



MANAGEMENT PLAN

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This management plan has been produced by Silloth-on-Solway Town Council and is intended as a living document that is accessible and easy to understand. It forms the basis for the ongoing management of Silloth Green. The purpose of the Management Plan is: -

- To act as a 'blueprint' for how the site will be managed both now and in the future.
- To provide a reference document for those responsible for maintaining the park.
- To provide a benchmark for both the physical and social management of the park with standards that can be monitored and measured.
- To enable the Council to better manage the various operational and management activities in a coordinated way.
- To enable the park to be entered for a Green Flag Award, a national standard for quality parks and open spaces.

The plan includes an action plan outlining the aspirations for the park and how we aim to achieve these, both financially and through community engagement. The action plan will be updated, considering progress on specific areas and feedback from the Green Flag Award scheme.

Participating in the Green Flag Award scheme has already seen significant, measurable improvements and investment in Silloth Green. Silloth Green is currently the only park in Allerdale to have achieved this status and this is a great source of pride for the Town Council and its local residents.

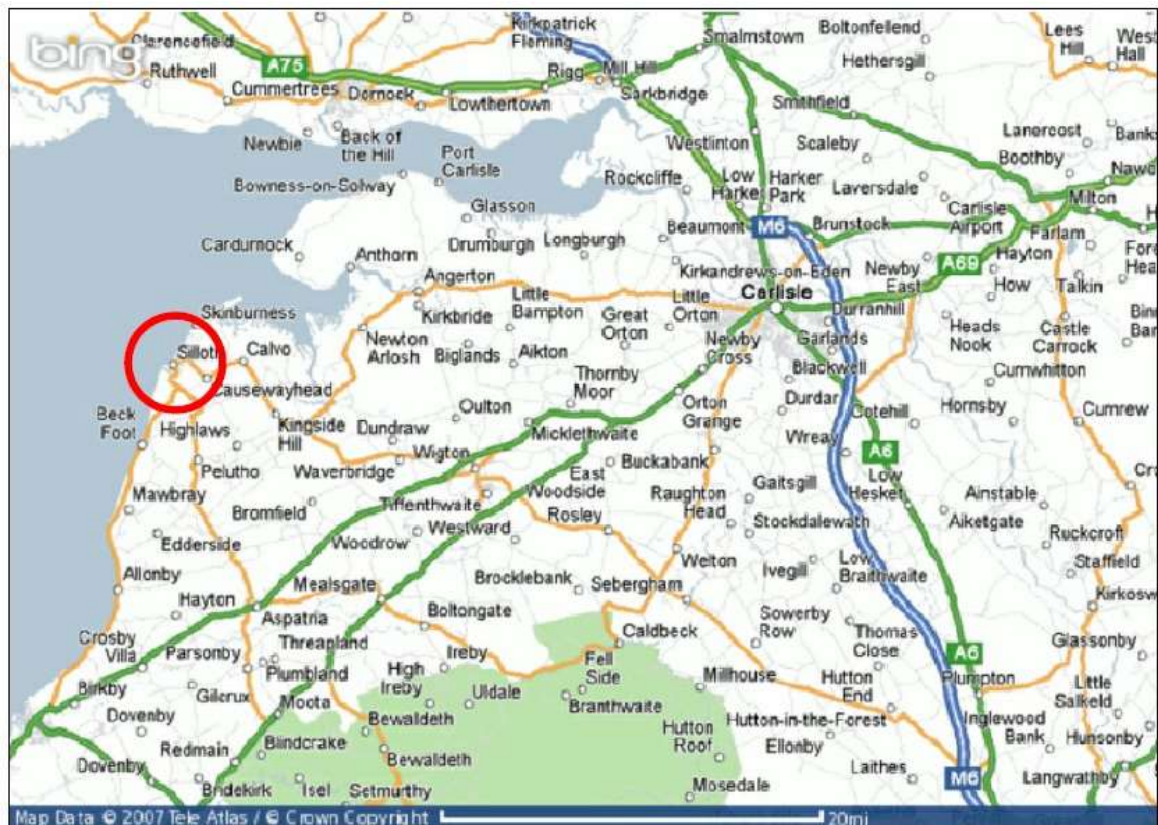
1.1 LOCATION

Silloth lies to the north west of Cumbria, on the shores of the Solway Firth and enjoys spectacular views across to Dumfries and Galloway.

Silloth lies to the north of the Cumbrian Borough of Allerdale. North Allerdale is predominantly rural, with small, interspersed settlements and villages on the outskirts of the three principal towns of Aspatria, Silloth and Wigton. The total population of North Allerdale stands at 25,000, with only 30.6% of these living in the three principal market towns and the rest scattered across a large rural hinterland.

Like many historic seaside resorts, Silloth has declined economically and socially as the holidaying trends of the UK public, stimulated by cheap flights to the continent, alter and develop. However, Silloth is still popular with tourists and visitors alike, with a growing events calendar which draws people to the town.

Silloth also benefits from being located close to several popular and well-visited tourist destinations. The western Lake District lies just to the south of the town whilst the Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site includes Silloth and the West Cumbrian coast within its borders. Silloth also benefits from its position as the gateway and focal point of the Solway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.



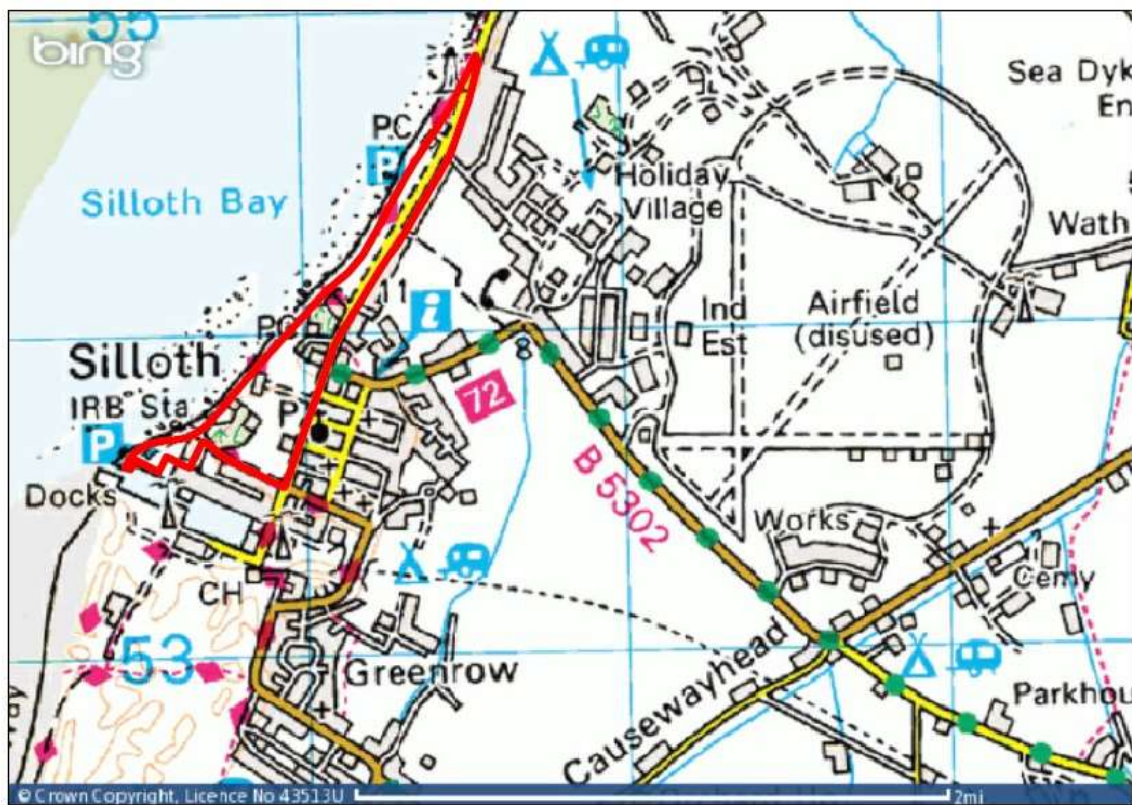
Context Location Plan

The Green is situated at the heart of Silloth and is adjacent to the sea front promenade. Silloth Green, incorporating Harbour Green, a large area known simply as 'the Green,' and Skinburness Green is one of the largest and longest village Greens in England.

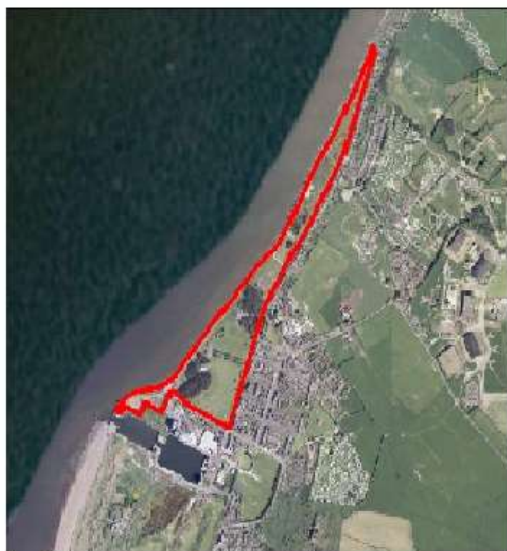
The Green forms a grassy link between the Silloth townscape and the sea front promenade, complementing the grand regency style buildings on Criffel Street, which runs along the opposite side of the broad cobbled road.

Enriched by the green space and close proximity to the sea, this former Victorian spa town has a unique air, making it an interesting place to visit.

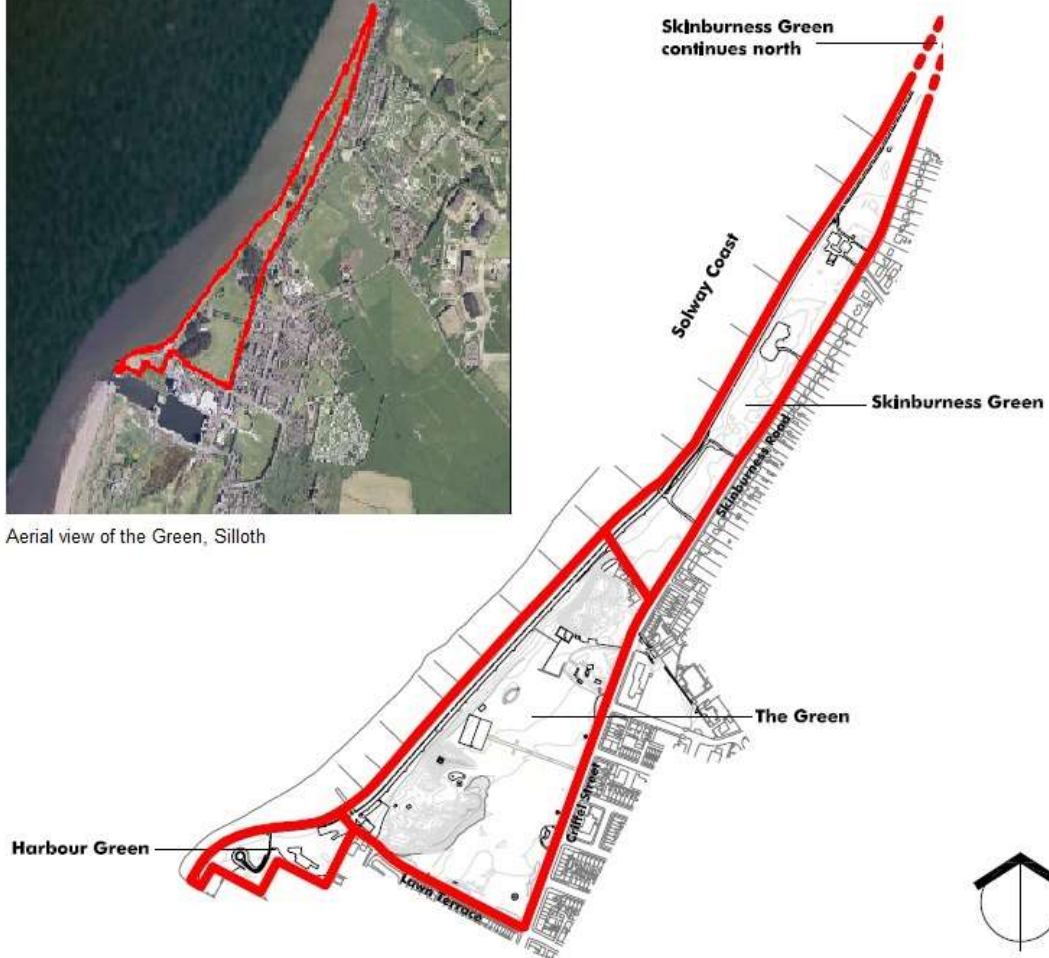




Site Location Plan



Aerial view of the Green, Silloth



1.2 SITE OVERVIEW AND HISTORY

The name Silloth derives from the term 'sea lathe', a type of grain silo, which reflects the original use of the area by monks from nearby Holme Cultram Abbey as a place to store grain. In the nineteenth century Silloth grew from a small village into a town with the coming of the railway. This development began in 1856 when a group of Carlisle businessmen saw the potential of Silloth as a port for Carlisle and a 'planned community' was built up around the newly opened station and port.

As a 'planned community' all the streets were built in straight gridlines and provision was made for a large green space on the sea front, which is the area now known as The Green. The town grew in prominence and popularity as a seaside destination, becoming an incredibly popular Victorian holiday resort, centred on The Green. This continued until the 1960's when the closure of the railway in 1964 and the introduction of cheap European holiday flights ended Silloth's days as a renowned holiday attraction.



The town still retains its quintessential Victorian character, with four storey terraced 19th century town houses lining its cobbled avenues and promenades. The Green remains physically and culturally central to this, dominating the town, and leaving an indelible mark on all who discover it.

A 45-acre swathe of green looking across the Solway Firth to the Galloway Hills, Silloth Green is unique. Situated right on the promenade, a mere stone's throw from the sea, this 'garden by the sea' includes formal grassed areas, shrub beds and shelter-belt woodlands with built structures including a lighthouse, Pagoda, sunken garden, and footpaths. Also present are two hard surface tennis courts, a Water Splashpad, a small events area, Woodland play area, putting green and a small arcade housing bingo and amusements. The Green itself is a designated wildlife corridor and conservation area with the bordering Silloth Dunes awarded SSSI status.

Silloth is a planned Victorian resort, the only one of its kind in Cumbria and The Green is the largest 'village green' in the North West of England. The town is now home to five thriving caravan holiday parks, an increasingly rare working port, and a highly rated golf course, bringing a new generation of visitors to Silloth to discover the Green for themselves.



The Solway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) stretches from Rockcliffe Marsh on the Scottish Border to just North of the historic harbour town of Maryport to include Skinburness Green, although not the town of Silloth. The offices of the AONB are based in Silloth, adjoining the Solway Coast Discovery Centre. The AONB has been relatively

unchanged since being first designated in 1964.

The Green at Silloth can be subdivided into the following three broad character areas:

1. *The Green* – this is the busiest area, comprising a flat grassed area used for events with mounding and pine plantations along the western edge near the sea front promenade. The eastern edge of the site runs along Criffel Street, the main street in the town and the point of access for most visitors.
2. *Skinburness Green* – the northern part of the site is a long, thin strip of coastal land comprising sand dunes, rough grass, scrub, and informal access tracks. The northern tip of the area houses the East Cote Lighthouse, a striking C19th structure, which is set in an area of managed grassland.
3. *Harbour Green* – the southern part of the site is separated from The Green by the slipway used by the nearby RNLI Lifeboat Station, which cuts into the promenade, leaving a separate piece of land which was landscaped to include a viewing mound, decked walkway, and picnic benches.

The Green at Silloth has been a significant open space for over 150 years and has become an integral part of the character of Silloth and its function as a popular seaside resort. The Green is the original creation of the Carlisle and Silloth Bay Railway and Dock Company, responsible for the development of the town and port in the 1850s. From its inception, it was partially levelled to form an expansive lawn fronting the three-storey terraces along Criffel Street. The remaining sand hills were sculpted to form viewing mounds and facilities for bathing were developed along its seaward edge.

The Green, along with the town, provides an important hub for the Solway Coast AONB and as an essential part of Silloth's townscape, contributes to a unique presence on the Cumbria Coast. In recognition of this, it forms part of Silloth's designation as a Conservation Area. The Green has a rich social history and remains a much-cherished open space and a significant recreational resource for locals and visitors alike.



1.3 DISTINCTIVE SITE FEATURES

Please refer to Appendix 1 which key features on The Green.

Key buildings include:

- RNLI Lifeboat Station
- RNLI Toilet Block (Sea View)
- Shed for Putting Green and Deck Chair Hire
- Criffel Street Toilet Block
- The Victorian Pagoda
- Amusement Arcade (Former Public Baths)
- Edwardian Toilet Block
- Buildings in the Maintenance Depot
- Pumping Station (United Utilities)
- Private Houses
- Skinburness Toilet Block
- 1910 Shelter
- East Cote Lighthouse

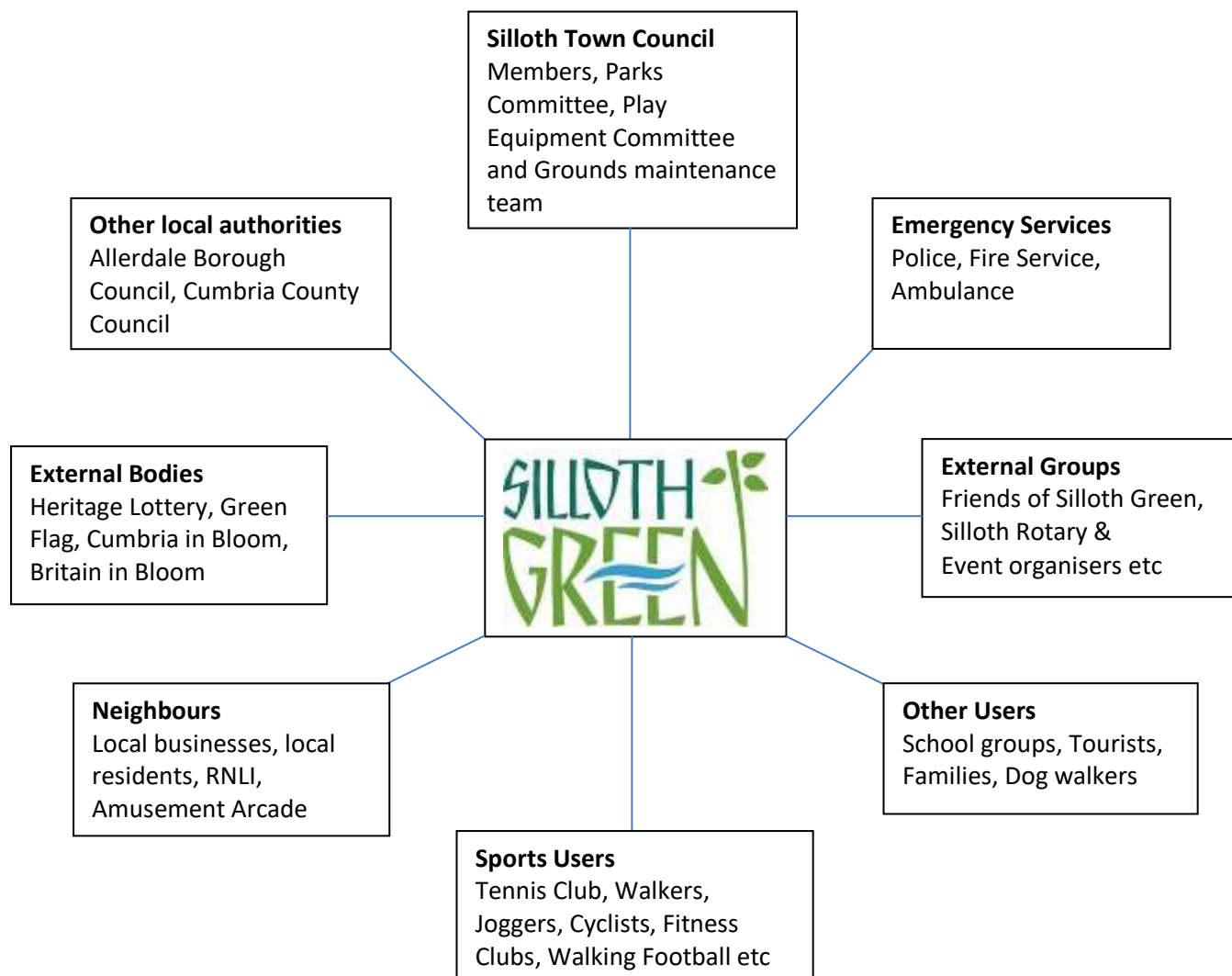
Key landscape features include:

- Harbour Green Viewing Platform
- Putting Green
- Rotary Oak and Picnic Area
- Historic Road Sign
- BT Phone Box
- Criffel Street Wishing Well
- Drinking Fountain
- Water Splash area
- Pirate Ship Play Area
- Woodland Play area
- Heritage Rose & Bee Garden
- Millennium Mosaic
- Recycling Area
- Community Garden
- BMX Track
- Tennis Courts
- Big Fella Sculpture
- Replica Hudson Bomber

1.4 STAKEHOLDERS

Stakeholders play a key role with the management of the Green. It is vital all stakeholders are considered and consulted when necessary. Activities or events within the Green could affect or have an impact upon stakeholders.

The following diagram is not exhaustive.



1.5 VISION STATEMENT & OBJECTIVES

The vision of the Silloth Green project was to restore The Green as a focus for the community of Silloth, as well as an important destination for tourists and day visitors along the Solway Coast. It is intended that the project provides a link between landscape, history, and environment for many generations to come. Differences made by the refurbishment of Silloth Green preserves its rich history and heritage and acts as a catalyst to the regeneration of the town.

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council recognises Silloth Green as the 'Jewel in the Crown' of the services and facilities managed by the Council and as an essential open space for

residents and visitors to the Town. The Council is committed to providing: -

- High quality grounds and infrastructure maintenance.
- Continued environmental improvements and reductions in carbon footprint of operations.
- A welcoming, attractive, and safe place to visit.
- A diverse range of activities, stakeholders, and park users.
- High quality play equipment for a range of ages.
- Activities for older children and young adults.
- A well-maintained war memorial and civic space.
- A venue for community activities and events.
- A space for organised and casual recreation activities.
- Opportunities for residents to express their views and ensure that Silloth Green continues to meet their needs.
- The removal of barriers to the use and enjoyment of the park.
- Responsible and effective stewardship of the park for future generations.
- Conservation and enhancement biodiversity through conservation of trees, provision of wildflower areas and natural borders.
- Reducing dog fouling in the park through partnership working and campaigns.
- Involving people of all backgrounds and abilities in the improvements and enjoyment of the park.
- Improving the economic and environmental sustainability of Silloth Green as a whole and maintain a secure financial basis for the management of the park.
- Working in close partnership with residents, particularly through the Friends of Silloth Green group.
 - Continuing to work with partners e.g., Neighbourhood Police Team & Allerdale Borough Council.

1.6 RESTORATION PROJECT

The restoration of Silloth Green in 2012 enhanced its appeal through the restoration and enhancement work and the provision of new facilities. The heart of The Green is managed for informal recreation and festivals/events – the latter enhanced through event service infrastructure, Skinburness Green is more inviting for walking, cycling and wildlife, and the Harbour Green offers views out over the port and the estuary.

Silloth Green Project was a key regeneration project for the town. The HLF project sought to address several problems in Silloth and surrounding areas which have partly resulted by it being geographically marginalised. The area has low-income levels, low educational achievement, high out-migration of young people and a high proportion of retired residents. Hotels, cafés, and pubs which have been struggling in recent years. There was an inherent danger that the lack of investment in The Green would not only mean that the important historic features and character would be lost but also that the prosperity of the town would further decline.

The project broadened the visitor and community appeal of The Green which resulted in not only more visitors and events, but also enhanced the competitiveness of the area

as a day visit and overnight venue, and significantly benefited the visitor economy of Silloth town.

Specifically, the project restored around 16 hectares of prime open space in Silloth, which acted as a catalyst to the regeneration of the town. Detailed proposals were prepared that respected The Green's traditional ambience. The primary activities included a range of restoration and new works including:

- a. Restoration of the iconic Victorian pagoda
- b. Restoration of the Edwardian ladies' toilets
- c. Restoration of the 1950s rose garden
- d. Reinstatement of a putting course
- e. The development of a new water play area and small events space
- f. The development of a woodland play area
- g. Construction of a new accessible toilet block near the new play areas
- h. Improvements to access and circulation
- i. Improvements to street furniture
- j. The conservation of the landmark pine plantations and ornamental shrubberies, including improvements to biodiversity
- k. Introducing interpretation of The Green's rich history and natural history

The project also included the employment of a part-time Community Engagement Officer and a part time Park Warden. For the duration of the delivery stage of the project, Jason Dixey from Cumbria County Council acted as Project Manager. The project also involved a specialist consultancy team and a main contractor.

1.7 RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER PARKS AND OPEN SPACES IN ALLERDALE

Within Allerdale Borough Council, there is a wide provision and range of parks and open spaces which include nature reserves, town parks and a range of leisure and sports facilities. Larger parks include, Harris Park in Cockermouth, and Vulcan Park, Curwen Park, Siddick Pond and Harrington Nature Reserve in Workington. In addition, other significant areas of Public Open Space and Village Greens across the Borough are to be found in Maryport, Allonby, Aspatria and Wigton.

The Green, Skinburness Green and Harbour Green in Silloth however, form a unique area of open space. This coastal site provides parkland, pine woodland and traditional seaside facilities, while Skinburness Green to the north of the site falls within the Solway Coast AONB.

1.8 ACHIEVEMENTS

1.8.1 GREEN FLAG AWARD

Silloth Green has been awarded a Green Flag in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and an application has been submitted for 2021. A Green Flag Award recognises well-managed, high-quality green spaces. It is testament to the incredible dedication and hard work of the parks staff and volunteers. Silloth Green is the only park in Allerdale to be awarded a Green Flag for which we are immensely proud.



In 2016, the Heritage Rose & Bee Garden on Silloth Green won a *Bees' Needs Award*. The Award is run in conjunction with Defra and the National Pollinator Strategy. The Award is presented to Green Flag Award or Green Flag Community Award winning parks and green spaces in England that have made improvements to encourage pollinators across towns, cities and the wider countryside.



1.8.2 BRITAIN IN BLOOM

2016

- Silver Gilt Award in the Coastal Town (up to 12k) category

2017

- Silver Gilt Award in the Coastal Town (up to 12k) category

1.8.3 CUMBRIA IN BLOOM

2014

- Coastal Resort Trophy
- Runner up in the Town Centre category
- Silloth's Community Garden was awarded runner up in the Special Category of Continental Landscapes

2015

- Coastal Resort Trophy
- Continental Landscapes Trophy was awarded to Silloth for the Community Garden and the new Bee Loving Garden
- Community Garden and the Heritage Rose & Bee Garden were individual winners in the Britain in Bloom Royal Horticultural Society 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Category, each gaining a Level 5 'Outstanding' result

2016

- Gold Award – Coastal Resort Trophy for the third year running
- Allerdale Trophy for "Best in Borough".
- Rickerby Ltd Trophy, as Best Overall Town and Urban Community
- Amberol Trophy for the Best Sustainable Development Town
- Community Garden and the Heritage Rose & Bee Garden were individual winners of the Royal Horticultural Society 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Awards, each gaining a Level 5 'Outstanding' result.
- Heritage Rose and Bee Garden was also awarded the Royal Horticultural Society 'It's Your Neighbourhood' National Certificate of Distinction.

2017

- Silver Gilt – Coastal Resort Trophy for the fourth year running.
- The Community Garden achieved an 'Advancing' RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Award.
- The Heritage Rose and Bee Garden achieved an 'Outstanding' RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Award.



Cumbria in Bloom Award Ceremony 2017



Britain in Bloom Award Ceremony 2017

The Awards are a tremendous achievement for the whole town and reflects all the hard work and preparation put in by everyone concerned, over many months.

1.9 OBJECTIVES OF MANAGEMENT PLAN

The key objectives of this Management Plan are based on achieving the eight key criteria set by the Green Flag Plus Partnership for the Green Flag Award, which include:

- To provide a welcoming park for members of the community and visitors.
- To provide a safe, healthy and secure park for all users.
- To achieve a consistently high standard of cleanliness and maintenance.
- To promote and demonstrate environmental sustainability.
- To protect and promote the heritage and conservation value.
- To enable community participation and involvement.
- To promote the park by maximising marketing opportunities, thus raising the profile.
- To ensure effective management and corporate support.



Raising of the 2020/21 Green Flag

2.0 A WELCOMING PLACE

The overall impression of The Green for anyone approaching and entering should be positive and inviting. Of particular importance are:

- good and safe access
- good signage to and around The Green
- equal access for all members of the community

2.1 GOOD AND SAFE ACCESS

Part of the vision for Silloth Green is that it be accessible to all parts of the community and that we continue to identify and remove barriers to the use and enjoyment of the park. An Accessibility Committee has been set up to ensure that the council's parks, open spaces and other facilities provide a pleasant and safe environment for those residents and visitors to the town who may have mobility issues which can take many forms.

2.2 ANNOUNCING THE PARK



At the Community Garden, the formal entrance to The Green, a large combination display welcomes visitors. One side includes information about the history of the Green and a map identifying key places of interest, including a notice board informing visitors of forthcoming events/activities etc.

Interpretation panels and directional fingerpost signage has also been installed throughout the park to guide pedestrians to various facilities and locations within the park from wherever they are.



Before



After

The main entrance is well lit at night following the installation of Victorian style lights which run through the Community Garden and along the Criffel Street edge of The

Green. There is also standard street lighting along Criffel Street and Lawn Terrace.

2.3 PHYSICAL ACCESS

The Green has a good network of paths with few steep inclines or steps and is generally universally accessible.

The majority of park users will be local residents; however, it is possible for others to visit the park by a variety of means. A local bus service stops on Criffel Street, at the edge of The Green which provides links to Maryport and Carlisle and further afield. The nearest railway stations are at Wigton and Aspatria.

There are three public car parks within the site, all of which are free. There are also free parking spaces available on the streets, within the town.

- Pines Car Park, Silloth 52 spaces
- Sea View Car Park, Silloth 36 spaces
- Skinburness Road, Silloth 28 spaces

2.4 DOG FOULING

Dog fouling is an ongoing issue in the park particularly during the winter months. We continue to encourage people to report any incidents of dog fouling via the myAllerdale app and to dispose of any waste in the bins provided which can be used for both general waste and dog poo bags.

2.5 SOCIAL ACCESS

Silloth Green has a wide social usage in terms of age, ability, and gender. The facilities are well spaced within the park, providing a wide range of activities for different groups.

2.5.1 PLAY

The Water Splash Pad located on the site of the former paddling Pool was installed in 2012, along with a Woodland Play area when the refurbishment work was carried out on the Green. Then in 2013, a BMX track was constructed. The Pirate Ship play area adjacent to the Splash Pad was installed in 2018 after a need was identified for play equipment catering for younger children aged 0-5 years and is also DDA compliant. The Water Splash Pad and Pirate Ship Play Area is extremely popular through the summer months and attracts families and groups who can have a picnic on the picnic benches and enjoy the facilities.

2.5.2 YOUNG PEOPLE

The BMX track was constructed in 2013 following a consultation. The Town Council moved the project forward providing the site, securing the funding and consulting with local young people on the design. The BMX track continues to be well used by a wide age range, including families. The BMX track is located next to the grounds maintenance yard which provides a degree of informal supervision while allowing users to express and enjoy themselves without feeling overlooked. The graffiti art boards were painted by young people through a project organised by outreach workers with NADT, including the addition of new picnic benches and cycle racks.

2.5.3 SPORTS

Sports are mostly catered for at the Eden Street sports ground which includes football

and rugby pitches, rugby club, football changing rooms, MUGA, as well as a fitness centre. The Town Council's grounds maintenance team look after the grass cutting and maintenance of the pitches etc. Silloth is noted for its excellent 18-hole natural links Golf course, one of the most attractive and testing in the North.

On Skinburness, there are two hard tennis courts used by the Tennis Club and some football goals which are used by the Walking Football group. There is also a nine hole 'Putting Green' on the Lawn terrace side of the Green which replaced the previous 'crazy golf' course. The park is used on a daily basis for casual fitness e.g. running, walking, cycling etc.

2.5.4 QUIET AREAS

The Community Garden, Heritage Rose & Bee Garden and the viewing platform on the seafront provide quiet places to sit and enjoy the park. Benches are also located along all of the pathways throughout the park, so there is always somewhere quiet to sit even at the peak of summer.

2.5.5 TOILETS & FIRST AID

Toilets including disabled and baby changing facilities are provided for park users on Criffel Street opposite Christ Church, Edwardian toilets near the BMX track, toilets near the Lifeboat Station and on Skinburness Road. There are plans to remove the telephone box next to the Community Garden and investigations are being made to find out if it can be used to site a defibrillator which would be a useful addition to the Green. When organised events and festivals take place which can attract large numbers of visitors, the provision of first aid cover is a condition of the application process.

2.5.6 EVENTS

Silloth Green hosts several annual events such as Green Day, Silloth Vintage Rally, Silloth Pride, Soul on the Green, Silloth Carnival, Silloth Music & Beer Festival and circus events. The events attract large numbers of visitors to the town, as well as being enjoyed by our local residents. A list of events is included in this plan.

2.5.7 ACCESSIBILITY

An Accessibility Committee (Appendix 4) has been set up to work towards ensuring that the council's parks, open spaces, and other facilities provide a pleasant and safe environment for those residents and visitors to the town who may have mobility issues which can take many forms.

2.6 ASPECTS OF DESIGN

Silloth Green is made up of many different areas worked together to create a pleasant place to be. Silloth Green has been a popular place for many generations, from years gone by when visitors flocked to the town on the train, to the present day when families head to Silloth for a quiet day out or to visit one of the many events and festivals.

2.6.1 ENTRANCES

The Community Garden on the corner of Criffel Street and Lawn Terrace forms the main entrance to the Green, although there is access right around the Green. The flower beds along Criffel Street are planted up with Summer and Winter bedding to provide a colourful display all year round, with hundreds of Spring bulbs having also been planted along the edges of the shrub beds.

As you come into Silloth, along Petteril Street to Criffel Street, the first thing you were confronted with was a multitude of signs and some overgrown shrubs. It was decided to remove these which has created a spectacular open view across to Scotland and a much more appealing glimpse of The Green. This is also now the location of the replica Hudson bomber and circular flower bed.



Before



After

2.6.2 SEATING

Seating on the main Green is mostly of the same style with robust but attractive iron/timber seats. The Town Council has a Memorial Bench policy (Appendix 10) whereby residents can make a donation for a memorial seat in the park in memory of a loved one. There are some beautiful oak picnic tables and benches at various locations on the Green, including the addition of some recycled plastic picnic tables along the edge of Criffel Street which are proving to be extremely popular. The recycled picnic tables were obtained to support our local businesses as they began to emerge from the pandemic.

2.6.3 PATHWAYS

As part of the restoration of Silloth Green many of the paths were resurfaced to allow disabled access to all the main areas of the Green. Access to the Big Fella sculpture was also improved with the addition of a grass matting path to make it easier for wheelchair users.

2.6.4 COMMUNITY GARDEN



The Community Garden was created using Heritage Lottery Funds as part of the Green refurbishment project for people in Silloth to create their own Community Garden on Silloth Green which is now the formal entrance to the Green and is maintained by the Friends of Silloth Green. The volunteers have created a colourful haven which continues to improve

each year, with the recent addition of some new raised beds to allow people with mobility issues to take part in gardening sessions. The Community Garden provides a place where you can sit and watch the world go by.

2.6.5 BEE GARDEN

During 2015, the Heritage Rose and Bee Garden, which is situated closer to the sea, benefitted from new drainage, and was replanted with a variety of roses and a number of bee loving plants. A bee hotel was erected in the middle of the striking display of rose bushes, plants, and shrubs, which create a haven for the local bee and butterfly population. The Bee Garden is more peaceful setting and further away from the hustle and bustle of the town.

2.6.6 VIEWS

Silloth Green forms a green link between Silloth's grand Victorian townscape and the sea front promenade, with the views across the Solway Firth being second to none. The Victorian Pagoda built on a mound overlooking the sea was sympathetically restored. A viewing platform was built near the Dock entrance which again provides spectacular views across the Solway and up the seafront.



3.0 HEALTHY, SAFE & SECURE

The park or green space must be a healthy, safe, and secure place for all members of the community to use. Relevant issues must be addressed in management plans and implemented on the ground. New concerns which arise must be addressed promptly and appropriately. Particularly important is that:

- equipment and facilities must be safe to use;
- the park must be a secure place for all members of the community to use or traverse;
- dog fouling must be adequately dealt with;
- health and safety policies should be in place, in practice and reviewed; and
- toilets, drinking water, first aid, public telephones, and emergency equipment where relevant (e.g. lifebelts by water) should be available on or near the site and clearly signposted.

3.1 HEALTH & WELLBEING

The park is used on a daily basis for casual fitness e.g. running, walking, cycling etc

3.1.1 WALKING

A walking trail around the park has been added to the Silloth Green website which highlights key features and encourages people to explore the park and encourages them to be more active.

<http://www.sillothgreen.co.uk/silloth-green-trail/>

A Walking for Health group meets on weekly basis, taking advantage of the flat terrain, lovely sea views and fresh air.

3.1.2 RUNNING

Running is another popular pastime due to the flat terrain. A few years ago the Green played host to the Beach Marathon which attracted runners from miles around and was organised by Silloth Tourism Action Group. The secondary school uses the Green and seafront for their cross-country route which is probably something that every local child growing up in Silloth will have had to do, as part of the PE curriculum.



3.1.3 TENNIS

The tennis courts at Skinburness are available for anyone to use for free. The Tennis Club have also organised tennis coaching sessions for juniors. There is also a beginner adults coaching course meeting on Tuesday evenings which is ideal for anyone wanting to get back into or starting tennis.

3.1.4 FOOTBALL



There is also a Walking Football group which use an area near the tennis courts for their Monday meet ups at 1pm which is organised by the Cornerstone Methodist Church. The junior football club occasionally uses the park for training purposes. A junior football tournament is organised on the Green within the main arena, as part of the Silloth Vintage Rally event which is held in June each year.

3.1.5 CYCLING

Silloth has always been a popular stopping off point for keen cyclists, being part of the Hadrian's cycleway. This is likely to increase further with the opening of the cycle path between Silloth and Allonby. Picnic benches have been sited along the edge of the Green which have proved popular with visitors, including cyclists passing through. There are also plans to provide a facility for refilling water bottles in front of the old DrinkingChoose a building block. Fountain and some cycle racks on the Green.

3.1.6 GOLF

Golf and Silloth are very closely associated but the official course is just beyond the town. The nine hole 'Putting Green' on the Lawn terrace side of the Green replaced the previous 'crazy golf' course and offers an informal type of recreation consistent with the character of the town.

3.1.7 VOLUNTEERING

The Friends of Silloth Green group organise weekly gardening sessions on the Green and are always encouraging new people of all ages and capabilities to get involved. Not only is it good exercise but it is good for people's mental health too. Volunteers get to meet new friends and have real sense of pride in what they do. Organised litter picks also take place.



3.1.8 MENTAL HEALTH

Silloth Green has played an important role during the pandemic and has provided an open space where people can get outdoors, get some fresh air, whilst maintaining a safe distance from others.



After receiving a proposal from Simon McCall, ICC Living Well Coach at Silloth Group Medical Practice, the Town Council were only too happy to agree to allocate two of our benches on Silloth Green as Happy to Chat benches. 'Happy to Chat' benches are successfully helping communities to tackle isolation and loneliness in towns and cities all over the UK and farther afield. For people who feel

isolated, the benches are an opportunity to make a connection with someone new, and for people who want to help those experiencing loneliness the benches provide an opportunity to do so. Sitting on the benches simply signals to others that you are up for a chat and is an open invitation to say 'hello' and strike up a conversation.

3.1.9 PLAY AREAS AND OTHER FACILITIES ETC.

The Woodland Play Area, Pirate Ship Play Area, BMX track and Fairy Trail all help to encourage regular activity. The Splash Pad and play areas are very well used particularly during the summer months.

3.2 SAFE

3.2.1 SAFE WORKING PRACTICES

The Council maintains an up-to-date health & safety policy along with appropriate training for all staff. Tasks and potential hazards are considered and addressed through formal risk assessments. Council staff are issued with and required to use and wear appropriate safety equipment and carry out all tasks in a safe way. See the Town Council's Risk Management Policy Statement Appendix 6 and Health & Safety Policy Appendix 5.

3.2.2 PLAY AREAS.

The play areas in the park are inspected and cleared of all litter on a daily basis by the Council's maintenance team. Weekly recorded inspections of the equipment are also carried out by the team who have received ROSPA approved training for play area safety inspections. See Appendix 11-14. The sites are also inspected annually by an independent ROSPA approved inspector.



3.2.3 DOGS

Dogs are excluded from the play areas and the signage reflects this. The Council is continuing to work in partnership with the Borough Council enforcement team to reduce instances of dog fouling in the park. Allerdale Borough Council will be contacted as necessary and requested to carry out surveillance by the dog warden and issue fixed penalty notices, in accordance with the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. Dog waste can be deposited in any of the bins provided throughout the park which are regularly emptied. Information is regularly posted on our Facebook pages to encourage people to pick up after their dogs and report any incidents of dog fouling using the myAllerdale app.

There have been reports recently of dogs being out of control on the Green which has caused concern by some park users. Incidents have been reported to Allerdale Borough Council and consideration is to be given about whether to make the Green an area where

dogs should be kept on the lead. See Appendix 22 for a copy of the Silloth Green Dog Code.



3.2.4 LIGHTING

Lighting columns in the park are regularly inspected. We aim to repair lamp outages as soon as possible through the contractor. The Victorian style lighting columns and also the public conveniences are fitted with LED lanterns to dramatically improve reliability and quality of light.

3.2.5 HIRERS / EVENTS

All hirers of the park are required to provide insurance details, risk assessments and safety certificates as appropriate to ensure the safety of visitors. Event organisers are also required to ensure there is adequate first aid cover for their events which often attract large numbers of people.

3.2.6 GROUND WORKS

Risk assessments are carried out and reviewed at least annually for all ground works in the park. This includes the use of all machines, herbicides, and tools. All works and activities are carried out in accordance with the Council's health & safety policy and procedures.

All contractors are required to provide the appropriate evidence of competence and insurance to carry out the activity. No contractors are permitted to carry out works on site without the express permission of the Council.

3.2.7 NEEDLES/SYRINGES

Any reports of needles/syringes being found are dealt with immediately and safely. The grounds maintenance team have appropriate equipment and the procedures for this. We also report any instances where needles, syringes or drug paraphernalia are found to the police.

3.2.8 FLY TIPPING

Fly tipping is removed immediately by the Council's grounds and maintenance teams. Hirers of the park are required to remove all rubbish from the site under the terms and conditions of hire.

3.3 SECURE

3.3.1 STAFF PRESENCE

The Council's grounds maintenance team is based in the park and are present on The Green almost every day during the week and always have mobile telephone contact with other members of staff. Parks staff have a very positive relationship with many regular park users, including dog walkers.

3.3.2 NADT

North Allerdale Development Trust (NADT) carries out a range of activities to engage with and support young people. The Friday Night Project which is usually based in the Sports Hall have been meeting on Silloth Green when the weather permits. It provides an opportunity for outreach workers to build links and relationships with young people in the town.

In October 2018, the youngsters created some graffiti art boards for the BMX track with a local graffiti artist and funding was also obtained to provide some new picnic tables and cycle racks.



3.3.3 POLICING

Local Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) regularly visit the park and have a good relationship with the Town Council and its staff. If there are any issues with anti-social behaviour or vandalism they are reported to the Police who will step up their patrols if necessary. Our local PCSO also has close links with the schools and has been into the to schools to talk to the pupils direct. The site has the benefit of natural surveillance as it is so open, with clear long views in and around the area.

4.0 CLEAN & WELL MAINTAINED

Silloth Green is extremely popular and well used which can present challenges in maintaining standards of upkeep.

4.1 GROUND'S MAINTENANCE TEAM AND CLEANING STAFF

The Council's grounds maintenance team and cleaning staff are based in the park which enables a quicker response to issues of littering, fly tipping, vandalism, and damage. The presence within the park also helps to reduce instances during working hours. The small team of two grounds staff and two cleaning staff provides a great deal of site-specific experience and a good relationship with park users. The benefits of the in-house team include greater ownership of issues and genuine pride in how the park looks and operates. This also provides for a flexible approach to the work required and the ability to support the Friends of Silloth Green.



4.1.1 LITTER, WASTE MANAGEMENT AND GROUND WORKS

Silloth Green is extremely popular and is open 24 hours a day. This means that a large quantity of litter and waste is generated and collected, particularly in the summer months. There are litter bins located throughout the park which can be used for general waste and dog waste. Extra fixed wheelie bins have been sited at the Community Garden and Splash Pad to cope with the extra demand during the summer months. Extra bins are also provided by organisers of events when there is a festival or event which are emptied and removed afterwards, with additional staff provided by Allerdale Borough Council to cope with the extra litter generated.

Bins are emptied daily by the Council's grounds team during the summer months and three times a week in the winter, with waste deposited in skip waste containers in the grounds yard. The yard is out of sight of the main park and locked when unmanned. The park is litter picked by the grounds team, with organised litter picks also arranged. Needles and syringes are not commonly found but are disposed of appropriately using the

correct equipment and procedure. All Council staff are encouraged to pick up litter wherever they may find it.

4.1.2 GREEN WASTE

Green waste from the site is transported to the composting facility behind the recycling facility.

4.1.3 TREE WORKS.

All major tree works are carried out by an approved arboriculture contractor. As the public constantly use The Green, it is important that the risk of falling tree limbs etc is assessed and all actions are taken to minimise any potential hazards. Trees are generally to be surveyed every five years, with some being surveyed more regularly as required due to location or condition.

4.1.4 GRASS CUTTING

The grass cutting regime varies across different areas of the park, depending on usage and activities. Most of the large areas are cut on a weekly basis during the growing season or as required. Additional cuts are sometimes carried out in advance of specific events or festivals. The in-house grounds team can work flexibly and respond quickly to changing requirements and circumstances.



4.2 BUILDINGS

The following buildings are located within the park:

- Pagoda
- Edwardian shelter
- Criffel Street toilet block
- Edwardian toilet block
- Skinburness Road toilet block
- RNLI toilet block

The public toilets are cleaned and maintained by staff employed by Silloth Town Council. The toilets are cleaned and inspected daily, with any issues reported to the Town Clerk and repairs being carried out by the ground's maintenance team.

4.3 SEATING

Seats on the Green are of a similar design with cast ends and substantial timber slats. These seats are attractive and extremely robust. Seating of other designs are found on Skinburness and the seafront which tend to be memorial benches. There are also various picnic tables around the park - solid oak benches next to the water splash park and in the woodland play area and some recycled plastic benches in the BMW track and along Criffel Street. All seats in the park are maintained by the Council's grounds and maintenance teams.

4.4 DOG FOULING

Whilst most dog walkers are responsible, there is a problem with dog waste on the site. Ongoing work in terms of education and policing is carried out to address the mindset of not picking up after your dog. Dog walkers are encouraged to pick up after their dogs. People are encouraged to report any issues to Allerdale Borough Council who can take enforcement action if necessary.

4.5 LIGHTING

The Victorian lighting columns along the edge of the Green are fitted with LED lanterns which reduces outages, repair costs and energy consumption while providing a better light for park users. LED lighting has also been installed in the public toilets.

4.6 GRAFFITI

We aim to remove graffiti as quickly as possible. Offensive graffiti is removed immediately. Thankfully, this has not been a significant problem in the park.

4.7 FRIENDS OF SILLOTH GREEN

The Friends of Silloth Green (FOG) assist with the maintenance of key areas in the park, in addition to the Community Garden which was created by the group in 2014. The group continues to grow with regular volunteering sessions held each week. There is an active Committee some of whom are members of the Town Council which provides a close working relationship with the Council and its staff.



Silloth-on-Solway Town Council

Maintenance Schedule

Soft Landscape Works

Nr	Task	Area / Nr	Objective	Work Involved	Timing
1	Silloth Green - Maintain grassed areas	8.25 hectares	To achieve a dense green sward on high profile areas of The Green	Cut grass to 12-30mm	Mow once a week during growing season
				Selective weed kill to discourage meadow grass and moss	Spring
				Spiking with Verti-Drain	Spring and autumn
				Apply maintenance fertilizer	Spring and autumn
				Re-seeding of any bare areas	As required
2	Clear grass around tree bases and obstacles		To maintain tidy appearance	Spray off weed growth, strim around trees	Fortnightly during growing season
3	Edge perimeters of lawns and beds		Clean back to straight edge in autumn and winter	Cut back edges with strimmer	Fortnightly during growing season
				Cut back with edging machine and remove all arisings	Annually in Winter
4	Maintain grass banks		To prevent banksides becoming overgrown	Strim grass	Monthly during growing season
5	Maintain Putting Green	2,500m2	To ensure greens remain playable and area is clean and tidy	Cut grass to 10-15mm	Mow once a week during growing season
				Apply maintenance fertilizer	Monthly during growing season
6	Maintain shrub beds		To maintain clean shrubbery with all year round interest	Fork and hoe flower beds to remove self-sown weeds	Fortnightly during growing season
				Pruning of all flowering shrubs, groundcover, evergreens	Twice a year (dependent upon species)
				Annual clean and renovation	Spring

7	Heritage Rose and Bee Garden		To maintain high quality Rose & Bee garden planting	Fork and hoe flower beds to remove self-sown weeds	Fortnightly during growing season
				Dead-head flowers during flowering season	Summer
				Prune shrubs at the end of the flowering season	Autumn
				Annual clean and renovation	Spring
				Cutting turf path	Fortnightly during growing season
				Re-seeding or re-turfing grass path	As required
				Pressure wash and weed kill paved area	3-4 times a year
				Assisting volunteers with heavy work and taking garden waste away for composting	As required
8	Community Garden		To maintain high quality Community Garden planting	Fork and hoe flower beds to remove self-sown weeds	Fortnightly during growing season
				Dead-head flowers during flowering season	Summer
				Prune shrubs at the end of the flowering season	Autumn
				Annual clean and renovation	Spring
				Cut grassed areas	Once a week during growing season
				Cut back edges with strimmer	Fortnightly during growing season
				Cut back with edging machine and remove all arisings	Annually in Winter
				Weed kill footpaths	3-4 times a year
				Assisting volunteers with heavy work and taking garden waste away for composting	As required
9	Seasonal bedding – planting and maintenance		To maintain seasonal display - flowerbeds, concrete planters etc	Spring stripping, clearance and cultivation	Autumn
				Dig over beds and add manure	2-3 times in Winter
				Plant out summer bedding displays	Spring
				Watering of seasonal bedding	Summer - Mon, Wed & Fri - 4 hrs per day

				Maintain summer beds (weeding, dead heading, replacing failed or vandalised plants etc)	Spring and summer
10	Tree management		To maintain a healthy well maintained tree population	Crown raise or prune as necessary as trees mature, especially near footpaths	Winter, every year
				Remove diseased, dangerous, dead or dying trees	Winter, when required
				Clear fallen branches	Winter
11	Pine needle clearance		To remove fallen needles from The Green and water play area	Remove fallen needles from hard surfacing using blower	Fortnightly during growing season
				Clean pine needles from Pirate Ship play area	Daily during growing season
				Clean pine needles from water play area	Daily during growing season
				Clean needles from filter in water play	Monthly during growing season
12	Composting Facility		To create own compost for use on the gardens and shrub beds	Laying of materials for composting and turning regularly	Ongoing throughout the year
13	Fairy Trail		To maintain footpaths around the woodland trail	Clearing woodland paths	Spring
				Cutting back overhanging shrubs/branches	Spring
14	Eden Street Sports Ground		To maintain good quality football and rugby pitches	Cut grass to 50-60mm	Mow once a week during growing season
				Selective weed kill	Annually, if required
				Overseeding	As required
				Harrowing	As required
				Spiking with Verti-Drain	Monthly
				Applying maintenance fertiliser	Spring & Autumn
				Repairing goal mouths - overseeding/re-turfing	As required
15	New Street Land		To maintain condition of the grassed area	Cut grass to 12-30mm	Fortnightly during growing season
				Strimming around wooden stobs	4 times a year
16	Land at West Silloth		To maintain condition of the grassed area	Cut grass to 12-30mm	Fortnightly during growing season

				Strimming	4 times a year
17	Stiles Footpath		To ensure path is clear and accessible	Strimming footpath	4 times a year
				Trim overhanging branches	4 times a year
				Levelling out of path surface	4 times a year
18	Allotments		To ensure road is accessible	Cut grass down middle of access road	Once a year
19	Maintenance of other areas around Silloth - Lawn Terrace, Waver Street, Caldew Street, Esk Street etc		To maintain tidy appearance	Cut grass to 12-30mm	Mow once a week during the growing season
				Strimming of edges	Fortnightly during growing season
20	Trees around the streets of the town		To maintain tidy appearance	Spraying around base of trees	Twice a year

NB: Growing season assumed to be 32 weeks, March-October

Hard Landscape Works

Nr	Task	Area / Nr	Objective	Work Involved	Timing
21	Weed control of footpaths and parking areas		To achieve weed-free area	Weed kill with contact spraying	Twice a year
22	Weed control of Ragwort		To achieve weed-free area	Weed kill with contact spraying	Twice a year
23	Maintenance of hard surfaces such as footpaths, parking areas, hard landscaping, steps		To achieve clean paths and roadways	Sweep and blow bitmac paths	Fortnightly
				Remove mud from bitmac paths	As required
				Top up bark paths in woodland play area	Once a year
				Line marking	As required
				Check for loose granite setts, sett paving or paving flags and re-set. Also weed spray.	Once a year
24	Maintain benches		To maintain benches on The Green and promenade	Inspect, wash and clean	Monthly
				Apply wood preservative and repaint	Once a year

25	Installation of new memorial benches		To install new memorial benches	Apply wood preservative/oil before installation	As required
				Install concrete base before siting the new bench	As required
26	Remove litter and debris		To ensure The Green is kept clean and tidy	Litter pick to ensure rubbish is removed from The Green, Skinburness Green and Harbour Green	Daily
				Empty litter bins	Daily
27	Bin maintenance		To ensure litter bins are kept clean and fully functional	Inspect bins for defects regularly	Monthly
				Spray inside with disinfectant	Once a year
28	Graffiti removal		To ensure park remains free of graffiti	Inspect all hard surfaces, street furniture, signs, street lighting, fences, and buildings regularly and remove graffiti as soon as possible	Weekly
29	Maintain drainage system		To ensure that drainage system continues to function efficiently	Check drains for blockages, carry out a CCTV inspection of all drainage runs and unlock and repair as necessary	Twice a year
30	Maintain fences		To ensure fencing remains in good condition	Inspect fences for damage	Weekly
				Replace broken parts as soon as possible	As required
				Paint and treat with wood preservative	Once every 2 years
31	Tennis Courts		To achieve moss-free surface	Weed kill with contact spraying	Twice a year
32	Maintain Woodland Adventure play area		To ensure that the play area is clean and the equipment is safe	Inspect for broken glass, debris, clean away rubbish	Daily
				Inspect play equipment and ensure that an accurate record of equipment inspection is kept up to date	Weekly
				Annual inspection of play equipment	Annually
				Maintain play equipment in accordance with supplier's recommendations	As required
				Topping up woodchip of safety surfacing	Annually
				Clearing paths and cutting back overgrowing shrubs and branches	Twice a year
				Paint and treat equipment	Once every 5 years
33	Maintain Pirate Ship play area		To ensure that the play area is clean and the equipment is safe	Inspect for broken glass, debris, clean away rubbish	Daily

				Inspect play equipment and ensure that an accurate record of equipment inspection is kept up to date	Weekly
				Annual inspection of play equipment	Annually
				Maintain play equipment in accordance with supplier's recommendations	As required
				Paint and treat equipment	Once every 5 years
34	Maintain BMX Track area		To ensure that the play area is clean, and the equipment is safe	Inspect for broken glass, debris, clean away rubbish	Daily
				Inspect track surface, seating and bins etc and ensure that an accurate record of inspection is kept up to date	Weekly
				Annual inspection of play equipment	Annually
				Maintain BMX track in accordance with supplier's recommendations - re-topping track and whacking down	Twice a year
				Maintain seating and bins	As required
35	Maintain Eden Street Play Area		To ensure that the play area is clean, and the equipment is safe	Inspect for broken glass, debris, clean away rubbish	Daily
				Inspect play equipment and ensure that an accurate record of equipment inspection is kept up to date	Weekly
				Annual inspection of play equipment	Annually
				Maintain play equipment in accordance with supplier's recommendations	As required
				Topping up of woodchip safety surfacing	Annually
				Paint and treat equipment	Once every 3 years
36	Installation of new play equipment			Ground works and installation of new play equipment	As required

37	Service water play area equipment		Set up water play equipment, close down at end of season and provide mid-term inspection	Regular services by STC.	Three times a year
				Inspected and cleaned	Daily

Building Maintenance

Nr	Task	Area / Nr	Objective	Work Involved	Timing
38	Maintain restored Pagoda	N/A	To ensure the restored building is kept clean, safe and fully functional	<i>General Maintenance:</i>	
				Inspect and clean	Daily
				Arrange repairs to any damaged or vandalised parts e.g. broken windows, locks	As required
				Remove graffiti	As required
				Lock up at night / open up in the morning	Daily
				<i>Painting:</i>	
				Repaint timber fascia boards, WBP ply spandrel panel, WBP stall riser panel, cast iron gutters with exterior gloss paint (e.g. Dulux Weathershield, min. 6-yr weathering durability)	Every 4 years
				T&G softwood boarding to soffits with high quality paint system	As required
				<i>Cleaning:</i>	
				10mm toughened laminated glass panels to be cleaned regularly	Weekly and as required
				Cast iron gutter and down pipes and gullies from rainwater pipes to be cleared	Twice a year
				<i>Repairs:</i>	
				Check roof slates and lead flashing for damage and repair as necessary	Weekly
39	Maintain Edwardian shelter	N/A		<i>General Maintenance:</i>	
				Inspect and clean	Weekly

			To ensure the restored building is kept clean, safe and fully functional	Arrange repairs to any damaged or vandalised parts e.g. broken windows, locks	As required
				Remove graffiti	As required
				<i>Painting:</i>	
				Repaint timber with exterior gloss paint (e.g. Dulux Weathershield, min. 6-yr weathering durability)	Every 4 years
				<i>Cleaning:</i>	
				10mm toughened laminated glass panels to be cleaned regularly	Monthly
40	Maintain Criffel Street toilet block	N/A	To ensure building is kept clean, safe and fully functional	Inspect and clean internally	Daily
				Lock up at night / open up in the morning	Daily
				Arrange repairs to any damaged parts e.g. broken windows, locks, fixtures and fittings	As required
				Remove graffiti	As required
				Clean windows	Twice a year
				Repaint internally and externally	Once every 3 years
				Clean out guttering and clear drains	Once a year
41	Maintain restored Edwardian toilet block	N/A	To ensure building is kept clean, safe and fully functional	Inspect and clean	Daily
				Lock up at night / open up in the morning	Daily
				Arrange repairs to any damaged parts e.g. broken windows, locks, fixtures and fittings	As required
				Remove graffiti	As required
				Clean glass	Twice a year
				Repaint internally and externally	Once every 3 years
				Clean out guttering and clear drains	Once a year
42	Maintain Skinburness toilet block	N/A	To ensure building is kept clean, safe and fully functional	Inspect and clean	Daily
				Lock up at night / open up in the morning	Daily
				Arrange repairs to any damaged parts e.g. broken windows, locks, fixtures and fittings	As required
				Remove graffiti	As required
				Clean glass	Twice a year
				Repaint internally and externally	Once every 3 years
				Clean out guttering and clear drains	Once a year

				Drain down water system	Once a year, September
				Reinstate water system	Once a year, Spring
43	Maintain Silloth Community Hall	N/A	To ensure building is kept clean, safe and fully functional	Inspect and clean	Three times a week
				Arrange repairs to any damaged parts e.g. broken windows, locks, fixtures and fittings	As required
				Remove graffiti	As required
				Clean doors/windows	Once a month
				Repaint internally and externally	As required
				Weed kill with contact spraying to kill moss from concrete footpath and tarmac surfaces	Once a year
				Clean out guttering and clear drains	As required

Other

Nr	Task	Area / Nr	Objective	Work Involved	Timing
44	Provision of Safety railings		To support events held on the Green and other Town Council land	Collect safety railings from storage and deliver to event location	Before events
				Collect safety railings and return to storage	Following events
45	Maintenance of The Green following events		To correct the after-effects of events on grassed areas	Additional litter pick / rubbish removal	Following events
				Repair damage to fences, street furniture etc	Following events
				Remove old events posters	Following events
				Relieve compaction and repair damaged grass as necessary	Following events
46	Check pop-up power supplies		To ensure power supply is ready for events	Check power supplies are working	Before events
				Prepare/unlock power points ready for events	Before events
47	Christmas Lights		To support provision of Christmas lighting in the town	Replacing bulbs in Victorian Lights with colour-changing bulbs	Before Switch-on
				Siting of Christmas tree, santa sleigh and reindeer at Criffel Street toilet block	Before Switch-on
				Replacing bulbs in Victorian Lights with white bulbs	January

				Removing Christmas tree, santa sleigh and reindoor etc from Criffel Street toilet block and put back into storage	January
48	Maintenance of machinery		To ensure machinery is kept in good working order	Maintenance of tractors, mowers, cutters, strimmers etc. Changing blades, oil changes and servicing etc.	Throughout year
49	Grounds Maintenance Yard		To keep yard in tidy and safe condition	Topping up surface with road planings	Autumn & as required
				Disposal of rubbish	Autumn & as required
				Repainting of containers	Autumn, as required
50	Salt spreading		To keep main streets clear of snow/ice	Spreading of salt to main shopping streets	As required
51	Maintenance of other areas - Children's Centre & Fire Station		On behalf of Cumbria County Council	Grass cutting, strimming, edging, litter picking, pruning trees & weed spraying.	Throughout year

5.0 SUSTAINABILITY

5.1 AIMS

- The Green should be an area where materials and resources come from sustainable sources and sustainable attitudes are encouraged.
- An area where water and energy are used sparingly and efficiently.
- The Green is an area where horticultural practices and arboricultural management are environmentally friendly with mature trees inherited from previous generations being there for the next.
- The Green is a place where pollution and vehicle emissions are kept to a minimum.
- An area where water and energy are used sparingly and efficiently.

5.2 ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

The Town Council has adopted an Environmental Policy to consider activities across the organisation and to pull together the good management practices already in place. This policy covers energy use, waste, ethical procurement, and forms part of the Council's core operating procedures. The Environmental Policy is appended to this plan (Appendix 7).

5.3 PROCUREMENT

Practices already in place include procurement from ethical sources where possible and practical e.g. ensuring that seat manufacturers use sustainably sourced timbers. We ensure peat and peat-containing products are not used in landscaping or gardening work on The Green where suitable alternatives are available. Bedding plants are also locally sourced.

5.4 GREEN WASTE

Green waste including cuttings, shreddings, chippings and prunings are, wherever possible, reused on site or taken to the composting facility, which was built in 2016, within a wooded area opposite the ground's maintenance depot. Following the composting process, the finished product will be used within the park. Chippings from any arboricultural work carried out in the town is used in the park as mulch on shrub beds or composted. Grass cuttings from the local bowling green is also collected and added to the composting facility.

5.5 GENERAL WASTE

General waste from litter bins and fly-tipping is currently placed in waste skips located at the grounds yard and removed from site as required. There is currently a recycling facility at the North View Car Park which accepts brown, clear, and green glass, paper, plastics, cans and fabric which is the responsibility of Allerdale Borough Council. Waste which has been left at the recycling point is moved to the recycling plant on the airfield.



The Town Council has been approached by Silloth Primary School to get behind their

community campaign to become the first single-use plastic free town in Cumbria which the Council has agreed to.

5.6 WATER & ENERGY EFFICIENCY

As part of the lease agreement with Allerdale Borough Council, the Town Council took over responsibility for the public conveniences on the Green which includes the utility bills. There are also several electricity outlets located on The Green to provide power for the events and festivals that take place. Water and electricity are also used at the Water Splash pad.

The lighting columns installed in 2016 are fitted with LEDs and are on a timer which significantly reduces the energy consumption and light pollution. The lighting in the public toilets have also been upgraded to LEDs.

Plant selection in the park includes shrubs, grasses and wildflowers that require little or no watering. A grey water recycling system has been installed whereby water from the water splash pad facility can be reused for watering bedding plants in the summer months.

Water bills will be monitored to identify possible leaks and target inefficiencies. We are also looking into the possibility of installing a well on the Green which could provide water to the public toilets and water splash pad.

5.7 PESTICIDE/HERBICIDE USE

Currently pesticides/herbicides are used sparingly on an 'as required' basis. Any pesticide used would be applied strictly in accordance with CoSHH and the Control of Pesticides Regulations. Staff are qualified in their use and follow specific working procedures to ensure safety and minimise environmental impact.

5.8 TREE PLANTING

Ensure existing trees/plantations are regularly surveyed and that structural pruning, thinning, removals and replacement planting are undertaken to manage health and safety, and improve the aesthetics and longevity of trees (having allowed 6 weeks prior notification to LPA, due to Conservation Area status). The Council will continue to consider opportunities for appropriate tree planting in the park. New trees will be locally sourced.

5.9 REUSE OF MATERIALS

We try to work to the philosophy of "reduce – reuse – recycle". The grounds maintenance team have used offcuts of wood to make bird and bat boxes in the past which have been put up around the park. Some tree works are planned, and investigations are to be made into using the wood to create some wood sculptures in the park.

5.10 VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

Vehicles and equipment are serviced regularly to ensure they are working safely and efficiently. In house skills and experience means that this is carried out in a timely manner and at a minimum of cost. The maintenance team are based on site which minimises vehicle emissions and reduces energy costs.

6.0 CONSERVATION OF HERITAGE & NATURE

Particular attention should be paid to the conservation and appropriate management of: -

- natural features, wildlife, and fauna, such as Skinburness Green and the pine plantations
- landscape features, such as the pagoda, sunken rose garden
- buildings and structural features, as summarised below

6.1 HERITAGE ASSETS

The most interesting area in terms of heritage assets is The Green, which is the area that contains the most 'designed' features. In particular:

1. The Victorian Pagoda



The refurbished Victorian pagoda, thought to have been constructed in the 1850s, is a dramatic building sitting on the top of a grassy mound overlooking the Solway Firth. Two benches provide resting places on the short but fairly steep pathway to the top. The pagoda was built close to the old baths and has magnificent views over to Criffel and the other Scottish hills. The iconic building has a curved detail to the roof and is largely built of timber, with a central cast

iron column supporting the apex of the roof. Internally, the roof is lined with a softwood boarding. Fishtailed Westmorland roof slates add quality detailing.

The pagoda has been a very popular meeting place for Silloth townspeople and visitors for many generations and is well worth a visit to enjoy the tranquil setting.

2. The Sunken Rose Garden

The original rose garden was built in 1954 to commemorate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II and remains of considerable significance to local people.

Townspeople were consulted as part of the refurbishment program and voted for the Rose garden to be re-planted. The elliptical enclosure and walls and paving crafted from Cumbrian red sandstone forms a valuable heritage asset, and a fitting structure surrounding the newly planted heritage roses. New seating has been introduced for visitors who wish to enjoy the peace and quiet of the garden.

3. The Edwardian Ladies' Toilet Block

The Edwardian toilets are detailed in the Edwardian style and include 6 cubicles with original cast iron cisterns. The wash basins stand below a four paneled mirror which is also original. All the joinery is polished oak and screens (one curved) hide the w.c. area from the doorway. The brick floor is laid in a herringbone pattern and the walls are formed with glazed tiles. The survival of this building is of considerable heritage significance.

4. The Amusement Arcade (Former Victorian Baths)

This building has been modernised with new extensions and alterations to window and door arrangements and is currently painted a strident yellow. It would be beneficial to The Green if cosmetic improvements could be made to this building, but this is now in private ownership, so it was not possible to include such works in the HLF project.

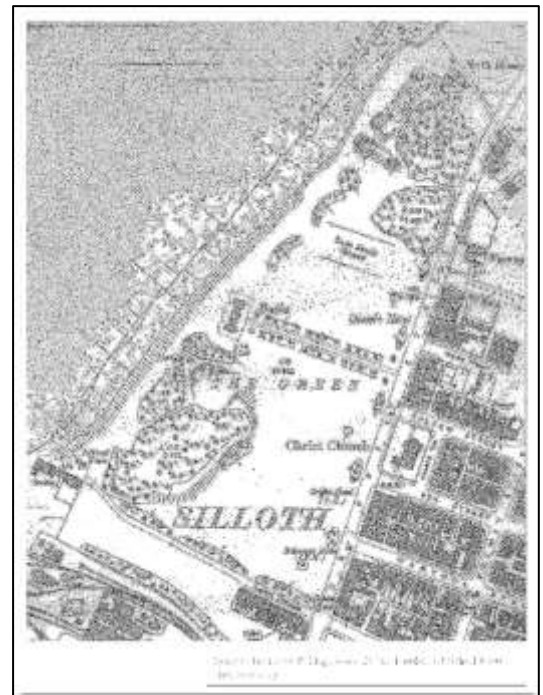


5. Victorian shelter

This building has been completely restored after having been vandalized and falling into disrepair.

6. Historic Planting

The first planting introduced on The Green was a swathe of pine trees on the sandhills to commemorate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. The 1900 ordnance survey shows that structure tree planting and shrub beds were in place in various locations on The Green by that time. The linear beds along the edge of Lawns Terrace which were planted during this period also included pine trees. Additional pine trees were also planted on the sandhills at the north end of The Green. Oval shaped beds were laid out opposite road junctions with Criffel Street and the avenue leading to the baths was planted with shrubs. An early 20th century photograph shows a graduation in height in the shrub beds suggesting the inner sections were planted with herbaceous plants.



The planting approach was common in many small-town parks and apart from a small reduction in shrub beds was virtually unchanged until the 1950s when a rose garden was added north of the public baths. Some of the beds adjacent to Criffel Street were extended during the 1970s and commemorative trees have been planted over the years.

Skinburness Green is a much more informal area, mostly comprising of unmanaged grassland and sand dunes with informal tracks and occasional rough car parking areas. The sea front promenade follows the coastal edge to the west, with the eastern boundary following the line of Skinburness Road. To the north lies the East Cote Lighthouse, a striking feature constructed in the 1860s, which is surrounded by an area

of mown grassland. To the south lies another, more formal, area of grassland with two public tennis courts. A timber shelter is in the middle of the area, built to mark the Coronation of King George in 1911, but this is in a poor state of repair and is situated away from the promenade and therefore has somewhat inhibited views towards the coast.

Harbour Green is a small area to the south of The Green. Although the sea front promenade links the two, the area is somewhat separated from The Green by the slipway of the RNLI lifeboat station and the intervening car parking areas. Harbour Green does not contain any features of historic significance and has recently benefited from landscaping improvements which have introduced new street furniture and a decked walkway leading to a viewing area which offers elevated views over the Solway Firth.

6.2 IMPORTANCE OF THE HERITAGE

Silloth is a town with a unique character, and a rare example of a Victorian seaside 'resort' in West Cumbria. The town owes much of this special character to its setting on the Solway Firth, and the open spaces between the townscape and the coast provide an important green fringe.

Local planning policies recognise the importance of The Green and its inclusion within a Conservation Area helps protect this status.

The following assessment of significance is taken from the historic research prepared by Fiona Green (see Appendix A3 of the Stage E Report)

- The Green, Silloth is a park of *considerable significance* as it is part of a small group of public parks deliberately developed in tandem with the newly introduced railway network during the mid-nineteenth century. These parks, such as Cleethorpes Promenade developed during the 19th century (improved in 1904 to become Sidney Park) and Blackpool Promenade and North Shore (which were developed after Talbot Road station opened in 1846) drew large numbers of visitors in search of entertainment.
- The layout for the town of 1857, attributed to the Liverpool architects J.W. & J. Hay, shows the town was planned as a seaside resort with The Green as a prominent area contributing to the overall plan – providing an area for promenading and playing games. This is an early example of town planning in north-west England. There was a growing interest in this discipline, fostered by the recognition by local authorities that they had a responsibility to organize building development and discourage ad hoc expansion of towns and this is of *considerable significance*.
- The integration of the park with the surrounding infrastructure of the town, the tree lined avenues and cobbled streets, shows an enlightened approach to the aesthetics of the newly developing town planning principles of the period and this is also of *considerable significance*.
- The long-standing commitment of the local authority to sustaining the park as a major attraction in Silloth is of *considerable significance* and is reflected by the phases of new features and facilities at The Green. To date the park represents three phases of development 1860s, 1900 and 1950s and enjoys

continued commitment from the town council and local community.

- The original pine plantations at Silloth Green were planted on spoil heaps from the docks to celebrate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee and this is of *considerable significance*.
- The park was built in a location which took advantage of spectacular views across the Solway Firth to the Criffel and Caerlaverock Hills to the north and the Lake District to the south. The location of Silloth is an enduring tourist attraction and this is of *considerable significance*.

6.3 NATURE CONSERVATION

In August 2010, E3 Ecology carried out an Extended Phase 1 Ecological Survey of The Green. The survey indicated that the site is generally of low ecological value being dominated by amenity grassland. The linear site running immediately adjacent to the coast but is severed from the estuary by a substantial sea wall and promenade which prevents the development of strand line or salt marsh communities.

Areas of woodland and ornamental shrub planting are mainly of value for the bird species they support. The combination of scrub and open, short grassland will be of particular value for the UK BAP bird species that are present such as song thrush, linnet, dunnock, and house sparrow.

There is a central section of less intensively management land that supports a mosaic of coarse grassland, tall ruderal, gorse scrub, heather and dune communities forming a more interesting and varied character, including lowland acid grassland, a UK biodiversity action plan habitat.

Overall, there were no major ecological constraints to the renovation works. Where renovation or demolition work was proposed to the structures on site the work followed an appropriate method statement to minimise the risk of harm to bats or nesting birds, and that additional checking surveys were undertaken prior to the restoration of the hilltop shelter and toilet block.

The E3 Ecology Extended Phase 1 Ecological Survey identified the following opportunities for ecological enhancement:

1. The amenity grassland in the vicinity of the Putting Green is of semi-improved acid/dry grassland character. Given the greater diversity of this area it was recommended that losses to the existing turf are minimised during remodeling of the golf facilities.
2. The relative even-aged nature of the planting results in a general lack of deadwood and cavities and it was recommended that 30 nest and bat boxes are provided within the woodland to enhance breeding and roosting opportunities.
3. The plantation coniferous woodland provides a local hotspot for biodiversity supporting a good range of bird species but poor plant diversity. It was recommended that appropriate woodland herb species collected from local ancient woodland sites are introduced as seed to promote the development of more attractive and diverse woodland, particularly through the addition of *Hyacinthoides non-scripta*, which should do well in these conditions.

4. The grassland on the steep banks could be enhanced by scarifying the surface, for example by very close strimming, and sowing yellow rattle, *Rhinanthus minor* a wildflower that is parasitic on grasses, reducing their vigour, and cowslip, *Primula veris*.
5. The central area could be enhanced for biodiversity in the long-term through the establishment of avenue trees along the road to provide shelter, nesting, foraging and flight line opportunities.
6. Consideration should be given to the implementation of a more varied seasonal mowing regime to allow, in different areas, spring, summer and autumn flowering species to establish and set seed to help meet the requirements for local authorities to conserve and enhance biodiversity through their works. Leaving 'flowering windows' when the grass is not cut for 4 to 6 weeks would be sufficient to promote more wildflowers and the invertebrates they support.
7. Consideration should be given to scarification of more mown areas and reseeded with Kidney vetch, *Anthyllis vulneraria*, a food source of small blue butterfly, followed by a management regime that allows the area to flower.

6.3.1 HERITAGE ROSE & BEE GARDEN

The garden was started from a blank canvas in 2015 for the benefit of our diminishing bees, butterflies, and other insects, and as a place for gardeners to come for ideas on what to plant for them in their own gardens. It is divided into five themed areas and planted with over 100 species, of which roughly 80% are perennials, shrubs or bulbs, and the rest annuals.



Early days



In full bloom

The garden is designed to provide pollen and nectar from March onwards, when bumblebee queens emerge from hibernation, and continues flowering into early November. We also have larval food plants for butterflies and moths, and umbellifers for solitary and social wasps, flies, and beetles. The Bee and Bug Home offers nesting sites for solitary bees, and a dry place for butterflies, moths, beetles, ladybirds, spiders, lacewings, and earwigs to shelter and over winter. All insects are welcome and studied with great interest. Each one has a role to play in a garden, and we rely on the diversity of plants and creatures to help the garden function as a natural, balanced ecosystem with no attempt to control or interfere with their lives. The most fundamental achievement of this garden, combined with what they are now being taught in schools, is that children no longer seem afraid of bees, allowing curiosity, interest, and enthusiasm to flourish. These youngsters

are the future guardians of our little visitors.



6.3.2 COMMUNITY GARDEN

Heritage Lottery Funds were made available as part of the Green refurbishment Project for people in Silloth to create their own Community Garden on Silloth Green. A workshop



was held to give local people an opportunity to look through books and examine information before outlining their own ideas, either by giving a description to one of the workshop helpers, writing down their ideas or making a drawing. The idea was to help choose the colours and types of plants and come up with ideas for interpreting the Green's heritage for inclusion in the plan.

Subsequently Moota Garden Centre produced the final design, based on the ideas put forward at the workshop.

Work began on the Community Garden in mid-April 2014. 60 children and some members of the community adopted a plant and planted it with professional support from Moota's Landscape Garden designers. The garden was officially opened on 25 May 2014.

Since it was opened, the garden has continued to be developed and improved. Where possible wildlife friendly plants have been planted throughout and this is an important aspect of the Community Garden. However other factors, like the attractiveness of a plant and its scent, are considered as well to make it a garden that is appealing for people as well.

A Bee and Bug House was added to the garden and the shelves were stuffed with hay and a variety of things added including bamboo cane bundles, clay flowerpots, air bricks, and pinecones. To further enhance the wildlife corner a small wood pile was added, and a Harts Tongue fern planted.

The garden is a haven for butterflies and bees which are always in abundance and a pleasure to see. A bird feeding station has also been added to the shrub bed behind the Community Garden.





The two raised beds in the Community Garden are a good height for easily seeing and touching the plants without having to bend down so wheelchair users and other less mobile people can enjoy them. Sensory beds were created by planting aromatic, colourful and touchable plants.

Lots of spring bulbs have been planted throughout the garden to provide an early colourful display.

The Community Garden is a welcoming space with wildlife friendly plants, as well as flowers that are attractive to people too. However, the garden is lacking in easily accessible areas to grow fruit, vegetables, herbs, and edible flowers that the less able could enjoy.

Four new raised beds have been installed on the footprint of four small existing flower beds. These will give easy access to wheelchairs and others with mobility issues. By providing Potager raised beds, many diverse groups, of all ages and abilities, will benefit hugely in all sorts of ways both mentally as well as physically. Children can be shown how to grow the food they eat, and the plants can act as a memory aid and conversation starter for the elderly.

The new produce beds will look attractive and fit in with the overall scheme and aesthetic of the Community Garden and will be a very welcome addition to the Green.

6.3.3 EDWARDIAN WOODLAND BED

This is a sloping area that is in shade at the bottom and in full sun along the top path. A wildflower strip has been planted along the top running alongside the path. A variety of native fruit trees and shrubs have been planted, along with herbaceous perennials and annual flowers. 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. Spring bulbs have also been planted for some early colour in the Spring.



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.

The Edwardian Woodland Bed has already been identified as a space suitable for encouraging wildlife and the Friends of Silloth Green have submitted a funding application for some additional plants. To be able to continue to improve and enhance this area they would like to introduce more insect and bird friendly trees, also spring and early summer flowering bulbs.



Using a wider variety of plants will ensure that more species of birds and insects can benefit during most times of the year. For example, the flowers from the spring and early summer flowering bulbs will enable nectar to be available to insects at a time of year when it is in short supply. Wherever possible they would like to plant native

species as they tend to be most beneficial to wildlife. The wild daffodil *Narcissus pseudonarcissus* is an example of this. It is a very apt choice for Cumbria and in addition it would be nice for people to see what our native daffodil looks like. Hopefully, the addition of these trees and bulbs will show that wildlife areas can look attractive and be informative to people as well as being an essential lifeline for birds, insects and small mammals.

6.3.4 CRIFFEL STREET TOILET BED

In the Criffel Street toilet bed trees, bare root shrubs and honeysuckle have been planted, along with shrubs, grasses and perennials which have been chosen for wildlife as well as being attractive to look at. The general impression of this bed is more formal and ornamental than say the Edwardian Woodland Bed which has a more naturalistic feel.

6.3.5 BIRD FEEDING STATIONS



Two bird feeding stations have been sited on the Green by the Friends group which are well used. The first one is in the Edwardian Woodland bed and the second one at the Community Garden. Volunteers pay for the food and keep the bird feeders regularly topped up.

Friends of the Green are hoping to undertake some bird surveys in the coming months to ascertain the different birds found on the Green, as we have some keen bird watchers among the volunteers.

Contact will also be made with Cumbria Wildlife Trust for guidance on conducting surveys on the animal life on the Green. It would also be good to involve the schools in the project.

7.0 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Park management authorities should actively pursue the involvement of members of the community, with representation of as many park user groups as possible.

Management should be able to demonstrate:

- knowledge of the user community and levels and pattern of use;
- evidence of community involvement in park management and/or development and results achieved; and
- that there are appropriate levels of provision of recreational facilities for all sectors of the community.

7.1 PATTERNS OF USE

A survey conducted in 2015 found that non-residents felt the Green had become better at promoting events or better at attracting non-residents since a similar survey carried out in 2009 had indicated.

In 2009, only 15% of respondents said they had a better experience compared to their last visit. In 2015, no respondents said their experience was worse than expected.

The 2009 survey found that 80% of respondents said they had visited the Green before, while a similar survey in 2015 found an increase in respondents who had been previously to the Green, in addition to an increase in visitors from outside the area. The indication is that the Green is becoming generally more popular for repeat visits. In the 2015 survey, 43% of people were aware that the Green had new facilities.

Indications are that the Green is becoming more popular with people in the wider surrounding area; 57% of respondents had taken over 20 mins to reach the Green in 2015 compared to 18% in the previous survey in 2009.

In 2015, 64% of respondents were in Silloth on a day visit while only a third were there on holiday which indicates people around Silloth want to come for a day out.

The three most popular reasons for visiting the Green in 2015 were 'to relax' (38%), 'children's play' (31%) and 'dog walks' (24%).

In terms of 2015 perceptions of the Green, the most common perception was that the Green was 'good' with 18% saying it was 'good/great'.

The most impressive aspects of the Green in 2015 were 'clean/tidy', with 16% choosing this aspect.

The most common reason given by respondents in 2015 for visiting the Green was that they had always known about it or had been before (selected by 57% of respondents).

In 2009 less than 5% of respondents were making their visit as part of a group. An increase to 24% in 2015 suggests the Green is increasing in its viability as a place for group visits.

In 2015, 20% of respondents said they expected the Green to be 'good/amazing' 'clean and tidy,' while in 2009 respondents commented on their expectation of the Green being 'not clean/litter,' 'run down' having 'not enough for the children' and 'poor signposting.' In 2015, 73% of respondents said their experiences were overwhelmingly positive.

Most respondents had positive prior expectations of the Green. For those who had been before, almost all (97%) said this visit was either 'better' or 'the same as before.' For those who hadn't been before, the majority (75%) said their first visit was either 'better' than expected or 'as expected.'

When asked to rate various aspects of the Green, respondents in 2015 gave generally positive scores, ranging on average between 7.5 and 9.3 out of 10. Respondents were impressed by a wide range of features and aspects of the Green. 12% of respondents said they were impressed with everything.

Perhaps the best finding was that a large majority (72%) of respondents in 2015 rated the Green's 'welcome/atmosphere' either a 9 or a 10 (out of 10). The various features on the Green were all ranked between 8.5 and 9.1 out of 10. The toilets were at 7.5, the car park at 8.1 and cleanliness of the park gaining 9.2. The perception of the park overall was 9.3 out of 10. This is a substantial uplift from 2009, when only 15% gave these high scores.

7.2 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

7.2.1 FRIENDS OF SILLOTH GREEN

Friends of the Green were formed as part of Silloth Tourism Action Group (STAG), to encourage community involvement in the Green's on-going development. The Friends role is to help with the on-going care, use and development of the Green. See Appendix 15 - Friends of Silloth Green constitution.



The Friends group applied successfully for funds to run Silloth Green Day in May 2013. Key objectives of the one-day large-scale event were to showcase Silloth Green, the Town and the work of volunteers, and to provide a fun day out for local families and visitors. The event was widely publicised and attracted more than 6,000 visitors, with some very positive Feedback. Silloth Green Day has become an annual event to promote the Green and the town which is now organised by the Silloth Rotary Club.



The Friends of Silloth Green now have a very active group of volunteers who meet on a weekly basis to undertake gardening and weeding on the Green, as well as looking after the award-winning Community Garden. The volunteers have been instrumental in the replanting of the shrub beds along Criffel Street and refurbishment of the woodland area in front of the Edwardian toilets. Substantial grant funding was obtained to build the

Pirate Ship Play area, working in conjunction with the Town Council. Funding was also obtained for new gardening equipment and to replace the raised beds at the Community Garden. Four new raised beds have also been built which will enable people with mobility

issues to participate in gardening.

The Friends group have their own Facebook page and promote their activities on the Silloth Today Facebook page.

The covid-19 pandemic affected the volunteering sessions, but volunteers continued to come out in smaller numbers when restrictions allowed. They are keen to get back to normal, enjoying the fresh air and taking a pride in what they do.

7.2.2 SILLOTH ROTARY

The Rotary Oak next to the Community Garden was planted by Silloth Rotary Club to commemorate the centenary of Rotary International 1905-2005. The tree is surrounded by a two-metre stone sett circular paved area, with 'cog' edges to resemble a rotary wheel, with three picnic benches which are always well used. Volunteers from the Rotary Club look after the area around the tree, with volunteers from Friends of the Green planting up the wooden barrels with seasonal bedding.

The Rotary club play an active role in organising events on the Green, having taken over the Silloth Green event and now organise a Silloth Pride event as well. The Rotary Club are also responsible for the Christmas lights in the town. The Town Council provides support by helping to erect the Christmas Tree, Santa Sleigh and Reindeer at the Criffel Street toilet block, along with changing the bulbs in the Victorian street lighting on Criffel Street with colour changing bulbs each year.



7.2.3 SILLOTH IN BLOOM

Silloth was awarded the Coastal Resort trophy in the Cumbria in Bloom competition in 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017 and various other awards for the Community Garden and the Bee Garden. In 2016 & 2017, the town achieved a Silver Gilt Award in the Coastal Town (up to 12k) category in Britain in Bloom. Details of the achievements are in Section 1.8.2 & 1.8.3.

These awards demonstrate what can be achieved when different groups from the community work together to achieve a common goal.

7.2.4 COMMUNITY LITTER PICKS

As part of the Great British Spring Clean campaign by Keep Britain Tidy, community litter picks have been held on Silloth Green. Other litter picks have also taken place in preparation for Britain in Bloom visits etc with



pupils from the secondary school also getting involved.

7.2.5 FLAG RAISING EVENTS



There are two flag poles located at the Community Garden where our Green Flag is proudly displayed. In March each year, a flag raising ceremony is held for Commonwealth Day, to which representatives from the local community and schools are invited. A Royal

Ensign flag is also flown for Merchant Navy Day in September, with Silloth being a coastal town.

7.2.6 MEMORIAL SEATS & SCATTERING OF ASHES

Residents can apply for a memorial seat on the Green or to scatter the ashes of a loved one which provides another important link with residents and helps to encourage ownership and community involvement in the park.

7.2.7 SCHOOLS

The Green is a valuable learning resource for local schools to use and also a safe space for sport and leisure.

Both schools are invited and take part in the Commonwealth flag raising ceremony in March. The Council were approached by the Primary School to get involved with Silloth becoming the first single-use plastic free town in Cumbria and we look forward to learning how to achieve this goal.

The Town Council will continue to liaise with the head teachers over future events and activities.

7.2.8 PUBLICITY & MARKETING

In 2013, a new website was set up for Silloth Green www.sillothgreen.co.uk, also a dedicated Facebook page and Twitter Account. These tools are used routinely to engage with the community, describe features on the Green and publicise events. In addition, information is included in the Solway Buzz community newspaper, regional newspapers and magazines, local radio, TV and a variety of tourist portals and other Visit Cumbria websites. Combined with face-to-face interaction locally, these on-line tools work synchronously to support community networking, fundraising for and marketing of events on the Green.

7.2.9 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

A detailed report was prepared by Ray Hopper Associates in 2010, prior to the refurbishment of the Green. The report provides a summary of the use of the green at the time, in terms of the major events and the associated attendance figures,

admission costs, and audience type. The report analyses the responses about why visitors chose to use The Green, any gaps or opportunities they could identify and their responses to key proposals within the HLF project. Please refer to the 'Community Groups Survey and Analysis for Stage 2, The Green, Silloth, 2010'.

A great deal of effort was put into public consultation on the BMX Track proposal, to ensure everyone in the area was engaged and given an opportunity to say what they felt. Different methods were tailored to different age groups and needs, so that as many people as possible could have a say. Employees and residents in the Care Home were visited and consulted. An open consultation evening was held in the Silloth Community Hall on the evening of 30th May 2012. In addition to the open event, several articles were included in the Solway Buzz. Full report prepared by Anna Malina, Proposal for BMX Track on Silloth Green, July 2012.

A visitor survey was carried out at the Silloth Green Day (26 May 2013) which gave a valuable insight into people attending the event. Please refer to the Silloth Green Day Visitor Satisfaction Survey carried out by Wildwood research and marketing solutions.

Two workshops were held to provide an opportunity for the community to input their ideas into the design of the new Community Garden. The workshops provided an opportunity to consider plants, colours, garden layout etc; also, heritage information from Interpretation plans which were compiled prior to the Green's refurbishment.

A questionnaire was also produced by the Town Council which went to every household in Silloth and was an opportunity for residents to have their say about the activities of the Town Council. This included questions about the Green and the facilities.

Public Knowledge was commissioned by Silloth-on-Solway Town Council to undertake follow-up research in 2015. Following the completion of the refurbishment of Silloth Green, this research allowed the Council to make qualitative comparisons before and after the works and evaluate their success. In August 2015, a series of face-to-face surveys were undertaken with visitors to Silloth Green. The survey followed the same methodology as a previous survey conducted in 2009. Please refer to Silloth Green Visitors Survey Report – September 2015.

7.3 RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

7.3.1 RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ACROSS THE GREEN

The Green is a place where facilities are well used and enjoyed by the community.

These currently include: -

Community Garden, sunken Rose & Bee garden, Pagoda, Amusement Arcade, Fairground, Lifeboat station, viewing platform, shelter, several toilet blocks, a drinking fountain, Wishing Well, Putting Green, Water Splash area, Woodland play area, Pirate Ship play area, BMX track, tennis courts, Millennium mosaic, East Cote lighthouse & various picnic areas.

It is important that the Council liaise with involved stakeholders over future management plans and ensure facilities are well maintained and clearly signed for users.

7.3.2 EVENTS

Aim: The Green should be a place where the community is encouraged to organise activities alongside those organised by Silloth Town Council and other bodies.

Silloth hosts a comprehensive range of events for the local community and events which attract visitors from outside the region. Most of these events are run by individual groups. These events are important for the Green and provide tourism income for the town and a boost to the local economy. Many of the events have been running for several years. All event organisers must apply for permission from the Town Council to hold an event and provide the necessary risk assessments and Public Liability insurance etc.

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

While it is difficult to accurately count visitors since the Green is not fenced and has open access throughout, success has been shown in the high numbers of people attending the events. Success has also been shown in Facebook comments, and importantly, the increased takings of local businesses, which indicate they have benefitted greatly from the successful organisation of events on the Green.

Whilst the Covid-19 pandemic has had a huge impact on organised events on the Green, with all events cancelled in 2020 and early 2021, the event organisers are keen to start planning for future events of the Green and dates have already been booked.

7.3.3 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

2020

- Sat 31 July 2021 - Soul event on the Green
- Fri 28th August - Mon 30th August 2021 - Silloth Carnival Mega Weekend
- Sat 11 September 2021 – Cycling Event

2022

- Thurs 2nd – Sun 5th June 2022 - Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations
- Early summer 2022 (date to be confirmed) - Truck Show
- Sat 28th – Mon 30th May 2022 – Silloth Green Day
- Sat 18th – Sun 19th June 2022 – Silloth Vintage Rally
- Fri 24th – Sun 26th June 2022 – Silloth Pride
- Sat 27th – Mon 29th August 2022 - Silloth Carnival
- September 2022 (dates to be confirmed – Silloth Music & Beer Festival



8.0 MARKETING STRATEGY

The Green should be a place where people are informed and involved in the activities taking place there, and where the Green Flag flies to positively promote the status of The Green.

Its central location in the town means that it is well known in the area and regularly used by residents both young and old. The marketing of the park is a mix of stand-alone and joint marketing with other Council services.

8.1 OBJECTIVES:

- To promote the park and its facilities to Silloth residents
- To ensure residents are kept up to date with any changes within the park
- To engage residents and organisations within Silloth in joint projects
- To promote events /activities within the park across the borough
- To use feedback from residents to shape future projects and marketing activity

8.2 MARKETING ACTIVITY:

8.2.1 SURVEYS

We have used feedback from surveys to shape park projects and understand the key uses, issues, and elements of the park that people relate to. Visitors are asked to rate the facility which enables us to focus our efforts. Visitor surveys were undertaken in 2013 and 2015. Further surveys and consultation will take place as part of the process in formulating the new Town Plan which will be put together by the Town Plan Committee in the coming weeks and months.

8.2.2 PRESS RELEASES

Park information and events are regularly included in our press releases to the traditional press and online media.

8.2.3 SOCIAL MEDIA

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council and the Friends of Silloth Green are very active on Facebook. We use this medium to communicate plans, activities and events held within the park, as well as interact with park users. This comes with its own challenges and the Council has adopted a social media policy to manage its output and responses. Twitter is also used.

8.2.4 SILLOTH-ON-SOLWAY TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

The Annual Town Report is produced each year to highlight the activities of the Town Council over the last 12 months, with Silloth Green being a fundamental part of that report. and includes information on new initiatives, facility updates, and promotion of activities and events within the park.

8.2.5 EVENTS

Having an effective social media presence means that we can reach large numbers of people in a short space of time. There are several Facebook pages we use which includes the Town Council page, Friends of Silloth Green page, Silloth Today and Silloth Town which have a large number of followers and we are able to reach several thousand people in a matter of hours. Events and activities are also publicised on the notice boards around

the park, the Council website and through the local press and Solway Buzz.

8.2.6 WEBSITES

A dedicated website for Silloth Green was set up which has been valuable in promoting the park and forthcoming events and activities. Silloth-on-Solway Town Council's website contains specific pages for the Green. It also has a regularly updated newsfeed and links to our social media channels. We monitor the page views across the website and aim to continually improve the content.



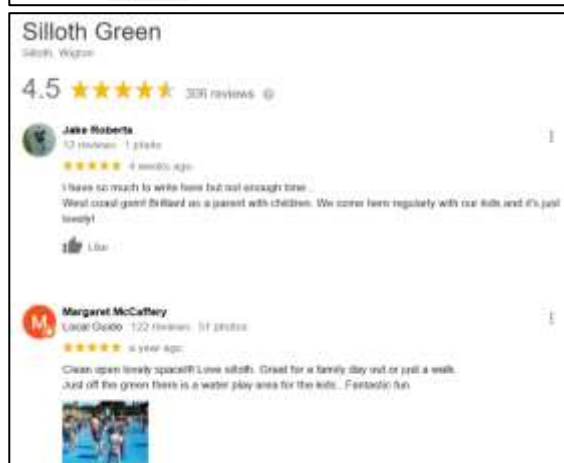
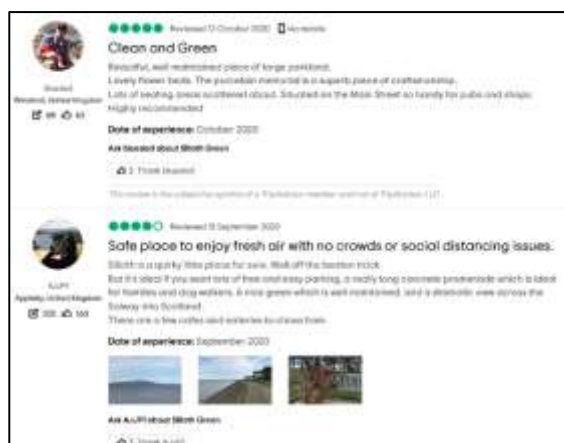
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8.2.7 OTHER PLATFORMS

Silloth Green is also promoted on Google and tripadvisor which provides visitors with useful information about the park and the facilities and from where we receive useful feedback.



9.0 MANAGEMENT

AIM: To preserve the unique qualities of The Green for generations to come, its management will be driven by the aims and objectives outlined in this plan together with any additional survey information or new policies, whilst working to an agreed timetable and available budget. The plan will not be a static document, it must be reviewed regularly and updated to meet the ongoing needs of the users and maintenance team.

9.1 STRUCTURE AND PROCESS

The Council's Parks & Open Spaces Committee oversees the management and resourcing of the parks and leisure facilities. The Play Equipment Committee considers any improvements or maintenance required to the Town Council's play areas. Silloth Green is recognised by the Council as being a key facility serving the entire town. The Committees are responsible for identifying issues and reporting to the Full Council. The Council has specific budgets for the park and play areas etc and provision is made for any capital works to be undertaken.

9.1.1 POLICIES

The Council's policies are set out in its Standing Orders and the Terms of Reference of the individual committees. These procedures, coupled with a culture of transparency and public inclusion, ensure a responsible and appropriate mechanism for the management of resources and assets.

9.1.2 CHALLENGES

The diversity of activities and high numbers of park users create many challenges in terms of maintenance and potential conflict between park users. We aim to continue providing as wide a range of activities as possible while consulting with park users and measuring satisfaction. There are also increasing strains on resources which highlight the need for an effective and realistic management plan to ensure adequate resourcing in the future.

The covid-19 pandemic created its own unique challenges in terms of having to close certain facilities which often resulted in criticism from some park users. However, the Council had to take on board the restrictions put in place, the guidelines issued by the Government and respond accordingly. Risk assessments had to be completed and measures put in place to safeguard our staff and users of the park.

9.1.3 GREEN FLAG AWARD

The Town Council use the Green Flag criteria as a framework for continuous improvement and a measure of achievement in these key areas. Achieving Green Flag status provides a benchmark for standards and assists the Council in allocating appropriate resources to maintain those standards.

9.2 FINANCE AND RESOURCES

9.2.1 FINANCIAL PLANNING & MONITORING

The Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer produces a forecast of revenue and capital receipts and payments, which the Council considers when reviewing its annual budget requirements. The Council reviews its annual budget not later than the end of December each year and fixes the Precept to be submitted to Allerdale

Borough Council for the ensuing financial year. The annual budgets form the basis of financial management and monitoring for the ensuing year.

All accounting procedures and financial records of the Council are in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations. The Council ensures that there are adequate and effective systems of internal audit of the Council's accounting, financial and other operations in accordance with proper practices. The Internal Auditor, who is competent and independent of the operations of the Council, is appointed by and carries out the work required by the Council, in accordance with proper practices, and provides the Council with an annual written report each year.

The Town Clerk/RFO is responsible for the completion of the Accounts of the Council, including the Council's Annual Return which are approved and authorised by the Council and then submitted to the external Auditor according to the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

The income and expenditure are monitored monthly and analysed against each cost item. There is also regular monitoring of the actual spending compared to the budgets.

9.2.2 BUDGET

A copy of the Council's Budget for 2021/22 is included at Appendix 20 and a copy of the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 at Appendix 21.

9.2.3 INCOME FOR THE GREEN

Income is currently generated from concessions, rents and grants which are simply used to off-set the revenue costs for the site.

In 2021, the Council put the Fairground site on the seafront out to tender in line with the Ice Cream concessions which received some criticism but after many years of charging a negligible rent it was agreed that the situation had to change. This resulted in an increase in revenue from the fairground site.

The Council also met with representatives from various event committees and after a lot of discussion it was agreed that a daily charge of £350 would be made for the use of the Green. Previously, voluntary groups were permitted to use the Green for free and nominal rent charged to commercial entities. The income generated will now go towards the maintenance of the Green and an 'Events Fund' will be created to which voluntary/community event organisers can apply for financial support. This will also provide funding to support new events on Silloth Green and the long-term sustainability of the park.

9.2.4 EXTERNAL FUNDING

The Town Council has recently set up a Town Plan Committee who will be identifying potential projects and sources of funding. The Friends of Silloth Green are a useful mechanism to obtain external funding for specific improvements for which the Town Council may not be eligible to apply.

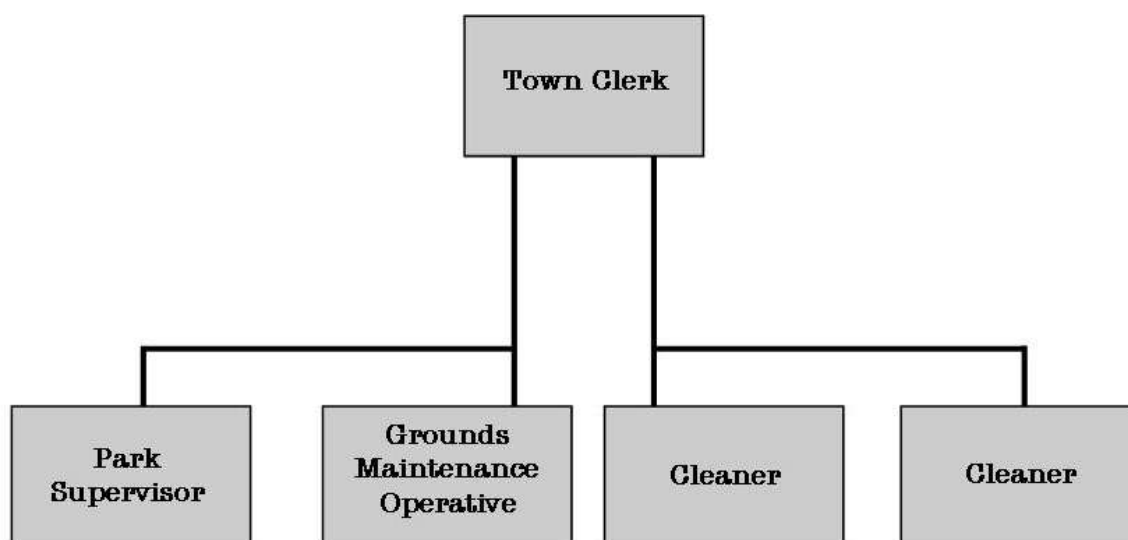
9.3 STAFFING TEAM

The grounds maintenance staff have many years of experience in grounds and machinery maintenance. This experience and knowledge are extremely valuable for the smooth running of the Green. The grounds maintenance staff report directly to the Town Clerk

enabling the Town Council to keep up to date with issues and initiatives regarding the Council's parks and to ensure a cohesive approach to projects, health & safety, and day-to-day operations.

Silloth Town Council employs two full time maintenance staff who deal with most of the maintenance issues and two part time cleaning staff, who look after the public toilets. The Town Clerk deals with the administration necessary for the Green to function as an events space and managing the ongoing care and maintenance of the landscape itself.

9.3.1 SILLOTH-ON-SOLWAY TOWN COUNCIL – STAFF STRUCTURE



9.4 PLAN REVIEW AND MONITORING

The Management Plan is a working document for the period 2021-2026 when the plan will be fully reviewed. A regular update of the plan is to be produced to ensure the document remains current and manageable.

The ongoing implementation of the plan will be guided by the following:

- Town Council Meetings including the various Council committees
- Onsite inspection and reviews
- Visitor and resident surveys and feedback
- Green Flag Award annual feedback

9.5 RECENT PROJECTS AND INVESTMENT

Silloth Green has seen a significant investment in recent years on specific projects to widen the range of activities and create a diverse yet cohesive public space. We have also worked with local community partners to introduce new features for all to enjoy. Investment values are approximate.

PROJECT:**BMX TRACK****Location:**

Disused land adjacent to the Green maintenance yard

Description:

To create a BMX track facility which is primarily intended for use by two-wheeled bikes. The track would be for the community and would be accessible to everyone. The BMX Track was opened in December 2013, with youngsters from the BMX group cutting the ribbon. Silloth is proud of its young people, who played an instrumental part in the BMX Track build.

Funding source:

HLF Funding

Budget:

£20,000

Completion:

December 2013

**PROJECT:****COMMUNITY GARDEN****Location:**

The Green – at the corner of Criffel Street and Lawn Terrace

Description:

Creation of a Community Garden for the community to own, relax in and enjoy; for nature studies, education and conservation; and to reflect on aspects of the Green's rich heritage.

Funding source:

HLF Funding

Budget:

£20,000

Completion:

May 2014



PROJECT: SIGNAGE & INTERPRETATION

Location: Throughout the Park

Description: Commissioned and installed new site information boards, panels and signage to help guide visitors around the site, including safety information. The signage and interpretation panels on the Green were installed in May 2014 to coincide with the official opening of the Community Garden. The signage is in a classic black and gold design to reflect and compliment the heritage of the Green.

Budget: £14,000

Completion: June 2014



PROJECT: REFURBISHMENT OF PUBLIC TOILETS

Location: Criffel Street public toilets

Description: Extensive refurbishment work was carried out to the public toilets on Criffel Street by Allerdale Borough Council which included a complete refurbishment of internal fittings etc and re-roofing the building. Volunteers from Friends of Green & STAG carried out a deep clean and painted the building as a civic gesture, prior to the Silloth Green Day event.

Funding source: Allerdale Borough Council

Budget: over £20,000

Completion: July 2014

PROJECT: REFURBISHMENT OF THE ROSE GARDEN

Location: The Green – Rose Garden

Description: The Rose Garden was refurbished in 2012 as part of the overall improvements to the Green but the roses did not survive, due to the soil conditions and poor drainage. Extensive work has been done by the Parks staff and by drainage contractors to resolve the drainage problems and improvements have been made to the soil. A local bee expert Vivian Russell has been working with the Friends of the Green, the Community Engagement Officer, the Parks Committee and the grounds staff to develop plans for a bee friendly garden, whilst retaining it as a Rose Garden.

Funding source: HLF Funding & a donation from a local resident

Budget: £6,000 approx.

Completion: May 2015



PROJECT: PROVISION OF VICTORIAN STYLE LIGHTING

Location: The Green – Criffel Street

Description: The existing lighting along Criffel Street is standard street lighting and an opportunity exists to recognize the special qualities of The Green by night. A distinctive lighting scheme is therefore proposed along this stretch of Criffel Street in-keeping with the Victorian era street scene. This was part of the original proposals to HLF but was taken out when the match funding was significantly reduced. The design of the replacement lighting columns will almost be exactly the same as the originals and will make a significant improvement to the appearance of the park, as well as restoring a historic feature.

Funding source: HLF Funding

Budget: £36,000

Completion: May 2016



PROJECT: INTERPRETATION IN THE PAGODA

Location: The Green – Pagoda

Description: Another priority is the interpretation within the Pagoda. Jane Alexander from HLF had seen several 3D panoramic panels highlighting features within a view which she suggested would be appropriate for the Pagoda. Various ideas were also included in the Silloth Green Interpretative Strategy which are to be investigated further, to make better use of the Pagoda which is an important feature of The Green.

Funding source: HLF Funding

Budget: £2,600

Completion: April 2016



PROJECT: FAIRY TRAIL

Location: Silloth Green

Description: Silloth Green Fairy Trail is made up of several wooden fairy doors hidden within the pines. The fairy trail is aimed at encouraging children to explore what Silloth has to offer. The fairy trail is completely free. Maps are to be sold to raise funds for the Friends of Silloth Green. The fairy doors are provided and maintained by a member of the Friends of Silloth Green, with the paths maintained by the ground's maintenance team.

Funding source: Cumbria County Council

Budget: Unknown

Completion: May 2018



PROJECT: PIRATE SHIP PLAY AREA

Location: Silloth Green - adjacent to the Splash Pad

Description: The main feature of the 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. In particular, the frigate has an open design which allows wheelchair users to enter the central area of the ship through the large entrance gaps.

Funding source: Allerdale Borough Council, Cumbria County Council, Town Council & Silloth Rotary Club

Budget: £40,000

Completion: October 2018



PROJECT: NADT CUMBRIA PROJECT

Location: BMX Track

Description: Graffiti art and provision of two new picnic tables and some cycle racks for the BMX track

Funding source: NADT

Budget: Unknown

Completion: October 2018



PROJECT: HUDSON BOMBER PROJECT

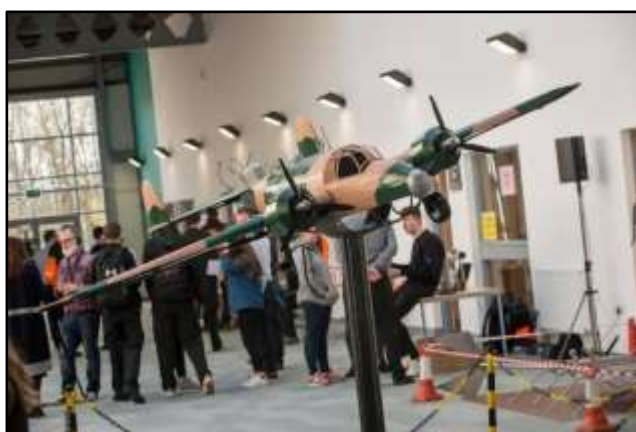
Location: Silloth Green adjacent to the RAFA club

Description: Talented apprentices at GEN2 constructed a stainless steel replica Hudson bomber as one of their annual projects which was gifted to Silloth residents. A new raised flowerbed was built by the Town Council's grounds maintenance team in the shape of an RAF roundel which was planted up with colourful bedding plants in the RAF colours. The replica plane is sited above the flowerbed. The flowerbed has been sited opposite the Silloth RAFA club on Petteril Street. An interpretation panel has also been added to explain about the project and the history of the Airfield etc.

Funding source: Cumbria County Council, Town Council & donations

Budget: Approx. £1,500

Completion: March/April 2018



PROJECT: RESURFACING OF FOOTPATHS

Location: Community Garden

Description: Resurfacing of gravel paths in the Community Garden which were becoming difficult to manage and unsightly due to moss and weeds.

Funding source: Town Council

Budget: £6,840

Completion: December 2018



PROJECT: BIG FELLA SCULPTURE

Location: Skinburness

Description: 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.

Funding source: Bequest to the town.

Budget: Unknown

Completion: August 2019



PROJECT: INSTALLATION OF PICNIC TABLES AND ADDITIONAL BINS

Location: Along the edge of the Green

Description: Nine new picnic benches and three bins were installed on Silloth Green for use by residents and visitors to the town. The Town Council wanted to support local businesses, by providing somewhere for people to sit after they had bought their food and takeaways etc. The benches are made from recycled plastic and will last for many years to come.

Funding source: Allerdale Borough Council

Budget: £3,800

Completion: July 2020



PROJECT: INSTALLATION OF LED LIGHTING IN PUBLIC TOILETS

Location: Silloth Green – Public Toilets

Description: Installation of LED lighting in the public toilets to reduce running costs and provide more reliable lighting.

Funding source: Town Council

Budget: £1,233

Completion: June 2020



PROJECT: RAISED FLOWER BEDS

Location: Community Garden, Silloth Green

Description: Friends of Silloth Green project to construct some new raised beds in the Community Garden and to replace the two existing beds. The beds will enable all ages and abilities to participate in gardening on the green, they will be planted with a range of edible and sensory plants including fruit, flowers, herbs and vegetables in a Potager style which will be attractive, informative and good for wildlife.

Funding source: Cumbria County Council & Robin Rigg Community Fund

Budget: approx. £6,000

Completion: May 2021



9.6 FUTURE PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION

The following is a list of potential projects which have been mentioned by the Town Council, Town Plan Committee and Friends of Silloth Green and will be investigated further in the coming months: -

- Provision of a Water Bottle Filling station in front of the Drinking Fountain.
- Provision of cycle racks.
- Resurfacing of the area around the Storytelling Chair in the Community Garden
- Additional recycled picnic tables along the edge of the Green and three to be sited near the Big Fella Sculpture.
- Provision of electric bike and car charging facilities.
- Installation of a well on the Green to supply water for the Splash Pad and public toilets.
- Outdoor gym/fitness equipment.
- Resurfacing of Skinburness Road car parks.
- Multi-purpose entertainment area.
- Improved marketing of the Town on social media and the internet
- Pay to use public toilets.

9.7 ASSESSMENT

The Town Council aims to continually improve Silloth Green and the facilities offered while being mindful of the needs of a diverse range of user groups. This assessment outlines the strengths and areas for improvement against each of the Green Flag Criteria.

CRITERIA	STRENGTHS	IMPROVEMENTS / OPPORTUNITIES / ISSUES
A welcoming place	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good access• Diverse range of facilities• Good signage within the park• Central location – in close proximity to the main town• Plenty of free parking available	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accessibility Committee to survey the park to investigate any possible improvements to be made.• Investigate the possibility of installing a defibrillator in the redundant telephone box.
Healthy, Safe, Secure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safe facilities• Inspection regime• Play Equipment Committee monitoring play areas.• Well used and popular open space• NADT youth outreach work• Sporting & fitness activities• Ground's maintenance staff based on site• CCTV – at the Pagoda and grounds maintenance yard	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to monitor and address dog fouling.• Consider recruiting volunteer Park Wardens.• Regular 'walk arounds' by the Parks Committee to identify any issues.• Impact of further covid restrictions.

Well maintained and clean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litter bins provided and regularly emptied. • Good standard of grounds maintenance. • Active Friends of Silloth Green group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to build on volunteer participation. • Regular 'walk arounds' by the Parks Committee to identify any issues.
Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green waste reused on site. • Limited use of herbicide. • Ethical suppliers. • Environmental Policy in place. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminate use of herbicide. • Work towards town becoming single-use plastic free. • Investigate further the possibility of a well to provide water.
Conservation and heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bat/bird nest boxes. • Wildflowers. • Community Garden. • Bee Garden. • Replanted shrub beds. • Woodland area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional bat/bird nest boxes • Survey animal and birdlife found on the Green etc. • Investigate opportunities to increase pollinators. • More interpretation in relation to wildlife etc
Community Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends Group. • Links with community event groups. • Consultation. • Wide range of activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and support of Friends group. • Volunteer Park Wardens. • Continued support of Events on Silloth Green.
Marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council website and Silloth Green website. • Friends Group social media. • Town Council social media. • Solway Buzz and local press. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased marketing of the Green.
Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management Plan. • Ground's maintenance team based on site. • Committee process and Council's commitment to preserving the Green for future generations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain Green Flag status. • Ongoing resources to improve and maintain. • Town Plan Committee to formulate projects and seek funding opportunities.

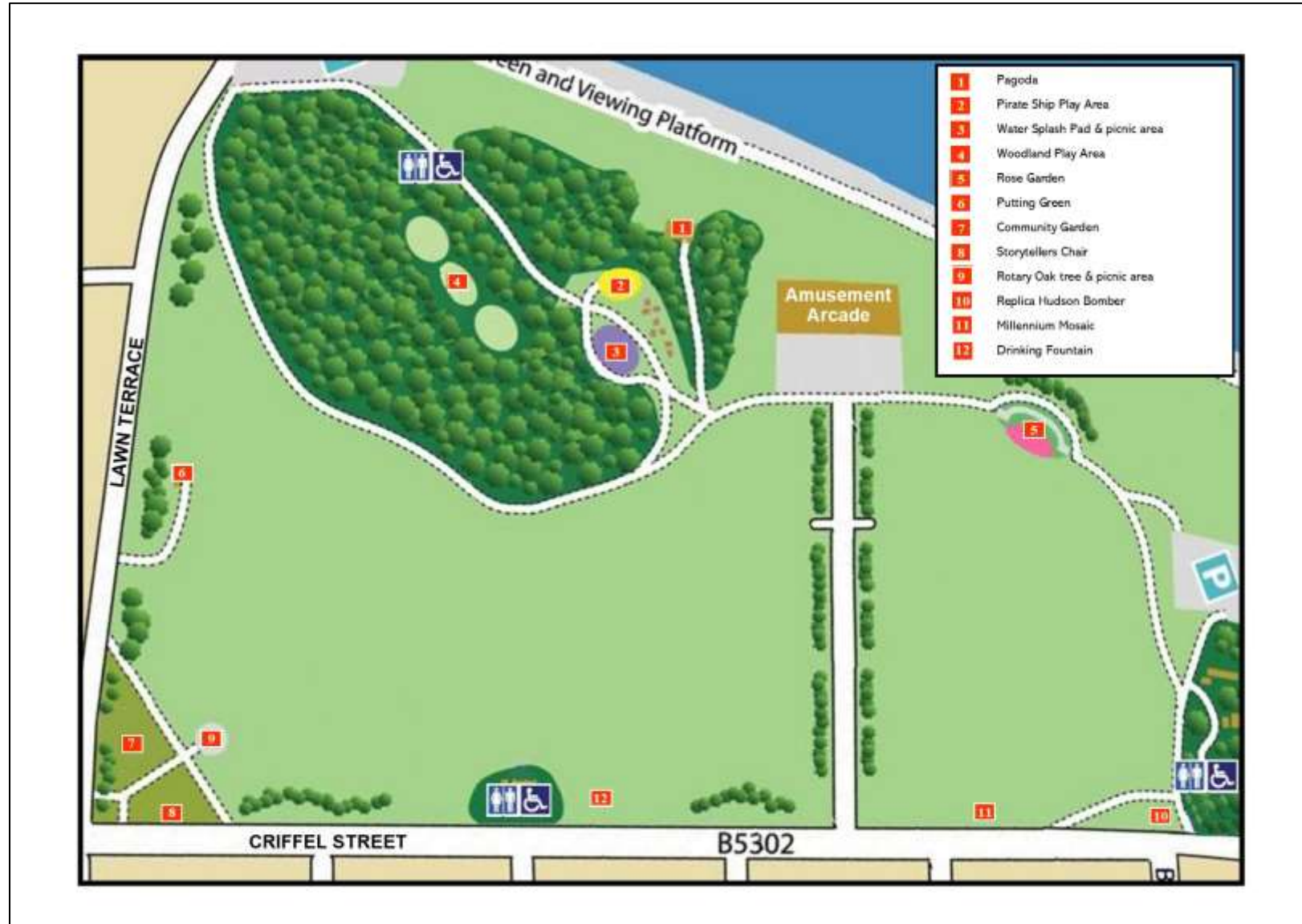
9.8 SILLOTH GREEN ACTION PLAN

CRITERIA	ACTION REQUIRED	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	TARGET DATE	PROGRESS
A welcoming place	Accessibility Committee to survey the park to investigate any possible improvements to be made.	Accessibility Committee	Sept 21	Accessibility Committee to seek further guidance and assess the park.
	Investigate the possibility of installing a defibrillator in the redundant telephone box.	Town Clerk	July 21	Planning application has been received for the removal of the telephone box. Email sent to the local First Responders to ascertain whether there is a need for an additional defibrillator in the town which has been confirmed. Investigations to be made to ascertain the costs involved and contact BT about the possibility of taking over the telephone box.
Healthy, safe, secure	Continue to monitor and address dog fouling.	STC	Ongoing	Continue to encourage dog walkers to pick up after their pets and encourage park users to report any incidents of dog fouling on the 'myAllerdale' app and website. Also liaise with Allerdale Borough Council regarding any monitoring and enforcement action to be taken.
	Consider recruiting volunteer Park Wardens.	STC & FOG	July 21	Discuss with STC & FOG. Draft job description and advertise for willing volunteers.
	Regular 'walk arounds' by the Parks Committee to identify any issues.	Parks Committee	Ongoing	Regular walk arounds to be undertaken by the Parks Committee to identifying any issues to be addressed which will be fed down to the ground's maintenance team to address. More during the summer months.

	Impact of further covid restrictions.	STC & FOG	Ongoing	The situation will continue to be monitored and assessed in relation to whether facilities need to be opened/closed, safeguarding measures put into place etc. Also whether events and volunteering sessions should be cancelled.
Well maintained and clean	Continue and build on volunteer participation.	STC & FOG	Ongoing	Continue close working relationship with the Friends group. Meeting space made available free of charge. Explore additional volunteer opportunities.
	Regular 'walk arounds' by the Parks Committee to identify any issues.	Parks Committee	Ongoing	Regular walk arounds to be undertaken by the Parks Committee to identifying any issues to be addressed which will be fed down to the ground's maintenance team to address. More during the summer months.
Sustainability	Work towards Silloth Green becoming single-use plastic free.	STC & various Committees	Ongoing	Liaise with the Primary School the school's community campaign to become the first single-use plastic free town in Cumbria. Representative of the Town Council to be appointed.
	Investigate further the possibility of a well to provide water for the Green.	Parks Committee	2022	Further investigations to be made and costs to be ascertained which can be fed into the Town Plan
Conservation and heritage	Survey animal and birdlife found on the Green etc.	FOG	2022	Investigate the opportunity to setup bird/animal interest groups to undertake surveys. Liaise with FOG, local schools, Cumbria Wildlife Trust & AONB.
	Additional bat/bird nest boxes	STC	Ongoing	Ground's maintenance team to continue making bird/bat boxes from any waste wood generated which can be installed around the park.
	Investigate opportunities to increase pollinators.	Parks Committee & FOG	Ongoing	Continue to assess any plants used in the park on their suitability in attracting pollinators etc and consider any other areas where wildflowers can be grown.

	More interpretation required - biodiversity, wildlife, trees.	STC	2022	More interpretation boards to be provided around the park and information included on the websites on the types of wildlife etc to be found.
Community Involvement	Development and support of Friends group.	STC & FOG	Ongoing	Continue close working relationship with the Friends group. Meeting space made available free of charge. Explore additional volunteer opportunities. Consider recruiting Volunteer Park Wardens.
	Continued support of events/festivals on Silloth Green.	STC	Ongoing	Meeting space made available free of charge. Safety railings provided free of charge. Funding to support new and existing community events through the 'Events Fund'.
Marketing	Additional marketing of the Green.	STC	Ongoing	Regular articles and updates in the Solway Buzz & local press, websites, press releases, social media regarding activities, events & initiatives in the park.
Management	Maintain Green Flag status.	STC & FOG	Ongoing	Management Plan will provide framework for standards and inform resource requirements.
	Ongoing resources to improve and maintain.	STC & committees	Ongoing	Management Plan will provide framework for standards and inform resource requirements. Any big projects can be fed into the Town Plan to look at funding options available.
	Town Plan Committee to formulate projects and seek funding opportunities.	Parks Committee	Ongoing	Regular walk arounds to be undertaken by the Parks Committee to identifying any issues to be addressed which will be fed down to the ground's maintenance team to address. More during the summer months.

APPENDIX 1 – LAYOUT OF FACILITIES ON THE GREEN



Parks & Open Spaces Committee

Terms of Reference

Membership:

- A maximum of 6 members of the Council – Chairman, Vice-Chairman plus four.
- Membership will be for one year from the date of appointment at the Annual Meeting of the Council.
- The Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor are *ex officio* members of every Committee of the Council with full voting rights.

Delegated Business:

The Committee has delegated authority to deal with the following matters to conclusion: -

- To ensure that all the council's parks and open spaces are managed effectively to provide a pleasant and safe environment for residents and visitors to the town.
- To oversee all the council's parks and open spaces, including the formulation and implementation of plans to guide their future management and the recommendation and monitoring of budgets.
- To encourage engagement with the community, interest groups and external bodies, including Friends of Silloth Green, to assist in the conservation and enhancement of council owned parks and open spaces.
- To work with the Police and Allerdale Borough Council to facilitate the addressing of environmental issues across town council parks and open spaces, including dog fouling, littering and antisocial behaviour.
- To process applications for memorial benches.
- To process applications for the scattering of ashes.

Referred Business:

The committee will consider and make recommendations to full Council on:

- Any review or amendments of Terms of Reference relevant to this committee
- Any matters that are deemed significant enough to require full council consideration or approval.

Meeting arrangements and frequency:

The Committee will meet at least four times per year with all meeting dates for the forthcoming year confirmed in advance of the Annual Meeting of the Council. Election of the committee chairman will be the first business of the initial committee meeting. The Clerk will record meetings. The minutes of the Committee are to be reported to and received by the Council at each Full Council meeting. Meetings will begin at 7pm unless otherwise stated on the agenda. Standing orders on rules of debate and on interests of members in contracts or other matters shall apply.

Quorum:

A minimum number of three Committee members are required for decision-making purposes.

Review arrangements:

The committee will be a standing committee of the council. The appointment of the committee will be considered at the Annual Council Meeting who may decide to alter or dissolve the committee as required.

Play Equipment Committee

Terms of Reference

Membership:

- A maximum of 5 members of the Council – Chairman, Vice-Chairman plus three.
- Membership will be for one year from the date of appointment at the Annual Meeting of the Council.
- The Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor are *ex officio* members of every Committee of the Council, with full voting rights.

Delegated Business:

The Committee has delegated authority to deal with the following matters to conclusion: -

- To monitor and maintain play areas and other formal and informal play provision, upgrading as appropriate.
- To consider the independent annual inspection report and any recommendations required.
- The committee can consider the provision of new facilities within the remit of its role. All costs must be within the agreed budget or the Committee may seek outside funding for such works. Any final decision regarding new facilities will be made by full Council.

Referred Business:

The committee will consider and make recommendations to full Council on:

- Any review or amendments of Terms of Reference relevant to this committee.
- Any matters that are deemed significant enough to require full council consideration or approval.

Meeting arrangements and frequency:

The Committee will meet at least four times per year with all meeting dates for the forthcoming year confirmed in advance of the Annual Meeting of the Council. Election of the committee chairman will be the first business of the initial committee meeting. The Clerk will record meetings. The minutes of the Committee are to be reported to and received by the Council at each Full Council meeting. Meetings will begin at 7pm unless otherwise stated on the agenda. Standing orders on rules of debate and on interests of members in contracts or other matters shall apply.

Quorum:

A minimum number of three Committee members are required for decision-making purposes.

Review arrangements:

The committee will be a standing committee of the council. The appointment of the committee will be considered at the Annual Council Meeting who may decide to alter or dissolve the committee as required.

Accessibility Committee

Terms of Reference

Membership:

- A maximum of 6 members of the Council – Chairman, Vice-Chairman plus four.
- Membership to include representatives of other Council committees e.g. Play Equipment Committee, Parks Committee, Town Plan Committee and individuals with an interest in improving accessibility in the town.
- Membership will be for one year from the date of appointment at the Annual Meeting of the Council.
- The Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor are *ex officio* members of every Committee of the Council with full voting rights.

Delegated Business:

The Committee has delegated authority to deal with the following matters to conclusion: -

- To ensure that the council's parks, open spaces and other facilities provide a pleasant and safe environment for those residents and visitors to the town who may have mobility issues which can take many forms.
- To facilitate discussions between various stakeholders (including residents, businesses and external bodies) interested in addressing any issues with accessibility within the town as a whole.
- To consider and implement projects to improve accessibility, following approval by the Full Council.
- To identify any possible sources of funding for any projects under consideration.

Referred Business:

The committee will consider and make recommendations to full Council on:

- Any review or amendments of Terms of Reference relevant to this committee
- Any matters that are deemed significant enough to require full council consideration or approval.
- Any new projects to be recommended for inclusion in the Council's Budget.

Meeting arrangements and frequency:

The Committee will meet at least four times per year with all meeting dates for the forthcoming year confirmed in advance of the Annual Meeting of the Council. Election of the committee chairman will be the first business of the initial committee meeting. The Clerk will record meetings. The minutes of the Committee are to be reported to and received by the Council at each Full Council meeting. Meetings will begin at 7pm unless otherwise stated on the agenda. Standing orders on rules of debate and on interests of members in contracts or other matters shall apply.

Quorum:

A minimum number of three Committee members are required for decision-making purposes.

Review arrangements:

The committee will be a standing committee of the council. The appointment of the committee will be considered at the Annual Council Meeting who may decide to alter or dissolve the committee as required.

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council

HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY

Introduction

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council recognises that under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 it has a legal responsibility to ensure the health, safety and welfare of its employees and volunteers (including councillors). It is also keen to ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, that members of the public who use council owned public areas do so in the safest way possible.

Responsibilities

The Council recognises and accepts its responsibility as an employer for providing safe and healthy working conditions for its employee and volunteers, paying particular attention to the provision and maintenance of: -

1. equipment and systems of work designed and maintained to operate and function safely;
2. sufficient information, instructions, training and supervision to enable its employees and volunteers to avoid hazards and contribute positively to their own safety and health at work;
3. to promote safety awareness among its employees, volunteers and members of the public;
4. to provide a safe environment for all visitors and members of the public, bearing in mind that these persons may not be aware of health and safety risks which arise from using some Council facilities;
5. the wearing of Personal Protective Equipment if required;
6. any contractors engaged by the Council will be required to submit a suitable Method Statement and to adhere to such health and safety issues as the Council may deem compulsory;
7. risk assessments will be carried out as necessary and retained on record;
8. Electrical Portable Appliance Testing on Town Council equipment will be conducted annually to conform to current legislation.

The Clerk to the Town Council assumes the day-to-day responsibility of ensuring the Health and Safety Policy is reviewed, maintained, and adhered to.

Health and safety will be kept under review by the Council but the employees and volunteers are reminded that they also have a duty of care for their own safety and that of other persons who might be affected by Council activities and to co-operate with the Council so as to enable it to carry out its own responsibilities successfully.

The final level of responsibility is, however, that of each individual.

Volunteers should:

1. seek advice on safety and health matters from the Clerk, and follow advice given;

2. use, in a correct and safe manner, all equipment including machinery, tools and Personal Protective Equipment if required;
3. report immediately to the Clerk, or Chairman any defects in plant, structures, equipment which come to their notice;
4. report promptly to the Clerk, or Chairman, any incidents which have led or might lead to injury or damage and co-operate with any investigation which might be undertaken with the object of preventing accidents or re-occurrence of incidents.
5. to record any such accidents in an Accident Book, held by the Clerk.

A copy of this statement will be issued to the employees and volunteers of the Council.

This policy will be revised, added to or modified when required and reviewed annually.

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council

RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT

The Council is committed to providing a wide range of high-quality services. To maximise and enhance service delivery it is essential that the Council maximise opportunities and minimise threats to which it is exposed.

The very nature of the services provided by the Council presents a vast potential for loss, which if not properly contained, can potentially greatly affect the Council's ability to perform and deliver quality services.

This policy seeks to enforce the commitment endorsed by the Town Council to Risk Management, by ensuring that all parties associated with the Council have regard for the management of risks in the decision-making process and everyday work situations.

The management of risks encompasses the protection and safety of assets (including staff), and the environment, drawing on good health and safety practice, and limiting the Council's liabilities to external parties.

It is vital that Risk Management is integrated in the whole management process and embedded in the culture to enhance the Council's drive for "Quality" in the provision of services.

Members of staff have the responsibility and accountability for managing and minimising the risks within their own work areas, in consultation with their work colleagues.

The Town Council meets on a regular basis to ensure that the awareness of this philosophy remains high on the Council's agenda, as well as addressing the issues raised by the identification of risks.

This policy has the full support of the Town Council and the co-operations and commitment of all employees is required, to ensure that Council resources are optimised through the effective management of risk.

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR RISK MANAGEMENT

1. Overview

- 1.1 The effectiveness of the Council's Risk Management strategy is wholly dependent on ownership and accountability for risks. Responsibility for managing risks rests with all levels throughout the Council, and it is recognised that there are three distinct levels of Risk Management:
 1. Corporate (Strategic) Risk management - Risks related with the setting of policies and priorities and the formulation of goals and objectives.
 2. Tactical Risk Management - Risks related to budget execution, programme management, tactical decision making and intermediate range decisions.
 3. Operational Risk Management - Risks related to day-to-day operations, short-term planning and execution and functional performance.
- 1.2 Failure to manage risk appropriately may have an adverse effect on the ability of the Council to achieve its strategic and operational objectives.
2. Corporate (Strategic) Risk Management
3. Tactical Risk Management
 - 3.1 Responsibility for risks related to budget execution, programme management, tactical decision making and intermediate range decisions rests with the Town Council and Senior Managers.
 - 3.2 Town Council members are required to:
 - i) ensure that appropriate systems are in place for the control and management of risks within the Directorate.
 - ii) address specific risk issues that can be managed within existing budgets and procedural arrangements by incorporating risk into service and budget planning process.
 - 3.3 Senior managers are required to:
 - i) ensure that risk is managed effectively in each service.
 - ii) ensure that risks are identified and controlled through appropriate mechanisms
 - iii) ensure that risk assessments are carried out
4. Operational Risk Management
 - 4.1 Risks related to day-to-day operations, short-term planning and execution and functional performance are the responsibility of the Service Managers and individual members of staff.

4.2 Service Managers are responsible for:

- i) managing risk effectively in their particular service areas.
- ii) ensuring that operational risks are identified and assessed.
- iii) addressing service specific risk issues that can be managed within existing service budgets and refer other/corporate risk issues Senior Manager.
- iv) including Risk Management responsibilities in the annual appraisal and development process.
- iv) recommending the necessary training for employees.
- vi) sharing relevant information with colleagues in other service areas.

4.3 To achieve this:

4.3.1 All Service Managers are required to:

- i) have practical risk assessment training
- ii) have health and safety training

4.3.2 Individual members of staff are required to:

- i) comply with the Council's Health and Safety policy.
- ii) manage risk effectively in their job.
- iii) liaise with their line
- iv) identify new or changing risks in their job and feed these back to the Town Clerk
- v) undertake their job within Risk Management guidelines set down for them by the Town Clerk

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

INTRODUCTION

The Town Council is a provider of services and grant-aid to community organisations; an owner and user of land and buildings; and a community leader. It recognises the importance of meeting its statutory environmental obligations; maintaining an up-to-date environmental policy, and acting upon it, in order to tackle climate change.

Silloth Town Council is committed to saving energy, making wise travel decisions, purchasing ethically, saving resources and caring for the area.

Silloth Town Council recognises the role of voluntary and community groups, businesses and residents in delivering positive change and will provide encouragement, information, assistance or support, as appropriate, to help them to do so.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Silloth Town Council is committed to protecting and actively promoting the improvement of the local environment now and for generations to come. It will ensure that wherever possible, environmental priorities are integrated into the decisions it takes. This will be in the context of the Council prioritising decisions where there are genuine options in the order of advancing this policy, and then cost-effectiveness. Silloth Town Council will promote and encourage the implementation of this policy in its partnership work with groups, organisations, and public bodies.

SILLOTH TOWN COUNCIL WILL SEEK TO:

- Make the most efficient use of energy.
- Encourage those using the Council's premises to walk, cycle, use public transport and car-share as alternatives to individual private car journeys.
- Minimise and, where possible, eliminate all forms of pollution.
- Use the minimum quantities of water possible.
- Avoid waste and encourage conservation, re-use, and recycling.
- Assess and minimise the potential environmental impact of any building project.
- Promote and maintain biodiversity.
- Promote a sense of responsibility and understanding for the environment.
- Purchase ethically where possible from local, or then regional, suppliers.
- Record, monitor, review annually and, where possible, improve performance #

TO IMPLEMENT THIS POLICY SILLOTH TOWN COUNCIL WILL

- Ensure appropriate audits are undertaken to guide investment.
- Calculate and manage its carbon emissions.

- Manage its premises and public open spaces, in such a way that demonstrates this policy in action and promotes similar action by users and the community at large.
- Develop, seek funding for, and implement a programme of practical improvements designed to reduce or eliminate specific adverse environmental impact in its own activities and the use of its land and premises.
- Seek funding to assist voluntary and community organisations, businesses, and residents to reduce their environmental impact.

AND TAKE THE FOLLOWING PRACTICAL ACTION

1. Use the minimum quantities of energy possible in accordance with the safe and efficient operation of heating, lighting, plant and machinery, and effective use of premises.
2. Provide information about public transport on publicity material.
3. Use bio-degradable chemicals where possible and minimise the use of solvents and lead-based paint.
4. Encourage users to avoid creating noise pollution, especially at night. Consider installation of light sensors in all rooms.
5. Reduce water use through, for example, no flush urinals. Communicate to users and staff the need to conserve water.
6. Re-use and recycle materials as far as possible, and if this is impractical, dispose of by a means which will have the least impact on the environment, and conforms to statutory requirements. Encourage users and staff to minimise waste, and provide separate disposal facilities for recycling glass, tins, and paper.
7. Provide and maintain composting facilities for its own use in the ground's maintenance depot.
8. In any building project, make the best possible use of resources, use designs resulting in low maintenance and high energy efficiency, and use building materials from sustainable sources such as timber, wherever possible.
9. Encourage users, volunteers, and hirers to use and operate Silloth Town Council's buildings correctly to conserve energy and minimise waste.
10. Raise user awareness of environmental issues by information provision and open consultation with local communities.
11. Use local, then regional, suppliers where feasible to maximise the local economic benefit and minimise carbon emissions from transport.
12. Improve performance each year with positive action on areas of non-compliance.

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council

LITTER, VANDALISM AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE POLICY

This policy covers all aspects of keeping the Town Council's parks and open spaces in a clean and tidy state, as well as being a safe environment.

This Policy provides the Council with a framework through which to respond to any problems of litter, vandalism, and general maintenance.



Silloth Town Council keeps a very close eye on its grounds for litter and vandalism damage, with checks made daily for both. Response time is immediate to help keep the area clean, tidy and safe.

- All litter bins are emptied on a daily basis.
- The Town Council will repair any damage caused by vandalism, viewing this as the best way to deter such further actions.
- The children's play area is cleaned and inspected daily and left in clean and tidy state. All play equipment is checked and tested for safety and cleanliness which is recorded and logged on the Playground inspection and maintenance forms. An annual inspection is also carried out.
- Any graffiti will be removed immediately, to deter further problems in this area.
- All pathways and walkways are cleaned and swept on a regular basis.
- The toilet block is cleaned and inspected daily.
- All surface water drains are cleaned and flushed regularly to stop water from pooling and creating slippery surfaces and standing water becoming stagnant.
- All equipment is maintained and kept in good working order to facilitate the most efficient use of working time and ensure the health and safety of staff.
- The Park Supervisor will devise weekly work plan to assist in the most efficient way of using staff and volunteer time.
- Volunteers from the local community and schools are encouraged to assist with the ongoing maintenance of The Green and to help complete various gardening projects through the year.
- Silloth-on-Solway Town Council will undertake clean up events to assist in maintaining a clean environment and to encourage the community, local schools and youth groups to participate and take pride in their town.

- All grounds maintenance staff and volunteers are asked to keep a look out for litter, vandalism and any maintenance issues that need to be responded to.
- Silloth-on-Solway Town Council will promote and educate with a view to changing behaviours to reduce the amount of dropped litter, vandalism, fly tipping and dog fouling.
- Silloth-on-Solway Town Council will support and request the Dog warden employed by Allerdale Borough Council, to investigate dog fouling and where appropriate issue a fixed penalty notice in accordance with the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.
- Silloth-on-Solway Town Council will support and request that Allerdale Borough Council investigate fly tipping and littering and where appropriate prosecute or issue a fixed penalty notice in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act 1990.
- If serious incidents occur, they will be reported to the local Police and/or Allerdale Borough Council, as appropriate.

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council

Scattering of Ashes Policy

Introduction

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council has introduced a policy on the scattering of human ashes on Silloth Green and other Council owned parks and open spaces in Silloth. This is to ensure that the issue is managed for the mutual benefit of all users.

It is intended that this policy will cover the broad common issues, the content of this policy will be revised as necessary to meet changing circumstances and trends. The policy will be reviewed annually.

Objectives of the policy

The Council is seeking to ensure that it is adopting a clear, measurable and sympathetic approach to the management of its facilities, which will take account of the sometimes contrasting needs of a variety of users.

Any complaints relating to the implementation of the policy will be dealt with through the Council's complaints procedure.

General

- 1) All applications to scatter ashes should be completed on the official service request form and be signed by the applicant. Only applications from the next of kin or executor will be considered.
- 2) No memorials will be allowed on the site where ashes have been scattered, unless prior agreement has been given by the Council and the next of kin or executor has purchased a bench, tree or shrub to be placed.
- 3) The Council reserves the right to remove any memorials placed without the agreement of the Council.
- 4) The Council has also considered the issue of scattering pet ashes. This will also need the official service request form to be completed by the pet owner.

Scattering of ashes

- 1) Ashes shall only be scattered in a location agreed in advance by the Town Clerk or authorised officer, at a predetermined time, day and date in consultation with the next of kin or executor.
- 2) No flowers or similar memorials shall be permitted to mark the occasion on the site at any time.
- 3) The ashes are not allowed to be scattered in one solid mass on the ground and must be scattered evenly.
- 4) There could be times when access to any park or green space may be restricted so please bear this in mind when choosing a park or green space to scatter your loved one's ashes.
- 5) The Council reserves the right to develop on park land and green spaces in the future.
- 6) Care should be taken when scattering ashes - be aware of the direction of the wind and proximity of family members and other park users.
- 7) The scattering of ashes should be carried out discretely. A council officer will attend and give advice if required.

SILLOTH-ON-SOLWAY TOWN COUNCIL POLICY - MEMORIAL BENCHES

Introduction

This is a new policy, following the substantial regeneration of the Green, a policy which adheres to the HLF recommendations.

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council supports the needs and principles of allowing memorial benches in its parks and open spaces. The Council is mindful that these facilities are enjoyed by a wide range of people. Therefore, the Council will ensure that the issue is managed and regulated for the mutual benefit of all.

It is the intention that the policy only covers broad common issues and is not meant to be exhaustive. The content of this policy will be revised as necessary to meet changing circumstances, fashion and trends. The policy will be reviewed at least every three years and proposed amendments shall be submitted to the Council for approval.

This policy will be made available to the general public and all applicants for memorial benches will be issued with a copy.

Objectives of the Policy

The Council is seeking to ensure it is adopting a clear, measurable and sympathetic approach to the management of its parks, which will take account of the sometimes contrasting needs of a variety of facility users.

The policy will also ensure that only memorial benches are erected which are instigated by the next of kin or executor and that benches have a common appearance, style and size and will not cause offence to others.

The policy will establish responsibility for maintenance, repair and replacement.

The Council through the policy will endeavour to always offer the highest standard of service in undertaking its management and regulatory responsibility.

Conditions

- All applications for memorial benches should be completed on the official application form and be signed by the applicant.
- Benches will be of the type and colour specified by the Council to be in keeping with the intended location. Only seats approved by Silloth Town Council will be acceptable.
- The location in which the bench will be placed is determined by the Council, dependent on need and availability. While the council tries to locate a bench at a requested location, this cannot be guaranteed.
- All memorial benches should be paid for by the applicant before the completion of the installation. A maintenance fee of £100 per 5-year period is due to the Council prior to installation.

- It is expected that any memorial seat will have a serviceable life of 10 years. After a period of 10 years the Town Council will contact the donors of the seat to ascertain the future of the bench.
 - a) Removal and the return of any plaque to the donor or their family
 - b) Renewal of the seat with a new seat and the appropriate donation
 - c) Retain the positioning of the seat whilst it remains in a serviceable condition and the maintenance fees are paid
- The Council will limit the number of memorial benches in particular areas so that they shall not detract from the prime purpose of the parks. Therefore, the size and location of the park shall limit the number permitted. The Council reserves the right to refuse applications on this basis.
- The Council will attempt to notify the applicant in the event that the memorial bench is damaged. The applicant should ensure that the Council is in possession of current contact details.
- The Council reserves the right to remove any memorial benches that have been damaged and are in the view of the Council beyond economical repair.
- The council cannot guarantee the long-term safety or security of the bench and is not responsible for the replacement of benches resulting from damage or deterioration with age.
- In the unlikely event the seat is stolen, the Town Council shall not be responsible for providing a replacement.
- The Council will not grant applications for memorial benches to pets.
- The bench will be secured to a concreted area, under and directly in front of the bench, to allow for ease of use by the public. Ground works and ground fixing shall be undertaken by the Council. Applicants will be responsible for the cost of all necessary materials.
- Memorial plaques fitted to benches to be a maximum size of 175mm wide x 75mm high or shall fit in the centre of the upper most lath of the back of the bench or whichever is the greater.
- The inscription on the bench is to be restricted to "In (Loving) Memory of" the name of the person, recognition of public office (if appropriate) and the dates of birth and death.
- The Council in line with the current maintenance regime for benches will maintain the bench. The Council accepts no replacement liability for the plaque or the bench at the end of its useful life and will dispose of any such bench. Any replacements of benches or plaques will be the responsibility of the original applicant.
- No additional mementoes e.g. vases, statues, flowers, wreaths, balloons or other ornamentation etc., shall be permitted on or around the bench.

SILLOTH-ON-SOLWAY TOWN COUNCIL

Application for a memorial bench

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
5 Burnswark Terrace
Solway Street
Silloth
Cumbria
CA7 4EF
Tel: 016973 31128
Mob: 0777 5686857
Email: townclerk@silloth-on-solway.co.uk

Date of application

Applicant Details:

Full Name Title

Address

Email

Telephone Mobile

Please notify us of any change of address so we can contact if we need to.

Name of person for dedication

Inscription for the plaque:

Preferred location of the bench:

Please list you preferred location

Data Protection Act:

In accordance with our responsibility under the Data Protection Act, you should be aware that the personal information you are giving will be held and may be passed to other services of the Council, so that you are provided with the best possible support.

We will not pass your personal information to external individuals or organisations unless there is a legal obligation to do so.

I have read and understood all of the terms and conditions regarding memorial benches and accept them in their entirety.

Signed.....

Date.....

Print.....

For Office Use only

Application (including correct fee) Received	
Location Approved	
Memorial bench ordered	
Memorial bench installed	
Expiry of memorial	

Silloth Town Council Playground Inspection and Maintenance Form

Name of Play Area: Pirate Ship Play Area Date: _____

Inspector: _____ Time completed: _____

Yes No

- 1) The entire play area is clean and free of hazardous debris or objects such as litter, glass etc

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- 2) Clear pine needles from play equipment and safety surfacing.

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- 3) Check for and take action on broken equipment or damage caused by vandalism.

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Item	OK	Work Required	Done
Pirate Ship			
Billy Goat Gruff			
Peekaboo Tunnel			
Pirate Head play panel			
Wetpour safety surfacing			
Bow Top fence			
Pedestrian gate			

- 4) Does the equipment appear structurally sound and firm in its foundations.

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- 5) Are there any sharp protrusions in the equipment?

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- 6) No trip hazards or holes exist in the play area.

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- 7) Broken or poorly functioning equipment has been reported.

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- 8) Other _____

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Silloth Town Council BMX Track Inspection and Maintenance Form

Name of Play Area: Silloth BMX Track Date: _____

Inspector: _____ Time completed: _____

- | | Yes | No |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) The entire area is clean and free of hazardous debris or objects such as litter, glass etc | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) Rake bark in areas where it has been displaced. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) Does the bark surfacing require topping up? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4) Check for and take action on broken equipment or damage caused by vandalism. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Item	OK	Work Required	Done
Fence			
Gates			
Paths			
Litter Bins			
Picnic Benches			
Signage			

- | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 5) Does the equipment appear structurally sound and firm in its foundations. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6) Are there any sharp protrusions in the equipment? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7) No trip hazards or holes exist in the area. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8) Broken or poorly functioning equipment has been reported. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9) Condition of surface – make a note of any areas of excessive wear etc that may need attention | | |

10) Other _____

Silloth Town Council Playground Inspection and Maintenance Form

Name of Play Area: Woodland Play area

Inspector: _____ **Date of Inspection:** _____

	Yes	No
1) The entire play area is clean and free of hazardous debris or objects such as litter, glass etc	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2) Rake bark in areas where it has been displaced.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3) Does the bark surfacing require topping up?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4) Check for and take action on broken equipment or damage caused by vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chain Suspended Balancing Beam	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Climbing Station	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stilts Course	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Zig Zag Balancing Bridge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5) Does the equipment appear structurally sound and firm in its foundations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6) Are there any sharp protrusions in the equipment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7) No trip hazards or holes exist in the play area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8) Broken or poorly functioning equipment has been reported.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9) Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action taken on broken or vandalised equipment, site amenities or surfacing:

Silloth Town Council Playground Inspection and Maintenance Form

Name of Play Area: Water Play area

Inspector: _____ **Date of Inspection:** _____

	Yes	No
1) The entire area is clean and free of hazardous debris or objects such as litter, glass, branches etc	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2) Check for and take action on broken equipment or damage caused by vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water Play Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Splash Pad	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Picnic Benches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter bins	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3) Are there any sharp protrusions in the equipment or the Splash Pad surface?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4) Complete a visual inspection of splash pad to confirm that system is producing the correct visual display.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5) Confirm control panel settings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6) Ensure correct operation of pumps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7) Check correct operation of actuator pads and bollard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8) Check for correct operation of the water make up system	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9) No trip hazards or holes exist in and around the water play area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10) Empty litter bins	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11) Broken or poorly functioning equipment has been reported	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12) Any other defects not previously covered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action taken on broken or vandalised equipment, site amenities or surfacing:



Friends of Silloth Green

Constitution

The Friends of Silloth Green group and its property and assets will be administered and managed in accordance with the following objects.

1. Name

The name of the group is Friends of Silloth Green.

2. Objects

The aims of the Group are:

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

3. Membership

Membership is open to all individuals (over the age of 16) who are interested in furthering the aims of the Group and taking part in its activities. Every member shall have one vote. The membership of any member may be terminated by the group, if it is felt that that individual is acting to undermine the aims of the group but the member is entitled to put his case before the Committee in person, before any final decision is taken.

4. Management Committee

The members shall elect from among the group a Chairperson, a Secretary and a Treasurer at the AGM. Other appointments will be made as required from other members, subject to a minimum of 5 and maximum of 10. These will constitute the committee. The committee will meet a minimum of 4 times per annum (including the AGM). Four members will constitute a quorum.

The role of the Management Committee shall be to further the objects of the Friends of the Green. The Management Committee will make decisions on the basis of a majority vote. In the case of equal votes, the chairperson will have an additional vote.

No member of the Management Committee shall acquire any interest in property belonging to the group or receive remuneration in any contract entered into by the Management Committee.

5. Equality & Diversity

We do not knowingly discriminate against any individual or group in the community, in what we do or in what we promote, including any publicity materials. We have an Equal Opportunities Policy in place which will be reviewed on an annual basis.

6. Financial Arrangements

All Friends of the Green funds will be paid into a separate bank account in the name of the group and the account will be operated on behalf of the group. The funds will only be used to further the aims of the group. Cheques must be signed by the Treasurer and at least one other member of the Management Committee. The management Committee must ensure that a record of accounts is kept and that an annual statement of accounts is prepared which will be independently verified each year.

7. Funding

Revenue generating activities will be considered by the group and applications submitted to external funding sources.

8. Activities

The group will be involved in promotional and other activities to help sustain the Green.

9. Archive

An archive facility will permit public access to information about the Green. Records have been copied to generate local interest and generate involvement and engagement in the longer term.

The Silloth Green website supports an archive of multi-media community memories at www.sillothgreen.co.uk

10. Development projects

The group will develop projects and pursue sources of external grant funding, to make a positive contribution to the development of the Green.

11. Changes to the Constitution

The constitution may only be changed with agreement by the whole group at a meeting called for that purpose.

12. Dissolution

If the Management Committee decides that it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Group, it shall call a meeting of all the members of the Group giving 21 days' notice of the resolution to be proposed. If the proposal is confirmed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, the Management Committee, after meeting all debts and liabilities, shall have the power to transfer any assets remaining to a registered charity or group with similar aims in the locality.

13. Adoption of the Constitution

This constitution was adopted at a meeting of the group on.....

Silloth Welcomes Our New Hudson Memorial



The Hudson Bomber saluted by the RAF

Report by: Wendy Jameson
Silloth Town Clerk

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

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

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

Allied countries.

To celebrate the town's involvement in WWII and to support Silloth's 'In Bloom' activities, Silloth Tourism Action Group had the idea of a permanent structure based on the shape of a WWII Hudson plane. Cllr. Markley approached Gen2, the Cumbrian training provider at Lillyhall, to enquire if their talented apprentices could construct a replica Lockheed Hudson plane, as one of their annual projects. The apprentices successfully built the plane which was put on display during Apprentices week in March.

Gen2 has been named Apprenticeship Provider of the Year at the inaugural Annual Apprenticeship Conference which is a brilliant achievement. The plane has been gifted to the people of Silloth and is a welcome addition to the Green. The plane is sited above a new raised

flower bed, built by the Town Council's grounds maintenance team, to be planted up with colourful summer bedding in the shape of an RAF roundel.

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



Flag Bearers leaving Silloth RAFA Club



Hudson Bomber under construction at the Gen2 Training Centre



airfield of Silloth ended up in the Solway, resulting in it being renamed locally as 'Hudson Bay'.

Refreshments after the ceremony were provided by Silloth RAFA club, with a specially commissioned

cake to celebrate the 100th birthday of the RAF. Thank you to everyone who attended the event yesterday and a special thanks to everyone who played a part in making this project happen.



Hudson Bomber by Tom Wood



Hudson Bomber by Craig Wilson



Mayor Tony Markley welcoming everyone

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Heave Ho: New pirate play area opens

Council spends £40,000 on creating fun themed play area on town green

By Jacob Colley

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A NEW pirate-themed offering is the latest addition to a tourist town.

The official opening of a new play park took place on Tuesday in Silloth, with the children's attraction situated next to the splash park on Silloth Green.

Costing £40,000, the facility is aimed at children up to five-years-old and contains a huge pirate ship, which has various attachments to it such as a slide and a climbing frame.

A total of £30,000 was coughed up by Allerdale Council, while the rest was provided by Silloth town council and Silloth Rotary Club.

Silloth council contributed £8,000, while the rotary club contributed the final £2,000.

The new facility was the brainchild of Silloth town councillor Anthony Reid.

He said: "It is definitely what we were after, after a year of mucking around."

Mr Reid said the final product was definitely worth all the



OO ARR: Children enjoying the new area

hard work.

"Seeing the kids playing on it and the feedback from the town has been amazing," he continued.

"It is another asset for the green. It gives us that extra something for that age group."

"That is one of the reasons I joined the council; there was nothing for that [younger] age group."

"We thought we would introduce something, so there is something for everyone."

Silloth's mayor, Tony Markley, said: "It is an excellent



AHOY: Ava and Leah Senior on holiday in Silloth

Pictures: David Hollins

facility, good for the young infants. It will compliment the green and all the other facilities that we have for the local youngsters.

"Many thanks goes to Cumbria County Council, Allerdale Council, Silloth Rotary Club and Silloth town council."

"It is really well made and watching the children play on it is great."

"It was all planned by Anthony, who brought the suggestion to the council and Allerdale covered most of the costs."

Councillor Bill Jefferson, who was instrumental in securing the funding, added: "We hope the new play area will become another firm favourite and provide hours of enjoyment for many years to come."

"I'm delighted with the result and the pirate ship is a worthy enhancement."



FUN: Allie Heddon from Silloth on the slide



SHIVER ME TIMBERS: Three-year-olds Sienna and Stephen Fraser, from Silloth

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Sunday 28th October	Glasgow Shopping/Cafe
Tuesday 31st November	Liverpool & The Albert Dock
Wednesday 7th November	Cheshire & Cheshire Oaks
Friday 9th November	Newcastle/Martin Centre
Saturday 10th November	Edinburgh Shopping
Wednesday 14th November	Lury Market

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2nd August 2019

Big Fella's memory will live on with new statue

By [Jacob Colley](#) @JakeColley22 Reporter



AN IMPRESSIVE new piece of art has been unveiled on the Solway - which will help the memory of a local man live on.

It was originally hoped that the origin of the structure would be kept a secret, but a post on social media let the identity of the man behind it slip.

"It was one of my dad's wonderful ideas," explained Paul Richardson, 49, who lives in Kirkbride.

"He saw one of them and he wanted one in Silloth. He wanted it to be anonymous, but since someone put it online, I thought I might as well make it public."

The structure - produced by Durham artist Ray Lonsdale - was unveiled on Silloth Green yesterday.

It was erected in memory of Silloth man Peter Richardson, who passed away in 2017 aged 72.

Paul explained where his dad's idea came from.

"He had seen one of Ray's (Lonsdale) sculptures on his travels down the country. He thought it was amazing and he thought we should get one for Silloth Green.

"He tracked down Ray and asked him to do a few sketches of a big gentleman."

Paul believes the end product is something his dad would've been proud of.

"I think it is right what he wanted," Paul said.

"It is very special; that is why he should be mentioned, so people know it was for him."

The work of art - named "Big Fella" - encapsulates a man and his dog taking in the beautiful sea views and shielding his eyes from the sun.

Paul continued: "Every time my dad went to Silloth Green he said 'look at that view'. He was in awe.

"Silloth is not the sort of place that everybody loves, but my dad thought it was superb.

"The sculpture is not a copy of him by a long way, but I think he wanted something to look out at the sea, look at Criffel.

"He loved the view at Silloth, as did my mum."

Unfortunately Peter passed away before he could fulfil his wish, but his son was determined to complete the job that his dad started several years ago.

Mark Orchard, mayor of Silloth, said: "On behalf of myself and Silloth 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."

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."

Spring into Spring With The Friends Of The Green!



Report by: Graeme Aiken

With Spring just around the corner, (honestly), we have been delighted to welcome new Volunteers to The Friends of The Green over the last month. New planting and essential maintenance continues a-pace – 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 Fairydust Emporium, 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 'Hellrigg 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 Gnome 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 teas and coffees and the selling of cakes and scones in the cabin or hand out putters 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

APPENDIX 17 GREEN FLAG AWARD – JUDGING CRITERIA



Section 1: A welcoming Place

This section recognises the culmination of everything done well. A welcoming place is one that invites and draws people into it. This means creating a space which, through its visual appearance, range of facilities, standards of maintenance and ease of access, makes people feel that they are in a cared-for place.

1. **Welcome**
2. **Good and Safe Access**
3. **Signage**
4. **Equal Access for All**

Section 2: Healthy, Safe and Secure

This section looks at how well managers understand their users' needs, encouraging them to enjoy healthy activities using appropriate, safe-to-use facilities and activities, and to feel personally safe and secure.

5. **Appropriate Provision of Quality Facilities and Activities**
6. **Safe Equipment and Facilities**
7. **Personal Security**
8. **Control of Dogs/Dog Fouling**

Section 3: Well Maintained and Clean

For aesthetic as well as health and safety reasons, issues of cleanliness and maintenance must be addressed, in particular:

- + litter and other waste management issues must be adequately dealt with;
- + grounds, buildings, equipment and other features must be well maintained;
- + policies on litter, vandalism and maintenance should be in place, in practice, and regularly reviewed.

9. **Litter and Waste Management**

10. **Horticultural Maintenance**
11. **Arboricultural Maintenance**
12. **Building and Infrastructure Maintenance**
13. **Equipment Maintenance**

Section 4: Environmental Management

This section seeks to ensure that the way the site is managed has a positive impact on the environment, locally and globally, both now and for the future. Where choices can be made for future procurement, landscaping or buildings, they should aim to minimise energy and resource consumption and waste, and design in benefits to the local and global environment. Policies should seek to eliminate the use of peat and chemicals to control pests and as fertilisers. Horticultural and arboricultural decisions should reflect an understanding of the impacts of climate change.

14. **Managing Environmental Impact**
15. **Waste Minimisation**
16. **Chemical Use**
17. **Peat Use**
18. **Climate Change Adaption Strategies**

Section 5: Biodiversity, Landscape and Heritage

Attention should be paid to the appropriate management and conservation of natural features, wildlife and flora; landscape features; and buildings and structures. Their particular character and requirements should be identified and appropriate management strategies put in place to conserve and enhance them.

19. **Management of Natural Features, Wild Fauna and Flora**
20. **Conservation of Landscape Features**
21. **Conservation of Buildings and Structures**

Section 6: Community Involvement

This section examines the extent to which the managing organisation:

- + understands the community it seeks to serve;
- + actively and appropriately involves members of the community in making decisions about the site's development;
- + provides opportunities for active participation in site projects; and
- + ensures that there is appropriate provision of recreational facilities and activities for all sectors of the community.

- 22. **Community Involvement in Management and Development**
- 23. **Appropriate Provision for Community**

Section 7: Marketing and Communication

This section seeks to examine the ways that managers understand the key benefits of the site and how they use this information to promote it appropriately. They should understand who the main user groups are, could be or should be, and use a fitting range of interpretation and engagement techniques to communicate with them. This basis ensures that appropriate facilities, events and activities can be offered and most effectively promoted, and forms a solid foundation for development now and in the future.

- 24. **Marketing and Promotion**
- 25. **Appropriate Information Channels**
- 26. **Appropriate Educational and Interpretational Information**

Section 8: Management

This section evaluates how well the management plan is implemented on site.

- 27. **Implementation of Management Plan**



Mystery Shopping - Interim Quality Assessment

Answer the questions below providing detailed feedback that will benefit the site. All 'No' responses require comments.

Name of Site: Silloth Green
Managing Organisation: Silloth Town Council
Date, time and duration of visit: 12/09/2018
Weather conditions: Dry, sunny with clouds, warm

1. Was the site easy to find e.g. directional signage?

Yes

Comments:

2. On approaching the site were you encouraged to enter?

Yes

Comments:

The Green looked well maintained with clear site lines.

3. Were entrance signs visible announcing the site and did they provide contact details for complaints/praise?

Yes

Comments:

Good signs at the main entrances.

4. Were entrances safe and accessible to people of differing abilities?

Yes

Comments: I saw people with buggies, one electric wheelchair user, and one wheeled zimmer frame user all negotiating the entrances and paths without any problems.

5. Were entrances and car parks clean, litter free and well maintained?

Yes

Comments:

6. Were signs throughout the site of good quality, well maintained, and displaying up to date and relevant information?

Yes and No

Comments:

Most signs good with up to date information except for the board on the pumping station whose poster of the Solway Coast was crumpled up and the Perspex cover was broken.
Liked the "Fairy Trail"!

7. Were paths in good condition, clean, unobstructed and accessible to people of different abilities?

Yes

Comments:

All paths in good condition and accessible.

8. Were any staff on site easily identifiable to the public, knowledgeable and approachable?

N/A

Comments:

No staff seen.

9. Were facilities such as toilets, cafés etc. clean, well maintained and open as advertised?

Yes

Comments:

The Edwardian toilets were looking very clean, but no soap in the Ladies soap dispenser. The other toilets clean.

10. Were buildings, structures and features such as walls fences etc in good condition and free from graffiti?

Yes and No

Comments:

Some non-offensive graffiti on the Pavilion paintwork and on the recycling bins. Otherwise very clean.

11. Was all children's play equipment well maintained and clean?

Yes

Comments:
Good to see some new equipment is in progress, and site lines into the main play area opened up.

12. Were benches, bins etc. well located, clean and in good condition?

Yes

Comments:
One of the benches was getting overgrown with holly – very prickly if you tried to use it! One of the litter bins had poor surface condition. One nice new wooden seat seen near the prom.

13. Was safety equipment present, fit for purpose and in good condition (if provided)?

N/A

Comments:

14. Was lighting, CCTV and other security measures in good condition (where provided and able to be assessed)?

Yes

Comments:
Lamp posts in good condition but day time so couldn't assess if working, signs declaring CCTV present in play area.

15. Did litter bins appear to be emptied regularly and was the site litter free?

Yes and No

Comments:
Litter bins emptied. In general the site was very clear of litter, apart from some of the shrub beds, wooded areas, and long grass areas where litter was present, some of it looked to be quite old.

16. Was dog and other animal fouling adequately controlled?

Yes

Comments:
No dog fouling seen

17. Were horticultural standards being maintained?

Yes and No.

Comments:
The Community Garden looked really stunning, very well maintained and full of colour, texture and scents. The Bee Garden was also looking wonderful, and I liked the RAF commemoration bed. The short grass areas were well mown and maintained.

Some of the shrub beds were gappy and weedy, and not very well pruned, such as the one along Lawn Terrace, the ones around the toilets on the main street (B5302), and by the pumping station. There was an unsightly pile of branches from recent tree works in the shrubbery along Lawn Terrace next to the Community Garden.

18. Did trees appear to be safe and in good condition?

Yes

Comments:

19. Were features requiring or undergoing maintenance made safe with appropriate signage?

Yes

Comments:
Appropriate fencing and signs at the new play area construction site.

20. Did you feel safe during your visit?

Yes

Comments:

21. Was the site flying its Green Flag, and was the flag in good condition and recognisable and was a certificate displayed?

Yes

Comments:

22. Did you obtain feedback from park users and/or staff?

Yes

Comments:

I spoke to a family visiting from the north east who were using the play area and they were very complimentary about the facilities and standard of maintenance. I also spoke to a couple of local residents who were frequent visitors and they were very happy with the Green.

23. Would you like to make any additional observations?

Yes

Comments:

Silloth Green was looking lovely in the late summer sun. Those who maintain the Community Garden and Bee Garden are to be congratulated on how well they looked. The older shrub beds could do with some attention to improve horticultural standards, with the long term aim of refreshing and replacing them.

Please rate the site as follows

Green ☐ meets all the requirements of the Award

Comments

Green Flag Award 2019

Silloth Green

Bandscores

Desk Assessment	0-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-30			
Field Assessment	20-29	30-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-70
Overall score	30-44	45-54	55-59	60-65	66-69	70-74	75-79	80+

Status - Overall band score

Desk Assessment Feedback Band score

Criteria	Strengths	Recommendations
Presentation	<p>The document is well presented and gives an overview of the site. Good to see that the Green Flag criteria are being followed. It states who is involved in the managing of the site.</p> <p>Good it states that reviews are in place.</p> <p>History is well presented and sketches of the original planting plans for Queen Victoria celebrations.</p> <p>Scope covers the varied aspects of the site.</p> <p>Great to see the encouraging of schools</p> <p>Good inclusion of photographs.</p> <p>42 pages long</p> <p>A robust management and operations plan, with plenty of images and diagrams, which have been well set out with plenty of thought as to what they need to convey to the reader and how they will be used.</p>	<p>Whilst this doesn't affect the core objectives and outcomes for the plan and how the site is managed, the plan should be reviewed and updated as soon as possible, and a new one covering</p> <p>Identify schools which are part of Eco schools and arrange to come to The Green and celebrate</p>
Health, Safety & Security	<p>Both management and operational plans contain ample information on how the site is managed to maximise public safety and security, and how assets are secured and protected from damage and loss.</p> <p>A good overview of actions to promote health and wellbeing, and to ensure the site is as widely used as possible for informal and formal sports and recreation.</p>	<p>The plan offers the ideal opportunity to score out how these will impact upon the allocation of resources to protect public safety and wellbeing. The plan can then identify how such resources can be allocated to manage or contain any adverse issues, or to argue for additional ones to help maintain standards of public safety and security.</p>

	States the strimmer usage to avoid tree damage Public safety is managed Good that training is included.	
Maintenance of equipment, buildings & landscape	The plan states the work that is to be done. Schedules are in the plan. The plan includes the buildings and the green management Planting schemes and areas are mentioned. Equipment maintenance is carried out on site Plans provide a sound overview of what actions are in place across the entire site to maintain standards relating to the protection and improvement of landscapes, buildings and furniture/fixtures. The operational plan contains robust targets on maintenance and how these are measured, and how improvements in performance can be secured.	As some important buildings Features and landscape assets mature and age (as they will inevitably do), the plan should identify which these will be, and what actions are in place to repair, replace or protect. The plan is doing that already which is to be commended,
Litter, cleanliness, vandalism	It states who is doing the litter picking and emptying of bins. Management plans place considerable emphasis on a series of practical actions, with timescales and outcomes, to maintain very high standards regarding litter, waste and damage to assets resulting from human interference or activities.	Consider a "Silloth against Plastics", engage community and schools. Have a look at 'Kids against plastics' for ideas Management plan should be regularly reviewed and updated to identify these and help direct and justify use of current and future resources to help address these problems.
Environmental Sustainability	Plan states that staff are trained in environmental management. Sustainable practices are used. Recycling is in place. Purchasing of resources is environmentally sourced with timber, FSC accredited. Green waste is recycled off site. Interesting that plants purchased are to be grown in peat free compost. Good consideration on pollution, use of resources and recycling of waste. Again consider the plastic topic. Plans contain a series of policies, supported by actions and targets, to embed sustainability and management of resources into all key operations across the site, e.g. water conservation, recycling, pollution control and chemical use minimisation.	Make sure plan is regularly reviewed so that any new such opportunities are quickly identified, evaluated and if realistic, implemented, along with measures to monitor performance and benefits to the site's fabric and operations. How is this achieved Wherever possible procure materials from sustainable sources Work to the philosophy "reduce – reuse – recycle" and lead by example
Conservation of heritage & nature	Trees are surveyed regularly. Conservation is explained and the creatures encouraged. Bats are encouraged. Fauna is introduced to enhance the area and for the insect life. Interesting to see the consideration of the mowing procedures to encourage insect habits. Positive that consideration is given to encouraging endangered birds and creature. The sections on biodiversity and heritage asset conservation are especially well set out and explained.	Plan, as it is reviewed and updated, can help scope out where these impacts will be most significant, and then enable appropriate mitigation and containment actions to be put in place to reduce impact and harm. Carry out surveys, what is living at Silloth Green. Not sure what is in place for habitats of the sand <i>Adopt and work to an environmental policy</i> <i>Train staff in environmental management</i> <i>Ensure contractors and suppliers are aware of the environmental policy and contribute in a positive way to environmental improvement</i>

		<p><i>Nominate a person with overall responsibility for environmental management</i></p> <p><i>Currently herbicides are used sparingly on an 'as required' basis.</i></p> <p><i>New Tree and shrub planting schemes</i></p>
Community Involvement	<p>The site is used by the local community and it is seen that visitors from further afield visit. There is a Silloth community day on The Green Good Park Watch Scheme is proposed with collaboration between the Friends group, Silloth Town Council, the Police and the local community is highlighted</p> <p>The Plan provides a sound overview of how the community is engaged and informed, not just the Friends but through other key channels and networks.</p>	<p>How to increase the numbers of volunteers from the community,</p> <p>Consider how in the plan how the site should be managed for community and for the visitors</p> <p>With such a dynamic visitor and use base, the plan should constantly scope out any new user groups that could either have a significant adverse impact upon the park, or could provide it with new and additional resources and support. The plan can then detail how such groups are engaged and involved.</p>
Marketing Strategy	<p>The Plan contains a good and appropriate set of actions and methodologies to inform and engage users, and ensure that relevant information is made available, and that the public can communicate and assist management in the reverse direction. There are regular promotions on Radio Cumbria, the visitors promotions, web sites</p>	<p>http://sillothgreen.co.uk/the-green/ https://www.facebook.com/SillothGreen</p> <p>Consider having a marketing plan, with dates, where to promote and outcome. Evaluate at the meetings</p> <p>Given ongoing changes in the ways the public receive and respond to information, plan will need to be dynamic in how it identifies the best and most effective communication channels to use. This is to ensure current and future site users are kept informed and engaged, and key messages to help protect and improve the park are supplied to them in the most efficient way.</p>
Overall management	<p>Awards have been achieved. The overall management plan is good and it can be clear as to the roles of people and what needs to be done. Schemes of work are in place and costing, and deadlines. Great to see that aims and objectives are in place. Financial statement is in place</p> <p>Management and operational plans contain ample information on how the site is managed and by whom, and with what resources, and how key decisions are being made with what justifications.</p>	<p>Consider having a marketing plan, with dates, where to promote and outcome. Evaluate at the meetings</p>

Additional comments

Field Assessment Feedback

Unsafe path by pagoda, edging of paths poor in places
 Concerned over the weed growth, and the just leaving of things.

Some maintenance needed
 Did you see the bags at the back ? what is in them
 graffiti
 edging
 Unsafe path by pagoda, edging of paths poor in places

Criteria	Strengths	Recommendations
A Welcoming Place	<p>A traditional park with café facilities and range of play equipment that was utilised by families on the day of judging.</p> <p>A map of the site on the entrance board enables visitors to be directed to the facilities.</p> <p>Silloth Green is an open park, with easy access from the pavement on Criffel Lane. There are notice boards situated at the entrances. Main access is through the community garden area and the green flag is flying here. Good interpretation boards in place and indicators as to where you are.</p> <p>Neptune feature community garden and millennium mosaic Sculpture are credit to the volunteers and Town council</p> <p>Good finger post signage and park interpretive information boards identifying park history</p> <p>A map of the site on the entrance board enables visitors to be directed to the facilities.</p> <p>The Green is an unique and integral part of the local community, business and tourism feature</p>	<p>Maintain the welcoming factor that appeals to families.</p> <p>That a Green Flag board is obtained from Keep Britain tidy, to state that this is a Green Flag site. Further explanation is needed for the public to explain what having a green flag means, as people asked did not know</p>
Healthy, Safe and Secure	<p>Equipment is subjected to regular safety inspections.</p> <p>Generally paths are clear and clean and good access. Some edging boards missing in places and some edging of the grass to the pavement are needed.</p> <p>Signage at works area is damaged, as are some other signs which have damaged. These need addressing as this issue can encourage further damage.</p> <p>Good LED lighting on footpaths'</p> <p>Equipment is subjected to regular safety inspections.</p> <p>Dogs are not allowed in the CPG.</p> <p>The creation of an entrance/exit sign's adds to the safety of the site and has increased attendances.</p>	<p>Issues with a fire and den making in shrubbery in front of the sea front cafe</p> <p>Fruit trees development into cordons and espalier framework</p> <p>Rhodendron management could be improved</p> <p>Children climbing the trees are discouraged.</p> <p>Regarding the Fairy Trail Has a risk assessment been completed for human's especially small children to carry out this activity?</p> <p>Is there a lost child policy in place? Bench by tennis club needs repair or removal</p>
Well Maintained and Clean	<p>The site is clean, some pieces of litter seen and one incidence of dog fouling. Bins had little waste in them. Great idea to have the plastic strips in the bin slots to stop the wind getting in and blowing out the waste.</p>	<p>Continue to maintain the site as a recreation facility whilst retaining its nature.</p> <p>Consider having a poo bag dispenser</p> <p>Finger post near the sea needs wood treatment and rusty sign needs treating and painting.</p> <p>Some benches and notice boards could</p>

	<p>Maintenance of the site is conducive to the environment.</p> <p>There is a policy of replacing redundant dog bins with dual purpose receptacles.</p> <p>Good toilet facilities that are also DDA compliant.</p> <p>Volunteers regularly maintain Sustainable Gardens- Impressive heritage rose and bee friendly garden beds with borage sage and calendula however some weeding required- some small amounts of Fat hen and Red shank</p> <p>Good path condition throughout the park Consider standardisation of bins and seats in zone areas within park consider alignment of bins to avoid grass wear and trip hazard's with pedestrian's</p> <p>Maintenance of the site is conducive to the environment.</p> <p>There is a policy of replacing redundant dog bins with dual purpose receptacles.</p> <p>Good toilet facilities that are also DDA compliant.</p> <p>Fantastic interactive children's water feature Council depot could be appropriately screened Wildflowers are good</p>	<p>benefit from a wash with hot soapy water.</p> <p>There is graffiti at the recycling area, this needs addressing as one piece can lead to further problems. There are a good number of bins, though there are missing bins and supports left. Some bins need maintaining as in cleaning with hot soapy water.</p> <p>There is in places excessive weed growth on paths, and would benefit from a hoeing and removal</p> <p>Some furniture is damaged or in need of wood treatment.</p> <p>Some arisings just left by bee garden in bin bag</p> <p>Seems to be a differential in standards between community Gardens and council shrubbery standards</p> <p>Consider removal of old rhodendrons leading to sea front cafe these at the moment are possibly encouraging some potential inappropriate behaviour and seem to separate the green consider tree avenue or community orchards</p> <p>Consider relaxing some mowing regime maintenance in appropriate sections and areas particularly round green perimeter which again is more sustainable</p> <p>Maintenance regime saving time for the mowing team and again attracting pollinating species and invertebrates</p> <p>Banking in front of Fairy Dust Bowling Green cafe develop into a maize feature</p>
Environmental Management	<p>Beds were coated Bark Mulch which has proven to be effective in moisture retention and feed.</p> <p>Children's nature trail</p> <p>Wood play feature in tree glade setting</p> <p>Sustainable Beds were coated with wood chip which has proven to be effective in moisture retention and feed.</p> <p>The site contains some composting bins This is good, would like to see a link between the green site of grass etc, and the sea and shore line.</p> <p>Use of annual bedding for planting and time of visit was only a small example and was in place in a raised containers. These need to be vibrant to attract visual appeal to insects and the public. The curved raised area could also planted as to compliment the containers. Consider the planting scheme to address the contrasting colours and heights and to fit in</p>	<p>Maintain environmental appreciation.</p> <p>Consider a professional aboricultural survey, ensuring those used have qualifications to meet the requirements of this site.</p> <p>Consider the staking of the trees along front of the site, especially by the toilets, consider the visual look and the stability of the planting, perhaps another form of tree protection structure could be used.</p> <p>Some weed growth in borders need removal to prevent suppressing of plants</p> <p>Sustainable planting schemes in front of toilet by main promenade on Criffel street is more weed invested please endeavour to keep in the sunflowers no major problem</p> <p>continue with bark mulching which is ongoing</p> <p>Continue to maintain the site as a recreation facility whist retaining its nature</p> <p>Recycling opportunities for developing schemes within the green where waste is</p>

	<p>with the themes.</p> <p>There are many trees which are habitats to creatures, many of the trees complete with the conditions of a windy extreme.</p>	<p>produced next to water pad and cafe areas into town centre domestic collection scheme</p> <p>Maintain environmental appreciation.</p> <p>Development of leaving sections of appropriate marginal areas and area of sheep sorrel which would be better for not being mown</p> <p>Opportunity to develop bunds on the golf course</p> <p>To save on watering and much effort, consider what plants would be suitable for the plots and borders to address this issue.</p> <p>Again, are surveys made as to who is living on the green, again carry out surveys to ascertain this, document and secure safely make comparison on a yearly basis?</p> <p>What else could be encouraged to come and live at Silloth, again investigate what is needed to attract the red squirrel?</p> <p>There is a habitat which is called the bee garden, although around the site there is provision for mini beast life. Some plants are labelled. Continue this, indicate any harmful ones</p> <p>What is living here, are there any particular species of interest.eg. reptiles. We were told that conservation organisations e.g., RSPB visit, to do sightings, are these documented and does the Town have these secure in the office. There are many habitats around the site,</p> <p>The site is making significant coverage and progression to provide habitat and food sources for pollinating species and wildlife however no surveys have been completed to identify what species are present and no interpretive environmental signage and information is displayed</p>
Biodiversity Landscape and Heritage	<p>One of the sites landscape features are the wind direction posts in the centre of the park.</p> <p>Impressive Victorian pagoda feature with closing doors to keep out the wind</p> <p>Lockheed feature</p> <p>Fantastic pine landscape features</p> <p>The park is very well adapted to create and encourage many types of wild flora and fauna.</p> <p>Bird and bat boxes have been installed by volunteers.</p> <p>The site also contains numerous Bug Hotel.</p> <p>There are as said varied planting areas around the site, at the Victorian Toilets there is a</p>	<p>Continue with excellent biodiversity projects.</p> <p>Continue with excellent biodiversity projects.</p> <p>Sustainable planting schemes in Gardens mixed with herb's and Bee attracting plants for pollinating species and bees</p> <p>consider some Bee hives in roof tops of hotels and property Life boat station roof to raise profile and income opportunity for community group</p> <p>Consider Poppy trail development into a personal story for individuals who have died in conflict from siloth</p> <p>Environmental awareness needs to be raised by either signage and or walking tours Bug Hunts</p>

	<p>wildlife border. Some plants are being stifled by others, so this area does need some further management to prolong its provision for the minibeast and small mammals. Minibeast boxes homes in place</p> <p>The picturesque houses facing the site are a fine example of the history of the area. The pagoda facing out to sea is another great resource in which to sit and to find out about the history. The panels are extremely well done and preserved. Signage and interpretation boards link the Roman heritage</p> <p>The Victorian toilets are a great preservation for the era.</p>	<p>Consider asking the Cumbria Wildlife trust for help and advice on management of a wildlife area.</p>
Community Involvement	<p>There is an enthusiastic group of people who care about the site. Further input for the community should be encouraged. As with some Green Flag sites there are enthusiastic Friends groups.</p> <p>The site is well used for events which bring in large numbers.</p> <p>Victorian LED lighting situated and at Christmas lights are changed to coloured and these are energy efficient.</p> <p>Good equipment for children's play and activities. There is a BMX trail situated and screen within the woodland area</p> <p>The Cafes acts as a hub for the community. Silloth Green Day 2019, Silloth Vintage Rally, Silloth Music & Beer Festival and the Silloth Carnival, Fairy Day</p> <p>Silloth Beach half marathon and 10K</p> <p>Good facilities for education and recreation including the new picnic tables.</p>	<p>Consider Friends of Silloth Green site, especially from the younger age groups. Encourage the local schools to be involved, especially those who are part of Green Flag eco schools. How can the church be involved, especially on environment and health links? Ask church if they can promote volunteers needed</p> <p>Consider a community orchard. Consider walking football activity</p> <p>Where are the younger children's swings</p> <p>Consider the issue of plastic waste and encourage Silloth to use less, especially the eating establishments to be involved. Involve the GP surgeries to be involved and to see The Green as a much needed place for Health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Limited volunteer numbers particularly with one of the members immobile which present opportunity for new members to be involved with carefully guidance and mentoring from existing members</p> <p>The planting design and species selection needs to be carefully considered with the limited volunteer resources and likewise limited council input consider big bold drought tolerant species such as lovage Horse radish and Angelica which is already on site borage</p>
Marketing and Communication	<p>Marketing is in place. This needs to be formalised with a marketing plan. Detailing with dates, who is responsible, evaluate the success and weakness.</p> <p>Radio and local free newspaper is used</p> <p>Clearly identify who is being marketed, what is the benefit to Silloth.</p>	<p>The opportunities to engage with the public are not exhaustive. Promote and shout about the benefits and achievements.</p>

	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.	
Management	Management show a good approach towards the needs and aspirations of user groups.	<p>Maintain good management ethos.</p> <p>The site is a varied site, who is being attracted to the site? Most of the people spoken to did not belong to Silloth but had travelled wide distances and where staying in the area.</p> <p>Although plan identifies who is responsible for tasks on the site. Would like to see further planning and evaluation and monitoring.</p> <p>Where good ideas are conceived, carry out a feasibility of the success of the venture what it may look like. Carry out risk assessment to the site. State what the aim and objectives are and evaluate yearly</p> <p>Establish planting schemes for the beds and containers, what will the impact will be what the management wants. Evaluate the time and effort needed to commit and what is the fall back if someone cannot do.</p> <p>Fairy trail management is loose and requires to be tightened up</p> <p>With the Fairy Trail, what are the guidelines for this, who is to manage this?</p> <p>Review the effectiveness of the farmers market</p> <p>Review the sustainability of the park workforce age profile</p> <p>Franchisee rates require a review presently set to low</p> <p>Consider other partnership opportunities with other park users such as walking group fitness clubs boot camps and personal trainers</p>

Additional Comments

Silloth is a unique green space situated within the heart of the town and continues to play a vital role for all the diverse park users and by a focal point and heartbeat for the town – Well done to all concerned and involved

A family orientated park that needs the addressing of one or two safety concerns To emphasise, consider in your management the needs of your community, what do they need and want. What will attract others as in visitors?

Ensure all area of the site are managed, planned monitoring

On web site show how people could get to Silloth using public transport

For next Green Flag judging, suggest that a site visit plan be drawn up, to include the Skinburness access.

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council – Revenue Estimates

Description	2020/21	2021/22
INCOME	£	£
Allotment Rents	1500	1500
Bank Interest	50	50
Community Hall Rental Income	2000	1000
Disposals of Equipment	20000	0
Grants Received	2500	0
Green Facilities	1000	1000
Fairground Rent	2200	2200
Ice Cream Concessions	6000	6000
Grounds Maintenance Income	200	200
Other Misc Income	50	50
Precept	0	0
Sports Club Rents	1980	1980
Total Income	37480	13980
EXPENSES		
Administration	4500	5000
Allotment Expenses	1500	1500
Changing Room Expenses	2750	2750
Community Hall Repairs	1000	1000
Community Hall Running Expenses	6000	6000
Community Hall Improvements - Solar Panels	7500	0
Community Hall Improvements - LED Lighting	1500	0
Election costs	4000	0
Eden Street Electric	1500	2000
Green Activities - Expenses	2500	2500
Grounds Maintenance	7000	7000
Insurance Costs	6500	6500
Legal Fees	500	500
Maintenance of Sports Areas	500	500
Play Areas - Maintenance	2500	2500
Purchase of Play Equipment	0	10000
Public Conveniences	9250	8000
Purchase of Vehicles & Equipment	10000	5000
Salaries & Wages	101275	105000
Silloth Green Project	6000	3000
Silloth Green Reserve	15000	0
Silloth Bee Garden	1000	500
Silloth Community Garden	1000	500
Splash Pad - Water & Elec	6000	6000
Squash Court - Rates & Repairs	1000	1000
Tourism - TIC	1000	1000
Training costs	1000	2000
Transport & Vehicle Costs	4725	4725
Website	0	2500
Total Expenditure	207000	186975
Net Expenditure/Income	169520	172995

APPENDIX 21

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council

Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

£	INCOME	£
1,325	Allotment Rents	1,212
1,973	Community Hall rent	35
25,000	Disposals of Equipment	0
6,700	Grants Received	10,833
4,941	Green Activities	2,751
20	Grounds Maintenance Income	300
5,576	Ice Cream Concessions	0
1,848	Other Income	2,432
167,820	Precept & Concurrent Grants	169,520
4,751	Refunds Received	0
1,980	Sports Club Rents	1,637
221,934	TOTAL INCOME	188,720
	EXPENDITURE	
5,233	Administration	5,251
280	Allotments	1,654
1,683	Changing Room Expenses	1,515
10,244	Community Hall Running Expenses	7,402
2,011	Community Hall Improvements	1,548
245	S137 Expenditure	2,695
2,590	Eden Street Electric	-678
872	Green Activities - Expenses	1,531
6,681	Grounds Maintenance	3,985
6,163	Insurance	5,948
604	Maintenance of Sports Areas	490
5,090	Splash Pad Expenses	-2,708
409	Play Areas - Maintenance & Equipment	346
10,459	Public Conveniences	7,760
1,549	Purchase of Seats	1,657
51	Purchase of Signs	206
4,000	Purchase of Vehicles & Equipment	1,614
111,985	Salaries & Wages	95,661
5,463	Silloth Green Project	7,278
857	Bee Garden	90
2,606	Squash Court - rates etc	983
357	Training Expenses	295
3,713	Transport & Vehicle Costs	1,688
183,145	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	146,211
38,789	NET INCOME	42,509

Silloth Green Dog Code

Silloth Green is enjoyed by dog walkers every day of the year and we ask that all dog walkers abide by the dog code, so that Silloth Green is a place for everyone to enjoy.

The purpose of this code is:

- To ensure considerate use between those undertaking dog walking activities on Silloth Green and other park users
- To protect the park and its wildlife
- To ensure access to and use of public open space is preserved for all visitors

Control your dog!

Always ensure your dog is within sight and returns to you when called. Any dog whose obedience cannot be guaranteed should be kept on a lead. When there is an event taking place and the Green is busy, keep your dog on the lead or use one of the quieter areas.

Know where you can go!

Dogs are not allowed in the Woodland Play Area, the Water Splash Pad, BMX Track or the fenced Children's Play Area next to the Splash Pad. We would prefer that your dog is kept on a lead around the Community Garden, Heritage Rose & Bee Garden & Putting Green.

Consider others!

Never let your pet approach cyclists, other people or dogs uninvited. Other park users may not be as fond of dogs and some people—especially small children—can find dogs intimidating.

Dogs die in hot cars!

Never leave your dog locked in your car especially during the summer months. Incidents will be reported to the Police.

Clean up!

Always bag and remove your dog's waste. Bags of dog waste can be placed in any of the litter bins provided. Please help us keep Silloth Green clean for everyone!

