

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council



Annual Report 2021/22



Welcome to the 2021/22 Annual Report. This report has been produced and made available prior to the Silloth Annual Town Meeting, to be held on Monday 30th May 2022 at 7.00pm in St. Andrew's Hall, Solway Street, Silloth. The Report has been made available online and if any resident has any questions about the contents of the report, please contact the Town Clerk. **Email:** townclerk@silloth-on-solway.co.uk.

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MAYOR & CHAIRMAN'S REPORT — CLLR. MARK ORCHARD

I'd like to start this report by showing appreciation to everyone within our community for pulling together and working hard over the past year yet again. We've managed to reopen all the town's facilities which are managed by Silloth Town Council for the residents and visitors of Silloth, showing this really is a great place to live, work and visit.

As Town Mayor, I would like to say a big thanks to all our volunteers within the community. You are a big part of what makes our town special, and your efforts never go unnoticed.

During my time as Mayor, I have had the privilege to serve and represent Silloth on Solway along with my Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Graham Wilkinson at many events and functions county wide, ensuring Silloth remains represented. My most recent function was at our primary school to meet the school council and plant a tree for the Queen's platinum jubilee. It was a great afternoon being shown around the same school I attended as a child and meeting some very well-behaved children who like me, are proud to be a representative.



Silloth Green achieving the Green Flag award, yet again reflecting the hard work by our grounds maintenance staff, councillors and volunteers, again showing what a great community togetherness, we have. This is the 9th consecutive year we have achieved this success.

We have a new Accessibility Committee set up within the council that have looked into the accessibility around the town and the creation of a new Changing Places within the town's toilet facilities, now imminent as funding is secured.

We have created a new picnic area at the Eden Street play area. The graffiti wall was created by the local youth group with the Welcome Back funding. We have added more picnic benches including disabled friendly benches around the town which have been warmly welcomed, with some sited near the very popular Big Fella. We have also received £20k of funding from Cumbria County Council to resurface the parking area near the Big Fella which is a great addition to the town. Likewise, we have added the Platinum Jubilee bed on the Green, which is on the Queen's Green Canopy map.

We are still pushing hard for works to be completed on Solway Street. We can all agree how good the road surface is that has been done so far, and we would like the rest of the street to be surfaced within a better timeframe.

The installation of solar panels is a great addition to our community hall. Helping us go green and help to reduce our outgoings.

We have recently funded our Town Plan, working with ACTion for Communities in Cumbria. This will not only ensure we maintain the high standards we have been recognized for but give us a future target to improve and prosper, so Silloth continues to be the success it is. This is well under way, and we are hoping it will have a positive action. We will of course be consulting the residents of Silloth to ask what they would like for their town.

We have demolished the old pensioners hut, which was at Town Council's expense. This will make way for new youth football facilities, which are going from strength to strength within the community.

This year a group of councillors organized a very successful Spring into Silloth event which raised money for several local charities and groups, as well as the Great North Air Ambulance. Luckily the weather was with us that day and hopefully will be for the upcoming Jubilee celebrations and all other events that are coming this year. We have successfully supported several local events financially over the past year and will continue to support events in this town,

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Town Clerk Wendy Jameson who works so hard and goes above and beyond, and my fellow Town Councillors for their dedication and giving up their time to represent our community. I've said before but must reiterate, it can be easy to forget sometimes that our Town Councillors are all volunteers. This goes without saying how proud you should all be to be part of this amazing place we all call home, Silloth.

Onwards and upwards!

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT — WENDY JAMESON

2021/22 continued to be a challenging year as we continued to feel the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic but we have worked hard to get all of our facilities re-opened and safe to use. As with the previous year, despite the pandemic Silloth-on-Solway Town Council has continued to do its work and carry out its duties as a council.

For 12 months of the pandemic, Councils were permitted to hold their meetings virtually which also enabled more access by members of the public who could log in from the comfort of their own homes. The legislation changed in May 2021, and we had to resume holding meetings face to face. From September to March, we held our Full Council meetings in St. Andrews Hall, as there was more space for social distancing, and we then returned to the Community Hall for our meetings. The Council were keen for the public to be able to access the Council meetings online and we are now holding hybrid meetings. Members of the council meet in the Community Hall as normal, but members of the public can access the meetings via Zoom using the link provided on the Agenda.

1 April 2022 was milestone for me personally, being 25 years since I was appointed as Town Clerk for Silloth. In that time, I have seen a great many changes - not only in who has served on the Town Council, its staff, the responsibilities the Town Council have taken on, the services it provides but also how the job itself has changed. From being a part-time job to fit around my family commitments, it is now a full-time role. It has its ups and downs, but the variety of the role is what keeps me going and it always amazes me how there is always something new to learn, even after 25 years of being Town Clerk.

This Town Report provides a snapshot of the activities of the Council over the last 12 months, as well as providing information about the services and facilities we provide. The Council is occasionally criticised about the level of the Precept but the Council is always mindful of the impact the Precept has on its local residents. The Council agreed not to increase the Precept for 2022/23 and there was a slight reduction in the Silloth portion of the council tax bill. External funding is being sought where possible for any new projects, many of which are mentioned in this report – from small grants to help with planting at the woodland area to substantial funding to provide a new Changing Places facility on the Green.

Our aim is always to provide the best service we can, using the resources that are available to us. With a Town Plan in place, it is hoped we will be able to access more funding opportunities going forward and continue to make this a wonderful place to live, work and visit, whilst preserving the uniqueness and heritage of the town. In the coming months, consultation will take place and it is important that residents take part in that process, to ensure the Town Plan is representative of what you would like to see happening in the town in the future.

I would like to encourage more people to get involved, learn about the Council's role, and maybe even consider becoming a councillor in the future. The next Town Council elections are in May 2023, and we also currently have a casual vacancy for a councillor, following the retirement of Jim Snaith, who has served on the Town Council for 5 years. We are currently waiting to hear from Allerdale Borough Council as to whether there is to be a by-election. If there is no call for election, the Town Council will be required to fill the vacancy by co-option. Anyone interested in becoming a councillor please get in touch.

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



ABOUT SILLOTH-ON-SOLWAY TOWN COUNCIL

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council serves the Town of Silloth with a population of approximately 3,000 residents. We deliver many services in the town, including the provision of open spaces, playing fields and recreation areas. Our aim is to provide residents with information about the Town Council and the services which we deliver in the town.

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council is one of around 9,500 Town and Parish Councils within England. Town and Parish Councils are the first tier of local government and work closely with the other tiers of local government, to try and achieve the best for their local communities. A Town Council is an elected body made up of local people representing the interests of their community.

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council has twelve Town Councillors, who are elected every 4 years, with the next elections in May 2023. Town Councillors are unpaid volunteers who give their time freely because they are committed to their local community.

Members of the Town Council during 2021/22 are listed below: -

Cllr. M. Orchard - Mayor
 Cllr. G. Wilkinson - Deputy Mayor
 Cllr. G. Betsworth
 Cllr. J. Cook
 Cllr. C. Doran
 Cllr. A. Emmerson
 Cllr. V. Hope
 Cllr. M. Irving
 Cllr. S.F. Graham (resigned Dec 2021)
 Cllr. W. Jefferson O.B.E.
 Cllr. A.J. Markley
 Cllr. J. Snaith (retired May 2022)
 Cllr. L. Winter (co-opted February 2022)

The Council meets on the first Monday of each month in the Council's meeting room in the Community Hall, at 7.00pm, except when there is a Bank Holiday. However, during the covid-19 pandemic, our meeting were held virtually on the Zoom platform. There is no meeting in August. All meetings of the Town Council are open to members of the public and the Council welcome views and comments during the Public Participation part of the meeting. The Chairman will adjourn the meeting to allow members of the public an opportunity to ask questions or raise matters of interest. The meeting will be adjourned for a maximum of 15 minutes. Items for discussion must be submitted to the Town Clerk in writing, prior to the meeting.

Minutes for all Town Council meetings are published on our website and are available for inspection on request.

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council Meeting Dates 2021/22: -

Mon 6 June 2022	7.00pm	Full Council
Mon 4 July 2022	7.00pm	Full Council
Mon 5 September 2022	7.00pm	Full Council
Mon 3 October 2022	7.00pm	Full Council
Mon 7 November 2022	7.00pm	Full Council
Mon 5 December 2022	7.00pm	Full Council
Mon 6 February 2023	7.00pm	Full Council
Mon 6 March 2023	7.00pm	Full Council
Mon 3 April 2023	7.00pm	Full Council
Mon 8 May 2023	7.00pm	Full Council

COUNCILLOR ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

COUNCIL AS A CORPORATE BODY

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

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

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

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

COUNCILLORS AS INDIVIDUALS

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

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

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

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

∂ Councillors are volunteers and are not paid.

THE MAYOR

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

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

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

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

COUNCIL STAFF

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

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

- Wendy Jameson - Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer
- David Hart - Park Supervisor
- Mark Cole - Grounds Maintenance Operative (Started March 2021)
- Donna Collin - Cleaner
- Graham Speight - Cleaner (Left Sept 2021)
- Natasha Mikula - Cleaner (Started June 2021)



TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEES

PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Town Council is a statutory consultee on all planning applications for Silloth. This means that the Town Council can support or object to plans within the town, although the final decision on whether permission is granted is made by the planning authority.

The Planning Committee consider any planning applications received.

Planning applications can be viewed online at Allerdale Borough Council's website: -
www.allerdale.gov.uk/planningapplicationsearch

And the County Council's website: -
<http://onlineplanning.cumbria.gov.uk/ePlanningOPS/searchPageLoad.do>

2021/22 Members: - Cllrs. Mark Orchard, Graham Wilkinson, John Cook & Melanie Irving.

PLAY EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE



The **Play Equipment Committee** considers any improvements or maintenance required to the Town Council's play areas. Our play areas are maintained and regularly inspected by our own grounds maintenance team. An independent annual inspection is also carried out.

2021/22 Members: - Cllrs. Tony Markley, Melanie Irving, Stuart Graham, Vicky Hope & Bill Jefferson.

ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE

The **Allotments Committee** is responsible for setting the annual rents, and sorting out any problems that may arise in relation to the allotments and their tenants.

2021/22 Members: - Cllrs. Mark Orchard, Graham Wilkinson, John Cook & Vicky Hope.

PARKS COMMITTEE

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

2021/22 Members: - Cllrs. Bill Jefferson, Mark Orchard, Graham Wilkinson, Melanie Irving, Stuart Graham & John Cook.



STAFFING COMMITTEE

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

2021/22 Members:- Cllrs. Mark Orchard, Graham Wilkinson, Tony Markley, Bill Jefferson, Carol Doran & Jim Snaith.

TOWN PLAN COMMITTEE

The **Town Plan Committee** was set up to carry out community participation and engagement, to work towards formulating a Town Plan which addresses local issues and how they can be tackled.

2021/22 Members:- Cllrs. Mark Orchard, Graham Wilkinson, Tony Markley, John Cook, Vicky Hope & Geoff Betsworth.

ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE



The **Accessibility Committee** will 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. The committee will also facilitate

discussions between various stakeholders (including local residents, businesses and external bodies) interested in addressing any issues with accessibility within the town as a whole.

2021/22 Members: - Cllrs. Carol Doran, Mark Orchard, Graham Wilkinson, Jim Snaith, Angus Emmerson & Tony Markley.

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

REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

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

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

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

Our local Allerdale and County Council representatives are as follows:

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

SOLWAY COAST AONB – CLLR. BILL JEFFERSON



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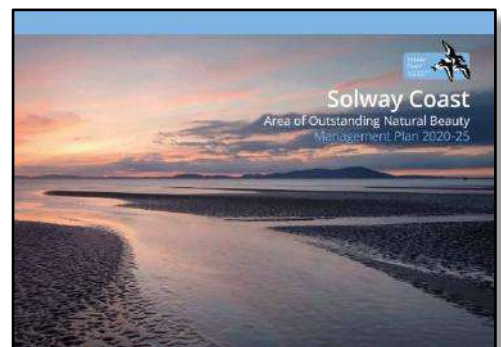
Report provided by Naomi Kay.

Management Plan

Our 2020 approved and adopted 5-year AONB Management Plan has now been printed and distributed with hard copies available to anyone as well as the full plan and all associated papers downloadable from the AONB website at www.solwaycoastaonb.org.uk. This plan is fast becoming a useful tool for project planning as well as focusing activities for farming grants and partner work.

Projects

Our work as a partner in the Get Cumbria Buzzing Project continues, thanks to lead partner Cumbria Wildlife Trust and the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Anna has been planting up a whole range of sites with the help of her team of volunteers, members of the local community and school pupils, and we are starting to see the fruits of their labour this year with wildflowers becoming established and some starting to grow and even flower. The culmination of this past year's work has been a



week-long event, the Big Plant- a mini festival of pollinator habitat improvement that has just had great press coverage on BBC Radio Cumbria.

Through the Dynamic Dunescapes Project, we have been able to run our first year of cattle grazing on Mawbray Banks. The 8 belted Galloway cows have taken well to the site and visitors seem to have enjoyed meeting them and taking photographs of them with the amazing Solway backdrop. Our first series of botanical surveys have already shown that even this low number of cattle are making a difference, breaking up the thick vegetation and creating space for tiny dune plants, characteristic of this type of special dune grassland, to come through. Working with our grazier, we have been able to equip each cow with a collar which allows us to use the NoFence system. This digitally tracks the cattle via GPS and allows us to concentrate the grazing into certain areas on the site and keep them away from more sensitive patches such as the natterjack toad ponds. We have been working on a new Citizen Science programme which will enable volunteers and local people to “adopt a transect” and help measure the dynamism and health of the sand dunes. This information can then be used to inform the ongoing management of the site.

Things have been busy on Crosscanonby Carr, a pint sized but very special nature reserve south of Allonby. As well as the beck re-routing work that I talked about in my last report, Anna has been working with local bird expert John Callion and his group to survey and ring the birds in the reserve- so this will give a much better idea of the species using the reserve as well as the changes in population. We are also in the middle of removing the old boardwalk through the reserve and installing a new one. Made from recycled plastic, this will improve access for people wanting to experience the site and some new footpath improvements on the non-boardwalk sections will prevent the path from flooding and ensure the site is accessible to people in wheelchairs and with buggies. We are about to start working with Lakeland Mobility to audit many of the sites in the AONB and look to improve access in the longer term.

We are very happy to be now running regular volunteer work parties again and have been able to deliver so much more for nature with the help of our group of volunteers. Everyone is welcome to join in with these activities- have a look at the events section of our website, our Facebook page or sign up to our e-newsletter via the website to find out about the next work party.

Earlier last year we worked with Natural England to run a joint project holding a conversation (via Zoom) with members of the public about what nature recovery on the Solway means to them. We also looked at creative ways to get people thinking about nature and produced a series of poems inspired by people’s observations. Some of this will feed into our AONB wide nature recovery plan that we intend to produce this coming year.

Our community oral history project, Remembering the Solway, had to take a break over Covid but has started to progress again with another 30+ oral history interviews carried out. The text for a second volume booklet has been drafted and will soon be sent to the designers. Our themes for volume two include folklore and traditions, health and medicine, socialising, shops and supplies, sports and groups and societies. The completed book will be free of charge and distributed as widely as possible.

Farming

This past year has been extremely busy for us as we have delivered a full year of the three-year Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme. This is a grants scheme for farmers and land managers within each protected landscape (AONB and National Park) in England and we have been able to award £87,000 so far for projects in the AONB that deliver outcomes for nature, people, place and climate change mitigation, covering 117 hectares of land. Our new Farming Officer Graeme joined the team in October last year and his background as a dairy farmer west of Carlisle as well as his interest in the environment has put him in very good stead working with farmers on the Solway Coast. Grants are available for 2022-23 so for more information please have a look at the information on our website <https://www.solwaycoastaonb.org.uk/farming-in-protected-landscapes>.

Public events

Through the winter we ran another programme of cross border webinars looking at themes such as marine life and

archaeology of the Solway. These webinars have been run in partnership with Solway Firth Partnership, have been free to attend and consist of two speakers, one from each side of the Solway. The full Solway webinar programme is available to watch again on our YouTube channel - just search for Solway Coast AONB on YouTube and you will find them all. We also enjoyed taking part in Silloth's first Cycle festival in September with an AONB information stall and AONB guided bike ride, where we worked with Allerdale Borough Council to update and reprint 5 self-guided bike trail leaflets.

Planning

Planning applications have continued during this period, and we have had one or two more significant planning related decisions to think about. One of these was the decision over the search area for a geological disposal facility in Allerdale. Our Joint Advisory Committee voted unanimously for the Solway Coast AONB to be treated the same as the Lake District National Park and to be removed from the area of search. I am pleased to report that after the JAC submitted a letter to the Executive at Allerdale Borough Council, the AONB was withdrawn from the search area.

SILLOTH COASTAL COMMUNITY TEAM – CLLR. MARK ORCHARD



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Report provided by Joe Broomfield

Since the time of the last report, the coastal community team have put on a layer of tarmac on the section of the path between Allonby and Blue-Dial farm. It is now possible to walk / cycle all the way from Maryport to Allonby off-road on tarmac along the coastal path.

Works are currently underway at the play-area car park in Allonby. We are creating two new disabled parking bays with improved access to the cycle path and re-grading the car park as a whole. Work was also done to improve the section of path by the small industrial units in Silloth.

A promotional video about the cycle path can be viewed on youtube using the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Ko4w119xt0&t=12s>

Working with the Solway Coast AONB, we have updated and re-printed a number of Solway Coast cycle rides that can be downloaded from <https://visitallerdale.co.uk/things-to-do/solway-coast-by-cycle/>

This year also sees the return of the Solway Coast Cycling Festival on Silloth Green on the 23 July.

HOLME CULTRAM SEA DYKE CHARITY – CLLR. TONY MARKLEY

The Sea Dyke Charity committee is made up of twelve representatives from local landowners and Parish Councils on the Solway Coast. I represent Silloth Town Council on this committee.

The charity own Swinsty Farm and agricultural land and have recently sold the cottage which had been tenanted at Abbeytown.

The committee have a duty to maintain their assets, with Swinsty Farm continuing to undergo a schedule of maintenance and refurbishment throughout the years.

Due to Government Covid lockdown restrictions, the committee have been unable to meet face to face on a regular basis. Meetings will resume in the near future.

LONGCAKE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION – CLLR. GRAHAM WILKINSON

The Foundation meets three times a year in June, October, and February.

All meetings are held at Wheyrigg Hall. However due to holiday commitments I was unable to attend the February meeting.

Payments made to the four schools covered by the remit of the Foundation were as follows:

Solway Community School – June £750 & October £320. Silloth Primary School. Holm Cultram School and Holme St Cuthbert School all received the same awards.

FRIENDS OF SILLOTH GREEN – CLLR. TONY MARKLEY



Friends of the Green volunteers have been very busy these past months working alongside the maintenance team to bring together and complete a number of projects.

The group are fortunate enough to be able to have funding from Cumbria County Council and local businesses to be able to create beautiful flower displays and also planting, to encourage wildlife and in so doing bringing together varying age groups with different abilities which is encouraging commitment and ownership.

Silloth Green was awarded its 9th Green Flag award this year and the volunteers / maintenance team and the rainbows / brownies and guides have put together a Queen's platinum circular canopy which includes one Rowan tree, one Cherry tree and one birch tree, including mixed bird and wildlife friendly plants.

They also are growing Sunflowers from seed and have potted borage plants which will all be placed when ready in the two oval beds on Criffel Street to show our thoughts are with the people of the Ukraine, with a blue and yellow display.

A woodland area is being helped to encourage more wildlife with a bird feeding station and a squirrel feeder, keeping that area as natural as possible, also having placed a seat for people to watch and enjoy.

The group is continually growing with new members and is supported by the Council and local businesses. It has an excellent number of experienced members able to fulfil the projects and continue the maintenance needed.



SILLOTH-ON-SOLWAY SPORTS ASSOCIATION



Report by Mavis Baty, Secretary SOSSA

Since the last report to the Town Council the Sports Association has lost three committee members, for a variety of reasons. We currently have six committee members, and due to work commitments or covid, some of those have struggled to attend meetings: but things are getting better, and we hope to acquire two more members.

After the lifting of covid restrictions we gradually started to build up the MUGA bookings.

The winter months were very busy most weeknights with local junior teams training. The local youths also became regular users sometimes up to four times a week. Other regular users include, Abbeytown ladies, Stanwix Park, NADT Friday night club and the general public for kids' football parties.

The shelter erected in November 2021 has proved beneficial in poor weather conditions.

We have not managed to make any further progress with the cabin yet, however we have asked for quotes from three people to complete the electrical work. It is hoped we can have it completed by the winter months.

The committee would like to thank the Town Council for the trimming of specific trees that were overhanging the MUGA. It is our intention to purchase a leaf blower for this coming autumn.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

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On the 28th April, I finished my chairman's term of office at Cumbria County Council. I was vice chairman for two years during the pandemic and chairman for the last year. This has been a privilege and honour to represent Cumbria at a national level, attending many events and functions with my wife Denise as CCC Consort and latterly with my granddaughter Lucy, who took over this role after the sad passing of Denise in November 2021.

I currently serve on various committees for CCC and currently hold the portfolio for Leisure and Tourism at Allerdale Borough Council and Shadow portfolio for Economy at Cumbria County Council.

I am currently chairman of the Allerdale local committee for CCC which have assisted obtaining many grants for local sporting and community groups throughout my area. Officers have helped and assisted communities wherever they can with general wellbeing and welfare advice.

During the pandemic, Allerdale Borough Council have administered millions of pounds to support local business and community hubs which has been an important lifeline to residents and the local economy.

Local government reform has taken place in Cumbria allowing two new unitary authorities to govern Cumbria. The first step was to elect members on May 5th 2022, to the new unitary authority's which will shadow the existing councils. The one representing Allerdale, Copeland and Carlisle is called Cumberland. This will see the County and Borough Councils finish on 1st April 2023, with the County being under unitary administration from that date.

I wish to thank everybody for your continued support by voting and electing me as your representative for the new Cumberland Unitary Council for Silloth and the Solway Coast.

I find serving as your elected member for Silloth on Solway to be extremely interesting. I am always happy to assist and discuss issues with residents if required. I will continue to promote Silloth and the Solway Coast as a great place to Live, Work and Visit.

NEW HIGHWAYS REPORTING PROCESS



A new online service has been launched by Cumbria County Council which will dramatically improve how the council manages and responds to highways faults.

Whether it's reporting a pothole, a faulty streetlight or a blocked drain, the new system provides a seamless experience for all, whether you are a member of the public reporting the defect or highways staff fixing the fault.

The new system is easy to use and interactive, and it is hoped will lead to significant improvements for a council service that receives hundreds of queries every month.

Members of the public can now report a fault easily online and add photos via the council's website, cumbria.gov.uk. There is an improved search facility that uses postcodes or street names, plus the ability to identify a fault's location via pinpointing on a map.

An advantage of logging the fault via the new online service is that people can provide their email address and receive automatic progress updates direct to their inbox. You can also view faults that have already been reported on a map, view the current status of each fault and register for automated updates on any previously reported fault.

Faults reported online will be instantly allocated to a highways area steward who will review the information and allocate to one of the council's highways teams.

To report a highways problem, raise an enquiry or a request on a part of network managed by Cumbria County Council:

1. Complete the [highways online reporting form](#) found on the Cumbria County Council website.
2. Call the Highways Hotline on 0300 303 2992.

The online reporting form will take approximately 3 minutes to complete and will guide you to provide essential information that our team requires to effectively assess your report.

By using either method to report and providing an email address when prompted, you will receive updates on your report from Cumbria Highways.

To report you will need the following:

- The location of the problem, you can either plot the location on a map, use the closest postcode or what3words
- Photographs or supporting documentation if you have any Highways-related emergency reports

The Highways Hotline and online service is monitored between the hours of 08:30 – 17:00, Monday to Friday, excluding Bank Holidays. Any report logged outside of these times will be reviewed on the next working day. If you need to report a Highways related emergency outside these times, please contact 0300 303 2992.



CHANGES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN CUMBRIA

On 1 April 2023 local government in Cumbria will change.

The current six district councils, along with Cumbria County Council, will be replaced by two new 'unitary' councils.

In the area currently covered by Allerdale Borough Council, Carlisle City Council and Copeland Borough Council a new authority, Cumberland Council, will be created.

What will the changes mean?

From April 2023 Cumberland Council will be responsible for providing all the services currently delivered in those areas by the three city and borough councils and the county council.

That means everything from your waste and recycling collections to highways and planning matters, adult social care and parking will all be looked after by the new Cumberland Council

In the Barrow, Eden and South Lakeland council areas a second new authority, Westmorland and Furness Council, will be taking over providing services. You can find out more on the Westmorland and Furness Council website.

Government announced its decision to create two new unitary councils for Cumbria in July 2021. Since then work has been ongoing to ensure a smooth switch to the new councils next year.

Where can I find out more?

You can read more about local government reorganisation in Cumbria on the New Councils for Cumbria website at <https://newcouncilsforcumbria.info>.

What happens next?

As part of the process to set up the new unitary councils, 'shadow' authorities will be created following the elections that were held on 5 May 2022.

The Shadow Authority for Cumberland Council will be overseeing the planning and preparation for the new unitary council between May 2022 and April 2023.

Ahead of the establishment of the Cumberland Shadow Authority, a Cumberland Joint Committee has been set up.

Joint Committees are responsible for the preparatory work to establish the Shadow Authorities and overseeing the implementation planning until Shadow Authorities are elected. The Joint Committees will be dissolved once the Shadow Authorities and executives for the two new councils are established.

What is the Shadow Authority for Cumberland Council?

As part of the process to set up the new Cumberland Council, elections took place in May 2022 to elect 46 councillors in new wards across the Cumberland Council area.

The wards for Cumberland Council follow the same boundaries as the current county council divisions.

These councillors will be elected for a five-year term of office.

There is more information about elections to the Cumberland Council on this website.

The first year will be on a 'Shadow Authority' that will oversee the planning and preparation for the new unitary council, followed by four years on Cumberland Council.

Following the elections on 5 May, the first meeting of the Shadow Authority for Cumberland Council was held on 17 May 2022.

What is the role of the Shadow Authority for Cumberland Council?

The Shadow Authority has important business to look at before April 2023.

This includes adopting a constitution and code of conduct for the Cumberland Council and appointing a Shadow Executive and Leader.

It will also appoint interim and permanent officers to key statutory positions, so that the new council can legally operate and will take decisions to prepare for the running of all services currently carried out by the county, borough and district councils from April 2023.

The Shadow Authority will also oversee an implementation plan, to ensure a smooth transition and continuity of services for local communities and the setting of a budget for the first year of the new council.

The existing county, borough and district councils will continue to operate and deliver all current services until vesting day of the new council on 1 April 2023.

The Shadow Authority will have no responsibility for service delivery, but it will operate alongside the existing councils until Cumberland Council 'goes live' on 1 April 2023.

For information about current services please refer to the district, borough or county council for your area:

- [Allerdale Borough Council](#)
- [Carlisle City Council](#)
- [Copeland Borough Council](#)
- [Cumbria County Council](#)

On 1 April 2023 the Shadow Authority and its 46 councillors become the new Cumberland Council and it will take over responsibility for services.

At that point the existing county, borough and district councils will be dissolved.



Check out the NewCouncilsForCumbria website - and find out more about the reorganisation of local government in the county.

The website has lots of useful information about the two new councils for the county from 1 April 2023.

Find out more at <http://ow.ly/i8az50HxTOor>

ALLERDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL



Keep recycling sites clean and tidy!

There are many ways to dispose of waste responsibly, and we encourage all our residents and business owners to do what they can to help us keep Allerdale as clean and tidy as possible.

Small recycling points are situated around the borough. These can take glass, cans and plastics as well as paper and card.

Please do not leave other items like white goods at these points.

There are three **large household waste recycling centres** in Allerdale at Workington, Maryport and Wigton. They are run by Cumbria County Council. All accept garden waste. Workington HWRC accepts glass, but not cans and plastics. However, the centres at Wigton and Maryport do accept glass, cans and plastics.

As well as the recycling centres, Allerdale Borough Council offer a service to collect **larger household items** from your home for a charge. More information can be found on the Allerdale website.

Dog Fouling

Please report any instances of dog fouling to Allerdale Borough Council using the MyAllerdale app, as this will allow them to undertake effective enforcement. It takes less than a minute to register to be able to submit and track the progress of enquiries and reports on-line. Once registered you can report problems 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through the website or by downloading the free myAllerdale app to your smart phone or tablet.

The more information you are able to provide the better, such as:

- the name and address of the person in charge of the dog
- a description of the dog
- when and where the offence took place
- including any photos or video footage



Alternatively, you can email the street scene team at Allerdale. **Email:** street.scene@allerdale.gov.uk

We want the public to work with us to tackle the problem, keep our open spaces clean and safe, and take a pride in our town.




Need to find a car park in Allerdale?

The MiPermit app is the easiest way to see the best parking places across Allerdale within seconds.

Buy pay and stay sessions on car parks throughout Allerdale on your smartphone, receive digital receipts and extend your stay easily using the MiPermit app today.

The MiPermit app can be downloaded from the Apple or Google Play stores.

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

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



**Acting
Inspector
Scott Adams**



**PCSO
Peter Nichol**

Local policing teams are groups of officers dedicated to serving the community. Teams are made up of officers based in the area, supported by additional officers from the wider area.

Teams work closely with local authorities, organisations, partners and residents to decide policing priorities. This helps teams find long-term solutions to local problems.

Report anything suspicious

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



Cumbria Community Messaging

Please pass this message on to friends, family and residents of your areas to re highlight the issue.

If you would like to join Cumbria Community Messaging then please contact us or visit:

www.cumbriacommunitymessaging.co.uk

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

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

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

www.twitter.com/cumbriapolice

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

Contact can be made by calling 101

In an emergency always call 999

Your local Inspector is: **Acting Inspector Scott Adams**

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

Local policing priorities for Silloth

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

Priority

You said:- E-Scooters

Action Taken

Allerdale are seeing an increase in the illegal and anti-social use of off-road vehicles and e-scooters in public places and on public roads are taking positive action in relation to this.

E-scooters can fall under 2 categories at this time:

- Trial e-scooter
- Privately owned e-scooter

Allerdale, at this time, do not have any Trial e-scooters.

Information on Privately owned e-scooters as follows:-

- *Privately owned e-scooter*
- These can be bought by any person and used on private land with the permission of the landowner. A privately owned e-scooter cannot be used on a road or public place unless it meets the requirements in primary legislation.
- 1) E-scooters need to be covered by a motor vehicle insurance policy.
- 2) E-scooter users need to have a valid driving licence.
- An estimated 300,000 e-scooters have been purchased privately and are already in use illegally in the UK- (Source NRPOII)
- E-scooters do not need to be registered, display registration plates or pay vehicle excise duty

Any e-scooter used on a road or public place which breaches either of the primary requirements may be seized by police under the terms of 165 RTA 1988.

If you wish to report any offences please do so online [Report a Non-Emergency Crime/Incident Online](#) or by email 101@cumbria.police.uk. You can also call us on 101.

In an emergency always call 999.

Reporting Road Safety Concerns

Help Cumbria Police keep the roads of Cumbria safe by telling them about bad driving or sharing dashcam footage.

They can use this information to educate or prosecute drivers. If you think you've witnessed a traffic offence, or captured dashcam footage, they would like to hear from you.

- Offences they investigate include:
- Overtaking on solid white lines
- Using a mobile phone whilst driving
- Failing to comply with traffic signals
- Contravening traffic directions
- Endangering other road user through poor driving

Incidents can be reported online. This online service is for traffic offences, it is NOT for submitting footage of Road Traffic Collisions or any other offences.

Any reports of parking offences should be referred to the relevant local council or highway authority in the locality where it occurred.

[Reporting Road Safety Concerns \(cumbria.police.uk\)](https://cumbria.police.uk)

New Call Back function will help people who call 101

Cumbria Police has launched a new *Call Back* function on its 101 non-emergency reporting phone line to assist people who prefer to contact the police by phone.

The function will serve as one of a range of options available to people wishing to contact the police regarding a non-emergency issue.

The options include reporting via an online form and using the Constabulary's online 'Live Chat' function on the force website, as well as the 101-phone line.

Superintendent Carl Patrick said: "During busy periods, someone calling 101 may face a delay of several minutes getting through to a police officer, as emergency 999 calls are always prioritised.

"We recognise that this can be frustrating, being kept on the phone as you wait to reach the head of the queue.

"However, the new *Call Back* option allows you to get off the phone whilst holding your place in the queue and receive an automatic call once you reach the front.

"Once you answer the *Call Back* you will then re-join the queue and be next in line to speak with a police officer in our Command and Control Room."

The *Call Back* will be provided as an option during a busy period when there is a queue on the 101-phone line. The caller will hear the following message: *"We are currently experiencing high demand. If you would prefer for us to call you back when you reach the front of the queue, please press 1."*

The caller will follow the prompts, end the call, and then receive a call back when they reach the head of the queue.

The option cannot be used if you withhold your phone number, as the system will not be able to recognise a number to call you back on.

If the caller does not answer the call back, two further attempts will be made to connect the call.

Supt Patrick said: "We believe it is important to offer people different options for contacting the police. For some people, communicating with us online is the most efficient and effective option, whilst there are others who prefer to pick up the phone.

"The new *Call Back* system serves to improve the experience for those people who prefer to pick up the phone when contacting us.

"In an emergency, you should always pick up the phone and dial 999. You will be speaking with a police officer in a matter of seconds."

More on online methods of contacting Cumbria Constabulary can be found here:

[Report It - Cumbria Constabulary](#)

COMMUNICATION & CONSULTATION

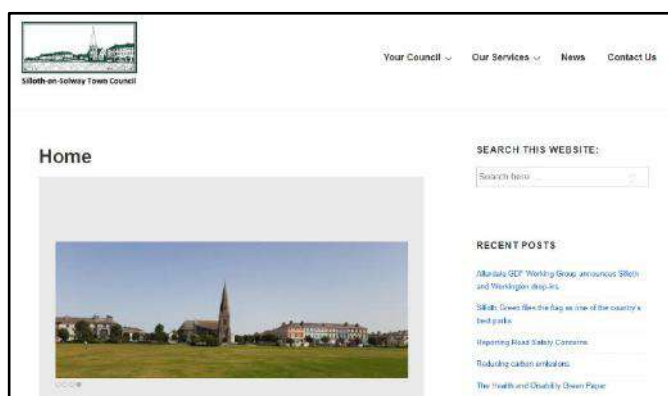
The Council is committed to being accessible by all and to sharing information about what we do. We do this in the following ways:

Websites

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

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

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



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



www.sillothgreen.co.uk

Social Media

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

Notice boards

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

Solway Buzz

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

Local Newspapers

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

Direct contact

Direct contact with Councillors is always welcome. See page 46 for contact details of the Town Councillors. We are also going to be holding regular drop-in events which will be another way to speak to members of the Council and the Town Clerk direct and bring up any matters of concerns.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

Public Open Spaces – The Town Council manage large areas of public open spaces. Silloth Green incorporates Harbour Green, a large area known simply as ‘the Green,’ and Skinburness Green which is one of the largest and longest village Greens in England. The Town Council also own and maintain land at New Street and an area of land at West Silloth.

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

Sports and Recreation - The Town Council is responsible for the maintenance of the Eden Street sports fields, the football changing rooms, the former squash court which is occupied by the Solway Fitness Centre and the tennis courts on Skinburness Road.

Playgrounds - Within our Open Spaces, the Town Council is responsible for the up-keep of the playground at Eden Street, the Woodland play area on the Green, the Water Splash Park, Pirate Ship play area and the BMX track. They are looked after by the Council’s grounds maintenance team and are regularly inspected to ensure they are clean and safe. An independent annual safety inspection is also carried out.

Street Furniture - The Town Council owns and maintains benches, seats, bins, and notice boards on the Green and other areas.

Silloth Community Hall – The administrative centre of the Town Council, the Community Hall provides an office for the Town Clerk and houses the Council meeting room. There are rooms and kitchen facilities available for use by individuals, local groups and organisations for meetings etc. If you would like to book a room or enquire as to the availability, please get in touch with the Town Clerk on Tel: 016973 31128 Mob: 0777 5686857 Email: townclerk@silloth-on-solway.co.uk.



Allotments - Silloth Town Council’s allotments are situated at the top of Eden Street, adjacent to Skiddaw Street and are available to rent by residents of Silloth. Allotments are extremely popular and there is often a lengthy waiting list. An application form is available on the Council’s website or alternatively contact the Town Clerk.

Civic Services - The Mayor of Silloth is happy to support any Silloth-based resident, organisation or group as far as diary commitments allow. If you would like the Mayor to attend an event, please contact the Town Clerk or the Mayor direct.

Planning Applications - The Town Council monitors all planning applications applicable to areas within the Town, making representations to the Planning Authorities as necessary.

Representing local views - The Town Council has actively promoted the views and interests of Silloth to national, regional and county level government on a host of consultative matters.

Council Offices and Support Services - The Town Clerk provides a full range of management, financial and administrative support to the Council, the Mayor and its staff. The Town Clerk is usually the first point of contact for members of the public, who have questions to bring up with the Council.

SILLOTH GREEN



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

Successful funding bids to Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) under the 'Parks for People Programme,' resulted in a refurbishment project to restore the Green and its heritage buildings. The major restoration work was completed in 2012, with additional improvements carried out since then.

Achievements in 2021/22:

- ✓ Green Flag status achieved for 2021/22 for the 9th year running. The coveted award is a benchmark national standard for parks and green spaces in the UK. It recognises that the Green meets the extremely high standards set by Keep Britain Tidy.
- ✓ There are regular weekly volunteering sessions on the Green organised by the Friends of Silloth Green which continue to be popular.
- ✓ Installation of new raised beds at the Community Garden which were paid for with funds raised by the Friends of Silloth Green.
- ✓ Installation of a new seat and additional planting at the woodland area with funds raised by the Friends of Silloth Green.
- ✓ Additional picnic benches have been installed on Silloth Green near the 'Big Fella' sculpture and next to Paramount Amusements for use by residents and visitors to the town. The benches which are made from recycled plastic will last for many years to come. These were funded with Welcome Back funding via Allerdale Borough Council.
- ✓ Resurfacing of the car park on Skinburness Road to improve access to the 'Big Fella' sculpture.
- ✓ Planting of the Platinum Jubilee Bed opposite Christ Church, which was funded by the Town Council, with the grounds maintenance team, Friends of Silloth Green and our local guides, rainbows and brownies, all playing an important part in the project.



Volunteering Opportunities



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

The group is always looking for volunteers to join their excellent band of helpers. If you can spare two hours on a Wednesday morning, then why not pop along to the Community Garden at 10am, to lend a hand. We would love to see you there!

Find out about some of the other exciting projects we have planned. Volunteering is a great opportunity to get outdoors, enjoy some fresh air, blow away the cobwebs and meet like-minded people. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.

SILLOTH GREEN — GOOGLE REVIEWS



Tom B

Local Guide · 140 reviews · 787 photos

★★★★★ 2 months ago

Had a walk around Silloth and headed up to Grune Point. Lovely place, not too busy (thought it was a chilly early Feb Day) The greens area was well kept and the town was a real surprise had a French feel to the architecture. [More](#)



Garyth Orton

163 reviews

★★★★★ a week ago **NEW**

Been there a couple of times in recent days. A lovely open space with plenty of parking opportunities close by. Importantly parking is not time restricted to one hour - free all day. Are a couple of toilet blocks available on the Green and there are hotels and tea rooms plus some shops overlooking the Green.



Lewis Hayter

155 reviews · 2 photos

★★★★★ a month ago

A large green space close to the sea and shops, cafe ice cream parlour etc. and importantly a toilet. Be good for kids



Alexis Anderson

8 reviews · 20 photos

★★★★★ 8 months ago

Beautiful colourful flowers, lots to do for the young and older visitors and plenty cafe's, places to eat,



John Winder

Local Guide · 232 reviews · 103 photos

★★★★★ 2 months ago

A large wide open green good for picnics, flying kites and generally letting the kids run wild. Handy for the shops and arcade and the sea.

GREEN FLAG AWARD 2021



Silloth Green flies the flag as one of the country's best parks

In a record-breaking year for the Green Flag Award, as the scheme marks its Silver Jubilee, Silloth Green is one of 2127 celebrating success today.

The Green Flag Award is the international quality mark for parks and green spaces.

After 18 months that have seen our parks and green spaces play a vital role for people through lockdowns as a place to relax, exercise and meet friends and family safely, the news that Silloth Green has achieved the Green Flag Award is testament to the hard work and dedication of the team that make the green space a great space that everyone can enjoy.

Councillor Mark Orchard, Mayor of Silloth said:

"Once again, we are proud to announce that Silloth-on-Solway has been awarded the Green Flag. This is the ninth consecutive year we have achieved this prestigious award and as a council are very proud.

Lead by our very own grounds maintenance team alongside the many volunteers that work tirelessly week in week out, together we have yet again maintained the high standard required to achieve the Green Flag Award.

To do this in a normal year is a great achievement but during the many lockdown months we have endured this is something special indeed.

We have had a huge increase in visitors this summer and this is testament to all and shows that we have made our hometown what it is. Our large manicured open spaces and seasonal floral displays along with our community garden and more to enjoy, really keep Silloth-on-Solway well and truly on the map.

Thank you to everyone who has helped achieve this yet again for Silloth. Every little helps in our community and this shows what a fantastic little town we have."

Silloth Green joins parks and green spaces as diverse as the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire, Woodhouse Park in Peterlee and Chiswick Old Cemetery in London. Silloth Green is the only park in Allerdale to be awarded a Green Flag Award and joins only three other green spaces awarded recognition in the whole of Cumbria.

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

After extensive refurbishment work, Silloth Green now boasts a modern Water Splash play area, a woodland adventure play area, a BMX track & Fairy Trail. There's also a Pirate Ship Play Area, next to the Water Splash Park, for children aged 0-5 years. Another popular attraction is the 'Big Fella' sculpture created by artist Ray Lonsdale and gifted to the town by a local resident to make people smile. Beautiful oak picnic tables and benches are to be found in various locations, with accessible footpaths linking the various features. Along Criffel Street, some Victorian style lighting was installed, in-keeping with the heritage of the town. The Edwardian ladies' toilets built in 1910 and the spectacular Victorian pagoda overlooking the sea were also sympathetically refurbished.

New in 2020, was the addition of nine recycled plastic picnic tables and additional bins along Criffel Street, kindly funded by Allerdale Borough Council which have proved really popular and were sited there to support our local businesses as they came out of the covid lockdown. Another ten picnic tables will be installed next Spring which have been funded through the ERDF "Welcome Back Fund".

The Community Garden, situated on the corner of Criffel Street and Lawn Terrace was opened in May 2014 and is cared for by the volunteers of the Friends of Silloth Green. It provides a vibrant entrance to Silloth Green and a pleasant place to sit and watch the world go by. Some new raised beds have been built this year which were funded with grants from Cumbria County Council, Robin Rigg Community Fund, and various other sources. The beds will enable people of all ages and abilities to participate in gardening on the Green. They were planted this year with a range of edible and sensory plants including fruit, flowers, herbs, and vegetables, with the produce donated to the Silloth Community Hub.

The Heritage Rose and Bee Garden is situated closer to the sea, with a bee hotel in the middle of a striking display of rose bushes, plants and shrubs which have created a haven for the local bee and butterfly population, again cared for by dedicated volunteers.

Prior to the covid pandemic regular events were held on Silloth Green including Silloth Green Day, Silloth Pride, Silloth Vintage Rally, Soul on the Green, Silloth Carnival and the popular Silloth Music & Beer Festival. This year saw the return of the Soul on the Green event and a Mega Carnival Weekend which provided some welcome entertainment after numerous lockdowns. There are new events being planned for 2022.

Commenting on Silloth Green's success, Councillor Bill Jefferson O.B.E., who is Chair of the Silloth Parks Committee added:

"I am delighted we have made Green Flag status for our unique selling point which is Silloth Green for a ninth successive year. Most of this is down to the efforts of Silloth itself, its residents, its volunteers, its Council, and its Town Clerk. The Parks Committee has specific responsibility for briefing and planning the Inspector's visits and we are already looking forward to making our record ten in a row. Well done to all."

Green Flag Award Scheme Manager Paul Todd said: "I would like to congratulate everyone involved in making Silloth Green worthy of a Green Flag Award."

"To meet the requirements demanded by the scheme is testament to the hard work of the staff and volunteers who do so much to ensure that Silloth Green has high standards of horticulture, safety and environmental management and is a place that supports people to live healthy lives."

The Green Flag Award scheme, managed by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy under licence from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, recognises and rewards well-managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of green spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world.

REDUCING CARBON EMISSIONS



In an effort to cut the cost of its annual electricity bills and to reduce its carbon output, the Town Council have installed solar panels on the roof of Silloth Community Hall and installed LED lighting. Over the last 10 years, there has been considerable improvements to the building, with new UPVC windows, external rendering, new heating system, new kitchen and toilet facilities, as well as being decorated throughout. This has created a more inviting and useable facility for the local community.

The installation of solar panels will build upon the improvements already made to the building and ensure its long-term sustainability. The work has been funded by the Town Council, along with grants of £2,500 awarded by Cumbria Community Foundation from the Hellrigg Community Fund and £3,000 awarded by the Solway Firth Partnership from the Robin Rigg Community Fund for which we are grateful.

Prior to the pandemic, we had a lot of groups using the Community Hall on a regular basis which was great to see and included the following – Silloth Town Council, Holme Low Parish Council, Monday luncheon club, over 60's group, Women's Institute, Friends of Silloth Green, football club, sports association, woodcarvers, china painting, crafty club, heART group, various event committees, Silloth first responders, bible study group, Rainbows, exercise groups etc.

Now that covid restrictions have relaxed, we look forward to welcoming our groups back to the Community Hall. The main room is available for use and there is hand sanitiser available as you enter and leave the building.



NEW DISABLED PARKING BAYS

Report by Cllr. Carol Doran – 13 January 2022

The Accessibility Committee are pleased to say that today one of the items on our Agenda has been completed with support and finance by the Silloth Town Council and also invaluable work by our Town Clerk Wendy Jameson. Below are pictures of our new disabled bays in both the North View Carpark and the RNLI Car Park. The dropped kerb has also been highlighted with chevrons at the RNLI Car Park.





SILLOTH CHANGING PLACES

Town Council secures its first funding for a Changing Places facility in Silloth!



Silloth-on-Solway Town Council are pleased to announce that we have been successful in an application for funding towards the cost of providing a Changing Places facility in Silloth. £5,000 has been awarded by Cumbria Community Foundation from the Hellrigg Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund towards the project which is great news.

Cllr. Carol Doran, Chair of the Accessibility Committee said:

"This is brilliant news for Silloth and shows how important this facility is, offering those with disabilities the opportunity to enjoy with confidence Silloth and indeed the Green. The Accessibility Committee are delighted to know that they are supported in this endeavour by such as Cumbria Community Foundation."



Changing Places are more than a standard accessible toilet because they offer more specialist equipment that meets the needs of individuals with profound and complex disabilities who cannot use the toilet independently. Most significantly, Changing Places provide hoists and changing benches for people who cannot stand to get onto the toilet or who use continence products. This creates an inclusive environment which disabled people and their carers can use to meet their personal care needs – something which should be a basic right for everyone whilst out in public.

A Changing Places Toilet can give people with disabilities and their families a new-found freedom as they are able to stay away from home longer, knowing that they can visit a safe, hygienic bathroom. They will be able to spend more time in the town and enjoy the wide-open spaces on Silloth Green and the facilities available to them. It will encourage more visitors to the town and the local area which will benefit the local shops and businesses. It would also put Silloth on the map in terms of accessibility for the disabled. The facility will be added to the Changing Places website which highlights where all the Changing Places facilities are throughout the country.

We are currently awaiting the outcome of an Expression of Interest submitted by Allerdale Borough Council on behalf of Silloth back in September, for a share of a £30 million Government fund to install life-enhancing Changing Places toilets in public places and tourist attractions.

Update: The Accessibility Committee are pleased to announce that Allerdale have been awarded £134k for three sites which includes Silloth, Cockermouth & Keswick. We are moving in the right direction finally. Silloth has been awarded a third share of the Government funding and following a successful bid to National Lottery Awards for All, Silloth have secured a further £10k towards the project.

COMMONWEALTH DAY



On Monday 14 March 2022, Silloth-on-Solway took part in the Commonwealth Day celebration, with the raising of the Commonwealth Flag in the Community Garden on Silloth Green.

Commonwealth Day will be commemorated by 54 countries across the world, honouring their shared values and rich diversity as members of the Commonwealth.

Every year, people in Commonwealth countries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Americas, the Pacific and Europe observe the day with a range of activities, including faith and civic gatherings, flag raising ceremonies and cultural events.

This year's celebrations, held under the theme 'Delivering a Common Future', will be historic, marking 70 years of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II and her role as Head of the Commonwealth.

At 9.45 am, Cllr. Graham Wilkinson, Deputy Mayor of Silloth welcomed everyone to the Flag Raising Ceremony. The ceremony was well attended, with representatives from Solway Community School, Silloth Primary School and other groups and organisations in the town. It was a pleasant, if not breezy Spring morning, interspersed with outbreaks of sunshine.

Despite issues with the PA system, Cllr. Wilkinson read out an extract from the annual message from, Commonwealth Secretary-General, the Rt Hon Patricia Scotland in which she underlined the significance of Commonwealth solidarity during this time of global uncertainty:

"In an uncertain world, with multilateralism under strain, the Commonwealth shines as a beacon of hope and promise, inspiring confidence in the benefits of international co-operation and collective action.

"We celebrate the diversity that enriches us, and the similarities that enable us to work to together. Our points of unity make the Commonwealth unique in our world. Drawing from the deep wells of our unique history, they enable us to face the challenges of the 21st Century with clarity, unity and purpose."

The Secretary-General called for all Commonwealth nations to "stand together" in the face of multiple global crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic, which has claimed nearly one million lives in the Commonwealth, climate change and ongoing insecurity.

Four year 7 pupils from Solway Community School went on to 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.



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

Thank you to everyone for attending the ceremony.

Visit the Commonwealth website for more information about the Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth initiative.
<https://thecommonwealth.org/commonwealth-day>



SILLOTH RESIDENTS MOURN THE LOSS OF LAWRENCE MARSHALL

Report by Ben Macdonald – News & Star 17 March 2022



SILLOTH residents have this week paid their respects to former mayor Lawrence Marshall who recently passed away.

Townspeople have taken to social media to share fond memories of Lawrence, who was connected with an array of town activities that he actively became involved with throughout the years.

These included a period as Silloth's Mayor and Lawrence also spent many years helping to organise the Town Carnival.

As well as being a prevalent member of the Carnival committee, he also spent time in the Convalescent Home and the Community Bus committees.

He also organised the Pensioners' Luncheon club for a number of years, as well as being an active member of Christ Church.

A spokesperson for the Town Council said: "Lawrence served on the Town Council for a great many years and always did his very best for the town and it's residents. He was Mayor of Silloth between May 1994 and May 1996 and also served as Deputy Mayor. He will be a huge loss to the town as he was involved in so many groups over the years and was a true gentleman. Our thoughts and best wishes go to his family."

Lawrence was an asset to the town and will also be remembered by many as being a total gentleman.

CONTROLLING DOGS

It has been brought to our attention that there have been a number of incidents recently involving dogs being out of control on the Green and attacking other dogs. If you are unable to control your dog, especially in a public place, then keep it on a lead.

It is against the law to let a dog be dangerously out of control anywhere, such as:

- in a public place
- in a private place, eg a neighbour's house or garden
- in the owner's home

The law applies to all dogs.

Your dog is considered dangerously out of control if it:

- injures someone
- makes someone worried that it might injure them

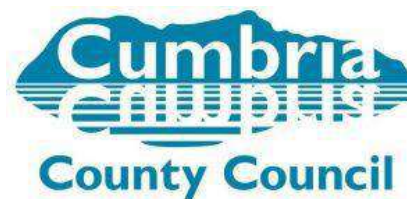
A court could also decide that your dog is dangerously out of control if either of the following apply:

- it attacks someone's animal
- the owner of an animal thinks they could be injured if they tried to stop your dog attacking their animal.



ENVIRONMENT FUNDING FOR THE WOODLAND AREA

In September 2021, Friends of Silloth Green were pleased to receive £3,000 of funding from Cumbria County Council from their Environment Fund.



The woodland area beside the Edwardian toilets has been identified as a space suitable for encouraging wildlife. Plants have been chosen and planted here specifically for that purpose. To be able to continue to improve and enhance this area Friends of Silloth Green wanted to introduce more insect and bird friendly trees, and also spring and early summer flowering bulbs. Daffodils and tulips were planted at the end of last year which are providing a lovely burst of colour to welcome the Spring. A selection of trees have been planted including Crab Apple trees, Hawthorn, Whitebeam, Mountain Ash and Rowan trees. A bench has also been installed, to provide a quiet place to sit and enjoy the woodland area, whilst watching the local bird population using the nearby bird feeding station. An information board is also to be added to help people identify the different birds.

The wildlife, as well as visitors to the Green will benefit from the grant. Using a wider variety of plants will ensure that more species of birds and insects can benefit during most times of the year. The flowers from the spring and early summer flowering bulbs will provide nectar to insects at a time of year when it is in short supply. The addition of these trees and bulbs will show that wildlife areas can look attractive as well as being an essential lifeline for birds, insects and small mammals.



THE
QUEEN'S GREEN
CANOPY

THE PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

Update: The woodland area has been added to The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) map.

<https://queensgreencanopy.org>

GRAFFITI ART WALL

Some photos of the newly completed graffiti art wall at the Eden Street play area which has certainly brightened up the wall and the play area. A big shout out to the grounds maintenance team and volunteers from the Friends of Silloth Green who did the preparation work, and to Beardy Synergy and youngsters from Silloth Youth Club who did the artwork. A job well done!!

The project was funded with grant money from the Welcome Back Fund. The Welcome Back Fund is providing councils across England a share of £56 million from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) to support the safe return to high streets and help build back better from the pandemic. Also being funded is a new picnic area next to the park, new seating, picnic tables, bins, shrub beds, fencing and improved access to the play area.



OBSTRUCTED FOOTWAYS

As we approach the summer season, this post is a reminder to business owners of the need to keep pavements clear of obstructions. The number of A-boards and other obstructions on certain streets in the town is quite apparent. A-boards by their very nature obstruct pedestrians from being able to move in a straight line along the pavement. They present a trip hazard, especially to people who cannot see them and who use mobility aids.

Footways should be kept clear of obstruction; however, A-boards and street cafes are permitted where certain conditions are met. The information below has been provided by Cumbria County Council.

Cumbria County Council maintains the following criteria for those businesses that wish to place an A-board on the footway:

- *Only one obstruction per premises (e.g., one A-board is permitted even in the event of multi-occupation)*
- *There must be a footway width of 2 metres between the sign and the kerb. 1.5 metre would be regarded as the minimum in most circumstances.*
- *The sign must abut the frontage of the business*
- *Any advertisement must relate only to the normal business of the trading establishment*
- *The sign must not impede vehicular emergency access*
- *The owner must have Public Liability Insurance to cover the A board to the minimum value of £5 million pounds*
- *Boards must not be attached to street furniture, lighting columns, trees or other items within the highway*
- *Rotating signs will not be permitted*
- *Bus stop / taxi ranks, etc must not be hindered*
- *Signs should be no wider than 800mm square in plan and no higher than 1 metre above ground level*
- *Signs should be presented in a legal, decent and attractive manner in accordance with UK Code of Non-broadcast Advertising, Sales Promotion and Direct Marketing (CAP Code)*

With regards, Street cafes – much of the same applies with the additional conditions:

- *The equipment/furniture shall be of such good quality and design and kept in good repair and condition.*

- *No fixtures of excavations of any kind or damage to the surface of the highways which shall be left entirely undisturbed*
- *The facility must be protected by barriers or other means of enclosure, primarily to guide the visually impaired. Such barriers need to be not less than 800mm high with no more than 150mm between the base rail and the ground. Distinguishing markings should be included to aid the partially sighted.*
- *All barriers, equipment and furniture must be removed from the highway when the facility is closed. No items of equipment may be stored, out of use, on the highway.*

WELCOME BACK FUND

The Welcome Back Fund is providing councils across England a share of £56 million from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) to support the safe return to high streets and help build back better from the pandemic. Silloth Town Council have been allocated £12,857 by Allerdale Borough Council to carry out improvement work to the Eden Street play area which is located off the main shopping street and adjacent to the Eden Street bus stop. The park was identified as an important facility which could be enhanced to make it more welcoming.



European Union
European Regional
Development Fund

The funding has been used to create a graffiti wall, new seating and a new Picnic area – including picnic benches, bins, new shrub beds and fencing around the picnic area. There is also a new path into the play area to provide better access. The improvements will make the park a much more welcoming place to be as we come out of the pandemic. It will provide somewhere for people to sit and enjoy some peace. There are several food outlets close by and the picnic area will provide a valuable amenity for their customers to be able to sit outdoors and enjoy their food.

A local graffiti artist was employed who has done several other projects in the town and has worked with a lot of our local youngsters. Volunteers from the Friends of Silloth Green helped the Town Council's grounds maintenance team to give the wall a base coat of paint. Six youngsters from Silloth Youth Club under the guidance of the graffiti artist, helped with the design and painting of the wall.

Low maintenance seating and picnic tables have been chosen made from recycled plastic which have a 25-year guarantee. Also, the bins chosen have bird flaps on them to deter gulls from raiding the bins and scattering litter.

Volunteers from the Friends of Silloth Green have assisted with the creation of the new shrub beds, location and size of the beds, type of plants to be used etc. The planting was done by the Friends of Silloth Green, with some help from pupils from Solway Community School. The plants chosen will provide a colourful display all year round, as well as providing a valuable source of food for birds and insects. Bird boxes and bug hotels are also being installed.

A big thank you to everyone involved with this project.



QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY



We are pleased to confirm that our Jubilee tree planting on Silloth Green has been added to The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) map.

The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee".

The Town Council agreed for the circular bed on Silloth Green, opposite Christ Church to be replanted. The bed has been cleared of any old shrubs by our grounds maintenance team and some new compost added to create a new bed to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. The Friends of Silloth Green volunteers have planted a cherry tree, birch tree and mountain ash tree. Our local Rainbows, Brownies and Guides came across this evening, to plant another 130 smaller hedgerow trees which includes Hawthorn, Wild Privet, Hazel, Cherry Plum, Guelder Rose, Blackthorn, Scotch Rose, Elderflower, Crab apple, Wild Pear and Buckthorn Alder. It was lovely to see the youngsters getting involved and hopefully in the coming years they will be able to watch all the trees they've planted grow and thrive.

A very big thank you to everyone involved with this project. It is a welcome addition to the Green and a fitting tribute to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.



SKINBURNESS CAR PARK



In December 2021, following a successful application to Cumbria County Council, the Town Council was awarded a grant of £20,000 towards improving the parking area and access to it from Skinburness Road which is located between the tennis courts and the Big Fella sculpture.

In 2019, the 'Big Fella' sculpture was gifted to the town by a local resident which was created by artist Ray Lonsdale. The sculpture has proved very popular with visitors, with some travelling many miles to see him.

Visitors to the Green, both local and from further afield, will benefit from the improved access which will be particularly useful for anyone visiting the 'Big Fella' sculpture. The new surfacing will provide better access to a popular attraction and particularly for wheelchair and mobility scooter users. The improved access will complement steps already taken. We have improved access from the car park to the sculpture by installing a grass matting path. Extra bins have been provided and we have also recently installed some picnic benches.



We would like to thank Cumbria County Council for the substantial grant which has enabled us to undertake this work and also thanks to the Highways department who have resurfaced the footpath and improved the access from the main road.



SPRING INTO SILLOTH

Report by Cllr. Vicky Hope



What a cracking day we had on Monday, May 2nd. Bank Holiday Monday started grey, but the sun came out for everyone to enjoy Silloth Town Council's event on the Green. All proceeds for the event are going to The Great North Air Ambulance and other local charities.

Live music was provided free by Graham Brown, Gemma Bell, Stacey, Somethin Brewin, Liam Moorhouse, Carlos, Rose Marie

Finn and an amazing sound system by Andy Neen of Cumbria DJ Supplies, Penrith.

With the help of Harrison's Haulage who kindly provided two skips and the trailer we staged a show for everyone to enjoy. Banners were provided by John Cook Signs to brighten up the stage. Steven Henderson Electrician provided the electric hook up and made everything work, Garry Bosward the poles to support the electric cable, extra council staff manned the facilities to ensure all was well for our thousands of visitors.

Local businesses had an excellent trading day with hundreds of people coming from all over Cumbria to enjoy the fun of the fair and first-class entertainment.

The RNLI attended and raised a large amount of money for themselves with their stall. It was great to see the crew allowing children to sit on the boat and learn more about being safe by the sea. We are pleased they raised money for their service and their attendance was very much appreciated.

Silloth Youth Club had a stall raising much needed funds for their fantastic club. Silloth Rotary were also in attendance.

Jim Snaith brought the Silloth motorcycle museum onto the Green and a large number of vintage motorbikes turned up to see Jim which was a great spectacle.

Thanks to Thomas Wilmot for the marquee, Silloth Rotary for the use of a marquee for our volunteer marshalls, the wonderful Friends of the Green for volunteering to help and Annie of Mrs Wilson's of Silloth for providing refreshments for the volunteers.

It really was a great day and to see everyone making the trip to Silloth and enjoying the atmosphere was a joy, especially with our luck of having the sun out as well.

We look forward to next year and God willing another "Spring into Silloth" to launch the season. Thank you to everyone involved and everyone who graciously donated their time and money to such a good cause.

The total raised to press is £1,537.14.

Many thanks Everyone.

Update – 16 May 2022 - The Town Council's Spring into Silloth event raised £1,537.14 for some brilliant local causes. £1,237.14 is going to the Great North Air Ambulance and £100 each to Silloth Youth Club, Silloth Rotary and Silloth RNLI. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the event which we hope to repeat next year.



CHEQUE PRESENTATION — GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE



Proceeds from the Spring into Silloth event amounting to £1,237.14 presented to Greg Hall from the Great North Air Ambulance. Present were Cllrs. Vicky Hope, Tony Markley, Carol Doran & Geoff Betsworth. A big thank you to everyone who contributed and helped in any way.



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SILLOTH TOWN PLAN

With support from ACTion for Communities in Cumbria, the Town Council are in the process of formulating a Town Plan for Silloth.

What is a Community Led Plan

A community led parish plan is a statement of how the community itself sees itself developing over the next few years. It is a living document and develops over time reflecting the views of the community as a whole and contains an action plan which identifies practical steps that can be taken to help the community achieve its vision for the future.

As individuals we all have views about the place in which we live and work including:

- what attracted us to live here and why we remain
- what we value about our local community
- our concerns about how our community might change
- how we would like to see it improved
- and what assets we would like to be protected.

The creation of a community led parish plan allows for all of the people at the most local level to come together, voice their opinions and create a document which is a collective voice for that community.

Where to start

Community Led Planning is a process that enables local people to work together to consider their needs for the future, and to develop an action plan to help achieve their shared ambitions.

This process has its own value quite apart from the plan it produces. Many communities enjoy the time they spend producing a plan. They make new friends, establish new links between groups and individuals, and form better relationships with Local Authorities and other organisations which can support them.

The process leads to the production of a Community Led Plan, a document setting out what local people value, and what they would like to change. This should include a description of the community, an explanation of the process, results from the consultation, and a clear action plan.

The most important part of this document is the action plan for projects to achieve the aspirations of local people. The action plan sets out what needs doing, how it will be achieved, by whom, the timescale, and how it will be resourced.

What are the benefits?

Community Led Planning can create cohesive, empowered and active communities in which people can influence decisions that affect their area. It can:

- Foster **Community Activity**. Getting together to talk about your community and take part in consultation events often builds community spirit and people find things start to get done.
- Leverage in **Funding**. Most grant applications require 'evidence of need' and a Community Led Plan can help to do this. It can also help you persuade local authorities to prioritise the actions coming out of the plan, and make resources available this way, too.
- Influence **Policy**. Often local authorities and agencies need good quality information about what issues matter most to communities. A coherent, well put-together plan can help influence policy.
- Provide a foundation for **Further Planning** such as Neighbourhood Planning or a Community Emergency Plan.

VISION FOR SILLOTH

A vision to enhance Silloth's historical character through education, activity and job opportunity. Creating a vibrant exciting seaside town destination to encourage families to visit, explore or live.

SILLOTH COMMUNITY HALL



Petteril Street, Silloth, CA7 4EA

Web: www.sillothcommunityhall.co.uk

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

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

The Town Council want to create a place belonging to the community, where people and groups can meet, socialise and network, in a safe and friendly environment. The Hall provides a convenient and valuable location for a variety of groups, clubs, organisations to hold meetings and host varied events. The building is situated next to the Solway Coast Discovery Centre where you will find the Tourist Information Centre and Library. Also nearby, is the Sports Hall, Silloth Primary School and Solway Community Technology College.

The building itself has two rooms and a well-equipped kitchen. There are modern well-appointed male and female toilets, as well as a disabled toilet which also has baby changing facilities. Rooms are available for private hire to individuals, groups and businesses. Come and see the hall for yourself, to fully appreciate all that it must offer. All our facilities are available on a "one off" or regular basis, so please use our contact details to get in touch detailing your requirements and we will be happy to assist with your room hire needs.

We have a dedicated website and a Facebook page for the Community Hall to promote its use which has had encouraging results over the last couple of years. The Hall houses the Town Clerk's office, is the home of the Solway Woodcarving Group, who have their workshop within the building and Gayle Warwick has a treatment room in the building for her Holistic therapies & Foot Care. There are a variety of groups using the building now which includes the Monday Luncheon Club, Silloth First Responders, Silloth Rainbows, Causewayhead Women's Institute, Silloth OAPs, Lavender Ladies, a Bible Study Group, Silloth Town Council, Holme Low Parish Council, the Crafty Club, China Painting group, Silloth Vintage Rally Committee, Silloth Carnival Committee, Silloth Pride Committee, STAG, Friends of Silloth Green, Silloth Music & Beer Festival, Silloth Sports Association & Silloth Football Club. The hall has also been used for a number of training sessions and presentations this year, with plans to hold more courses over the coming months.

There's also an online calendar to see when the building is in use. If you would like to book a room or enquire as to the availability, please get in touch with the Town Clerk on Tel: 016973 31128 Mob: 0777 5686857 Email: townclerk@silloth-on-solway.co.uk. Booking is essential.



FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 restrictions which came into force in March 2020, the majority of event organisers took the tough decision to cancel their events for 2020 and again in 2021 which is disappointing but understandable under the circumstances.

The Town Council is committed to supporting festivals and events in the town, for the benefit of residents and visitors alike. The events on the Green are organised by dedicated groups of volunteers, who put in a lot of time and effort beforehand and on the day of the event, to enable them to take place. The organisers are always happy to welcome new volunteers and if you would like to get involved, then get in touch with the individual committees or contact the Town Clerk, who will pass your details on to them.

If you would like to apply to hold an event on the Green, it will be necessary to fill in an application form. The application form and other relevant documentation needs to be returned to the Town Clerk no later than 8 weeks prior to the event but it is advisable to get in touch long before the proposed event to get the Council's initial approval and to make sure the date is available.

For more information about organising an event, check out the Town Council's website where you can download all the relevant forms etc. or contact the Town Clerk, who will provide you with a hard copy.

EVENT ORGANISERS

SILLOTH GREEN DAY

SILLOTH ROTARY CLUB
Email: sillothrotary@outlook.com

SILLOTH PRIDE

SILLOTH ROTARY CLUB
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SILLOTH VINTAGE RALLY

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SOUL ON THE GREEN

FRIENDS OF SILLOTH GREEN
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SILLOTH CARNIVAL

SILLOTH CARNIVAL COMMITTEE
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SILLOTH MUSIC & BEER FESTIVAL

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

2022 EVENTS

SPRING INTO SILLOTH	2 nd May 2022	Silloth Green
QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE EVENT	2 nd & 3 rd June 2022	Silloth Green
SILLOTH PRIDE	18 th & 19 th June 2022	Silloth Green
RAGNAROCK RALLY	24 th & 25 th June 2022	Silloth RUFC
SILLOTH CYCLING FESTIVAL	23 rd July 2022	Silloth Green
SOUL ON THE GREEN	30 th July 2022	Silloth Green
CIRCUS MONTINI	16 th – 25 th August 2022 – dates to be confirmed	Silloth Green
SILLOTH CARNIVAL	27 th , 28 th & 29 th August 2022	Silloth Green
SILLOTH MUSIC & BEER FESTIVAL	8 th , 9 th , 10 th & 11 th September 2022	Silloth Green

FINANCE

HOW IS THE TOWN COUNCIL FINANCED?



The Town Council budgets carefully each year to ensure it can deliver its services, provide improvements where needed and be realistic about its financial position and responsibilities over the coming year. When carrying out the budgeting process, the Council must consider the expenditures it must make, such as overheads (staff costs, building running costs etc) and maintenance costs, and the expenditure it wishes to undertake, for example towards the delivery of a project. This is then offset with the expected income for the coming year, for example through rents received, grounds maintenance revenue and external funding. Income and the use of reserves cover a percentage of the expenditure over the year, but the remainder is met by the annual Precept.

THE PARISH PRECEPT

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

HOW IS THE PRECEPT CALCULATED?

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

OUR COUNCIL TAX BASE FIGURE

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council's council tax base figure for the year 2022/23 which this report covers is £843.08. This figure represents the total number of Band D equivalent properties in the Parish at the time the Council Tax Base was calculated in December 2021.

2022/23 BUDGET

The Budget for the 2022/23 financial year was approved and adopted by the Town Council at its meeting on 6 December 2021.

For 2022/23, the Town Council is raising a precept of £172,995 resulting in a charge on the council tax on a Band D property of £205.19 for the year. There was a nominal decrease in the council tax charge on a Band D property of £1.90 for the year. The previous year's precept for 2021/22 was £172,995.

The precept per Band D property was calculated as follows:

BUDGET REQUIRED ÷ TAX BASE = BAND D CHARGE

i.e £172,995 ÷ 843.08 = £205.19

PARISH	PARISH PRECEPT	C TAX BASE	VALUATION BANDS							
			A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Silloth-on-Solway	£172,995	843.08	136.79	159.59	182.39	205.19	250.79	296.39	341.98	410.38

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council – Budget Figures

	2021/22	2022/23
	£	£
INCOME		
Allotment Rents	1500	1500
Bank Interest	50	0
Community Hall Rental Income	1000	1000
Green Facilities	1000	3000
Fairground Rent	2200	6000
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	13980	19730
EXPENSES		
Administration	5000	5000
Allotment Expenses	1500	1500
Changing Room Expenses		
- Electricity	800	800
- Rates	900	900
- Repairs	500	500
- Water	550	550
Community Hall Repairs	1000	1000
Community Hall Running Expenses	6000	6000
Eden Street Electric	2000	2000
Green Activities - Expenses	2500	2500
Grounds Maintenance	7000	7000
Insurance Costs	6500	5500
Legal Fees	500	1000
Maintenance of Sports Areas	500	500
Play Areas - Maintenance	2500	2500
Purchase of Play Equipment	10000	10000
Public Conveniences		
- Electricity	2000	2000
- Maintenance	1000	1000
- Water	3500	3500
- Provision of Cleaning & Supplies	1500	1500
- Changing Places facility	0	10000
Purchase of Vehicles & Equipment	5000	5000
Salaries & Wages	105000	110250
Silloth Green Project	3000	5000
Silloth Bee Garden	500	1000
Silloth Community Garden	500	1000
Splash Pad - Water & Elec	6000	6000
Squash Court - Rates & Repairs	1000	1000
Tourism - TIC	1000	0
Town Plan - ACT	0	2500
Training costs	2000	1000
Transport & Vehicle Costs	4725	4725
Website	2500	0
Total Expenditure	186975	202725
Net Expenditure	172995	182995
Precept	172995	172995
From Reserves	0	10000
	172995	182995

Annual Town Report

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council

Income & Expenditure Account

For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

2020/21		2021/22
£	INCOME	£
1,212	Allotment Rents	1,507
35	Community Hall rent	245
10,833	Grants Received	16,497
2,751	Green Activities	13,450
300	Grounds Maintenance Income	58
0	Ice Cream Concessions	1,111
2,432	Other Income	13,073
169,520	Precept & Concurrent Grants	172,995
1,637	Sports Club Rents	2,178
188,720	TOTAL INCOME	221,114
	EXPENDITURE	
5,251	Administration	4,509
1,654	Allotments	3,699
1,515	Changing Room Expenses	1,117
7,402	Community Hall Running Expenses	5,230
1,548	Community Hall Improvements	7,600
0	Demolition of Pensioners Hut	6,296
2,695	S137 Expenditure	245
-678	Eden Street Electric	3,824
1,531	Green Activities - Expenses	2,120
3,985	Grounds Maintenance	7,400
5,948	Insurance	5,419
0	Legal Expenses	50
490	Maintenance of Sports Areas	1,187
-2,708	Splash Pad Expenses	7,094
346	Play Areas - Maintenance & Equipment	18,900
7,760	Public Conveniences	8,864
0	Purchase of Office Equipment	541
1,657	Purchase of Seats	3,782
206	Purchase of Signs	127
0	Purchase of Speed Signs	5,752
1,614	Purchase of Vehicles & Equipment	6,688
95,661	Salaries & Wages	103,065
6,385	Silloth Green Project	25,513
893	Community Garden	774
90	Bee Garden	1,760
983	Squash Court - rates etc	972
295	Training Expenses	1,135
1,688	Transport & Vehicle Costs	2,863
146,211	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	236,526
42,509	NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE	-15,412

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022

2020/21		2021/22
£	ASSETS	£
	Cash & Bank Accounts	
155,031	Current Account	126,694
31	Deposit Account	31
3	Treasurer Account	3
5,035	Wages Account	22,652
66	Cash Account	80
160,166	Total Cash & Bank Accounts	149,460
	Other Assets	
4,798	Debtors	20,687
164,964	TOTAL ASSETS	170,147
	LIABILITIES	
22,869	Creditors	43,464
142,095	NET ASSETS	126,683
	REPRESENTED BY:	
99,586	General Fund Balance at 1.4.2021	142,095
42,509	Add Net Income/Expenditure	-15,412
142,095	TOTAL RESERVES	126,683

The above statements represent fairly the financial position of the Town Council as at 31 March 2022 and reflects its income and expenditure during that year.

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

Allerdale Borough Council	Picnic tables and bins	£3,640
Cumbria County Council	Skinburness Car park	£20,000

GREEN ACTIVITIES: Income has increased following the decision by the Council to put the Fairground site out to tender and to charge a daily rate of £350 per day for events held on Town Council property.

ALLOTMENT EXPENSES: Includes £2,250 for the removal of asbestos and demolition of a number of sheds which had been there for many years and cleared an area for some new tenants.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS: The Town Council has not contributed towards the cost of Christmas lighting this year. However, the Town Council supports the Committee by helping to erect the Christmas Tree, Santa Sleigh and Reindeer, along with changing the bulbs in the Victorian street lighting on Criffel Street each year.

COMMUNITY HALL IMPROVEMENTS: Solar panels have been installed on the Community Hall using grant funding from Hellrigg Community Fund and Robin Rigg Community Fund to reduce the energy costs of the building.

DEMOLITION OF PENSIONERS HUT: This years Accounts includes the cost of demolition of the pensioners hut which was no longer being used and required the safe removal of asbestos, and the disconnection of the electricity supply.

SPORTS & RECREATION: The Council is responsible for the Eden Street sports ground and pays the utility bills and business rates in relation to the football changing rooms.

PARKS & OPEN SPACES: Work has been ongoing to keep Silloth Green the jewel in Silloth's crown. The grounds maintenance team have continued to maintain the Green and open spaces to the high standards we all enjoy. Our open spaces have provided a place where people can enjoy fresh air and recreation whilst maintaining a safe distance from others.

SALARIES AND WAGES: Our largest expenditure is our staff who play an integral role in managing and maintaining our facilities, services, and functions. During 2021/22, the Council employed six members of staff - the Town Clerk, the Park Manager (until April 2021), Park Supervisor, Grounds Maintenance Operative and two part-time cleaners. Their salaries, including National Insurance contributions and pension contributions, totalled just over £103k.

SPLASH PAD EXPENSES: Running costs for the Splash Pad amounted to £7,094 this year, of which £3,263 were repairs. This includes £2,245 for a new electrical enclosure.

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

Listed below are the organisations who have received financial assistance in 2021/22:-

Poppy Appeal	Poppy wreath	£20
Solway Community School	Prize	£25
Great North Air Ambulance	Donation	£100
Stage 4 Deserves More	Donation	£50
Silloth First Responders	Donation	£50

A number of organisations usually benefit from free use of the Community Hall for meetings or the use of Town Council land for their events. Due to the covid-19 restrictions the Community Hall was closed throughout the pandemic and a number of events were cancelled on the Green etc.

ASSETS: Our assets are currently valued at more than £507k and includes the publicly owned buildings of the Community Hall, Football Changing Rooms, Fitness Centre, Eden Street sports ground, in addition to land at New Street and Holliday Crescent. We maintain one allotment site and three play areas, including the Splash Pad & BMX track. We have a lease with Allerdale Borough Council for Silloth Green which includes four public conveniences, the Pagoda, Putting Green and various gardens, and shrubs beds. We own a variety of playground equipment and the machinery to maintain our land and facilities, as well as owning street furniture, lighting, signage and other assets within our buildings and open spaces.

RESERVE FUNDS: It is necessary for a Council of our size to keep a sum of money in reserve to cover unexpected expenditure, but also to meet the cost of future projects and the replacement of assets. We have earmarked funds to cover asset replacement of major equipment such as vehicles and equipment. Money has also been set aside for the future maintenance costs of the new footpath from West Silloth. £15,000 has also been set aside for Silloth Green from the proceeds of selling a tractor and hedge cutter.

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LOCAL AUTHORITIES

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



Silloth-on-Solway Town Council

Tel: 016973 31128

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

For more details on STC visit the website:

www.silloth-on-solway.co.uk



Tel: 0303 123 1702

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

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

For more details on ABC visit the website:

www.allerdale.gov.uk



Tel: 01228 606060

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

- Street Lighting
- Trees
- Trading Standards

For more details on CCC visit the website:

www.cumbria.gov.uk

INFORMATION & HELP

Cumbria County Council

Tel: 01228 606060

Allerdale Borough Council

Tel: 0303 123 1702

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council

Tel: 016973 31128 Mob: 0777 5686857

Citizens Advice Bureau

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

Website: www.adviceguide.org.uk

Consumer Helpline: 08454 040506

Textphone: Dial 18001 followed by helpline number 08454 040506

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Always dial 999 in case of an emergency

Police

For emergency assistance from police ambulance and fire services dial 999

Only dial 999 if:

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

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

Cumbria Police

Tel: (non emergency) 101

Email: AllerdaleRuralNPT@cumbria.police.uk

Web: www.cumbria.police.uk



Crimestoppers

Tel: 0800 555 111

Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service

Tel: (non emergency) 0300 303 8623

Email: enquiries.fire@cumbria.gov.uk

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

Cumbria County Council Transport and Roads: Integrated Transport Team

Tel: 01228 226014

Email: integrated.transport@cumbria.gov.uk

Highways Hotline

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

Email: contact@cumbriahighways.co.uk

Gas & Electric Emergencies

Gas emergency contact: 0800 111 999

www.nationalgrid.com/uk/gas/

Electricity emergency contact: 0845 708 090

United Utilities

Tel: 0845 7462200

Water Leakline

Tel: 0800 330033

Floodline

24 hour emergency service - 0845 988 1188

For flood warnings and other useful information and advice on what to do before, during and after a flood, Visit <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods/default.aspx>

Doctors:-

Silloth Group Medical Practice

Lawn Terrace, Silloth, Cumbria, CA7 4AH

Tel: 016973 31309

Fax: 016973 32834

Out of hours: 03000 247 247

Web: www.sillothgroupmedicalpractice.nhs.uk

Silloth Clinic

Lawn Terrace, Silloth, Cumbria, CA7 4AH

Tel: 016973 31325

Hospitals:-

Cumberland Infirmary

Newtown Road, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA2 7HY

Tel: 01228 523444

West Cumberland Hospital

Homewood, Hensingham, Cumbria, CA28 8JG

Tel: 01946 693181

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

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

COVID-19 EMERGENCY SUPPORT HELPLINE

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

0800 783 1966

COVID19support@cumbria.gov.uk

Full details can be found online at cumbria.gov.uk

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