

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council



Annual Report 2019/20



2019/20 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

Welcome to the 2019/20 Annual Report. This report has been produced to highlight the activities of the Town Council over the last 12 months. Unfortunately due to the covid-19 lockdown we are unable to hold an Annual Town meeting this year but the Report has been made available online and if any resident has any questions about the contents of the report please contact the Town Clerk. Email: townclerk@silloth-on-solway.co.uk.

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MAYOR'S REPORT — CLLR. MARK ORCHARD

Unfortunately, as I write my report we are in the middle of an unprecedented pandemic so I'd like to draw upon what a fantastic community we live in. As proved recently when times are hard, everyone in the community really has pulled together. This really is what makes us stand out and that is why there are not many places like our little town of Silloth.

2020 is certainly a year we are all going to remember for the rest of our lives and generations to come. As Town Mayor I would like to say a big thank to all our volunteers within the community no matter how big or small. Your effort has helped tremendously.

Thank you to all the businesses in our town and to all our services within the community.

A huge appreciation must go to our local schools, to our care homes providing a safe environment for their residents, our local surgery for providing outstanding care, to all our key workers in and around our town. Everyone has a part to play in our community and I'd like to thank you all for that.

During my time as Mayor, I have had the privilege to serve and represent Silloth on Solway along with my Deputy Mayor, Cllr Graham Wilkinson at many events and functions county wide.

Silloth Green achieving the Green Flag award yet again for - reflecting the hard work by our grounds maintenance staff, councillors and volunteers, again showing what a great community togetherness we have.

One thing I would like to say to our annual event organisers is - please don't be disheartened by the forced cancellation of this year's events. I'm sure next year's events will be a great success, as your dedication and hard work in previous years has proven.



A local attraction which must get a mention is the famous Big Fella. This sculpture was built by the talented Ray Lonsdale and commissioned by the late Peter Richardson. We unveiled the sculpture named 'Sunset' along with Peter's family. Since its unveiling 8 months ago, the Big Fella has attracted media attention country wide and has been visited by tens of thousands of visitors. It is proving to be another asset that has helped to keep Silloth on the map.

Throughout the last year I have attended meetings.

I met Cumbria Highways to ensure various issues with our roads regarding Solway street, street lighting, the drainage issues at Stanwix corner (B5300) and ongoing concerns. All of these will be addressed and is in their future budget so be assured we will keep pushing on with these.

After several concerns regarding the cemetery, I met with the contractors who maintain Causewayhead cemetery. Even though this is within the Holme Low parish boundary, it serves the town of Silloth. The contractors have increased their schedule and feedback received from the community is positive.

Going forward when we do get back to some sort of normality, the Town Council will be working together on a Town Plan. This will not only ensure we maintain the high standards we have been recognised for but give us a future target to improve and prosper, so Silloth continues to be the success it is.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Town Clerk Wendy Jameson, and my fellow Town Councillors for their dedication and giving up their time to represent our community. It can be easy to forget sometimes that our Town Councillors are all volunteers. This goes without saying how proud you should all be to be part of this amazing place we all call home, Silloth.



TOWN CLERK'S REPORT — WENDY JAMESON

We started the year with a new Council following the election in May 2019 - with some new faces and some familiar ones around the meeting table. There have been a few changes over the course of the year, with resignations, an election and a co-option. We currently have a vacancy on the Town Council, so why not get involved and see what difference you can make to your local community? As a local councillor, you can become a voice for your community and make a real change. Local councillors are community leaders and should represent the interests of the communities they serve. Local councillors have to be residents of the area their local council serves, making them the most local part of our democratic system and closest to the community. If you're interested, there is more information available on the Town Council website.



One of the highlights of the year for me was seeing the arrival of the Big Fella sculpture. After receiving regular updates and photographs from the artist Ray Lonsdale, it was amazing to see it finally in place on the seafront, looking out to sea. Since the installation of the Big Fella, it has attracted a lot of interest from visitors, with many photographs appearing on social media, including an amusing video of Ozzy, the rescue springer spaniel, who mistook the giant statue for a real person and wanted him to throw a ball for him. I'm sure the sculpture will make people smile and brighten their days for many years to come, just as Mr Richardson had intended.

Over the last couple of years, I've become involved with the Friends of Silloth Green, as I thought it would provide a better link with the Town Council. It has been wonderful to see the group grow, with the start of regular volunteering sessions on the Green. Horticultural guidance is provided by Judith, with Carol rallying the volunteers with her regular blog posts. We have a great group of people, all with their own skills to share and ideas for future projects. We've had a number of successful funding applications this year and also support from local businesses which will enable us to continue the work that has already been started. Keep a look out for updates on Silloth Today and on our own Friends of Silloth Green Facebook page.

The Covid-19 pandemic this year has certainly had a big impact. We have seen groups, individuals and local businesses going above and beyond to help their local community during the lockdown. Hearing all the clapping and pans being banged on a Thursday evening in the weekly 'Clap for our carers' was quite overwhelming. Now with the easing of restrictions, there have been a multitude of risk assessments to complete, looking at each individual place, service or activity, identifying who uses them and the risks to these people when they do. We have been guided by the Government guidance available at the time which is often only issued within days of restrictions being lifted. The Town Council then considers what measures it is able to put in place to protect people from those risks. Once a decision is made to reopen the particular facilities, the necessary measures then need to be implemented. We understand it may be frustrating when facilities are not opened as quickly as you would like but please be assured the Town Council and it's staff are doing all that they can to reopen everything in a safe and timely manner. All we ask is to please show some understanding and patience and above all, please respect our staff who are working under immense pressure during these unprecedented times.

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 Web: 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 in May 2023. Town Councillors are unpaid volunteers who give their time freely because they are committed to their local community.

Members of the Town Council during 2019/20 are listed below: -

Cllr. M. Orchard - Mayor
 Cllr. G. Wilkinson - Deputy Mayor
 Cllr. C. Bell (resigned July 2020)
 Cllr. J. Cook
 Cllr. P. Donald (co-opted June 2019 & resigned April 2020)
 Cllr. A. Emmerson (elected October 2019)
 Cllr. M. Irving
 Cllr. S.F. Graham
 Cllr. W. Jefferson O.B.E.
 Cllr. A.J. Markley
 Cllr. O. Martin (resigned July 2019)
 Cllr. J. McCormick
 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 2020/21: -

Mon 6 July 2020	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 7 September 2020	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 5 October 2020	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 2 November 2020	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 7 December 2020	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 11 January 2021	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 1 February 2021	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 1 March 2021	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 12 April 2021	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room
Mon 10 May 2021	7.00pm	Full Council	Council meeting room

COUNCILLOR ROLE & RESPONSIBILITIES

COUNCIL AS A CORPORATE BODY

∂ A Council is a body corporate, which means that the decisions it takes are the responsibility of the Council as a whole. The Council is composed of a Mayor and Councillors. It is an elected body and is a legal entity separate from that of its members.

∂ A Council may approve delegation of its powers to Committees, the Clerk, employees or another council. A Council legally must approve its accounts on an annual return, arrange internal audits and decide on Precept; this cannot be delegated to a Committee or Officer.

∂ A Council is legally required to appoint a suitably qualified officer responsible for the proper administration of its affairs (a section 151 Officer) and an officer who is responsible for its financial affairs. At Silloth-on-Solway Town Council these responsibilities are within the role of Town Clerk.

∂ A Council must vote on decisions by show of hands. If a recorded vote is requested this will be in the minutes of the meeting. A Councillor may abstain from any vote.

COUNCILLORS AS INDIVIDUALS

∂ Councillors as individuals have no powers and cannot act individually;

∂ Councillors must declare in writing to abide by the Council's Code of Conduct and must sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office after being elected to their term of office. A usual term is four years;

∂ Councillors must attend meetings of the Council or of its Committees, of which they are a member;

∂ And above all, Councillors should interact with the public to ensure the Council is serving the residents of its town to the best of its abilities and that the residents' voices are heard;

∂ Councillors are volunteers and are not paid.

THE MAYOR

∂ The Mayor is elected at each Annual Meeting as the first order of business and must be a member of the Council, and must sign his/her declaration of office at this meeting;

∂ The Mayor will preside at meetings at which he/she is present and must be obeyed. He/she is responsible for conducting the meeting and ensuring decisions and actions are clear for the members to vote on and Clerk to act upon;

∂ The Mayor has no individual powers other than the authority to exercise a casting vote and the right to convene a special meeting of the Council;

∂ The Mayor is the proper person to represent the town on ceremonial occasions elsewhere.

REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council is committed to working with and helping support local community organisations and groups. As a Council it is vital to maintain relationships with the organisations and groups within the town and work together to improve the town and enrich the experience for its residents and visitors alike.

The Council appoints representatives to each of the outside bodies at its Annual Meeting in May.

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| • AONB Joint Advisory Committee | Cllr. W. Jefferson |
| • Silloth Tourism Action Group | Cllr. J. Cook |
| • Holm Cultram Sea Dyke Charity | Cllr. A.J. Markley |
| • Longcake Education Trust | Cllr. G. Wilkinson |
| • Friends of Silloth Green | Cllr. A.J. Markley |
| • Solway Community Technology College | Cllr. J. Cook |
| • Sports Hall | Cllr. J. Cook |
| • Sports Association | Cllr. C. Bell & then Cllr. P. Donald |
| • Silloth Coastal Community Team | Cllr. W. Jefferson |

Our local Allerdale and County Council representatives are as follows:

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| • Cumbria County Council | Cllr. A.J. Markley |
| • Allerdale Borough Council | Cllrs. A.J. Markley, J. Cook & O. Martin |

COUNCIL STAFF

The Town Council employs five members of staff which includes the Town Clerk, who is the Council's proper officer and is the main point of contact for the Town Council. There is the grounds maintenance team who are responsible for maintaining The Green, as well as looking after the playgrounds, sports facilities and grass cutting of other areas in the town. We also have two part-time cleaning staff who are responsible for cleaning the public conveniences on Silloth Green and also Silloth Community Hall.

All of our staff take pride in what they do and work hard for their local community. In recent weeks, some of our staff have been subjected to verbal abuse when carrying out their duties which is not acceptable. Please respect our staff, respect our facilities and respect our town.

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| • Wendy Jameson | - Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer |
| • Ken Wannop | - Parks Manager |
| • David Hart | - Park Supervisor |
| • Donna Collin | - Cleaner |
| • Graham Speight | - 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.

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

www.allerdale.gov.uk/planningapplicationsearch

And the County Council's website: -

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

2019/20 Members: - Cllrs. M. Orchard, G. Wilkinson, J. Cook, M. Irving & C. Bell.

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.

2019/20 Members: - Cllrs. A.J. Markley, J. McCormick, M. Irving & 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.

2019/20 Members: - Cllrs. G. Wilkinson, J. Cook, C. Bell, J. McCormick & P. Donald.

PARKS COMMITTEE

The **Parks Committee** is responsible for considering matters relating to the Council's parks & open spaces and the maintenance of those areas. The main one for which the Town Council is responsible is Silloth Green.



2019/20 Members:- Cllrs. W. Jefferson, M. Irving, S. Graham, J. McCormick & J. Cook.

STAFFING COMMITTEE



The objective of the **Staffing Committee** is to provide effective and professional staff management of all matters related to the employees of the Council.

2019/20 Members:- Cllrs. M. Orchard, G. Wilkinson, A.J. Markley, W. Jefferson & M. Irving.

The Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor are *ex officio* members of every Committee of the Council, with full voting rights.

CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL & ALLERDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL – CLLR. TONY MARKLEY

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In 2019, I was elected to represent Silloth on Solway and Holm wards as one of the three elected members for Allerdale Borough Council and I thank everyone who supported me in achieving this position.

During the year, I was fortunate to be asked to serve on the Allerdale Borough Council Executive with the portfolio for Environmental services including Open/Recreational spaces and waste collection which in itself was an interesting position, assisting with bringing waste collection into a new company formed by Allerdale Borough Council named Allerdale Waste Service. This started in April and has so far proved to be successful.

I continue as elected member for Silloth and Solway coast at Cumbria County Council, with the position of Vice Chair for Cumbria County Council (I would have been chair now but due to Covid-19 virus the AGM was cancelled) shadow portfolio holder for Nuclear & Economy. I currently serve on the Port of Workington Committee, Chair of finance for North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority, Vice Chair of Solway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Solway Firth partnership board, Corporate Scrutiny committee and Development Control & Regulation Committee for Cumbria County Council.

I find serving as your elected member for Silloth on Solway on these Councils to be extremely interesting. I will continue to promote Silloth and the Solway Coast to be a great place to live and visit.

ALLERDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL – CLLR. JOHN COOK



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After being elected by the good people of Silloth and Solway Coast borough again, I was surprised and humbled to be asked to be a member of the joint executive.

The joint executive was made up of three independent councillors, three conservative councillors and one independent councillor.

I was given the portfolio for governance and Heath and Resources which was slightly out of my comfort zone but within a short while I came to realise how important the position was.

It covered many aspects of the internal workings of the council.

The new executive had to hit the ground running as there were two important decisions to be made within the first 6 months, a new sports stadium and the bins contract.

The executive worked well in making what I believe to be the correct decision on both subjects.

(Rejecting large stadium plans and bringing the bin collection back in house.)

Unfortunately, the joint executive partnership became fractured and un-workable. The new deputy leader of the council Mike Johnston decided to replace the independent councillors with conservative councillors which was within his remit. It might have come across as being callous and cold at the time but we now have a concise executive that are all working towards the betterment of ALL of the borough.

In early March of this year, I was given the portfolio for leisure & tourism. The officers were drawing up plans for me to have breakfast meetings, visits and heritage meetings throughout the Borough, to gain knowledge of how we as a Council could help them in the future. But then the dreaded Covid-19 struck and it has been very frustrating not to be able to do the things that were planned.

In the meantime our officers, partners and I have been working behind the scenes and in constant contact with each other to plan the way ahead. Hopefully within the near future we will be able to get things back on track with our plans.

SOLWAY COAST AONB – CLLR. BILL JEFFERSON



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

Report from the Solway Coast AONB Team April 2019 to May 2020

Covid-19

At the time of writing, we are all affected by the pandemic. Work continues as normal, but all AONB staff are working from home apart from occasional visits to the office for ongoing building security, maintenance and administration, and staff members in the office always lone work. Our work is business as normal, but some aspects have been paused or delayed - so unfortunately all of our events, volunteer work parties, meetings and project group activities have had to stop for now. Our on-site work continues but some projects, such as the installation of new natterjack ponds and planting for pollinators, will now have to take place in the autumn and spring next year instead.

Management Plan

A huge piece of work this year has been our brand new 5-year AONB Management Plan. This is a statutory document for the conservation and enhancement of the natural beauty of the Solway Coast over the period 2020 to 2025. It is a plan for the area rather than a work plan for the staff team, and many organisations, individuals and communities have a role in implementing it. It is now complete and in the process of being adopted by the three partner AONB local authorities - Allerdale Borough Council, Cumbria County Council and Carlisle City Council. You can find the draft plan on our website at www.solwaycoastaonb.org.uk on the publications page.



Land Management and conservation volunteers

Much work has been carried out on the sites that the AONB team manage directly. These are a range of popular coastal sites between Wolsty and Crosscanonby that are characteristic of some of the AONB's special qualities. They are high nature value sites and need to be managed carefully to ensure they are in good condition for wildlife as

well as resilient to visitors. Some of the recent work has involved grass cutting (to make space for good floral diversity), fence and boardwalk repairs and a lot of preparation work to graze some of these sites later in the year. The existing main natterjack pond on Mawbray Banks was improved last year and a new additional pond constructed and good numbers of natterjacks bred successfully last year as a result. Two more ponds would have gone in this spring but have now been delayed because of covid-19. We are keenly awaiting some rain to fill these ponds up at present!

Volunteer work parties have taken place every fortnight. We now have a great little group of keen volunteers who carry out a whole range of conservation tasks on the sites that we manage on the coast. We have also been working with the Cumbria Biodiversity Data Centre in Tullie House to help run a project called Solway Nature Networks. The project has ended now but aimed to train a small group of volunteers to equip them with the skills to actively identify and record wildlife in the AONB.

We have also been busy managing visitor pressure on our sites during lockdown and immediately post lockdown as larger numbers of people than normal have been keen to visit. The recent dry weather has increased the chance of fire, so we have produced and installed some banners warning people about fire and BBQ risk. We have also undertaken some patrols on busy days, meeting people and checking that safe practices are being followed.

Projects

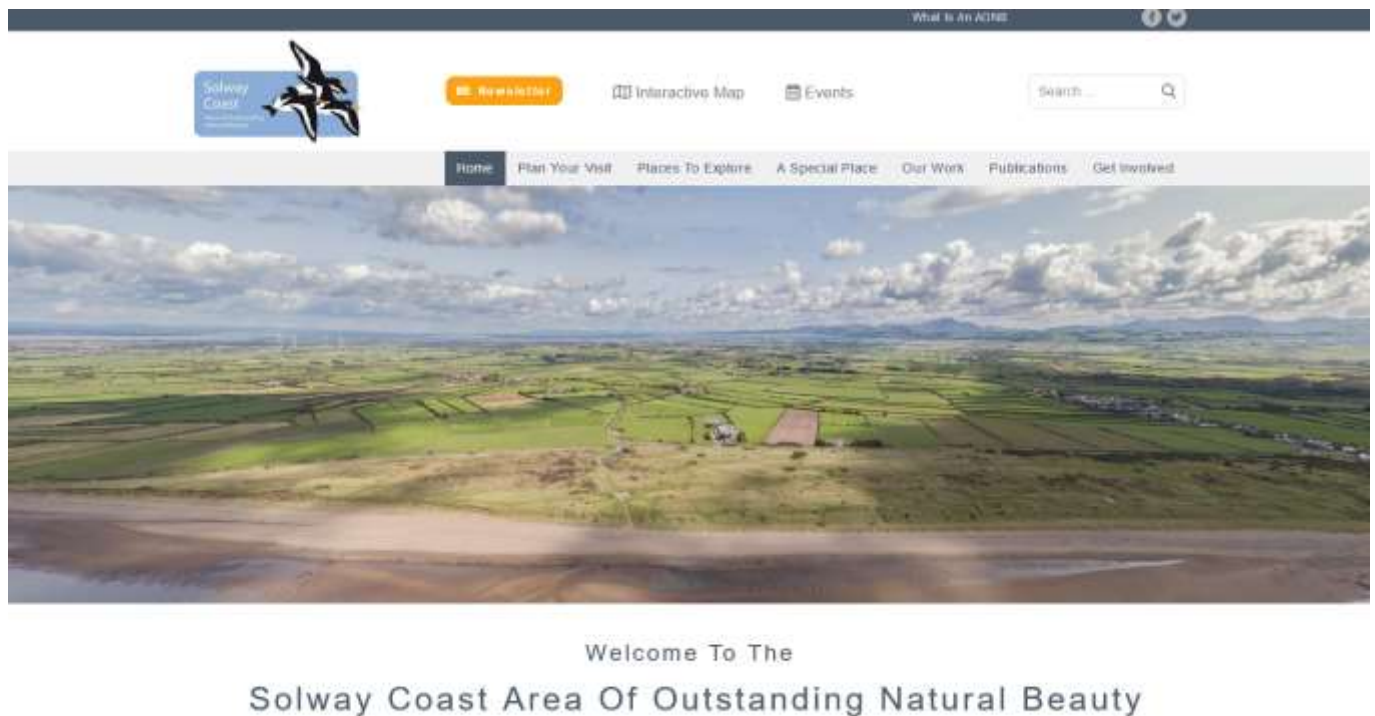
Projects form a big part of our daily work in the AONB team, so in September we welcomed a new member of staff to the team. Anna Pollard started with us as our Project Officer. Previously having worked for the National Trust, Anna has a wide range of experience and is full of enthusiasm, particularly for the management of outdoor sites and countryside.

We are involved in, both as a lead member and a partner, a number of projects. Plans, surveys and site preparations have been put in place for our role in the Get Cumbria Buzzing project, which aims to create lots more habitat for pollinating insects. The Dynamic Dunescapes project has just started, so plans have been put in place for some practical work managing the dunes and some Citizen Science activities that everyone can get involved in. We have worked with the West Cumbria Archaeological Society to run the public engagement and school activities around a community archaeological excavation at Holme Cultram Abbey - this time excavating a Medieval wharf in a field adjacent to the Abbey. We have also worked with WCAS and Grampus Heritage to shape and develop a potential new project running an exciting new archaeological dig excavating newly discovered remains at Bowness-on-Solway - thought to be Roman. At the time of writing, unfortunately this has been put on hold due to Covid-19 funding restrictions, but we hope to be able to progress this, at a later date. The Remembering the Solway oral history project has been progressing well, the volunteers having now completed most of their interviews. But unfortunately, meetings and events have had to stop for the time being. Lastly, we have just commenced a project working with Cumbria County Council's library training their staff to deal with tourism information enquiries and planning a series of public events, visitor surveys and some stakeholder sessions to start to look at the future of the Discovery Centre. Unfortunately, aspects of this project have stalled, but good foundation work continues to take place and we hope to resume the face to face activities whenever it is safe to do so.



Planning and Communications

The team continue to keep an eye on planning applications within the AONB, providing advice where needed, and have fed into several plans and strategies, including the new North West Marine Plan and various National Association of AONB reports. We also had an excellent opportunity to meet Julian Glover in person at the Home Office in London to contribute to a discussion on the future of Designated Landscapes in advance of the Glover Review commissioned by the UK Government and released in September 2019. We have developed and launched a brand new AONB website which can be accessed at www.solwaycoastaonb.gov.uk and have continued to develop web content including lots of new visitor information, as well as grow our mailing lists, e-newsletters, social media and articles in publications such as the cross border Tidelines magazine.



SILLOTH COASTAL COMMUNITY TEAM – CLLR. BILL JEFFERSON



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The Silloth Coastal Community team was responsible for securing £1m from central government for the extension of the Solway Coast multi-user trail from Allonby to Silloth. The new path will join on to the Maryport to Allonby Cycleway and will also be part of the wider Hadrian's Cycleway on the National Cycleway Network, known as Route 72, extending from Ravenglass in Cumbria to South Shields in the north east. The route is 14km in total with 4.63km 'off road' and 9.47km 'on road'. The 'on road' sections of the route will utilise the existing carriageway and will include appropriate signage, markings and line painting.

Update: from Joe Broomfield, Allerdale Borough Council

Common Land consent for the new section of path over Mawbray Banks was granted on the 18 December 2019 by the Planning Inspectorate.

We have also recently been told that our match-funding bid for £250,000 has been successful. This will allow us (subject to further common land consent) to resurface the existing section of path south of Allonby to Blue Dial Farm with tarmac.

All of the ground investigation works have now been completed which is allowing us to finalise the detailed designs.

We are currently out to tender for the works via The Chest. The closing date for tender submissions is the 16 June. Allerdale's Executive will need to approve the appointment of the main contractor and all being well works should start at the end of July which are due to take around 6 months to complete.



LONGCAKE EDUCATION FOUNDATION – CLLR. GRAHAM WILKINSON

The foundation meets three times a year at Wheyrigg Hall in June, October and February. However due to family reasons I was unable to attend the February meeting so can only report on the previous two.

At each meeting donations are made from the interest accrued on investments to each of the four schools covered by the remit of the foundation – Silloth Primary, Solway Community Technical College, Holme Cultram and Holme St Cuthberts.

For June and October, £880 was presented to each school.

Furthermore, a grant of £600 was made to Abbeytown pre-school group.

SOLWAY COMMUNITY SCHOOL & SPORTS HALL – CLLR. JOHN COOK



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The school was able to achieve a “Good” from Ofsted in June 2019 after a lot a hard work by the management, staff & governors.

After becoming a federation school with Beacon Hill school in Aspatria, both schools have secured a brighter future for their pupils, as well as the schools themselves.

During these challenging times of the Covid outbreak, both schools have been adapting to an ever-changing landscape.

I’ve got every confidence that Silloth Community School will continue to have a brighter future.

At this moment the Sports Hall is still in lockdown.

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.

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

SILLOTH-ON-SOLWAY SPORTS ASSOCIATION - COLIN BATY



Silloth on Solway Sports Association has had a very successful last 12 months. The Multi Use Games Area officially opened in late April 2019 and floodlights were installed in July 2019. The MUGA has proved to be a resounding success with it being used almost every night during the dark winter months. We have allowed Stanwix Park to hire it out during the holiday periods once a week and they are delighted with it.

We have also had groups from Abbeytown Girls and Ladies teams hire it, as well as Silloth A.F.C for all age groups and adult groups from Silloth and all over the Solway Plain Area. In June and July 2019, we held a six aside league with 8 teams taking part which was a big success, involving boys and men aged 16 +. This has brought back people to engage in sport again who had let it slip over the years.

In February we procured an anti-vandal proof cabin which we want to connect to the electric once the current crisis allows us to do so. This will give parents / guardians a place to shelter when their children are using the MUGA.

SILLOTH TOURISM ACTION GROUP – CLLR. JOHN COOK



STAG lost most of its members last year, as they joined the Silloth on Solway Rotary Club.

I wanted, as Chairman, to try and carry on the group in case there was a new project that STAG could go forward with.

Unfortunately, not only with the lack of members and recently Covid pandemic, the group has not been able to move forward.

We have not been able to have a long overdue AGM but I'm sure it will happen soon.

The council have asked to see audited accounts from the last few years which are now being prepared by a totally independent auditor and should be ready by the end of July.

After this pandemic is over I would like to see STAG evolve into a Solway wide action group.

FRIENDS OF SILLOTH GREEN – CLLR. TONY MARKLEY



I am extremely privileged to be asked to take over the Chairmanship of Friends of Silloth Green at the 2019 AGM. My thanks go to the previous Chairman Anthony Reid for the dedicated work he and the volunteer team achieved for the Town. The volunteer group and myself have met regularly over the year, until this awful Covid-19 virus struck and put everything on hold for the moment.

The growing number of volunteers, rallied round by Carol, attending the weekly gardening /maintenance session on Wednesday mornings followed by refreshments at The Fairy Dust Emporium, is a great achievement for the local community and people visiting the town. There continues to be many hours spent working on the gardens etc by the volunteers alongside the Town Council's grounds maintenance crew, to maintain the high standard required to achieve the Green Flag Award for the seventh year. This would not be awarded without their dedicated work and I thank you all for your continued support.

This year saw the refurbished weathervane fitted back to the Pagoda - a great achievement by all concerned. The Fairy doors are been repainted and all being well, people will return and visit this great trail.

The old green shed at the Putting green has been removed by the maintenance crew, with a replacement shed donated by Stanwix Park Holiday Centre to be situated after lockdown ends.

Friends of Silloth Green have been successful (thanks to Wendy) in receiving grants from "Lottery 24" and "Hellrigg Community Fund" amounting to £1,896. The money has been used to obtain gardening tools for the volunteers and wildflower seeds to use on projects by Friends of Silloth Green.

Silloth Green flourishes, wild life habitats continue to thrive and all being well, with the support of Friends of Silloth Green, the town will prosper and the Green will continue to be great place for people to visit for their recreation and annual events.

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

	Address: Telephone: Email: Web:	Cockermouth Police Station, Unit 1B, Europe Way, Cockermouth, CA13 0RJ 101 AllerdaleRuralNPT@cumbria.police.uk www.cumbria.police.uk
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Team Members:-



Inspector
Rachel Gale



Sergeant
Scott Adams



PCSO
Hannah Donnaughee

A Message from your Neighbourhood Policing Team

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

Crime prevention over the summer months.

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

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

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

- **Whenever possible** keep your doors locked and windows closed, especially if you are upstairs, or in another part of the house, or in the garden. Also, we encourage people to fit, and most importantly use, good locks on ground floor and accessible windows.
- **Remember to lock up** even if you are only going out for a couple of minutes – that is all the time a thief needs.
- **Before** going to bed, close all ground floor and accessible windows and remember to lock all your doors.
- **It is worth remembering** that most household insurance policies do not cover the theft of property from within a home that has been left insecure.
- **If you have an intruder alarm** – use it. Set it at night to protect vulnerable zones.
- **Outbuildings and sheds** – make sure they are locked and secure using suitable locks
- **Quad bike thefts / farm machinery** - Police would advise owners to check their storage security. The Police can provide farmers or other quad bike owners with **Smartwater kits and signs** at a discounted price of £45. Some quad bike specialists can also fit them with tracking devices. You can check the internet for local suppliers. It is advised that you store your quad bike in a secure outbuilding and remove the key when they are stationary. Domestic households can contact their local PCSO for a Selecta DNA kit which cost £10.
- **Postcode all types of property** to deter thieves and improve the chances of tracing the stolen items. "Postcoding" can be done with ultra-violet marker pens, engraving, stamping or even paint. Further details are available from your local Neighbourhood Police Community Support Officer details below.

- **Tents & Caravans** – please make sure that valuables are taken from them and stored securely out of 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

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

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

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

www.twitter.com/cumbriapolice

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

Contact can be made by calling 101

In an emergency always call 999

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

Your local Sergeant is: **Sergeant Scott Adams**

Your local Police Community Support Officer is: **PCSO Hannah Donnaughee**

Tel: 101, Opt 2, Ext 45299

Email: Hannah.Donaughee@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 Behavior/Driving in Silloth

Action Taken

- We have been made aware of youth related anti-social behaviour on the green at Silloth and due to the lighter night approaching it may attract more youths to the area. We have also been made aware of vehicles being driven in an anti-social manner.
- PRO-ACTIVE TEAM officers have been targeting patrols in the area to address these issues.

Join our Facebook page ALLERDALE FOCUS to tell us about any issues in your area!

COMMUNICATION AND CONSULTATION

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

Websites

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

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

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



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



www.sillothgreen.co.uk

Social Media

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

Notice boards

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

Solway Buzz

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

Local Newspapers

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

Direct contact

Direct contact with Councillors is always welcome. See page 30 for contact details of Town Councillors.

All Change at Silloth Town Council

Report by: Wendy Jameson
Silloth Town Clerk

Twenty-one candidates put their names forward for the Town Council election on 2nd May. There were twelve seats available.

The following were duly declared as elected:- Carmel Bell, John Cook, Stuart Frank Graham, Peter John Groucott, Melanie Irving, Bill Jefferson, Tony Markley, Owen Paul Martin, Jackie McCormick, Mark Edwin Orchard, Jon Smith and Graham Wilkinson. The Returning Officer announced Peter Groucott as elected in error, when in fact Karen Groucott had received more votes.



Mayor of Silloth Mark Orchard

At the Town Council meeting on 13th May, Peter Groucott handed in a letter of resignation and following guidance from Allerdale Borough Council, the vacancy has been duly advertised. If a by-election is not called within fourteen days, the Town

Council will be able to co-opt to fill the vacancy and Karen can be co-opted on to the Council, to take up her rightful seat.

Also, at the meeting on 13th May, Cllr. Tony Markley stepped down as Mayor of Silloth having served six years in the position. Cllr. Mark Orchard was appointed as the new Chairman of the Town Council and Mayor of Silloth. Cllr. Graham Wilkinson was appointed as the new Deputy Chairman of the Town Council and Deputy Mayor of Silloth.

Contact details of our new Town Councillors are available on the website at: www.silloth-on-solway.co.uk/councillors

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New Orchard House,
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Vice Chairmen & Deputy Mayor
Graham Wilkinson,
5 Mary Street, Silloth, Wigton,
CA7 4EH, Tel: 016973 31146

Councillors

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Bill Jefferson OBE, 3 Marine Terrace, Criffel Street, Silloth, Wigton, CA7 4BT
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Owen Martin, 32 Fell View, Silloth, Wigton, CA7 4DJ, Tel: 07513 500741
Jackie McCormick, 5 Waver Court, Silloth, Wigton, CA7 4ED
Jim Smith, 16 Wampool Street, Silloth, Wigton, CA7 4AA

Commonwealth Day 2020



Deputy Mayor Graham Wilkinson with Arran DeMello, Chair of the School Council

Report by: Wendy Jameson

On Monday 9th March 2020, 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 Commonwealth is a voluntary association of 54 independent and equal countries, working towards shared goals of development, democracy and peace. The ceremony was well attended, with representatives from Solway Community School and other groups and organisations in the town. It was a pleasant Spring morning, with a slight breeze... perfect for a flag raising ceremony.

At 9:45am, Cllr. Graham Wilkinson, Deputy Mayor of Silloth welcomed everyone to the Flag Raising Ceremony.

Tom Hailwood, Deputy Head of Solway Community School & Arran DeMello, Chair of the School Council 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.

This year's event is centred around the theme 'Delivering a Common Future', highlighting how the 54 member countries in the Commonwealth family are 'innovating, connecting and transforming' to help achieve some of its biggest goals like protecting natural resources and boosting trade.

Cllr. Wilkinson read out the Commonwealth Day message from Her Majesty The Queen, Head of the Commonwealth. In her message, she touches on the theme of connectivity, mentioning how 'advances in technology and modern media have now enabled many more people to witness and enjoy - with remarkable immediacy - the experience of Commonwealth connection, in areas such as education, medicine and conservation'.

She ended by saying: 'On this Commonwealth Day I hope that the people and countries of the Commonwealth will be inspired by all that we share, and move forward with fresh resolve to

enhance the Commonwealth's influence for good in our world.'

At 10am, Cllr. Wilkinson, raised the Commonwealth Flag, this being the sixth year that Silloth has taken part.

Cllr. Wilkinson thanked everyone for attending the ceremony.

In a message from The Right Honourable Patricia Scotland QC, the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth of Nations, 'Our conviction is that with common purpose and by learning from one another, all can give and all can gain.'

This approach leads to innovation that transforms lives and livelihoods so that there is inclusive progress and greater prosperity in which all can share.

It inspires us to encourage ourselves and others to more profound depths of co-operation and greater heights of achievement. So taking our cue from the theme, we can each commit this Commonwealth Day to join with others and bring change by doing something new.'

Silloth Green is Best in Allerdale & in Top 4 in County

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The 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. This year, the gravel footpaths were re-surfaced and flower beds were extended, with a lot of new planting within the garden, creating a colourful and vibrant entrance to Silloth Green and a pleasant place to sit and watch the world go by.

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Spring into Spring With The Friends Of The Green!



Report by: Graeme Allan

With Spring just around the corner, (hopefully), we have been delighted to welcome new Volunteers to The Friends of The Green over the last month. New planting and essential maintenance continues apace - but more help is always gratefully received to help with our exciting plans as we move towards the Summer.

Volunteer sessions continue every Wednesday morning, we meet at 10am at the Community Garden - with free Refreshments provided afterwards at the Fairplay Importers, so come along enjoy the fresh air, make new friends - and make a great difference to our beautiful Green.

We are also delighted to announce that we received grants from the Hedderg Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund and the 'Celebrate National Lottery 25 Grant' which have been used to purchase much needed new equipment and seeds - so now

we've plenty of spades and trowels to go round!

In addition to the weekly volunteering sessions, Friends of The Green are now taking over the management of the Silloth Fairy Trail and Wishing Tree. The Trail will now be concentrated through the Pine Walks, Pirate Ship, Water Park and Pagoda area. Over the next few weeks the trail will be taken down, renewed, replaced and relaunched with a full colour map. The new map will be available to purchase through local businesses for just £1 with all proceeds to The Friends of The Green. We are sure that these changes will make the Trail an even more attractive visitor attraction for the Summer!

More plans for the Summer Season include re-opening the Greenhouse in One Putting Green and The Cabin which are also now run and managed by Friends of The Green with ALL proceeds going to Silloth Green. If you would like to Volunteer to help in the making

of trees and coffeees and the selling of cakes and scones in the cabin or hand out patterns for the putting green please get in touch.

So, if you would like to volunteer and help with the fairy trail, the wishing tree, the cabin or the putting green follow our Facebook page 'Friends of Silloth Green', where you can also keep up to date with more of our plans - including re-commissioning the Public Water Fountain on the Green... but more of that next time! Please do come along to our next meeting at the Community Hall on Thursday 25th March at 7pm or just turn up on a Wednesday morning - with your gardening gloves of course!

STOP PRESS: The Friends of the Green are holding a litter picking session on the Green on Saturday 28th March from 10am to 12 noon as part of Keep Britain Tidy's 'National Spring Clean' event.

All Welcome - Meeting at the Community Garden.

Cancelled

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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.



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 2019/20:

- ✓ Green Flag status achieved for 2019/20 for the 7th 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.
- ✓ A lot of new planting has taken place on the Criffel Street shrub beds, with the volunteers and grounds maintenance staff spending a lot of time making sure the Green is looking its best.
- ✓ Installation of a new piece of Art, the 'Big Fella', a kind bequest to the town by a local resident.
- ✓ A new lectern has been 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.
- ✓ The start of regular weekly volunteering sessions on the Green organised by the Friends of Silloth Green which are proving to be popular.
- ✓ The old weathervane was repaired and reinstalled on top of the Pagoda.
- ✓ Installation of a new bird feeding station by Friends of the Green near the Edwardian toilet block.



Volunteering Opportunities



The **Friends of Silloth Green** work for the enhancement, maintenance and use of the Green, to protect the facilities of the Green and help improve them.

The group is always looking for volunteers to join their excellent band of helpers.

If you can spare two hours on a Wednesday morning, then why not pop along to the Community Garden at 10am, to lend a hand. We would love to see you there!

We are planning to spend a couple of hours each week to continue the excellent work that was started before the covid-19 lockdown, planting out areas on the Green, pruning and weeding etc. Please come and join us. Find out about some of the other exciting projects we have planned.

Volunteering is a great opportunity to get outdoors, enjoy some fresh air, blow away the cobwebs and meet like-minded people. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.

SILLOTH GREEN — GOOGLE REVIEWS



Harley Johnson

340 reviews · 2,157 photos

★★★★★ a month ago

Lovely walk garden and place to sit down in the Centre of silloth Beautiful flowers nice walk and can get ice cream nearby would Recommend



RONNIE Bell

Local Guide · 10 reviews

★★★★★ a month ago

Silloth only one word describe Silloth (Fantastic place to vist And the residents Are so helpful And I wish one day We could see Silloth popular again Because When we were kids we did not have The holiday They have today Going Abroad Let's That the situation we find ourselves in And Bring Holiday in Silloth and Britain again RONNIE



June Quinn

Local Guide · 61 reviews · 1 photo

★★★★★ a week ago

Lovely place to visit always nice and clean ,lots to do,and free parking ,would recommended



vicki straughton

20 reviews

★★★★★ a month ago

Absolutely brilliant didnt go until 5pm and the greens and views amazing



Richard Sturges

Local Guide · 34 reviews · 13 photos

★★★★★ 2 months ago

Well kept family area. Beach nearby, plenty of walks and bike rides right from the green. Amusement arcade, chippy, pubs all a stones throw away.



Gluten Free

18 reviews

★★★★★ 3 months ago

Lovely bit of nature spent a lot of time on there mostly in the summers love it



James Herron

12 reviews

★★★★★ 8 months ago

locals have a vibrant community. I've owned a caravan in Skinburness for 16 years, and still enjoy going there.



donna shields

Local Guide · 37 reviews

★★★★★ 8 months ago

Nice family place, where kids can run riot



Sharon Bell

Local Guide · 43 reviews · 1 photo

★★★★★ 8 months ago

Wide open spaces for kids to play. Popular with walkers and dog walking. Right next to the promenade, small amusements in the centre of the green. Garden areas small but well kept.

GREEN FLAG AWARD 2019

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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. The Heritage Rose & Bee Garden received an ‘Outstanding’ RHS It’s Your Neighbourhood Award in the 2018 Cumbria in Bloom competition.



Bill Jefferson, Chair of the Parks Committee said

“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. We all know how lucky we are to have this world class asset as our centrepiece and we will continue to maintain, improve and enhance this treasure.”

International Green Flag Award scheme manager Paul Todd said: “It’s fantastic that we have more Green Flag Awards in the UK than ever before, joined this year by 131 International winners.”

“Each flag honours the thousands of staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to maintain the high standards demanded by the Green Flag Award. We congratulate each and every winner on their fantastic achievement.”

MERCHANT NAVY DAY



At 10.00am, on Tuesday 3 September 2019, on a drizzly wet morning, Cllr. Graham Wilkinson, Deputy Mayor of Silloth welcomed everyone to the flag raising ceremony on Silloth Green, to celebrate “Merchant Navy Day”.

A Red Ensign flag is flown to mark the week-long celebrations taking place nationally in support of the brave men and women of the Merchant Navy, who kept our island nation afloat during both World Wars, and to celebrate our dependence on modern day merchant seafarers who are responsible for 95% of the UK’s imports.

Cllr. Wilkinson read out a message from HRH The Earl of Wessex:

“On this Merchant Navy Day, I very much hope you will support this campaign by Seafarers UK to remember the sacrifices, salute the courage and support the future of the often unsung personnel of our Merchant Navy. Too often they are the forgotten or invisible service, by raising the Red Ensign you will ensure that at least on this day they are remembered. Your act will mean so much to their families and to the retired, but most especially to those at sea.”

The expansion of Silloth-on-Solway into a planned Victorian town in the mid-19th 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.

The flag raising ceremony was well attended and included representatives from the Town Council, Docks, Lifeboat Station, Fire Service, Church and other organisations in the town. Many thanks to everyone who attended.



COMMONWEALTH DAY



On Monday 9 March 2020, 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 Commonwealth is a voluntary association of 54 independent and equal countries, working towards shared goals of development, democracy and peace. The ceremony was well attended, with representatives from Solway Community School and other groups and organisations in the town. It was a pleasant Spring morning, with a slight breeze.....perfect for a flag raising ceremony.

At 9.45am, Cllr. Graham Wilkinson, Deputy Mayor of Silloth welcomed everyone to the Flag Raising Ceremony.

Tom Hailwood, Deputy Head of Solway Community School & Arran DeMello, Chair of the School Council 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.

This year's event is centred around the theme 'Delivering a Common Future', highlighting how the 54 member countries in the Commonwealth family are 'innovating, connecting and transforming' to help achieve some of its biggest goals like protecting natural resources and boosting trade.

Cllr. Wilkinson read out the Commonwealth Day message from Her Majesty The Queen, Head of the Commonwealth. In her message, she touches on the theme of connectivity, mentioning how "advances in technology and modern media have now enabled many more people to witness and enjoy – with remarkable immediacy – the experience of Commonwealth connection, in areas such as education, medicine and conservation"

She ended by saying: "On this Commonwealth Day I hope that the people and countries of the Commonwealth will be inspired by all that we share, and move forward with fresh resolve to enhance the Commonwealth's influence for good in our world."

At 10.00am, Cllr. Wilkinson, raised the Commonwealth Flag, this being the sixth year that Silloth has taken part.

Cllr. Wilkinson thanked everyone for attending the ceremony.

In a message from The Right Honourable Patricia Scotland QC, the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth of Nations, "Our conviction is that with common purpose and by learning from one another, all can give and all can gain.

This approach leads to innovation that transforms lives and livelihoods so that there is inclusive progress and greater prosperity in which all can share.

It inspires us to encourage ourselves and others to more profound depths of co-operation and greater heights of achievement. So, taking our cue from the theme, we can each commit this Commonwealth Day to join with others and bring change by doing something new."



THE 'BIG FELLA' SCULPTURE



A Silloth gentleman, Mr Peter Richardson, approached Ray Lonsdale a few years ago, after seeing some of his distinctive and thought provoking work, as he wanted to leave a lasting piece of art for his hometown. Its intention is to make the people of Silloth smile and to brighten their day.

The sculpture entitled "Big Fella" is of a man and his dog taking in the beautiful sea views at the end of the day and shielding his eyes from the sun. The Solway Coast is well known for its beauty and Silloth is noted for its glorious sea views and sunsets which have been recorded for posterity by JMW Turner, the famous landscape artist.

A steel fabricator from Durham, sculpture has always been Ray's passion. Ray started working on the piece in March 2019 and has sent regular photographs to the Town Council showing the progress of his work which have been shared on social media. There has been a lot of interest, with people excited to see the finished piece on display in Silloth.

Cllr. Mark Orchard, Mayor of Silloth said:

"The 'Big Fella' sculpture is an amazing piece of artwork by Ray Lonsdale. We can't wait to showcase it right on the seafront promenade just where Mr Richardson wished for it placed. On behalf of myself and Silloth-on-Solway Town Council, we would truly like to thank the late Mr Richardson and his gracious family for leaving such a generous gift to the town of Silloth. We can't wait to see it in place and people enjoying it just as he wanted. It will bring smiles to all who see it. We are sure his family, the people of Silloth and our visitors will take enjoyment from this amazing and unique sculpture for many years to come."

Ray's work to date show his fascination with the human form. Built from steel, his work conveys incredible sensitivity and emotion, often providing deep moments of reflection. For more information about Ray's work, check out his website and Facebook page. Website: <https://www.tworedrubberthings.co.uk/> Facebook: [Two red rubber things/Ray Lonsdale](https://www.facebook.com/Two-red-rubber-things-Ray-Lonsdale)

The sculpture was delivered to Silloth on Thursday 1 August and now takes pride of place on the seafront at Skinburness, looking out over the Solway. Members of Peter's family were present, along with representatives from the Town Council. The sculpture has been receiving a lot of attention and the "Big Fella" now has his very own Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Big-Fella-Silloth-110211613657507/>). Peter's granddaughter said "I do believe that granddad would be over the moon with the outcome of the piece. He really enjoyed bringing smiles to people's faces and that's what this will do for many many years to come."



Ray Lonsdale with the sculpture prior to it being unloaded.



Members of Mr Richardson's family after the installation of the sculpture.

SILLOTH COMMUNITY HALL



Petteril Street, Silloth, CA7 4EA

Web: www.sillothcommunityhall.co.uk

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

Silloth Community Hall is owned and run by Silloth Town Council. Considerable improvements have been carried out to make the building fit for purpose. This year successful funding applications were submitted to the Hellrigg Community Fund and the Robin Rigg Community Fund securing grants of £5,500 towards the cost of installing solar panels on the roof of the Community Hall. The lighting is also to be upgraded to LED's to further reduce the running costs of the building.

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 a variety of 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. The hall has also been used for a number of training sessions and presentations this year, with plans to hold more courses over the coming months.

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. Booking is essential.



FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 restrictions which came into force in March, the majority of event organisers have taken the tough decision to cancel their events for 2020 which is disappointing but understandable under the circumstances.

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 time and effort beforehand and on the day of the event, to enable them to take place. The organisers are always happy 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 will 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.

EVENT ORGANISERS

SILLOTH GREEN DAY

SILLOTH ROTARY CLUB
Email: sillothrotary@outlook.com

SILLOTH PRIDE

SILLOTH ROTARY CLUB
Email: sillothrotary@outlook.com

SILLOTH VINTAGE RALLY

SILLOTH VINTAGE RALLY COMMITTEE
Email: info@vintagerally.co.uk
Web: www.vintagerally.co.uk

SOUL ON THE GREEN

FRIENDS OF SILLOTH GREEN
Email: info@sillothgreen.co.uk

SILLOTH CARNIVAL

SILLOTH CARNIVAL COMMITTEE
Email: sillothcarnival@hotmail.com

SILLOTH MUSIC & BEER FESTIVAL

SILLOTH MUSIC & BEER FESTIVAL COMMITTEE
Email: info@sillothbeerfestival.co.uk
Web: <http://sillothbeerfestival.co.uk/>



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 2020/21 which this report covers is £838.62. 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 2020.

2020/21 BUDGET

The Budget for the 2020/21 financial year was approved and adopted by the Town Council at its meeting on 14 January 2020. When the Council agreed the budget in January, there was to be no increase in the council tax charge to Silloth residents. However, a Community Governance Review took place earlier in the year which resulted in the redrawing of the boundary, so that all of the Lido Village properties are now within the Holme Low Parish Council area. This resulted in an increased parish charge for Silloth residents (£202.14 for a band D property for 2020/21).

For 2020/21, the Town Council is raising a precept of £169,520, resulting in a charge on the council tax on a Band D property of £202.14 for the year. The previous year's precept for 2019/20 was £167,820.

The precept per Band D property was calculated as follows:

BUDGET REQUIRED ÷ TAX BASE = BAND D CHARGE

i.e £169,520 ÷ 838.62 = £202.14

PARISH	PARISH PRECEPT	C TAX BASE	VALUATION BANDS							
			A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Silloth-on-Solway	£169,520	838.62	134.76	157.22	179.68	202.14	247.06	291.98	336.90	404.28

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BUDGET FIGURES

	2019/20	2020/21
INCOME	£	£
Allotment Rents	1,500	1,500
Bank Interest	50	50
Community Hall Rental Income	1,500	2,000
Disposals of Equipment	0	20,000
Green Facilities	1,000	1,000
Grants Received	0	2,500
Fairground Rent	2,000	2,200
Ice Cream Concessions	5,000	6,000
Grounds Maintenance Income	3,000	200
Other Misc. Income	50	50
Sports Club Rents	1,780	1,980
Total Income	15,880	37,480
EXPENSES		
Administration	4,500	4,500
Allotment Expenses	1,500	1,500
Changing Room Expenses		
- Electricity	800	800
- Rates	900	900
- Repairs	500	500
- Water	500	550
Community Hall Repairs	1,000	1,000
Community Hall Running Expenses	5,500	6,000
Community Hall Improvements – Solar Panels	0	7,500
Community Hall Improvements – LED Lighting	0	1,500
Election costs	1,500	4,000
Eden Street Electric	1,500	1,500
Green Activities – Expenses	2,000	2,500
Grounds Maintenance	6,000	7,000
Insurance Costs	6,000	6,500
Legal Fees	500	500
Maintenance of Sports Areas	500	500
Play Areas – Maintenance	2,500	2,500
Public Conveniences		
- Electricity	2,000	2,000
- Non-Domestic Rates	0	0
- Maintenance	1,000	1,000
- Water	3,500	3,500
- Provision of Cleaning & Supplies	1,500	1,500
- Replacement of lights for LED light fittings	0	1,250
Purchase of Vehicles & Equipment	5,000	10,000
Salaries & Wages	115,500	101,275
Silloth Green Project	2,500	6,000
Silloth Green Reserve	0	15,000
Silloth Bee Garden	1,000	1,000
Silloth Community Garden	1,000	1,000
Splash Pad - Water & Elec	8,500	6,000
Squash Court - Rates & Repairs	1,000	1,000
Tourism – TIC	1,000	1,000
Training Costs	1,000	1,000
Transport & Vehicle Costs	3,500	4,735
Total Expenditure	183,700	207,010
Net Expenditure/Income	167,820	169,530

SILLOTH-ON-SOLWAY TOWN COUNCIL
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

2018/19		2019/20
£	INCOME	£
1,340	Allotment Rents	1,325
2,639	Community Hall rent	1,973
1,000	Disposals of Equipment	25,000
34,739	Grants Received	6,500
2,950	Green Activities	4,941
3,007	Grounds Maintenance Income	20
5,666	Ice Cream Concessions	5,576
24,142	Other Income	2,048
170,149	Precept & Concurrent Grants	167,820
1,009	Refunds Received	4,751
1,780	Sports Club Rents	1,980
248,421	TOTAL INCOME	221,934
	EXPENDITURE	
4,663	Administration	5,233
1,489	Allotments	280
4,640	Changing Room Expenses	1,683
1,300	Christmas Lights	0
6,173	Community Hall Running Expenses	10,244
0	Community Hall Improvements	2,011
3,645	S137 Expenditure	245
3,814	Eden Street Electric	2,590
2,340	Green Activities - Expenses	872
7,254	Grounds Maintenance	6,681
5,593	Insurance	6,163
1,068	Legal Fees	0
1,128	Maintenance of Sports Areas	604
8,675	Splash Pad Expenses	5,090
43,259	Play Areas - Maintenance & Equipment	409
9,244	Public Conveniences	10,459
1,870	Purchase of Seats	1,549
75	Purchase of Signs	51
14,000	Purchase of Vehicles & Equipment	4,000
108,825	Salaries & Wages	111,985
16,804	Silloth Green Project	5,463
731	Bee Garden	857
968	Squash Court - rates etc	2,606
0	Training Expenses	357
4,805	Transport & Vehicle Costs	3,713
252,363	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	183,145
-3,942	NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE	38,789

The above statements fairly represent the financial position of the Town Council as at 31 March 2020 and reflects its income and expenditure during that year. These Accounts have been approved by the Town Council at their meeting on 22 June 2020.

SILLOTH-ON-SOLWAY TOWN COUNCIL
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2020

2018/19		2019/20
£	ASSETS	£
	Cash & Bank Accounts	
66,580	Current Account	97,952
31	Deposit Account	31
3	Treasurer Account	3
3,393	Wages Account	11,627
181	Cash Account	223
70,188	Total Cash & Bank Accounts	109,836
	Other Assets	
4,590	Debtors	5,338
74,778	TOTAL ASSETS	115,174
	LIABILITIES	
13,981	Creditors	15,588
60,797	NET ASSETS	99,586
	REPRESENTED BY:	
64,739	General Fund Balance at 1.4.2019	60,797
-3,942	Add Net Income/Expenditure	38,789
60,797	TOTAL RESERVES	99,586

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

Silloth Vintage Rally Committee	Restoration of shrub beds on Silloth Green	£1,000
Hellrigg Community Fund	Community Hall solar panels	£2,500
Solway Firth Partnership	Community Hall solar panels	£3,000

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS: The Town Council has not contributed towards the cost of Christmas lighting this year. However, 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 also pays the utility bills and business rates in relation to the football changing rooms.

PARKS & OPEN SPACES: Considerable work has been done in renovating and replanting the Criffel Street shrub beds, with much of the work being carried out by the volunteers of the Friends of Silloth Green, supported by the grounds maintenance team.

SALARIES AND WAGES: Our largest expenditure is our staff who play an integral role in managing and maintaining our facilities, services and functions. During 2019/20, the Council employed 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 £111k. During 2019/20, the decision was made to reduce the grounds maintenance team down to two men which will reduce future costs.

SPLASH PAD EXPENSES: Running costs for the Splash Pad have reduced this year, as it was discovered the Council had been incorrectly charged for wastewater charges for the splash pad and a refund was received in April of £4,245.86 for previous wastewater charges.

SQUASH COURT: Repairs have been carried out during the year to the flat roof of the former squash court.

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 2019/20:-

Poppy Appeal	Poppy wreath	£20
Solway Community School	Prize	£25
Great North Air Ambulance	Donation	£100
Mind	Donation	£100

A number of organisations were also given help 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. The Town Council also supports the Silloth Youth Club which is sited within the grounds of the Community Hall, for which no rent is charged, and the water and electricity bills are 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-on-Solway Charity Shop
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 & BMX track. 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. £15,000 has also been set aside for Silloth Green from the proceeds of selling a tractor and hedge cutter.

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

<https://twitter.com/SillothTownC>

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

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Municipal services within Silloth-on-Solway are provided by three tiers of Local Government - the County Council (Cumbria), the Borough Council (Allerdale) and the Town Council. While working closely together for the town, each authority has its own areas of responsibility and service delivery. Set out below is an overview of which authority provides each service.



Silloth-on-Solway Town Council

Tel: 016973 31128

- Allotments
- Bus Shelters
- Car Parks (Silloth)
- Memorial Benches
- Play Areas (Silloth)
- Sports Fields
- Tennis Courts
- Public Toilets
- Silloth Green
- Silloth Community Hall

For more details on STC visit the website:

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



Tel: 0303 123 1702

- Bulk Waste Collection Service
- Cemetery (Causewayhead)
- Council Tax
- Dog Wardens
- Environmental Health
- Fly Tipping
- Housing
- Licensing
- Pest Control
- Planning Services
- Refuse Collection

- Register of Electors
- Street Cleaning
- Footway Lighting Repairs
- Waste & Recycling

For more details on ABC visit the website:

www.allerdale.gov.uk



Tel: 01228 606060

- Children's Services
- Education
- Footpaths
- Grit Bins
- Highways
- Libraries
- Potholes
- Reg. of Births, Deaths, Marriages
- Rights of Way (footpaths/bridleways)
- Social Services

- Street Lighting
- Trees
- Trading Standards

For more details on CCC visit the website:

www.cumbria.gov.uk

INFORMATION & HELP

Cumbria County Council

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

Consumer Helpline: 08454 040506

Textphone: Dial 18001 followed by helpline number 08454 040506

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Always dial 999 in case of an emergency

Police

For emergency assistance from police ambulance and fire services dial 999

Only dial 999 if:

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

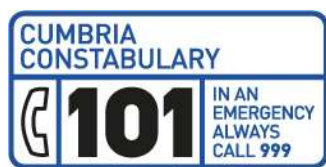
For everything else call 101 which should be used to report non-emergency crime and anti-social behaviour issues, as well as general enquiries.

Cumbria Police

Tel: (non emergency) 101

Email: AllerdaleRuralNPT@cumbria.police.uk

Web: www.cumbria.police.uk



Crimestoppers

Tel: 0800 555 111

Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service

Tel: (non emergency) 0300 303 8623

Email: enquiries.fire@cumbria.gov.uk

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

Cumbria County Council Transport and Roads: Integrated Transport Team

Tel: 01228 226014

Email: integrated.transport@cumbria.gov.uk

Highways Hotline

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

Email: contact@cumbriahighways.co.uk

Gas & Electric Emergencies

Gas emergency contact: 0800 111 999

www.nationalgrid.com/uk/gas/

Electricity emergency contact: 0845 708 090

United Utilities

Tel: 0845 7462200

Water Leakline

Tel: 0800 330033

Floodline

24 hour emergency service - 0845 988 1188

For flood warnings and other useful information and advice on what to do before, during and after a flood,

Visit <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods/default.aspx>

Doctors:-

Silloth Group Medical Practice

Lawn Terrace, Silloth, Cumbria, CA7 4AH

Tel: 016973 31309

Fax: 016973 32834

Out of hours: 03000 247 247

Web: www.sillothgroupmedicalpractice.nhs.uk

Silloth Clinic

Lawn Terrace, Silloth, Cumbria, CA7 4AH

Tel: 016973 31325

Hospitals:-

Cumberland Infirmary

Newtown Road, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA2 7HY

Tel: 01228 523444

West Cumberland Hospital

Homewood, Hensingham, Cumbria, CA28 8JG

Tel: 01946 693181

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

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

COVID-19 EMERGENCY SUPPORT HELPLINE

Only for people at high risk of becoming seriously ill as a result of COVID-19, who do not have support available from friends, family or neighbours and are struggling for food, medicines or other essential supplies.

0800 783 1966
COVID19support@cumbria.gov.uk

Full details can be found online at cumbria.gov.uk
 Provided by Cumbria County Council and partners including District Councils, CVS, Cumbria Community Foundation, community and voluntary sector, and private sector.

