds maintenance of the Sports area, Eden Street play area and other areas around the town. We provide the facilities at the Community Hall, manage the allotments, and have land at West Silloth and New Street. The Town Council has been pro-active over the years and taken over responsibility for managing the facilities using our own staff which not only provides local jobs but has enabled us to improve the standards of how those facilities are maintained. We have achieved a Green Flag Award for Silloth Green for the last 6 years in succession, were awarded the Coastal Resort Trophy in the Cumbria in Bloom competition for 4 years running and a Silver Gilt Award in the Coastal Town (up to 12k) category of Britain in Bloom for two years. The town has never looked better and that is a credit to our forward-thinking Council and its dedicated staff and volunteers - all working together, making Silloth the wonderful place it is today.

I look forward to the coming year and am sure that it will be as busy and productive as 2018/2019. We have the Town Council elections on 2 May and there will be some new faces around the meeting table and I look forward to working with them all, to continue the great work that has been achieved by the current Council over the last 10+ years. A list of all the new Town Councillors, who serves on each committee and their representation on outside bodies, will be published on the website as soon as possible following the elections on 2 May. Town Councillors are all volunteers who give up their time to attend meetings of the Council and often serve on other committees and organisations within the town. It can be a thankless task at times and sadly focus is often drawn to negative issues (especially via social media) but by working together, a lot can be achieved.

We welcome any comments on this document or the services Silloth Town Council provides. To contact the Town Council write to:- 5 Burnswark Terrace, Solway Street, Silloth, Cumbria, CA7 4EF. Tel: 016973 31128 Mob: 0777 5686857 Email: [townclerk@silloth-on-solway.co.uk](mailto:townclerk@silloth-on-solway.co.uk) Web: [www.silloth-on-solway-tc.gov.uk](http://www.silloth-on-solway-tc.gov.uk) Also on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



## 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 May 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 2018/19 are listed below: -

Cllr. A.J. Markley - Mayor  
 Cllr. G. Wilkinson - Deputy Mayor  
 Cllr. I. Baty  
 Cllr. J. Cook  
 Cllr. A. Emmerson  
 Cllr. C. Fearon (co-opted Nov 2018)  
 Cllr. S.F. Graham  
 Cllr. W. Jefferson O.B.E.  
 Cllr. O. Martin  
 Cllr. M. Orchard  
 Cllr. D. Pattinson (disqualified Sept 2018)  
 Cllr. A. Reid (resigned Feb 2019)  
 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 2019/20: -

Mon 13 May 2019	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 3 June 2019	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 1 July 2019	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 2 September 2019	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 7 October 2019	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 4 November 2019	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 2 December 2019	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 13 January 2020	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 3 February 2020	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 2 March 2020	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 6 April 2020	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 11 May 2020	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>AONB Joint Advisory Committee</b>       | Cllr. W. Jefferson |
| • <b>Silloth Tourism Action Group</b>        | Cllr. J. Cook      |
| • <b>Holm Cultram Sea Dyke Charity</b>       | Cllr. A.J. Markley |
| • <b>Longcake Education Trust</b>            | Cllr. G. Wilkinson |
| • <b>Friends of Silloth Green</b>            | Cllr. A. Reid      |
| • <b>Solway Community Technology College</b> | Cllr. J. Cook      |
| • <b>Sports Hall</b>                         | Cllr. J. Cook      |
| • <b>Sports Association</b>                  | Cllr. I. Baty      |
| • <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 six members of staff: -

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| • Wendy Jameson | – Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer |
| • Ken Wannop    | – Parks Manager                              |
| • Aaron Ward    | – Park Supervisor (to March 2019)            |
| • David Hart    | – Park Supervisor                            |
| • Steven Green  | – Park Supervisor (from April 2019)          |
| • Donna Collin  | – Cleaner                                    |
| • Natasha Ward  | – Cleaner                                    |



## 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 18 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>

**2018/19 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 own grounds maintenance team. An independent annual inspection is also carried out.

**2018/19 Members:** - Cllrs. G. Wilkinson, A. Emmerson, A. Reid & S. Graham.

## ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE

The **Allotments Committee** is responsible for setting the annual rents and sorting out any problems that may arise in relation to the allotments and their tenants. The committee has met twice during 2018/19.

**2018/19 Members:** - Cllrs. G. Wilkinson, J. Cook, A. Reid, I. Baty & A. Emmerson.

## PARKS COMMITTEE – CLLR. BILL JEFFERSON

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

**2018/19 Members:** - Cllrs. W. Jefferson, G. Wilkinson, I. Baty, S. Graham & O. Martin.

The Parks Committee has not met for a while, now we are not in Bloom competitions, but of course the work goes on. Special mention must be made of the tremendous work undertaken by volunteer Judith Scott on the regeneration of our main beds on the Green, especially the Community Garden, the Main Bed (toilet block) on Criffel street and the Edwardian Toilet Bed. She has been ably assisted by Ann MacKenzie (Berry) and, of course as ever, by the town team managed by Wendy. Thanks also to the prompt support by Allerdale to complete funding our new Pirate Ship play area and to our former councillor Anthony Reid for having the idea in the first place. The Bee Garden has established a special place in the hearts of many visitors and residents as has its creator, Vivian, whom we also thank for her ongoing commitment.



# ALLERDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL – CLLR. BILL JEFFERSON



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Bringing the heritage and natural beauty of the Solway Coast and its settlements to a wider audience has been a priority during my four years as Executive Member for Tourism and Culture. This has been achieved by creating and promoting our new visitor website [www.visitallerdale.co.uk](http://www.visitallerdale.co.uk) and a visitor guide and map which has been distributed widely in Cumbria, the North East, North West and South of Scotland. I am also delighted that we have produced a number of new films, some with Virtual Reality features, which focus on Silloth and the Solway, as well as the lakes and our towns and villages. They can be enjoyed at the Discovery Centre or by visiting the Visit Allerdale website. The latest VR offer was presented in Chinese to the Chinese Consul General this month.



I am also pleased to report that we are working closely with the AONB and Sustrans to alert Silloth and Solway businesses to the opportunities a refresh to the signage and interpretation of Hadrian's Wall Cycleway offers. This complements the work of the Silloth Coastal Community Team who are working to create a new cycle path for Hadrian's Wall Cycleway between Allonby and Silloth and onwards to Bowness.

In the pipeline are plans to upgrade the Silloth Discovery Centre to make it a flagship for tourism in Silloth and the Solway Coast, as well as ideas to attract more staying visitors with an interest in all aspects of our heritage, flora and fauna. We are unique in the world in that we are located within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty sitting between two UNESCO World Heritage Sites and a National Park. The work on presenting and marketing that offer to the World has been done and I am proud of what my team has achieved.

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# Welcome to Allerdale

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Allerdale has two UNESCO World Heritage sites. The beautiful Lake District National Park is the first and historic Hadrian's Wall the second. And not forgetting the special, hidden charms of the Solway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Your next adventure begins here.



## ALLERDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL – CLLR. JOHN COOK



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First of all, I would like to say it has been an honour to represent this ward over the last 4 years.

I've always put this community first.

I was invited back into the Conservative party and a place on the Scrutiny panel which is a very fulfilling role to play. Scrutiny can challenge any part of the Allerdale Borough Council and can ask in depth questions.

I hope whoever, if not me, is elected will continue to shout for more equality from Allerdale for Silloth and the surrounding areas.

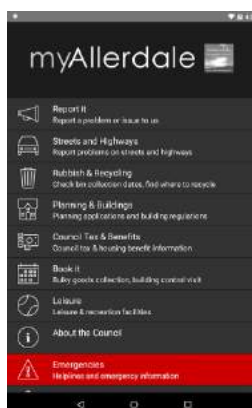
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### MYALLERDALE APP

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.



### ALLERDALE DAY IN MANCHESTER

Registration is now open to book a place at the 2019 Allerdale Day event in central Manchester on Saturday 14 September 2019. Following the success of last year's event we will be returning to Albert Square in Manchester and giving Allerdale businesses and organisations the opportunity to showcase their products / services and shout about what a great place Allerdale is to live, work and visit.



For further information and to confirm your place, please go to <https://visitallderale.co.uk/insider-information/allerdale-day/>

You can also contact Graham Kennedy Email: [graham.kennedy@allerdale.gov.uk](mailto:graham.kennedy@allerdale.gov.uk) Tel: 01900 702763 Mobile: 07483 030483

## 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:

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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 18 years. Cllr. Tony Markley has taken over from the late and valued Cllr. Duncan Fairbairn as our Deputy Chairman. The AONB enjoys a national reputation, with Silloth as its HQ.

2018 – 2019 saw the first full year for the new AONB team and the start of a new era after the gradual retirement of the longstanding AONB staff led by Brian Irving. The new team consists of Naomi Hewitt (Manager), Chris Spencer (Deputy Manager) and Michelle Irving (Communications and Admin Officer). The work of the team and the wider partnership is overseen by the Joint Advisory Committee or JAC and supported by a small Officer Steering Group, both committees meeting four times a year.

As well as managing the staff changeover and establishing direction for the team, there have been many highlights during this past year. A core part of our work is to produce and monitor a 5-year statutory management plan. The current plan expires in 2020, so we have reflected on the current plan and started the process of thinking about the new plan which will be a big part of our work this coming year. We have also invested in our communications work with a whole range of material to take to events and the start of a new website to promote the Solway. Through this we have worked closely with Allerdale Borough Council's Destination management strategy, the culmination of which was our participation in the Allerdale days at Manchester event. The Discovery Centre now has a 360-degree virtual reality resource for visitors and, thanks to our Tourist Information Officer, a range of historical models have been installed for visitors to find out more about the military and transport history of the local area. Much work has been carried out starting to manage many of the special dune grassland nature reserves stretching from Wolsty to Crosscanonby so the land is in better condition for both wildlife and visitors, and volunteer input has been a big part of this ongoing work.



We continue to promote the Solway Plain and Coast through our involvement in ongoing projects such as the Remembering the Solway community history project, the Get Cumbria Buzzing project, and the multi user cycle path project from Allonby to Silloth, amongst others. Our cross-border relationship goes from strength to strength and we worked closely with Solway Firth Partnership to run a very successful cross-Border Solway conference at the Halston Hotel in Carlisle. Finally, we have been working with the National Association of AONBs and the AONB family to input and shape the UK Government's National Review of Designated Landscapes. In March, we were delighted to welcome review panel member and former BBC Environment Correspondent Sarah Mukherjee for a day on the Solway getting out into the landscape and meeting a range of people including local community representatives, landowners and farmers, conservation organisations and businesses. Extremely positive feedback indicated that she was impressed by the AONB and our work, especially the strong partnership working establishing Holme Cultram Abbey as major regeneration symbol and the Solway Wetlands centre at RSPB Campfield Marsh as a haven for Solway wildlife and an excellent visitor welcome point for the natural environment.



## 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 Brian Irving.

## 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: Silloth Primary School, Solway Community Technology College, Holme Cultram and Holme St Cuthbert's.

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

Furthermore, donations of £50 have been made to Sunday schools i.e. Christ Church Silloth, Holme Cultram Abbey and Holme St Cuthbert's.

Two grants giving a total of £350 have been given to Mawbray play park.

With a further grant of £200 being made to Abbeytown Pre-school group.

## SOLWAY COMMUNITY SCHOOL & SPORTS HALL — CLLR. JOHN COOK



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As a governor of Solway Community school, I can say this has been a very interesting year for the school.

Still moving forward with the federation status with Beacon Hill school, Aspatria. I believe that with the leadership of the management team it will secure the future of both schools. It will also give pupils from both schools a wider choice in the curriculum and better opportunities in life skills.

At the time of writing this, both schools are waiting for Ofsted visits.

Within the next year or so I'm sure both schools will be classed as good.

Many thanks.

## HOLME CULTRAM SEA DYKE CHARITY - CLLR. TONY MARKLEY

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

The Charity own Swinsty Farm, agricultural land and a Cottage at Abbeytown which are tenanted.

The Charity has a duty to maintain its assets and properties. The farm, land and properties continue to undergo major renovations. The Committee meet on a regular basis to discuss and agree the schedule of maintenance to be carried out throughout the year.

Any surplus funds from the rental income is distributed to the local schools, village halls and Silloth Nursing Home. This year Silloth Nursing Home was awarded £2,000, the local schools and village halls were awarded £500 each, totalling £5,500 given to these good causes.

The committee continue to successfully operate the Charity and uphold its duties for the local Communities.

## SILLOTH-ON-SOLWAY SPORTS ASSOCIATION - COLIN BATY

An awful lot has happened over the last 12 months with the Sports Association. In February 2018, we received a grant off Cumbria County Council 0 - 19 fund to get us up and running and in March 2018 I put in an initial application to Sport England's Community Asset Fund to try and install a Multi-Use Games Area. After some tweaking and getting good advice this was somewhat surprisingly accepted in June (only one in eight applications get through, nationally).



So, the fun began with having to get more official quotes for the work to be done and in August 2018 I asked Silloth Town Council for a Lease of the land and Allerdale Borough Council for planning permission. I also received a grant from the Police Property Fund.

In October, I was instructed by Sport England that we would have to part fund the Community Asset Fund by having a crowdfunding campaign for 4 weeks. Sport England are to grant us £65,000. The Crowdfunding page raised £11,118 which was matched by Sport England.

In November, we did a fund-raising Bingo night and Silloth Primary School ran a non-uniform day along with LJ Cheer doing to a cheerleading routine to an awful song written by yours truly.

In December planning permission, lease and registering as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation were all passed. Also received a grant from the Hellrigg Community fund.

In January, we received a second grant off the Silloth Community Shop but Silloth Town Council informed us that they couldn't be used as the accountable body to pay and reclaim the VAT. This was after being told by Allerdale Borough Council that they could! Leaving a shortfall of around £20,000. Let's just say I'm not a fan of Sport's Development Allerdale Borough Council! Since then I've managed to obtain grants off Cumbria County Council, Silloth Town Council and the Hadfield Trust - nothing off Allerdale Borough Council, who say they don't have any available - also confirmed in April. VERY POOR!

Excavation work started by Ian Ward Plant Hire on 18/2/19 and this was followed up by AMV Playground Solutions with the Fence on 18/3/19. As of 9/4/19 we are waiting for the laying of the 3G Astro turf on 15/4/19 and Floodlight's being installed by Abbey Electrical.

We are having the official opening day on Saturday 27/4/19 and will still be seeking further funding to get us over the line.





## SILLOTH TOURISM ACTION GROUP — CLLR. JOHN COOK



The last year has been a transitional period for STAG as many of its members left the group.

My aim in the coming year as the new Chairman is to revitalise the group and involve the business in the town and surrounding area.

At the moment, it is vital to get the coast road back into action so we can then get onto the cycle route finished from Allonby.

I'm hoping that by this time next year the group will be back into full action encouraging visitors to our beautiful coastline and towns in the area.

## FRIENDS OF SILLOTH GREEN — WENDY JAMESON



The year started with the appointment of Anthony Reid as Chairman of Friends of Silloth Green at the AGM in May. There have been a number of meetings held during the year and some new volunteers have come forward and joined the group.


A major achievement this year was the installation of the new Pirate Ship play area for 0 – 5 year olds and was pushed forward by Anthony, after listening to requests by parents with young families. The gravel paths in the Community Garden have also been resurfaced and flowerbeds extended. Considerable work has been done to other areas on the Green, with the woodland area becoming a haven for wildlife, with appropriate plants and the addition of bird boxes, bat boxes, insect hotels, bird baths etc. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers who spend many hours working on the gardens and shrub beds, organising the events on the Green and participating in the organised litter picks during the year. Achieving the Green Flag Award for the sixth-year running could not have been achieved without them, along with the Town Council's grounds maintenance team.

We have been busy looking at new ideas for the Green and have come up with the possibility of a pop-up cinema for free movie nights on the Green. This will not be restricted solely to the Green and can be used internally at large venues in adverse weather and also for educational purposes for members of the community. To ascertain how much the community would support this idea, a small poll is being conducted via our Facebook page.

Another project we are working on is a Fitness Trail up the promenade, with distance marker posts and promotional maps and other resources. We are currently exploring the options and working with officers from Cumbria County Council to put together a funding package.



## NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

	<b>Address:</b> <b>Telephone:</b> <b>Email:</b> <b>Web:</b>	<b>Cockermouth Police Station, Unit 1B, Europe Way, Cockermouth, CA13 0RJ 101</b> <a href="mailto:AllerdaleRuralNPT@cumbria.police.uk">AllerdaleRuralNPT@cumbria.police.uk</a> <a href="http://www.cumbria.police.uk">www.cumbria.police.uk</a>
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### Team Members:-



**Rachel Gale**

**Inspector  
1915**



**Gillian Atkinson**

**Sergeant  
1113**



**Peter Nichol**

**PCSO  
5299**

### A Message from your Neighbourhood Policing Team

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



## Silloth Welcomes Our New Hudson Memorial



The Hudson Bomber saluted by the RAF



Hudson Bomber under construction at the Gen2 Training Centre

Report by: Wendy Jameson  
Silloth Town Clerk

On Sunday 1st April 2018, to celebrate the 100th birthday of the Royal Air Force, a new Hudson Bomber 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 aircraft during WWII.

Silloth Airfield was opened in June 1939, just before the start of WWII, and closed on 31st December 1945. It was originally designed to be used by RAF Maintenance Command, 222MU, but was handed over to Coastal Command during November 1939.

Not Coastal Operational Training Unit (COTU) was responsible for training pilots and crews from the UK and Allied countries.

To celebrate the town's involvement in WWII and to support Silloth's 'In Memoriam' activities, Silloth Tourism Action Group had the idea of a permanent structure based on the shape of a WWII Hudson plane. Cllr Markley approached Gen2, the Cambrian training provider at Llandudno, 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 Apprenticeship 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 Pether Street which is the only remaining RAFA Club in Cumbria. The RAFA Association was well represented at the ceremony, with members from Silloth, Borth, Cockermouth and Carlisle branches in attendance, displaying their Commemorative Standards.

Representatives from RAF Spauldine 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 crew member, Iain Morris, who served at 222MU Silloth during the War.

After the plane was unveiled, a moving poem entitled 'Hudson' by writer and narrator by Tim Barker was played. Tragically, Iain Morris was killed during take off or approach to the wartime airfield.

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 Bomber by Tom Wood

Hudson Bomber by Craig Wilson

Flag Bearer leaving Silloth RAFA Club

Mayor Tony Markley welcoming everyone

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## 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 four sets of 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, Pirate Ship play area 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 2018/19:

- ✓ Green Flag status achieved for 2018/19 for the 6<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.
- ✓ The Heritage Rose & Bee Garden received an 'Outstanding' RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Award in the 2018 Cumbria in Bloom competition.
- ✓ A lot of new planting has taken place in the Community Garden this year, with the volunteers spending a lot of time making sure the garden looks its best and they do an amazing job.
- ✓ Re-surfacing of the gravel footpaths and extending the flowerbeds within the Community Garden.
- ✓ Responsibility for the cleaning of the Public Conveniences on Silloth Green with a lot of positive comments received from members of the public about the cleanliness of the facilities.
- ✓ Creation of a new Pirate Ship Play Area, next to the Water Splash Pad, for children aged 0 - 5 years.
- ✓ Development of the Silloth Fairy Trail and Wishing Tree Project, working with Vicky Hope from the Fairy dust Emporium.
- ✓ New planting in the Edwardian bed to create a wildlife friendly area with appropriate plants and the addition of bird boxes, bat boxes, insect hotels, wood piles and hedgehog homes etc
- ✓ Renovation and replanting of the shrub beds around the Criffel Street public conveniences.
- ✓ Community Litterpicks took place, as part of the Great British Spring Clean which were well attended.



### Plans for 2019/20:

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Installation of a new piece of Art, a kind bequest to the town by a local resident.
- ✓ Renovation and replanting of the Criffel Street shrub beds.
- ✓ New outdoor Fitness Trail, with distance marker posts, working with Friends of Silloth Green.





## GARDENS & SHRUB BEDS



**COMMUNITY GARDEN:** The gravel paths in the Community Garden have been resurfaced and will make looking after the garden much easier. The ground maintenance team have laid a new layer of slate chippings around the raised beds which looks good. They have also moved the tool store further down to make it less conspicuous.

New flower beds have been made with top soil and cow muck being added by the team and are being planted up using wildlife friendly plants where possible. The four small narrow beds have been sown with native annual meadow flowers and will be followed by spring flowering bulbs. A Memorial Bench is to be installed which will complete the work here.

**ROTARY POTS:** We will be re-using the spring flowering bulbs and plants, when they have finished flowering, in the new Edwardian Woodland Bed. The Silloth Pride event in June is the inspiration to plant up each pot in a different colour of the Rainbow Flag. As the Rotary Club is organizing this event it seems appropriate.

**EDWARDIAN WOODLAND BED:** This is a sloping area that is in shade at the bottom and in full sun along the top path. The wildflower strip along the path struggled in the hot dry summer last year and looked untidy in a very prominent part of the Green. A variety of native fruit trees and shrubs have been planted, along with a strip of herbaceous perennials and annual flowers along the path. The emphasis of the new planting is to provide for all types of wildlife. This includes not only bees, butterflies, moths, and hoverflies but also caterpillars and birds. By introducing a wide



variety of plants, lots of different wildlife will make use of them all year round. Instead of just summer meadow flowers, there will be seasonal interest with spring blossom followed by berries and nuts in the autumn. This will look attractive, as well as being good for wildlife. It should be noted that the trees and shrubs will take a couple of years to really establish and as it is a work in progress further planting such as spring bulbs will be done at a later stage where appropriate.



The grounds maintenance team have made lots of improvements to this bed including installing bird, bat and insect boxes, sandstone bird baths, log piles and planting up with a range of different wildlife friendly plants. These should naturalize and improve with time and need minimal maintenance. Apart from buying spring flowering bulbs and possibly wild bird seed for the feeders, there should be very little else needed.



**CRIFFEL STREET TOILET BLOCK BED:** Work is still in progress with Ken, Dave and Aaron having prepared the area for planting. The trees, bare root shrubs and honeysuckle have been planted. More shrubs, grasses and perennials have been planted which have also been chosen for the wildlife, as well as being attractive to look at. An annual flower bed is being made outside the Ladies loo's because more permanent planting would not survive the tractor being driven over it when putting the Christmas decorations on the roof. The general impression of this Criffel Street bed should be more formal and ornamental than say the Edwardian Woodland Bed which will have a more naturalistic feel.

**THE LONG CRIFFEL STREET BED OPPOSITE THE BALMORAL:** Work on this bed will not start until the end of the year. It will be dealt with in a similar way as the Toilet Block Bed using ornamental and wildlife friendly plants as usual. Funding of £1,000 is being donated by the Vintage Rally committee to mark 20 years of the Rally.



## FAIRY TRAIL & WISHING TREE

On Sunday 28 May 2018 the Silloth Green Fairy Trail and Wishing Tree was opened.

The fairy trail is aimed at encouraging children to explore what Silloth has to offer. The fairy trail is completely free, with maps available from the Fairydust Cabin on the Green. Come and find the fairies in the pines on Silloth Green.

Vicky said: "People can follow the trail, as a lot of people don't know what is where when they come to visit. We want to involve all ages, everybody can be involved, it is really quite exciting. It will never be out of fashion because children will always love fairies!"



## GREEN FLAG AWARD



Silloth Green in Silloth-on-Solway, Cumbria has been recognised by the Green Flag Award Scheme as one of the very best in the world for the 6th year running. The award was presented to Cllr. Tony Markley, Mayor of Silloth at the Keep Britain Tidy Green Flag Awards ceremony, held at Dewsbury 16th July 2018.

The Green is among a record-breaking 1,883 UK parks and green spaces to receive a prestigious Green Flag Award – the mark of a quality park or green space.

This international award, now into its third decade, is a sign to the public that the space boasts the highest possible environmental standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent visitor facilities.

Silloth Green is one of the largest village greens in the North of England. It boasts spectacular views over the Solway Firth to Criffel and the Caerlaverock Hills in the North, and the Lake District to the South. The Green forms a green link between Silloth's grand Victorian townscape and the sea front promenade, for many years attracting visitors seeking fresh sea air and recreational facilities.

After extensive refurbishment work, the Green now boasts a modern Water Splash play area, a woodland adventure play area, a Putting Green and a BMX track. Beautiful oak picnic tables and benches are to be found in various locations, with accessible footpaths. Along Criffel Street, some Victorian style lighting was installed, in-keeping with the heritage of the town. The Edwardian ladies' toilets built in 1910 and the spectacular Victorian pagoda overlooking the sea were also sympathetically refurbished. A new addition to Silloth Green this year is the fairy trail through the pines for kids to explore and there are plans for a new 0-5yrs Children's play area which is to be installed in the coming weeks. Another new addition is a replica Hudson Bomber built by skilled apprentices from Gen2 at Workington which is sited above a flowerbed, planted out in the shape of an RAF roundel, to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the RAF.



The Green's Community Garden, situated on the corner of Criffel Street and Lawn Terrace, was designed with input from local people. The garden was opened in May 2014 and is cared for by dedicated volunteers. The Heritage Rose and Bee Garden is situated closer to the sea, with a bee hotel in the middle of a striking display of rose bushes, plants and shrubs which have created a haven for the local bee and butterfly population, again cared for by dedicated volunteers.



Cllr. Tony Markley, Mayor of Silloth said: "We are absolutely delighted to receive a Green Flag Award for the sixth year which could only be achieved by the hard work of our community volunteers, grounds maintenance team and Town Council staff."

"We know how much quality green spaces matter to residents and visitors, and this award celebrates the dedication that goes into maintaining Silloth Green to such a high standard."

Cllr. Bill Jefferson, Chair of the Parks Committee said

"Silloth Green has become a nationally significant treasure thanks to six successive green flags, has gained national exposure thanks to the Royal Horticultural Society and Britain in Bloom and enjoys a first-class reputation with visitors and locals alike thanks to the dedication of our grounds maintenance team and the number of innovative projects realised over the last decade. The setting and sunsets are simply the best and we are all so fortunate to have this incredible green space as part of our daily lives where we can walk in peace and play host to activities and events for all ages and interests enjoying the fullest support from our community and its volunteers – many of them unsung heroes. Who would not want to come to Silloth?"

International Green Flag Award scheme manager Paul Todd said: "We are delighted to be celebrating another record-breaking year for the Green Flag Award scheme, with more Green Flags awarded this year than last year."

"Each flag honours the thousands of staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to maintain the high standards demanded by the Green Flag Award. We are proud to have so many wonderful green spaces in the UK for people to enjoy, and hope that next year, we award even more flags."



## YOUNGSTERS CREATE MURALS WITH A MESSAGE



Youngsters redecorated the Eden Street bus stop in Silloth and commemorated the centenary of the end of World War One.

The project was aimed at breaking down barriers between young people and the community.

Communities Together aims to reduce youth related anti-social behaviour by promoting a sense of ownership and recognition of the long-term objective of reducing problems, while also recognising the contribution Silloth made to the war effort.



The project was aimed at the Silloth, Aspatria and Wigton areas.

Each town or school, in conjunction with town councils, had to identify a suitable initiative project to get involved in. Examples have included building a seating area, gardening or creating a mural.

For Silloth, the project involved painting the bus shelters on Eden Street and Petteril Street.

Silloth Mayor, Tony Markley said “I think it is a fantastic project and an appreciation of the 100-year anniversary of the war. It is fantastic that the younger generation have come together to produce these displays that the town council planned. They’ve put it all together and it is a great achievement.”

He added “It is all about bring the community together, remembering the First World War. The youth today need to recognise and remember. We have recognised the contribution Silloth made nationally to the world. It is about making the youth realise what people in Cumbria have gone through to enable the life we have now. “

The scheme is a collaboration of the Allerdale Hub, local policing teams, Beacon Hill Community School, Solway Community School, NADT, Remedi and Aspatria Dreamscheme.

## PIRATE SHIP PLAY AREA



On Tuesday 16 October 2018, the new children’s play area on Silloth Green was officially opened, with Alan Smith, (Leader of Allerdale Borough Council), John Crouch (Mayor of Allerdale), Tony Markley (Mayor of Silloth), Bill Jefferson (Allerdale & Town Councillor), Anthony Reid (Chair of Friends of Silloth Green & Town Councillor) and various local residents, visitors and children in attendance.

Councillor Anthony Reid said “Being one of the founding reasons for me joining Silloth Town Council, after talking with numerous members of both the community and visitors to Silloth, I decided I would set in motion the foundations for building a toddler play area located near the splash park, as I believed this was one amenity the town was, in need of. Spurred on by the extremely positive backing of both the Town Council and residents alike, myself with a lot of help from Town Clerk Wendy Jameson carried out plenty of research, and plans were drawn up for the fantastic design we now have. I am extremely pleased with the final outcome and even more so, after seeing the young children braving the adverse weather to play on the new Play area today. I can’t thank enough the residents of the town for their ongoing support and patience during the process, as well as all those involved. I would especially like to extend my gratitude to both Councillors Bill Jefferson and Alan Smith for their role in helping propel the project over the final hurdle to the completed asset we now have on the Green which I’m sure will bring much pleasure to both the young children of Silloth and visitors to this beautiful little town.”

The main feature of the new Silloth Green Play Area is the custom-built ship which has been specially designed to offer many inclusive features and is classified as DDA accessible. The open layout of the ship lends itself well to allowing children of all capabilities to join in imaginative games both inside and outside the ship which is vitally important to provide an inclusive play environment for all children. Play activities on the lower and upper deck allows everyone to play together. The manipulative and interactive components like e.g. the binoculars, ships wheels, music and play panels will ensure endless hours of creative and imaginative play which support children’s social/emotional and cognitive/creative development.



The new play area was provided by Kompan UK Ltd, as it was agreed their design was the best option in terms of play value, the quality of the equipment and the guarantee provided. The project was funded with a Community Grant of £1,000 from Cumbria County Council and £2,000 from Silloth Rotary Club, with funding of £7,000 from the Town Council. Additional funding of £30,000 was provided by Allerdale Borough Council which was a great bonus and enabled the project to be completed sooner than anticipated.

Councillor Bill Jefferson said “We hope the new play area will become another firm favourite on Silloth Green and provide hours of enjoyment for many years to come. I am delighted with the result and the Pirate Ship is a worthy enhancement to the magic of Silloth Green.”

## FLAG RAISING CEREMONIES

After receiving a request from Cumbria Pride, Silloth-on-Solway Town Council helped celebrate 40 years of the pride flag, by raising a flag on Silloth Green, along with 40 or more other towns, villages, businesses and organisations in Cumbria, to show support for Cumbria’s diverse community and help promote unity and acceptance.

The **40 flags in 40 places** were on display during the week before the Cumbria Pride event which will take place in Carlisle on Saturday 29th September 2018.

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council aims to create a culture that respects and values each others' differences, that promotes dignity, equality and diversity. We aim to remove barriers, bias or discrimination that prevent individuals or groups from realising their potential and contributing fully to the community to develop a culture that positively values diversity.



On 3 September 2018, Cllr. Markley, Mayor of Silloth was joined by a few brave souls, who turned out to see the flag raising ceremony on Silloth Green, on what was a particularly wet morning.

Silloth Green is among a record-breaking 1,883 UK parks and green spaces to receive a prestigious **Green Flag Award** – the mark of a quality park or green space. This international award, now into its third decade, is a sign to the public that the space boasts the highest possible environmental standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent visitor facilities.

This is the sixth year in succession that Silloth Green has been awarded a Green Flag which is a brilliant achievement and would not have been possible without the hard work of our community volunteers, grounds maintenance team and Town Council staff.

3rd September 1939 marked the outbreak of the Second World War and is now enshrined as **‘Merchant Navy Day’** to honour the brave men and women who kept our island nation afloat during both World Wars, and even during peacetime faced – and continue to face – the more routine perils of violent storms and mountainous seas. The expansion of Silloth-on-Solway into a planned Victorian town in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century was inextricably linked to the development of the Docks, the Harbour and the Railway. Silloth retains a busy working port, an active Lifeboat Station with its dedicated volunteers and a small fishing fleet.

A Red Ensign, or ‘Red Duster’ as it is affectionately known, is the recognised flag of the British Merchant Navy since 1854. The Red Ensign flag was raised on Silloth Green – to celebrate both a glorious seafaring past and a vital part of our economic future.



## SILLOTH-ON-SOLWAY CIVIC SERVICE



It is a tradition that the Mayor of Silloth-on-Solway has a Civic Service at Christ Church, Silloth. Overlooking Silloth Green, the church is a significant landmark and is an important part of the community it serves.

On Sunday 14 October 2018, Councillor Tony Markley, Mayor of Silloth held his Civic Service at 11.00am, with guests arriving from 10.45am. Guests included mayors from neighbouring local authorities and towns, civic dignitaries and representatives from groups and organisations in the town.

The service was led by the Canon Bryan Rothwell, Team Rector of the Solway Plain Team Ministry. Councillor Markley welcomed everyone to Silloth and reminded everyone that the "sun always shines on the righteous" which was particularly apt on what was a beautiful sunny day. There were readings by Sue Hayman MP and Councillor Tony Markley. The Silloth Male Voice Choir also sang during the service who were excellent. Refreshments after the service were provided by the ladies from the church and enjoyed by all.

Cllr. Markley said "After speaking to everyone afterwards, everyone thought the service was excellent. My thanks to everyone involved."

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Following a request by Tim Barker, the Town Council purchased two soldier silhouettes from the Royal British Legion at a cost of £500, to mark the final year of the World War One Centenary, as part of the national movement to say 'Thank You' to the First World War generation.

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### 100 Years On - Remember the Fallen with Poppies and Our Hearts



Report by: Molly Lomas

Grateful thanks are due to all the ladies of Silloth & District who gave of their time and talents to knit and crochet poppies for a wonderful cascade of poppies to celebrate Remembrance 100. It has been erected on Christ Church close to the War Memorial.

Special thanks are due to the Ladies at the SOSCS charity shop who collected the poppies. Thanks also to the WI, all the Craft Groups, Fairy Dust Emporium and the Convalescent and Nursing Homes.



Report by: Lawrence Marshall

On Sunday 11th November a Remembrance Day Service was held in Christ Church, Silloth. It was very well attended with some two hundred people in church and more outside for the two minutes silence at 11am. The service was conducted by Canon Bryan Rothwell, he delivered a very fitting sermon for the occasion. It was pleasing to see the Silloth Brownies along with the other dignitaries. A lesson was read by Sgt. Janine Nicoll.

The procession was headed by the Royal British Legion and followed seventeen Silloth organisations who laid wreaths. The procession and congregation left the church at 10:50am to assemble at the Cenotaph outside in time for the two minutes silence which was marked by the firing of a military field gun and observed in a very dignified manner. It was appropriate that each side of the cenotaph were the Remembrance Soldiers and the back-drop of the curtain of poppies draped from the church wall. It was a pleasure to attend this Service of Remembrance which was a credit to the people of Silloth.







## COMMONWEALTH DAY



On Monday 11 March 2019, Silloth-on-Solway took part in the Commonwealth Day 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, on what was a pleasant Spring morning.

At 9.45am, Cllr. Tony Markley, Mayor of Silloth welcomed everyone to the Flag Raising Ceremony.

Craig McKay and Kyle MacKenzie, pupils from Solway Community School read out the Commonwealth Affirmation. This common act of witness renews the commitment of people in Commonwealth countries to work together inclusively and in a spirit of goodwill towards democracy and development in which all can share.



Cllr. Markley read out the Commonwealth Day message from Her Majesty The Queen, Head of the Commonwealth. "Today, many millions of people around the world are drawn together because of the collective values shared by the Commonwealth."

At 10.00am, Cllr. Wilkinson, Deputy Mayor of Silloth raised the Commonwealth Flag, this being the fifth year that Silloth has taken part.

Cllr. Markley thanked everyone for attending the ceremony, something that the younger children might remember in years to come.

The Commonwealth theme this year is 'A Connected Commonwealth' and it has particular significance as we mark the 70th anniversary of the 1949 London Declaration which brought into being the Commonwealth we know today - a family of nations 'freely co-operating in the pursuit of peace, liberty and progress'.



In a message from The Right Honourable Patricia Scotland QC, the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth of Nations, '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.

## COMMUNITY LITTER PICKS



Keep Britain Tidy call on [#LitterHeroes](#) across the country to help improve the environment on their doorstep. They aim to inspire 500,000 people to join forces - in partnership with community organisations, businesses and the government - to collect and safely dispose of single-use plastic from our streets, parks and beaches, recycling as much as possible.

A big thank you to everyone who turned out on the morning of 2 March 2019, to lend a hand with the litter pick on Silloth Green. Thankfully we were lucky with the weather. 11 volunteers turned up and managed to collect approximately 20 bags of litter from the main Green, shrubs beds, pines and woodland areas. We went back to the Community Hall afterwards for a hot drink and a sandwich.

Another big thank you to our #LitterHeroes who turned out on the morning of 23 March 2019 to help with the



litter pick on Skinburness Road. It was quite a pleasant morning and a good way to blow away the cobwebs. 12 volunteers turned up and we managed to collect approx. 12 bags of litter from Skinburness, with 4 of our helpers litter picking at West Beach as well. There wasn't quite so much rubbish this time but we managed to recover a Solway Holiday Village sign from out of the shrubs which they kindly took away.

On Saturday 6 April 2019 there was a litter pick between Barracks Bridge and Causewayhead corner, and along West Causewayhead Lane which was organised by the Holme Low Parish Projects Group but with volunteers from Silloth turning up to lend a hand. We had 12 volunteers and managed to collect approx. 20 bags of rubbish which is a positive outcome but disappointing to think most of this rubbish had probably been thrown from vehicles as they came into or left the town.



## RAF 100/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. To celebrate the town's involvement in WW2 and to support Silloth's 'in Bloom' activities, talented apprentices from Gen2 at Lillyhall constructed a replica Lockheed Hudson plane, as one of their annual projects. The plane is sited above a new raised flower bed, built by the Town Council's grounds maintenance team, planted up with colourful summer bedding in the shape of an RAF roundel.

Over the winter months the plane underwent some restoration work and received a new coat of paint to help protect it against the salt air.

A new lectern is to be sited next to the Hudson Bomber to provide information about the project, with links to the Silloth Airfield website and the film which includes the moving poem entitled 'Hudson Bay' written and narrated by Tim Barker.



## CONTACT US VIA SOCIAL MEDIA



<https://www.facebook.com/TownClerk/>

<https://twitter.com/SillothTownC>

<https://www.instagram.com/sillothtowncouncil/>

## SILLOTH COMMUNITY HALL



Petteril Street, Silloth, CA7 4EA

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Email: [townclerk@silloth-on-solway.co.uk](mailto: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 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.

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. 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 couple of years. The Hall houses the Town Clerk's office, is the home of the Solway Woodcarving Group, who have their workshop within the building and Gayle Warwick has a treatment room in the building for her Holistic therapies & Foot Care. There are several groups using the building now which includes the Monday Luncheon Club, Silloth First Responders, Silloth Rainbows, Causewayhead Women's Institute, Silloth OAPs, Lavender Ladies, a Bible Study Group, Silloth Town Council, Holme Low Parish Council, the Crafty Club, China Painting group, Silloth Vintage Rally committee, Silloth Carnival Committee, Silloth Pride Committee, STAG, Friends of Silloth Green, Silloth Music & Beer Festival, Silloth Sports Association & Silloth Football Club.

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](mailto:townclerk@silloth-on-solway.co.uk). Booking is essential.



## 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

13 – 14 April 2019 <i>All day</i>	Kids Football Tournament at Silloth Rugby Club
19 – 22 April 2019 <i>10.00 – 5.00pm</i>	Craft Marquee at Silloth Green
4 – 6 May 2019 <i>10.00 – 5.00pm</i>	Craft Marquee at Silloth Green
5 – 6 May 2019 <i>All day</i>	Kids Football Tournament at Silloth Rugby Club
26 May 2019 <i>All day</i>	Silloth Green Day at Silloth Green
8 - 9 June 2019 <i>All day</i>	Silloth Vintage Rally at Silloth Green
21 - 23 June 2019 <i>All day</i>	Ragnarock Rally at Silloth Rugby Club
29 June 2019 <i>All day</i>	Silloth Pride at Silloth Green
3 August 2019 <i>11.00 – 8.00pm</i>	Silloth Soul Saturday at Silloth Green
7 – 18 August 2019 <i>All day</i>	James Richards Circus at Silloth Green
26 August 2019 <i>All day</i>	Silloth Carnival at Silloth Green
5 - 8 September 2019 <i>All day</i>	Silloth Music & Beer Festival at Silloth Green





## FINANCE

### HOW IS THE TOWN COUNCIL FINANCED?



The Town Council budgets carefully each year to ensure it can deliver its services, provide improvements where needed and be realistic about its financial position and responsibilities over the coming year. When carrying out the budgeting process, the Council must consider the expenditures it must make, such as overheads (staff costs, building running costs etc) and maintenance costs, and the expenditure it wishes to undertake, for example towards the delivery of a project. This is then offset with the expected income

for the coming year, for example through rents received, grounds maintenance revenue and external funding. Income and the use of reserves cover a percentage of the expenditure over the year but the remainder is met by the annual Precept.

### THE PARISH PRECEPT

The name given to the Council Tax which is collected for the Town Council is the 'precept'. The Town Council calculates its budgetary requirement in January each year and issues a 'demand' (this is a legal term, it's not an actual demand) to the Borough Council to collect the required amount of Council Tax from residents to raise the required budget.

### HOW IS THE PRECEPT CALCULATED?

In December each year, the Borough Council advises each Town and Parish Council what their 'council tax base' is. The council tax base is a figure that is calculated by taking the total number of properties in the area which are liable to pay Council tax and converting them to a number of 'Band D' equivalents. This is done using a formula which expresses each band in ninths. For example, a Band A property is 6/9 of a Band D, a Band D property is 9/9 and a band H property is 18/9.

### OUR COUNCIL TAX BASE FIGURE

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council's council tax base figure for the year 2019/20 which this report covers is £855.57. This figure represents the total number of Band D equivalent properties in the Parish at the time the Council Tax Base was calculated in January 2019.

### 2019/20 BUDGET

The Budget for the 2019/20 Financial Year was approved and adopted by the Town Council at its meeting on 14 January 2019. For 2019/20, the Town Council is raising a precept of £167,820, resulting in a charge on the council tax on a Band D property of £196.15 for the year. The previous year's precept for 2018 - 2019 was £170,149.

The precept per Band D property was calculated as follows:

BUDGET REQUIRED ÷ TAX BASE = BAND D CHARGE

i.e £167,820 ÷ 855.57 = £196.15

PARISH	PARISH PRECEPT	C TAX BASE	VALUATION BANDS							
			A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Silloth-on-Solway	£167,820	855.57	130.77	152.56	174.36	196.15	239.74	283.33	326.92	392.30

**SILLOTH-ON-SOLWAY TOWN COUNCIL****BUDGET FIGURES**

	2018/19	2019/20
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Allotment Rents	1,250	1,500
Bank Interest	50	50
Community Hall Rental Income	1,500	1,500
Green Facilities	500	1,000
Fairground Rent	2,000	2,000
Ice Cream Concessions	5,000	5,000
Grounds Maintenance Income	3,000	3,000
Other Misc. Income	50	50
Sports Club Rents	1,780	1,780
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>15,130</b>	<b>15,880</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Administration	5,000	4,500
Allotment Expenses	1,500	1,500
Changing Room Expenses		
- Electricity	800	800
- Rates	900	900
- Repairs	500	500
- Water	400	500
Christmas Lights	500	0
Community Hall Repairs	1,000	1,000
Community Hall Running Expenses	5,500	5,500
Election costs	0	1,500
Eden Street Electric	2,500	1,500
Green Activities – Expenses	2,000	2,000
Grounds Maintenance	6,000	6,000
Insurance Costs	10,250	6,000
Legal Fees	500	500
Maintenance of Sports Areas	1,000	500
Play Areas – Maintenance	2,500	2,500
Public Conveniences		
- Electricity	3,000	2,000
- Non-Domestic Rates	3,200	0
- Maintenance	500	1,000
- Water	3,500	3,500
- Provision of Cleaning & Supplies	2,100	1,500
Purchase of Vehicles & Equipment	5,000	5,000
Salaries & Wages	107,000	115,500
Silloth Green Project	6,500	2,500
Silloth Bee Garden	500	1,000
Silloth Community Garden	0	1,000
Splash Pad - Water & Elec	8,500	8,500
Squash Court - Rates & Repairs	2,500	1,000
Tourism – TIC	2,500	1,000
Tourism – STAG	0	1,000
Transport & Vehicle Costs	3,500	3,500
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>189,150</b>	<b>183,700</b>
<b>Net Expenditure/Income</b>	<b>174,020</b>	<b>167,820</b>
Precept	170,149	167,820
Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant	739	0
From Reserves	3,132	0
	<b>174,020</b>	<b>167,820</b>

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019**

<b>2017/18</b>		<b>2018/19</b>
<b>£</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>£</b>
1,243	Allotment Rents	1,340
1,725	Community Hall rent	2,639
0	Disposals of Equipment	1,000
31,521	Grants Received	34,739
3,335	Green Activities	2,950
3,128	Grounds Maintenance Income	3,007
6,009	Ice Cream Concessions	5,666
2,020	Other Income	24,142
170,912	Precept & Concurrent Grants	170,149
1,012	Refunds Received	1,009
1,580	Sports Club Rents	1,780
<b>222,485</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>248,421</b>
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
5,157	Administration	4,663
2,149	Allotments	1,489
2,002	Changing Room Expenses	4,640
478	Christmas Lights	1,300
6,818	Community Hall Running Expenses	6,173
170	S137 Expenditure	3,645
1,379	Eden Street Electric	3,814
2,138	Green Activities - Expenses	2,340
5,870	Grounds Maintenance	7,254
10,234	Insurance	5,593
330	Legal Fees	1,068
485	Maintenance of Sports Areas	1,128
7,914	Splash Pad Expenses	8,675
13,300	Play Areas - Maintenance & Equipment	43,259
10,315	Public Conveniences	9,244
371	Purchase of Seats	1,870
45	Purchase of Signs	75
0	Purchase of Vehicles & Equipment	14,000
101,373	Salaries & Wages	108,825
4,461	Silloth Green Project	16,804
998	Bee Garden	731
10,409	Silloth in Bloom	0
985	Squash Court - rates etc	968
5,000	Tourism	0
3,299	Transport & Vehicle Costs	4,805
1,400	Youth Provision	0
5,132	Youth Shelter	0
<b>202,212</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>252,363</b>
<b>20,273</b>	<b>NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>-3,942</b>



**SILLOTH-ON-SOLWAY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2019**

2017/18		2018/19
£	ASSETS	£
	Cash & Bank Accounts	
65,590	Current Account	66,580
31	Deposit Account	31
3	Treasurer Account	3
11,307	Wages Account	3,393
182	Cash Account	181
77,113	Total Cash & Bank Accounts	70,188
	<b>Other Assets</b>	
2,361	Debtors	4,590
79,474	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	74,778
	<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
14,735	Creditors	13,981
64,739	<b>NET ASSETS</b>	60,797
	<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>	
44,466	General Fund Balance at 1.4.2018	64,739
20,273	Add Net Income/Expenditure	-3,942
64,739	<b>TOTAL RESERVES</b>	60,797

**GRANTS RECEIVED:** The following Grants were received by the Town Council during the year:

Allerdale Borough Council	Pirate Ship Play Area	£30,000
Cumbria County Council	Pirate Ship Play Area	£1,000
Silloth Rotary Club	Pirate Ship Play Area	£2,000
Cumbria County Council	RAF100/Hudson Bomber Project	£1,000
Allerdale Borough Council	Restoration of shrub beds	£2,000
Allerdale Borough Council	Council Tax Relief Support Grant	£739

**OTHER RECEIPTS:** £20k was received from Harvest Park Developments towards the ongoing maintenance cost of the new footpath which is to be constructed from West Silloth across the sports ground to link with the town.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS:** The Town Council has contributed towards the cost of some new Christmas lighting this year. The Town Council supports the Committee by storing and erecting the Christmas Tree, Santa Sleigh and Reindeer, along with changing the bulbs in the Victorian street lighting on Criffel Street each year.

**SPORTS & RECREATION:** The Council is responsible for the Eden Street sports ground and football changing rooms. During this financial year the electrics in the football changing rooms were completely updated. The Town Council arranged a lease with the Sports Association at a cost of £1,000, to enable the group to apply for funding for the new MUGA and also provided a grant of £3,000 towards the cost of the new facility.

**PARKS & OPEN SPACES:** Considerable work has been done in renovating and replanting the Woodland area at the Edwardian toilet block and also the Criffel Street shrub beds, with more work to be undertaken during this current year. The gravel paths in the Community Garden were re-surfaced at a cost of £6,840. Some additional bins and bollards were also purchased. A new Wessex Tri-deck mower was purchased during the year at a cost of £14k which was an ex demonstrator model and a considerable discount obtained.

**PLAY AREAS:** Our major project this year was the installation of the new Pirate Ship play area on Silloth Green at a cost of £40k, most of which was funded from grants and £7,000 from the Council's reserves.

**SALARIES AND WAGES:** Our largest expenditure is for our staff who play an integral role in managing and maintaining our facilities, services and functions. The Council employs six members of staff - the Town Clerk, the Park Manager, two Park Supervisors and two part-time cleaners. Their salaries, including National Insurance contributions and pension contributions, totalled just over £108k.

**GRANTS:** Silloth Town Council supports a lot of local groups and charitable organisations during the year. Some of the grants are in the form of free or reduced rental of Town Council facilities and assets. Other grants are in the form of monetary donations.

Listed below are the organisations who have received financial assistance in 2018/19:-

Silloth on Solway Sports Association	MUGA	£3,000
Silloth Christmas Lights Committee	New lights	£500
Royal British Legion	2 x soldier silhouettes	£500
Poppy Appeal	Poppy wreath	£20
Solway Community School	Prize	£25
Great North Air Ambulance	Donation	£100

A number of organisations were also given grant aid in the form of free use of the Community Hall for meetings or the use of Town Council land to facilitate an event. The Town Council allows local voluntary event organisers free use of the Green. Assistance is also provided by allowing free use of the crowd fencing which is delivered and collected by the grounds maintenance team. Silloth Youth Club is sited within the grounds of the Community Hall, for which no rent is charged and the water and electricity bills are also covered by the Council.

Causewayhead Women's Institute
China Painting group
Community Hall Crafty Club
Exiles Cumbria
Friends of Silloth Green
Holme Low Parish Council
Lavender Ladies
Monday Luncheon Club
Silloth Carnival Committee
Silloth First Responders
Silloth Football Club
Silloth Music & Beer Festival
Silloth OAPs
Silloth Pride Committee
Silloth Rainbows
Silloth Rotary Club
Silloth Sports Association
STAG
Silloth Vintage Rally Committee
Silloth Youth Club
Together We CIC

**ASSETS:** Our assets are currently valued at more than £526k and include the publicly owned buildings of the Community Hall, Football Changing Rooms, Fitness Centre, Eden Street sports ground, in addition to land at New Street and Holliday Crescent. We maintain one allotment site and three play areas, including the Splash Pad. We have a lease with Allerdale Borough Council for Silloth Green which includes four public conveniences, the Pagoda, Putting Green and various gardens and shrubs beds. We own a variety of playground equipment and the machinery to maintain our land and facilities, as well as owning street furniture, lighting, signage and other assets within our buildings and open spaces.

**RESERVE FUNDS:** It is necessary for a Council of our size to keep a sum of money in reserve to cover unexpected expenditure, but also to meet the cost of future projects and the replacement of assets. We have earmarked funds to cover asset replacement of major equipment such as vehicles and equipment. Money has also been set aside for the future maintenance costs of the new footpath which is to be constructed from West Silloth.

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## Annual Town Report

### FOR TOWN COUNCIL INFORMATION

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

### CCC

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The Courts  
Carlisle  
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CA3 8NA  
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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-](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods/default.aspx)

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Out of hours: 03000 247 247

Web: [www.sillothgroupmedicalpractice.nhs.uk](http://www.sillothgroupmedicalpractice.nhs.uk)

#### Silloth Clinic

Lawn Terrace, Silloth, Cumbria, CA7 4AH

Tel: 016973 31325

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Cumberland Infirmary

Newtown Road, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA2 7HY

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West Cumberland Hospital

Homewood, Hensingham, Cumbria, CA28 8JG

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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 Monday 29 April 2019, 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 29 May 2018, as a true record.

3. **Annual Town Report**

To receive the Annual Town Report.

4. **Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2019**

To receive the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2019.

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.