

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council



Annual Report 2022/23



ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 2022/23

Welcome to the 2022/23 Annual Report. This report has been produced to highlight the activities of the Town Council over the last 12 months.

The Annual Town Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 31st May 2023 at 7.00pm in Silloth Community Hall, Petteril Street, Silloth. It provides an opportunity for residents to discuss the information provided and to question the Council on its activities during the year. Any resident of the town is welcome to attend this meeting.

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MAYOR'S REPORT – CLLR. MARK ORCHARD

I'd like to start my annual report by showing appreciation to everyone within our community. We keep going from strength to strength and continue to keep Silloth on the map.

This will be my final report as Town Mayor as after 4 years I've decided if re-elected someone else should be given the opportunity to be Mayor of this fantastic little seaside town we are lucky to call home. I've been lucky and had the pleasure of working alongside a great deputy during this time, 3 years with Cllr Graham Wilkinson who sadly has now retired from the council. I would like to personally thank Graham for his long service and dedication to representing Silloth. Between us and current deputy Cllr. Carol Doran, we have attended many functions ensuring Silloth has always been well represented.

I feel proud to have been involved in many projects which have helped enhance the town.

The picnic benches along the Green are a well-used addition and after being turned down for funding by our Allerdale portfolio holder for tourism, I went direct to the then Allerdale leader who took the time to visit the town. He pointed us in the right direction and Town Clerk Wendy Jameson, finalised the successful funding application.

We were successful in receiving funding from Cumbria County Council for the car park to be resurfaced around the Big Fella.

We also received funding for various cycle racks around the town, a project which also saw a few of our footpaths resurfaced.

We are currently looking at work to improve the town's tennis courts, adding pickle ball and adding a windbreak to increase the playing season.

We have identified an area on the sea front to be made into a memorial garden, several people have used this area in the past for decorated stones in remembrance.

Hopefully 2023 will see the start of construction of the new junior football club changing rooms. This is on the site of the old pensioners hut - another successful funding project the council are proud to be part of.

The council are also working on replacing and upgrading various equipment at the Eden Street play park.

As I write this, we have just had our inspection for our Green Flag Award and if this is achieved it will be our 11th award in succession. Cllr. Bill Jefferson has been our Green Flag representative and instrumental in our continued achievement.

The biggest task was achieving funding from the coastal community team for the construction of a car park and a footpath to the west beach. The committee wanted the funding to be spent elsewhere but with persistence they finally agreed to my project and awarded us the money. This project is currently at planning stage but along with Wendy who has been instrumental in this project, we aim to see it through and once again give the people of Silloth and visitors alike, easy access to the west beach.

One of the biggest and welcomed additions to the town was the changing places facility. So much work has gone into this project by the Accessibility Committee to make it happen, but all credit must go to our Town Clerk Wendy Jameson and Cllr. Carol Doran who worked tirelessly behind the scenes on this project and without this, it probably wouldn't have happened.

We are currently working on a Town Plan and although this is a long-term project, we have many ideas to improve and maintain our town. We do however need feedback and suggestions from our residents and hopefully we can push on and some may come to fruition - sooner rather than later.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – WENDY JAMESON

Well, that is another busy year over with. It is not until I come to put the Town Report together that I appreciate how much we have accomplished over the last 12 months and the changes that have taken place.

One thing that I often hear said is that 'Silloth gets nothing!' However, during the last financial year, we have managed to secure grant funding of £141,014, a breakdown of which you will find on page 40 of this report. This is funding from external sources - to provide better facilities for the town. For this coming year, we already have funding in place to create a new car park to provide better access to West Beach and to replace some of the bigger play equipment in the Eden Street play area. We are also in the process of putting together a Town Plan and a number of surveys have been conducted to obtain public feedback. This will form the basis for future projects and help to attract further funding which I look forward to seeing come to fruition.

I would like to acknowledge the tremendous work our staff do in keeping our facilities maintained to a high standard which is instrumental in Silloth Green achieving a Green Flag Award each year. For Silloth Green to have achieved a Green Flag Award for 10 years in succession – that is some achievement! The Green Flag Award® scheme recognises and rewards well managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of recreational outdoor spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world. There were only four other green spaces in the whole of Cumbria to have achieved recognition this year. Not only that, Silloth Green is on a par with some much larger parks - such as the eight Royal Parks down in London, as they all get judged against the same criteria. Silloth Green is an amazing facility and one which we all need to play an active part in protecting and ensuring that we maintain the high standards.

After 5 years of being Secretary for the Friends of Silloth Green, I recently took the decision to step down but was pleased to have been involved and assisted with several projects over that time – the installation of the Pirate Ship play area, obtaining new gardening equipment, re-planting of shrub beds, building new raised beds, planting for the Queen's canopy, building of the new potting shed and installation of the bottle filler etc. At the AGM, a new committee was put in place, and I wish them well for the future. The volunteers provide valuable assistance in keeping the Green looking good.

As you will know the Town Council elections were recently held and we now have a new Council in place. I would like to thank the outgoing councillors - Graham Wilkinson, Carol Doran and Geoff Betsworth, who have been a pleasure to work with. I would also like to thank Cllr. Mark Orchard who has been our Chairman and Mayor for the last 4 years – during some highs and lows but has always dealt with whatever has cropped up in a professional manner. I would also like to welcome our new councillors - Colin Baty, Andrew Reynolds & Joe Scott, and our newly appointed Mayor, Owen Martin & Deputy Mayor, John Cook. I look forward to working with you all - continuing the work started by the previous Council and any new proposals that are brought to the table.

We welcome any comments on this Town Report or the services Silloth-on-Solway 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



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 2022/23 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 (resigned Aug 2022)
 Cllr. M. Irving
 Cllr. W. Jefferson O.B.E.
 Cllr. A.J. Markley
 Cllr. O. Martin (co-opted Oct 2022)
 Cllr. C. Searle (co-opted July 2022)
 Cllr. J. Snaith (retired May 2022)
 Cllr. L. Winter

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. Our meetings are also available online on the Zoom platform. There is no meeting in August and January. 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.

Agendas and 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 2022/23: -

Mon 5 June 2023	7.00pm	Full Council
Mon 3 July 2023	7.00pm	Full Council
Mon 4 September 2023	7.00pm	Full Council
Mon 2 October 2023	7.00pm	Full Council
Mon 6 November 2023	7.00pm	Full Council
Mon 4 December 2023	7.00pm	Full Council
Mon 5 February 2024	7.00pm	Full Council
Mon 4 March 2024	7.00pm	Full Council
Mon 8 April 2024	7.00pm	Full Council
Mon 13 May 2024	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

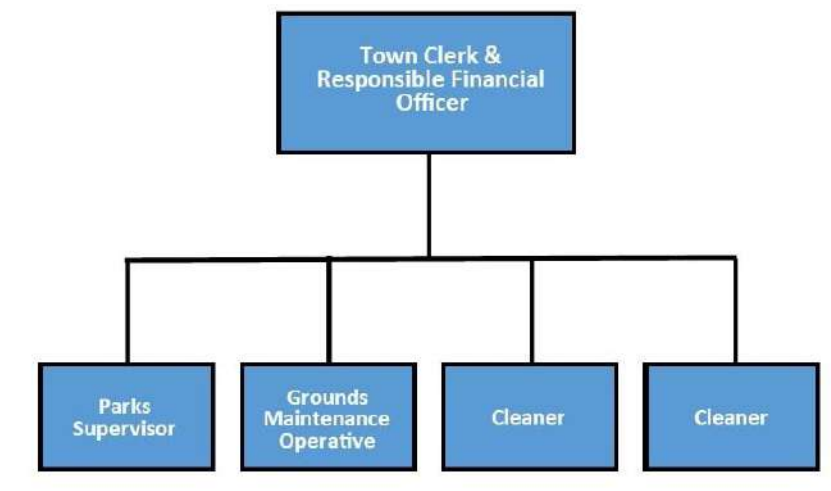
The Town Council employs five members of staff which includes the Town Clerk, who is the Council's proper officer and is the main point of contact for the Town Council. There is the grounds maintenance team who are responsible for maintaining The Green, as well as looking after the playgrounds, sports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

All our staff take pride in what they do and work hard for their local community. Please respect our staff, respect our facilities and respect our town.

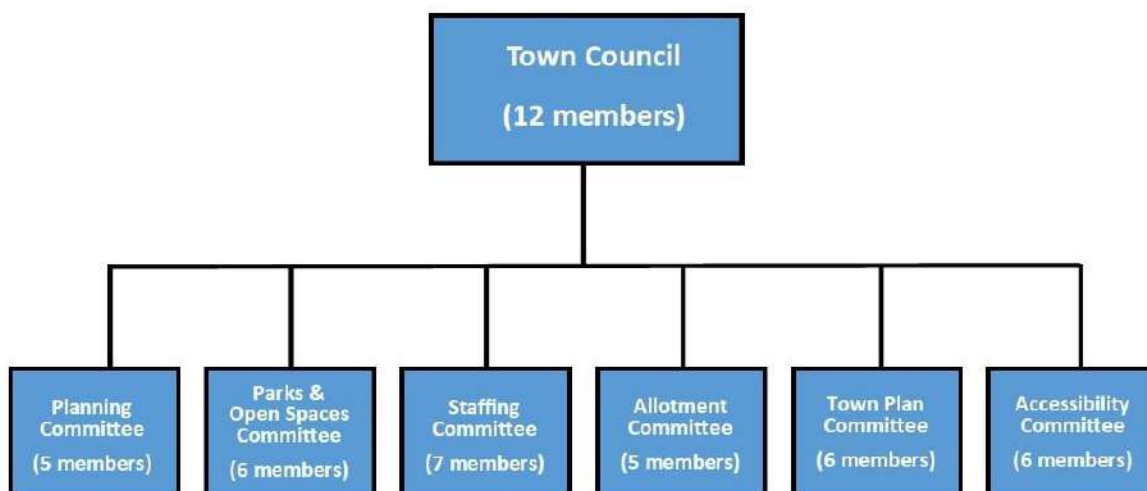
- Wendy Jameson - Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer
- David Hart - Park Supervisor
- Mark Cole - Grounds Maintenance Operative
- Donna Collin - Cleaner
- Natasha Mikula - Cleaner



STAFFING STRUCTURE



TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE STRUCTURE



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 and decide on any response to be sent to the planning authority.

Planning applications can be viewed online at the Cumberland Council's website: -

<https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/search-planning-applications>

2022/23 Members: - Cllrs. Mark Orchard, Melanie Irving, John Cook, Graham Wilkinson, Lucy Winter, Geoff Betsworth & Charles Searle.

2023/24 Members: - Cllrs. Mark Orchard, Melanie Irving, John Cook, Bill Jefferson & Charles Searle.

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.



2022/23 Members: - Cllrs. Melanie Irving, Tony Markley, Lucy Winter, Carol Doran & Geoff Betsworth.

PARKS & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE



The **Parks & Open Spaces 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.

2022/23 Members: - Cllrs. Bill Jefferson, Mark Orchard, Graham Wilkinson, Melanie Irving, John Cook, Carol Doran, Geoff Betsworth & Charles Searle.

From May 2023, the Parks & Open Spaces Committee and the Play Equipment Committee will be merged into one committee.

2023/24 Members: - Cllrs. Lucy Winter, Bill Jefferson, Colin Baty, Melanie Irving, Joe Scott, Owen Martin & Charles Searle.

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.

2022/23 Members: - Cllrs. John Cook, Mark Orchard, Graham Wilkinson, Angus Emmerson & Charles Searle.

2023/24 Members: - Cllrs. Charles Searle, Angus Emmerson, John Cook, Andrew Reynolds & Colin Baty.

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.

2022/23 Members: - Cllrs. Mark Orchard, Graham Wilkinson, Tony Markley, William Jefferson, Carol Doran & Lucy Winter.



2023/24 Members: - Cllrs. Owen Martin, John Cook, Mark Orchard, Tony Markley, Bill Jefferson & Lucy Winter.

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.

2022/23 Members: - Cllrs. Mark Orchard, Graham Wilkinson, Tony Markley, John Cook, Geoff Betsworth & Charles Searle.

2023/24 Members: - Cllrs. Charles Searle, Owen Martin, Colin Baty, Mark Orchard, John Cook & Tony Markley.

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.

2022/23 Members: - Cllrs. Carol Doran, Mark Orchard, Graham Wilkinson, Angus Emmerson, Tony Markley & Lucy Winter.

2023/24 Members: - Cllrs. Andrew Reynolds, Owen Martin, John Cook, Angus Emmerson, Joe Scott, Melanie Irving, Tony Markley & Lucy Winter. Also 3 volunteer positions, whose names would be picked out of a hat.

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

Agendas and minutes of all committee meetings are available on the website along with a copy of the Terms of Reference for each committee.

ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE - REPORT FROM CLLR. CAROL DORAN

The Accessibility Committee is a fantastic team of Councillors who, with the Town Clerk, are following through with their commitment to show Silloth as a leading town for inclusivity for all.

Our meetings are always productive, and ideas driven with a willingness to listen to anyone within the Community.

We have initiated disabled parking spaces at two car parks. We are responsible for the phantom paint sprayer who has sprayed dropped kerbs to ensure their correct use and this has indeed worked well so we continue to look at ways to keep the dropped kerbs doing what they are meant to do.

The businesses in the town are to be thanked for also looking at ways to allow everyone in Silloth the opportunity to enjoy all it offers.

Our finest hour is naturally the Changing Places facility which we began to research in 2021 and we know how important this facility is to so many to be able to enjoy the beautiful area around us.

Finally, we do have some voluntary members, so if you would like to help us moving forward then please email our Town Clerk.

REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

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

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

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

Our local Allerdale and County Council representatives were as follows:

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

SOLWAY COAST AONB - CLLR. BILL JEFFERSON



For more information, contact the Solway Coast AONB team on 016973 33055 or visit the Solway Coast AONB website at:

www.solwaycoastaonb.org.uk Email: info@solwaycoastaonb.org.uk

Report provided by Naomi Kay.

During this year, the team and partnership have continued and develop and deliver projects within our 2020-25 Management Plan, as well as pick up momentum with a whole array of activities that have had to cease over the period dominated by Covid-19.

Much of our focus this year has focused around nature recovery, with lots of work carried out on the ground as well as starting to think about our strategic approach to nature recovery across the whole AONB. In December, we started to work on our AONB Nature Recovery Plan, identifying key priorities, gathering key data around priority habitats, and setting the direction.

Nature Recovery

The AONB team directly manages 131 hectares of high nature value land, consisting of sand dune and carr woodland which includes 2 scheduled monuments and 4 non-designated heritage assets. As well as carrying out practical conservation interventions, we also carry out regular visitor patrols along the coast, dealing with issues such as littering, overnight camping and antisocial behaviour.

This year, we have continued our regular schedule of conservation work on the high nature value coastal sites we manage. Tasks have included seasonal cutting and invasive plant removal. During this very dry summer season we have carried out a regular water level management scheme for our natterjack toad ponds, ensuring the ponds do not dry up during the breeding season. We have also overseen the management of our herd of belted Galloway cattle undertaking conservation grazing.

We put together a brief for the production of our Nature Recovery Plan, which will run alongside our Management Plan and help to focus action on the ground, influencing FiPL projects and hopefully the emerging agri-environment programme. We also established a focus group of partners from 7 organisations including the voluntary sector and ran a very successful and dynamic full day workshop in February setting priorities around habitats and species. This work will continue into early 2023-24.

Projects

We have been delivering a huge amount of nature recovery work through three projects that we are partners in: Dynamic Dunescapes, Get Cumbria Buzzing and Planting for Pollinators.

Through Dynamic Dunescapes, we launched a Citizen Science programme that enables volunteers to record details along transects via a smartphone app, logging dune profiling and vegetation. This will record key data to allow us to monitor both nature recovery interventions and coastal erosion. We have also run several events, e.g. Dune Drop-in days and Dune Discovery Days. We introduced NoFence collars on our herd of conservation grazing cattle and have been working to restrict access to sensitive parts of the sites at certain times of the year to ensure conservation of the rare and protected natterjack toad. We have also been assisting partners to carry out dune regeneration work on other sites out of our direct control, carrying out gorse removal, pond restoration and establishment at Grune Point.

Get Cumbria Buzzing and Planting for Pollinator work has enabled us to carry out some much-needed conservation work on a number of community sites which are new to our involvement. These include several historic churchyards and village green spaces, and as a result we have been able to involve much of the local community in these activities. We have run activities as part of the “Big Plant” and “Big Buzz” festivals, planting up native wildflower plug plants. Some of this work has even involved us discovering long hidden relics in the form of historic gravestones previously covered over for years.

Farming

After a successful year 1, we have been working to promote and communicate our Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) programme, offering grants to farmers and landowners for projects delivering public goods such as work to improve wildlife, climate change mitigation, heritage, and visitor improvements.

We have been utilising a variety of means, including holding a stand at the local agricultural mart, calling in to farms and talking to farmers. We also produced a newsletter with the help of the National Farmers Union and the Cumbria Farmer Network which has been mailed to all farmers. We have held two meetings of the Local Assessment Panel with 6 projects approved and completed this year.

SILLOTH COASTAL COMMUNITY TEAM – CLLR. MARK ORCHARD



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E-mail: naomi.kay@allerdale.gov.uk

With funding from the coastal community team, a new car park is to be provided for West Beach. £30k has been awarded to the Town Council to see this project to fruition. Various reports are currently being compiled -

Planning Statement, Design and Access Statement, Ecology Baseline Report and Habitats Assessment etc prior to being submitted for planning permission.

We aim to see this project through and give the people of Silloth and visitors alike, easy access to the west beach.

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 have represented Silloth Town Council on this committee.

The charity own Swinsty Farm and agricultural land. They 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.

LONGCAKE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION – CLLR. GRAHAM WILKINSON

The foundation meets three times per year – June, October, and February.

All meetings are held at the Wheyrigg Hall where representatives from each Parish within the remit of the foundation gather to make payments from the interest accrued on the foundation's deposits.

The four schools within the remit are Solway Community School, Silloth Primary, Holme Cultram and Holme St Cuthberts. Over the past year each school has received a payment of £1,440 plus four Sunday Schools each received £100 giving a total of £6,160.

In October 2022 Mr Thomas Williamson resigned as a trustee after having been involved with the foundation for the past 66 years.

FRIENDS OF SILLOTH GREEN – CLLR. TONY MARKLEY



The year 2022 has been a busy one for Friends of Silloth Green with Projects to complete.

First the removal of two old sheds and the erection of the new putting green shed along with hardstanding at the side, the design of the shed having taken on board the ability of those with mobility issues to be able to also enjoy the facility.

Second, the bottle fountain has been put in place and will even include a bowl for your four-legged companions.

The community garden has as always been happily flowering and the comments regarding the volunteer work have been well appreciated.

Volunteers put up a gazebo and did a seed swap with donations for plants which resulted in very positive feedback and funding.

The birdfeeders placed at the woodland area in particular have many feathered friends and the use of the bench we have placed there allows you to enjoy some peace and quiet with them.

We have been very lucky in the local trades who have done work for us, and we also thank the Green maintenance team who have helped us to get the projects completed.



Finally, our main thanks must go to Silloth Town Council for their constant support for the volunteers and the projects that we have proposed.

SILLOTH TOURISM ACTION GROUP – CLLR. JOHN COOK

My hope is that in the near future, Silloth Tourism Action Group will re-emerge in a different format to enhance all that is good about Silloth.

Silloth Tourism Action Group should help to maximise the exposure of Silloth and the surrounding area worldwide.

Although we need volunteers.

If you have any spare time, please come forward & contact me. Thank you.

SILLOTH-ON-SOLWAY SPORTS ASSOCIATION



Report by Mavis Baty, Secretary SOSSA

The Sports Association has continued to provide a safe and secure training environment for outdoor sports during the past year.

The winter months have been busy with junior and senior football teams who appreciate the advantage of the all-weather surface and floodlighting. Also, due to flooded pitches we have had some additional bookings this season from Aspatria.

Last summer we hosted a Summer Camp for school age children during the school holidays with much success. This was funded by various providers, Arnold Clark, Silloth Town Council and Silloth on Solway Charity Shop. A variety of sports were offered, and appropriate coaches sourced to deliver the events. (We hope to do the same this year).

We also applied for and received a grant from Cumbria Community Fund to purchase new equipment for the MUGA area. We await the delivery of these items.

Unfortunately, the MUGA shelter has been vandalised and needs repaired, which is very disappointing as it is well utilized at all times of the year by the community as a whole.

The MUGA viewing cabin was finally opened to parents/ spectators in January after it's electrical work and refurbishment was completed, with grateful thanks to the Coop Community fund.

We're nearing the end of our busy period as the nights get lighter but are hoping to attract some holiday visitors as well as locals during the coming months.

The Sports Association would like to thank the Town Council for its continued support.

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



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I have served on various committees for Cumbria County Council and held the portfolio for Leisure and Tourism at Allerdale Borough Council and Shadow portfolio for Economy at Cumbria County Council.

In the last year, I was chairman of the Allerdale local committee for Cumbria County Council which has 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.

Local government reform has taken place in Cumbria allowing two new unitary authorities to govern Cumbria. The one representing Allerdale, Copeland and Carlisle which I am your councillor for is called Cumberland. This has seen the County and Borough Councils finish on 31st March 2023 with Cumberland Council taking over from 1st April 2023, I await to see which committees I will be serving on for The Cumberland Council at the AGM later in April.

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.

ALLERDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL – CLLR. JOHN COOK



Well, that's Allerdale Borough Council at an end.

I have enjoyed my time as your Borough councillor, being chosen to be on the executive as portfolio holder for tourism was an honour and a privilege. Sadly, I had to give up my position because of my business commitments.

Whether you were a fan of Allerdale Borough Council or not this re-construction of local government authorities will give the new council a chance to re-focus on local communities and hopefully give us all better value for money.

Let us hope there will be a brighter future ahead. Many Thanks.

ALLERDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL – FINAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING


Allerdale Borough Councillors met for the final Full Council meeting of Allerdale Borough Council on Wednesday 1 March at the Hundith Hill Hotel, Cockermouth.

Wednesday's meeting marked the last Full Council before the transition into the Cumberland Council on 1 April 2023.

Since its creation in 1974, Allerdale has had 48 Mayors, including three Mayors who have had dual terms and one who has been the mayor twice but years apart.



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

 <p>CUMBRIA CONSTABULARY</p>	<p>Address: Telephone: Email: Web:</p>	<p>Workington Police Station, Hall Brow, Workington, CA14 4AP 101 AllerdaleRuralNPT@cumbria.police.uk www.cumbria.police.uk</p>
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Inspector
Peter Aiston

Sergeant
Neil McKinnell

PCSO
Pete Nichol

PC
Dawn Lowerson

STREETSAFE



The Government launched StreetSafe, as an online tool to allow people to flag places where they have felt unsafe, and describe factors that caused them concern, including anti-social behaviour or environmental reasons.

This can range from poorly lit paths to public harassment, these are then raised with the Police whether or not a crime has been committed.

We will work with partners to address any issues raised.

If there are any public areas where you feel unsafe due to environmental issues e.g. poor street lighting, abandoned buildings, vandalism etc. please report these here - [StreetSafe | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](https://www.police.uk/streetsafe)

PLEASE NOTE 'STREETSAFE' IS NOT FOR REPORTING CRIME OR INCIDENTS.

CUMBRIA POLICE WANT YOU TO REPORT ALL ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND CRIME

Please report any incidents of crime or anti-social behaviour to us, to help us keep Allerdale safe.

If a crime is in progress always call 999.

You can report crime [online here](https://www.police.uk/report101)

Their online Live Chat function is a new service giving you an alternative way to communicate with a Police Officer in real time.

You can also phone on 101.

Alternatively, you can contact Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.





A Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) is using his own lived experience to support people with neurodiversity traits.

PCSO Pete Nichol pictured with Sergeant Leesa Edwards has been with Cumbria Constabulary for ten years and works within west Cumbria covering Allerdale.

Pete has been diagnosed with Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia, a Chromosome disorder, and traits of OCD and uses his experiences to support others and to engage with young people.

Some of the work that Pete has been doing in the community includes providing support to people with neurodiversity traits and their families and working with those involved in low level crime to prevent further criminality.

PCSO Pete Nichol said "I have recently been diagnosed with various neuro traits during my time while working within Cumbria police.

"I now use my lived experiences to support people who may have been diagnosed or going for a diagnosis for a neuro disability and who may be a victim of crime or involved in low level crime and support that person through that experience.

"I do a lot of educational work within schools around neuro diversity and work with a lot of young people and their families who may be finding things difficult and again offer that support.

"I work closely with Shirley Murphy from the Allerdale/Copeland autism support group and together we visit vulnerable people with autism to try and get them to have confidence to go back into society/education depending on what that person's need are.

"I am also affiliated to the Cumbria autism academy and work very closely with the school for both educational/support needs.

"I have also been in contact with MP Trudy Harrison during one of her surgeries and we have a contact for any support in the future.

"I very much enjoy my role as a neuro disability champion for Allerdale NPT and I am very much supported by Sgt Leesa Edwards who helps support me within my role."

Sergeant Leesa Edwards said "We have already received positive feedback from the community that Pete is having a huge impact on people's lives through the support he is providing as a neurodiversity champion.

"Pete is also working closely with the Autism academy and local charities as part of this role.

Shirley Murphy founder of Autism Support Allerdale and Copeland said "Since working alongside Pete in his role as Neurodiversity officer, we have made a difference to many families who have individuals with Autism.

"We work so well together, and we bounce ideas of support off each other. There are certain things that Pete can do within the role that I can't and things I can do which wouldn't be appropriate in Pete's role.

"We have been into schools and have done quite a few home visit's which families have welcomed, and the feedback we get is really positive too. This work is imperative for our families as once they have received a diagnosis for their child/adult there is no support out there unless you look really hard. I thoroughly enjoy working alongside Pete and it has a good feeling knowing we are making a difference together."

COMMUNICATION AND CONSULTATION

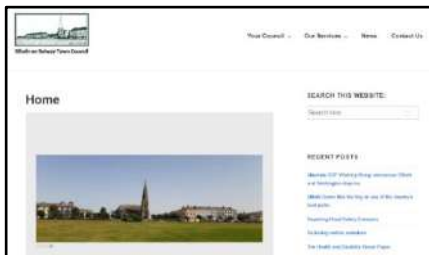
The Council is committed to being accessible by all and to sharing information about what we do. We do this in the following ways:

WEBSITES

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

The Silloth-on-Solway Town Council website provides online visitors with helpful information about the Council. 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

Zoom



Members of the public are able to access Full Council meetings online via the Zoom platform. A link to the meeting is available on the Agenda which are published on the website.

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 42 for contact details of Town Councillors.

DROP IN EVENTS

Drop in events are held which gives Silloth residents an opportunity to pop into the Community Hall and raise any issues with local Councillors and the Town Clerk. Some items can be resolved at the drop in, whilst others are passed to the Town Council or other authorities for resolution.

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 and maintenance of these facilities. In March 2023, a new Changing Places facility was added to the facilities at Criffel Street.

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 2022/23:

- ✓ Green Flag status achieved for 2022 for the 10th 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.
- ✓ Full programme of events and festivals which are organised by various event organisers.
- ✓ Re-surfacing of the car park on Skinburness Road, adjacent to the Big Fella sculpture to provide better access and parking which was funded with a grant of £20k from Cumbria County Council.
- ✓ Creation of the jubilee bed on the Green and planting of trees, as part of the Queen's Green Canopy. Website: <https://queensgreencanopy.org>
- ✓ Installation of the new Changing Places Facility, adjacent to the Criffel Street public conveniences. Changing Places are more than a standard accessible toilet because they offer more specialist equipment such as a hoist and changing bench etc, to meet the needs of individuals with profound and complex disabilities.
- ✓ Installation of the new Potting Shed, with funding obtained by the Friends of Silloth Green.
- ✓ Installation of a bottle filler, with funding obtained by the Friends of Silloth Green.



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 group of helpers. If you can spare a couple of hours on a Wednesday morning, then why not pop along to the Community Garden at 10am, to lend a hand. 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.

Events and festivals 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 please get in touch with any of the committees – Silloth Rotary, Silloth Vintage Rally, Silloth Carnival, Silloth Music & Beer Festival and Silloth-on-Solway Festivals 2022 – see page 36 for details.

SILLOTH GREEN – GOOGLE REVIEWS**gareth g**

Local Guide · 95 reviews · 147 photos

★★★★★ 3 weeks ago **NEW**

Great area for all ages , lovely big green for nice sunny days to have a picnic or football with kids then you have amusement arcade for all ages , maybe walk along beach or sea front , ice cream vans , food halls , even the fair is on dock side worth a visit good days out are always at silloth loads to do , bring a fishing rod go fishing off pier , golf

**THOMAS CARNEY**

Local Guide · 81 reviews · 11 photos

★★★★★ 3 months ago

Great place to sit and just chill out as everything in life goes past so quickly I come here a lot from Carlisle with my kids and dog they have events on the green through the season and there is a great family run amusements where you can get refreshments and have fun

**raymond mccaw**

Local Guide · 127 reviews

★★★★★ a month ago

Loved the peace and the open space with daffodils in full bloom. Full praise for the council workers.

Dog-friendliness: Great for walking the dog. Owners are careful to lift the poo.

**Alexis Anderson**

10 reviews · 23 photos

★★★★☆ a year ago

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

**Jamie Titchener**

Local Guide · 347 reviews · 1,192 photos

★★★★☆ a month ago

Lovely park right on the seafront. Beautifully kept.

**Alan Messham**

Local Guide · 73 reviews · 6 photos

★★★★☆ 7 months ago

Went for a day to see a band. Nice area, close to the sea. Local people seem quite friendly. Silloth has a few festivals through the year. Look at their website for details.

GREEN FLAG AWARD 2022



SILLOTH GREEN AWARDED THE COVETED GREEN FLAG AWARD AS IT IS OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED AS ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S BEST PARKS.

In a record-breaking year Silloth Green is raising its prestigious Green Flag Award for the 10th year in a row.

Today, Silloth-on-Solway Town Council is celebrating after receiving a Green Flag Award for Silloth Green for the 10th year in succession, one of 2208 UK winners. Silloth Green is the only park in Allerdale to be awarded a Green Flag Award and joins only four other green spaces awarded recognition in the whole of Cumbria.

The award is the international quality mark for parks and green spaces.

After two years 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 extremely proud to announce that Silloth on Solway has been awarded the Green Flag. This is the tenth consecutive year we have achieved this prestigious award.

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

We have a huge increase in visitors year on year. 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 which is why so many of us choose to live, work, and visit here.

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 and a BMX track. 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.

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. Friends of Silloth Green are a very active group and volunteers meet on a weekly basis to help with the maintenance of the Green and have been instrumental in obtaining funding for various projects on the Green.

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.

Silloth Green plays host to several popular events which draw in crowds of visitors to the town. This year a new Spring into Silloth was held in May and a Platinum Jubilee event in June. We saw the return of the Silloth Pride event in June and the Solway Coast Cycling Festival in July. Forthcoming events include Soul on the Green in July, the Mega Carnival Weekend in August, and the Silloth Music & Beer Festival in September. Circus Montini will be visiting the town in August which will provide some welcome entertainment.

During 2021/22, access to the car park on Skinburness Road near the 'Big Fella' was improved using funding from Cumbria County Council and some additional picnic tables have been provided. An area within the Community Garden was also resurfaced. A Platinum Jubilee bed was planted with new trees as part of the Queen's Green Canopy, with help from the Friends of Silloth Green and the local brownies, rainbows, and guides.

Silloth Green will see the addition of a new modular Changing Places facility. 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. Following a successful bid for funding by Allerdale Borough Council, Silloth has been awarded a share of some Government Funding for a Changing Places facility. Additional funding has also been secured from the Lottery Awards for All and from the Hellrigg Community Benefit Fund.

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

"Silloth on Solway, with the Green at its heart is one of the finest examples in Britain of what a small, dedicated community can achieve when they come together to keep their town, not only alive but thriving, in a world class setting with sunsets to die for. No longer a hidden jewel, we are back where we belong after being cut off from the outside world by the loss of our railway line in 1964. Well done to generations of organisations, volunteers and individuals who have kept on going for so long. I am over the moon we have made Green Flag ten in a row. Thank you all."

Commenting on the news that Silloth Green has met the Green Flag Award standard, Keep Britain Tidy's Accreditation Manager Paul Todd said: "I would like to congratulate everyone involved in making Silloth Green worthy of a Green Flag Award.

"Silloth Green is a vital green space for the community in Cumbria. This award is testament to all the hard work of staff and volunteers, who do so much to ensure that it maintains the high standards demanded by the Green Flag Award."

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.

A PLAN FOR SILLOTH

Silloth Town Council are doing a plan for the area to include:

- Issues around
 - Accessibility for people – both locals and visitors with additional needs
 - Health and Wellbeing
 - Environmental sustainability
 - Transport and Infrastructure
- Local people's aspirations for the area
- Project ideas and plans
- Collecting views on things the community will put energy into that the Town Council can support
- Being ready when the next funding pot is available to bid for projects in Silloth.

The plan will be developed with four online questionnaires, a number of online and public meetings, lots of information on social media and through the Buzz and Town Councillors talking to people.

The Town Council want a plan that lays out aspirations and routes to developing Silloth for locals and visitors. This will be a rolling plan that can be regularly updated and have sufficient detail that the Town Councillors will be able to take action, monitor progress, involve others in the community and use the plan as a basis for funding bids.

A key building block of a successful plan is community support. This support will allow the Town Council to lobby for and speak on behalf of Silloth residents on the actions the plan lays out.

The Town Council will seek community support:

- Through Councillors taking ideas and set questionnaires out to the community and collecting people's responses on agreed issues
- By holding online and face to face meetings
- Through social media and using the Buzz

The key issues for Silloth that the Town Council wants to address and the timetable to do this is below:

- August Accessibility – building on the work of your Access working group.
- October Environmental sustainability – with thoughts on actions for local people, the town, and the Council.
- December Health and wellbeing – including ideas like outdoor gym equipment, events on the Green etc.
- February Transport and infrastructure – including access to services and improvements to roads.
- March/April Drawing the plan together
- May 2023 Launch of the Plan



Your views are needed to make this plan work.

This is an important and exciting opportunity to make your thoughts heard on what more Silloth-on-Solway Town Council could and should deliver in future and will enable the Town Council to work with strategic and local groups to make changes in Silloth for the benefit of locals and visitors.

We want to hear the views of a wide range of people and groups through this consultation. Whatever you feel could be made better in Silloth – whether it's enhanced green spaces to enjoy, improved accessibility for everyone, better infrastructure for walking and cycling, improved parking provision or further celebration of its heritage and history, we need to hear your views through this survey.

See the Town Council website for updates or contact:

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 Email: townclerk@silloth-on-solway.co.uk | Web: www.silloth-on-solway.co.uk

SILLOTH GREEN – ONE OF THE BEST FREE PLAY PARKS IN NORTH CUMBRIA

Cumberland News/Evening News & Star – 27 August 2022

EVERY family enjoys a good day out and in Cumbria we are blessed with so much to do, however sometimes parents just want to opt for a trusted classic that is fun, accessible, and most importantly free!

A good play park can keep the kids amused for hours and parents get a chance to enjoy a little break, (or unleash their inner child) but finding the best ones can be a challenge.

So, whether it's a small play area, a place with play activities for a range of ages or one with disabled facilities that you are looking for; we've been asking parents to recommend their favourite parks in and around Carlisle and West Cumbria.

Park on the Green, Silloth

The Park on the Green was recommended repeatedly as a firm family favourite and with so much to do there it makes for a fabulous day out for all ages. Silloth Green has recently been awarded a Green Flag award for the tenth year running, a prestigious accolade that has only been given to four parks in the whole of Cumbria.

Avril Quinn visits regularly and told us, "Silloth has a great park which is very disabled friendly, and The Green is great with a huge expanse of grass to play on."

What's in the play area?

There is a woodland area situated within the pine trees which has an array of adventurous activity equipment including rope bridges and climbing frames all sympathetically woven amongst the trees. Aimed at children aged five and above there are plenty of surrounding picnic tables and a woodland walk.

For younger children there's the Pirate Ship area featuring tunnels, a slide and a variety of upper and lower deck activities. One of the features that makes this park so popular is that it is fully accessible for children with disabilities. The open plan design means that children of all capabilities can immerse themselves in imaginative games both inside and outside the ship.

What facilities are nearby?

There are toilets, cafes, and shops all within walking distance as well as a BMX track and during the summer months a "Splash Pad."



To read the full article in the News & Star, use the link below:

[REVEALED: Best FREE play parks in North Cumbria | News and Star](#)

SNOWBALL APP



Snowball is a new App which will give people with physical disabilities, mental health issues and learning disabilities the ability to go out and socialise with ease but also give people the choice of where to go out, rather than turning up and being turned away.

Snowball users will be able to see what facilities and venues are available in their immediate location, they will be also able plan exciting days out giving people more freedom to access their communities, explore and travel with confidence.

Silloth Town Council, along with hundreds of councils and businesses including universities, NHS Trusts, premiership/championship football clubs, supermarkets and national care agencies, cinemas, restaurants, takeaways and charity organisations to name a few have agreed to sign up to this completely free service.

Using Snowball, residents and visitors are able to add a venue, add pictures, leave a review and say if you would go back. The Town Council is currently working on mapping the town, creating a detailed map of the various shops, businesses and facilities in and around Silloth.

Below is a straightforward how-to guide of how to use Snowball and links below to take you to the application, which can be found under 'Snowball Community' on both Apple and Android devices.

[Hello and welcome to Snowball](#)

We hope you are excited to be involved in this new fast moving disabled community app, that will have an immediate impact on millions of lives around the world.

Links to the Snowball App:

Apple [Snowball Community](#)

Android [Snowball Community](#)

If you have any further questions, please email the support team at support@snowball.community

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL– POINTS OF LIGHT 2022



Silloth-on-Solway Town Council is featured in the National Association of Local Council's Points of Light 2022 publication, in recognition of the council's work managing the award winning Silloth Green.

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council, Cumbria

Electorate: 2,301

Precept: £172,995

Expenditure: £236,526

Manages the award winning Silloth Green. The green, which won a prestigious Green Flag award for the tenth time in 2022, is one of the largest village greens in the North of England, boasting spectacular views over the Solway Firth to Criffel and the Caerlaverock Hills in the North, and the Lake District to the South. Made up of three separate parks, it boasts a number of features for younger visitors, including a

modern water splash play area, woodland adventure play area, BMX track and a pirate ship play area for children aged nought to five years. Other facilities include the 'Big Fella' sculpture created by artist Ray Lonsdale, oak picnic tables and benches, accessible footpaths, Victorian style lighting, refurbished Edwardian toilets and Victorian pagoda. A Community Garden provides a vibrant entrance to Silloth Green and a pleasant place to watch the world go by, while the Heritage Rose and Bee Garden contains a bee hotel in the middle of a striking display of rose bushes, plants and shrubs. The green also plays host to a number of popular events, which this year have included Spring into Silloth, a Platinum Jubilee event, Silloth Pride and the Solway Coast Cycling Festival.

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council is constantly making improvements to the park. In 2021/22 the council secured funding from Cumbria County Council to improve access to the car park on Skinburness Road. Other improvements made at the time included installation of additional picnic tables, resurfacing an area of the Community Garden and planting of a Platinum Jubilee bed with new trees as part of the Queen's Green Canopy, with help from the Friends of Silloth Green, local brownies, rainbows, and guides. Next up the council intends to install a new modular Changing Places facility, following a successful bid for funding by Allerdale Borough Council, with some additional funding coming from the Lottery Awards for All and the Hellrigg Community Benefit Fund.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SAD DEATH OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II



The Town Mayor, Councillor Mark Orchard, Silloth Town Councillors and staff were saddened to hear the announcement of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and joined those around the world in sending their condolences to the Royal Family at this very sad time.

10 September 2022

Councillors and staff at Silloth-on-Solway Town Council paid tribute to HM Queen Elizabeth who sadly passed away on 9 September 2022.

Speaking today, Mayor of Silloth, Cllr. Mark Orchard, said:

"The sincere thoughts and condolences from myself, Silloth on Solway Town Council, along with the town of Silloth are with the members of the Royal family following the announcement of the death of our late sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II.

Providing leadership for over 70 years, our Queen was a truly remarkable monarch, who demonstrated an extraordinary dedication and commitment to duty throughout her reign.

Admired and loved across the world our sadness is shared throughout, as we take time to remember with affection and gratitude the lifetime of service given by our longest reigning monarch.

We will stand united with the nation in mourning at the loss of our Queen.

A book of condolences and a designated area of memorial, for wreaths and flowers will be available for all residents and details can be found on our website and social media sites."

Cllr. Carol Doran, Deputy Mayor of Silloth said:

"Our Queen showed us all what a life of service is all about. Her devotion to duty was exemplary and carried out with humility too. My thoughts are with her family at this very sad time."

Cllr. Tony Markley added:

"As Local councillor, representing Silloth and the Solway Coast area, it is with deep sadness to learn the news of Queen Elizabeth II's passing.

Queen Elizabeth II, head of the monarchy and nation, has led with dignity, respect, and strength for 70 years. Her passing will leave a huge void for local communities and the United Kingdom.

Rest in peace.”

Cllr. Graham Wilkinson, former Mayor of Silloth said:

“It was with great sadness that at teatime yesterday, we heard the sad news that our devoted leader Queen Elizabeth II has passed away at her beloved Balmoral, following 70 years of unstinting service to our country and the greater commonwealth over which she has served so graciously.

Our thoughts and that of the nation are with her family and relations at this sad time.

Rest in peace.”

Cllr. Bill Jefferson OBE, has fond memories of Her Majesty The Queen:

“I was very fortunate to have had the privilege of accompanying the Queen on several occasions overseas in my previous existence and I will never forget the joy and openness she radiated on every occasion. She was disarmingly gracious and understanding in a way I have never seen in any other person and her eyes said it all. The glimmer of humour and sometimes mischief were pure magic. Her short conversations with the people I was privileged to present to her were brilliant, sincere, and personal – they will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

My first time was the royal visit to Qatar in the 1970s which was new territory for the Queen but made easier by the royal yacht and my last time was Prague in the 1990s which was the one I enjoyed most because of royal gala performances, crowds everywhere she went whether casual or with tiara and always displaying that same radiance and interest in the people she met. I retired from the overseas service in 1998 and joined Silloth Town Council in 1999 thinking that was that. Not so. 17 years into retirement I received a notification that the Queen would like to pay a short private visit to Windermere on her way to Balmoral and come by boat to our new jetty. It was such an unexpected joy to greet her off the boat back home in Cumbria and I thought I might take a little risk. I noticed a group of young children from Wiggonby School standing about 200 yards from where the boat was due to land in a couple of hours and the kids asked me if they could speak to the Queen. I promised to try. As the Queen was about to get back in the car, I whispered that these children had come a long way and before I had finished the sentence HM said simply “of course” and walked across to them and had a conversation that went round the world in minutes – I saw a clip again on ITV last night.

Our Queen was, is, and always will be unique. A wonderful woman and I doubt we shall see her like again.”

THE PROCLAMATION OF KING CHARLES III

We, the people of Silloth-on-Solway are united during this period of National Mourning following the passing of our late Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II on 8th September 2022. Our sadness at this time following the passing of our late Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II is shared by people across the globe, as we remember with affection and gratitude the lifetime of service given by our longest reigning Monarch.

But the basis on which our monarchy is built has ensured that through the centuries the Crown has passed in an unbroken line of succession. The formal Proclamation marks the beginning of our new King’s reign.

Yesterday the Accession Council met at St. James’s Palace to proclaim our new Sovereign.

The flags which had flown at half-mast since The Queen’s death were raised briefly to their full height to mark the start of His Majesty’s reign.

The Accession Council also made an Order requiring High Sheriffs to cause the Proclamation to be read in the areas of their jurisdiction. The High Sheriff of Cumbria, Mr Alan McViety discharged that duty earlier today outside The Courts, in Carlisle.

The proclamation of the new Sovereign is a very old tradition which can be traced back over many centuries. The ceremony does not create a new King. It is simply an announcement of the accession which took place immediately on the death of the reigning monarch.

In an age where modern methods of communication convey news around the globe in an instant, the proclamation is no longer the means by which people learn for the first time that they have a new Monarch. This is one of the first occasions when communities have an opportunity to come together and reflect on the moment in our nation's history when the reign of our longest-serving Monarch came to an end and our new Sovereign succeeded.

The Chairmen of the Districts and Boroughs within each County are presented with copies of the proclamation, so that they may read the Proclamation to the people. In Workington, the Allerdale Proclamation will be made by the Mayor of Allerdale, Cllr. Allan Daniels at Allerdale House in Workington.

A copy of the Proclamation is displayed on Town Council noticeboards and website, with a copy to be placed within the minute book of the Town Council.



LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

We, the people of Silloth-on-Solway are united during this period of National Mourning following the passing of our beloved Queen Elizabeth II.

I write on behalf of Silloth-on-Solway Town Council and its residents, to express our sincere and heartfelt condolences to King Charles III and the Royal family, upon the sad loss of our beloved Queen Elizabeth II.

Providing leadership for over 70 years, our Queen was a truly remarkable monarch, who demonstrated an extraordinary dedication and commitment to duty throughout her reign. Admired and loved across the world our sadness is shared throughout, as we take time to remember with affection and gratitude the lifetime of service given by our longest reigning monarch.

We stand united with the nation in mourning the loss of our Queen.

Books of condolence have been opened at Christ Church, Silloth and at Silloth Library. Books have also been taken to the four care homes in the town to enable the residents and staff to add their condolences. The books will be retained by the Cumbria Archive Service at Carlisle.

Kindest Regards and Deepest Sympathy,

Councillor Mark Orchard
Mayor of Silloth-on-Solway



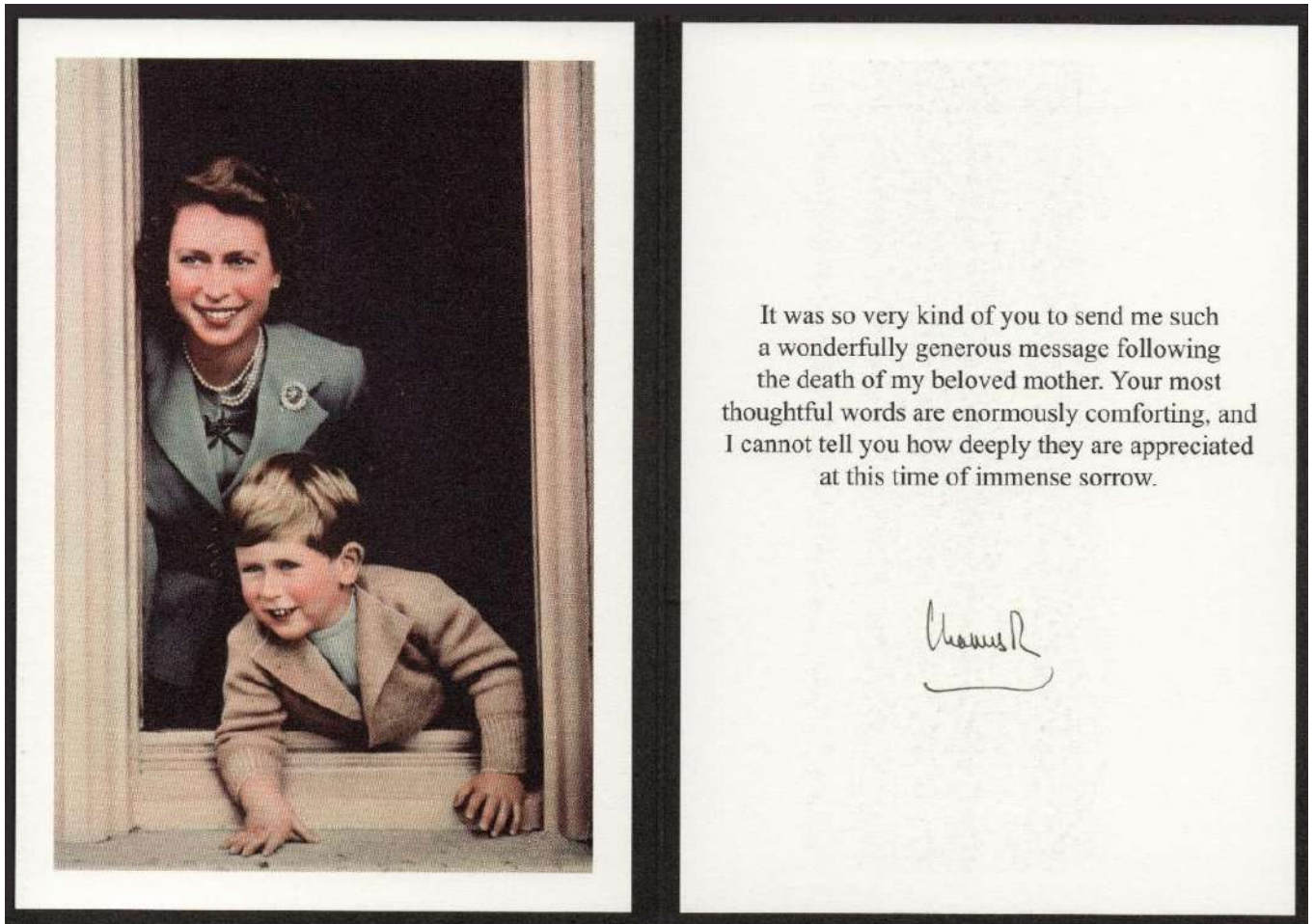
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S STATE FUNERAL – 19 SEPTEMBER 2022

Ahead of Her Majesty The Queen's State Funeral, a new photograph was released.

The photo was taken to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee - the first British Monarch to reach this milestone.

On 19 September 2022, millions came together to commemorate her remarkable life.

CARD RECEIVED FROM KING CHARLES III



ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT TEAM



We know that the majority of dog owners and walkers are responsible, however, there is a small minority of people who do not clean up after their dog. Failure to do so may lead to a fine or prosecution in court.

Always keep an eye on your dog so you are aware of when and where it has fouled. As soon as you walk away from the mess you have committed an offence.

The enforcement officers carry out routine patrols of parks and open spaces and will issue Fixed Penalty Notices to people who fail to clean up dog mess.

You can report dog fouling online <http://ow.ly/Ysjb50NcaaE>

SILLOTH COMMUNITY HALL WARM SPOT

What is a Warm Spot?

Warm Spots are warm and safe places to be this winter. They are places in the community that give people a warm space and a warm welcome.

Cumbria CVS, ACTION with Communities in Cumbria, Churches Together in Cumbria, Cumbria County Council and other partners have come together to support the creation of Warm Spots across the county.

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council have supported the initiative and created a



Warm Spot in Silloth Community Hall on Petteril Street, Silloth every Monday from 11am to 1pm. People could pop along for a bowl of soup, a hot drink and a warm welcome. The facility was open to everyone until the end of April and was well attended.

A grant of £1,000 was obtained from Cumbria Community Foundation to help fund the facility. We were also able with the distribution of various items of warm clothing – hats, gloves, socks and fleeces etc which were provided by Age Concern for the over 65's and were funded by Allerdale Borough Council.

OPENING OF SILLOTH CHANGING PLACE



Saturday 18 March 2023 was a proud day for Silloth-on-Solway, as we opened our first Changing Places facility on Silloth Green, adjacent to the Criffel Street public conveniences. Jim Snaith, former Town Councillor, and member of the Accessibility Committee carried out the official opening of the building. A wooden plaque in memory of Margaret Snaith, a former Town Councillor and Mayor of Silloth has been placed at the new Changing Places facility to acknowledge everything that she did for the town. The opening ceremony was well attended. Mark Jenkinson MP and Councillor Allan Daniels, the Mayor of Allerdale were in attendance, along with

representatives from the various organisations involved with the project.

The Town Council's Accessibility Committee began researching the possibility of a Changing Places facility back in 2021 and are pleased to see the proposal finally come to fruition. This is one of several projects they have been working on. The Committee is made up of a fantastic team of Councillors who are committed to Silloth becoming a leading Town for inclusivity for all. Meetings are always productive, and ideas driven with a willingness to listen to anyone from within the Community.

The facility has been made possible following a successful bid submitted by Allerdale Borough Council on behalf of Silloth-on-Solway, for a share of the £30 million Government fund to install life-enhancing Changing Places toilets in public places and tourist attractions. The Town Council also managed to secure a grant of £5,000 from the Hellrigg Community Benefit Fund which is administered by the Cumbria Community Foundation and £10,000 from the National Lottery Awards for All, for which we are grateful.



Our modular Changing Places facility was constructed by Rise Adaptations Limited who are based in Doncaster and are the market leader in the provision of Changing Places. Each modular facility is built offsite and once the groundworks have been

completed, can be installed within a matter of days.

The new facility will make such a difference to so many – creating an inclusive environment which disabled people and their carers can use to meet their personal care needs. Changing Places are more than a standard accessible toilet because they offer more specialist equipment such as a hoist and changing bench etc, to meet the needs of individuals with profound and complex disabilities. The feature wall in the facility of a sunset view over the Solway was taken by local photographer Gordon Akitt, who kindly allowed us to use one of his photographs.

The facility can be accessed using a radar key and will be open on daily basis between the hours of 8am and 6pm. The exterior of the building will be monitored by CCTV to deter vandalism. In addition to the Changing Places facility, the toilets at the RNLI car park are also wheelchair accessible. The gents at the Edwardian toilets is wheelchair accessible and there is also a disabled toilet at Skinburness, accessed with a radar key which are to be re-opened for the summer season.

The Town Council would like to thank everyone involved with this project - from start to finish – with a lot of the work involved having been done behind the scenes but it has been a team effort and a great achievement for the town.

If anyone has any questions, then please contact the Town Clerk by emailing townclerk@silloth-on-solway.co.uk.

HOLME LOW PARISH PROJECTS GROUP –1 APRIL 2023 LITTER PICK



A big thank you to the volunteers who gave up their Saturday morning to do a spot of litter picking. They managed to collect about 20 bags of rubbish along Wigton Road, Barracks Bridge, West

Causewayhead Lane and up past the old schoolhouse. Then, back to the Community Hall for some lunch and a well-deserved cuppa.

We would also like to give a shout out to those local residents who regularly litter pick in their local area off their own bat. It's good to take pride in where you live.



CUMBERLAND COUNCIL STARTS DELIVERING COUNCIL SERVICES



The 1 April 2023 marked a new era in local government in Cumbria, with the new Cumberland Council taking over responsibility for all services in the area previously served by Allerdale Borough Council, Carlisle City Council, Copeland Borough Council and Cumbria County Council.

The changes mean that there is now one main customer service contact number for council services. This is 0300 373 3730. Residents can find information about all council services at www.cumberland.gov.uk. The new website also includes links to the websites of the former councils whilst services are harmonised in the coming months.

To keep up to date with the latest information on the new council, residents are encouraged to find and follow it on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. The council is also on Nextdoor.

They can also get the latest news sent direct to their email inbox by signing up to the council's email newsletters at www.cumberland.gov.uk/signup.



MINDLESS VANDALISM

In July 2022, Friends of Silloth Green were devastated by the destruction of one of the flower beds which was lovingly put together by the volunteers to show Silloth's support for the Ukraine. There was no good reason for this.



Our maintenance team also had to remove a quantity of broken glass from the woodland play area which could have potentially been dangerous for any child using the play area.



In November 2022, a call was received from a member of the public regarding the Edwardian toilets. Someone had decided to empty the contents of the toilet paper dispenser all over the floor and throw soggy clumps of toilet paper at the walls etc. Unbelievable what some class as entertainment!

We also had a spate of thefts from the Criffel Street toilets, with dispensers being broken into and toilet rolls stolen.

In April 2023, due to mindless vandalism, the public toilets near the lifeboat station had to be closed until repairs could be carried out. When our staff went to lock up, they were greeted with water flowing out of the door of the gents' toilet and the base of the toilet smashed. The toilet paper dispenser had also been broken the previous day. Not only is it inconvenient for those needing to use the facilities but it is costly and time-consuming having to rectify any damage caused.



The Town Council does not have to provide these facilities, with many towns no longer having public toilets. If you see any damage, please contact the Town Clerk as soon as possible and arrangements can be made to sort it out and if you see anyone causing damage, please report it to the Police. Please respect our facilities!

DOGS IN PUBLIC PLACES

We continue to receive complaints about dog fouling and dogs being out of control on the Green and seafront area.

In 2020, a Public Space Protection order was put in place which applies to all public spaces in the Allerdale area. If anyone is caught not picking up after their dog and disposing of it responsibly, a fixed penalty notice will be issued.

Please report any instances of dog fouling or dogs that are out of control 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

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.

ALLERDALE LOCAL COMMITTEE – COMMEMORATIVE BENCH

A commemorative bench has been placed in the grounds of the Community Hall, to recognise the achievements of the Councillors of Cumbria County Council's Allerdale Local Committee between 2001 and 2023. The bench was kindly funded by Cumbria County Council with a grant of £734.00 and will be well used by anyone using the Community Hall and its facilities.



OBSTRUCTED PAVEMENTS AND DROPPED KERBS



If you encounter an issue with obstructed pavements and dropped kerbs, please report it to the Cumberland Council which will hopefully encourage them to take action against the offenders.

The Town Council has an Accessibility Committee and we have been working hard to highlight the issues with the relevant authorities, but your co-operation would be appreciated.

Issues can be reported on the Cumberland Council using the following link: -

<https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/streets-roads-and-pavements/streets-roads-and-pavements/pavements>

6 MAY 2023 – CORONATION OF HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III



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 the Town Council.

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 few 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.

A variety of groups use the building. On a Monday morning, the Crafty Club meet at 10am. Solway Woodcarvers meet on a Monday and Wednesday evening from 7pm. There is a Family History Group on Tuesday evenings from 6pm. The Lavender Ladies meet on a Thursday morning from 10am. There is a China painting and art group on Friday afternoons from 2pm. During 2022/23, the building was also used for the Warm Spot, on Monday mornings. Within the grounds of the Community Hall is the Silloth Youth Club. The building is also used for meetings of various groups in the town and has hosted a few fundraising craft sales etc. Drop-in sessions were also help on a Saturday morning.

There's an online calendar available on the website 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

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, you are required 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 paper copy.

DATES FOR 2023 EVENTS

Green Day	27 th & 28 th May 2023	Silloth Green
Solway Coast Cycling Festival	4 th June 2023	Silloth Green
Ragnarock Rally	23 rd & 24 th June 2023	Eden Street Sports Ground
Silloth Vintage Rally	22 nd & 23 rd July 2023	Silloth Green
Soul on the Green	29 th & 30 th July 2023	Silloth Green
Silloth Carnival	27 th & 28 th August 2023	Silloth Green
Silloth Music & Beer Festival	7 th , 8 th , 9 th & 10 th September 2023	Silloth Green

EVENT ORGANISERS

Silloth Green Day	Silloth Rotary Club Email: sillothrotary@outlook.com
Silloth Pride	Silloth Rotary Club Email: sillothrotary@outlook.com
Silloth Vintage Rally	Silloth Vintage Rally Committee Email: info@vintagerally.co.uk Web: www.vintagerally.co.uk
Soul on the Green	Silloth-on-Solway Festivals 2022 Email: colinbaty@hotmail.co.uk
Silloth Carnival	Silloth Carnival Committee Email: sillothcarnival@hotmail.com
Silloth Music & Beer Festival	Silloth Music & Beer Festival Committee Email: info@sillothbeerfestival.co.uk Web: http://sillothbeerfestival.co.uk/

FINANCE

HOW IS THE TOWN COUNCIL FINANCED?



The Town Council carefully budgets 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 2023/24 which this report covers is £856.04. This figure represents the total number of Band D equivalent properties in the Parish at the time the Council Tax Base was calculated in January 2023.

2023/24 BUDGET

The Budget for the 2023/24 financial year was approved and adopted by the Town Council at its meeting on 5 December 2022.

For 2023/24, the Town Council is raising a precept of £172,995 resulting in a charge on the council tax on a Band D property of £202.09 for the year. There was a nominal decrease in the council tax charge on a Band D property of 1.5% for the year. The previous year's precept for 2022/23 was £172,995.

The precept per Band D property was calculated as follows:

BUDGET REQUIRED ÷ TAX BASE = BAND D CHARGE

i.e £172,995 ÷ 856.04 = £202.09

PARISH	PARISH PRECEPT	C TAX BASE	VALUATION BANDS							
			A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Silloth-on-Solway	£172,995	856.04	134.73	157.18	179.64	202.09	247.00	291.91	336.82	404.18

SILLOTH-ON-SOLWAY TOWN COUNCIL - REVENUE ESTIMATES

	Budget 2022/23 £	Budget 2023/24 £
INCOME		
Allotment Rents	1,500	1,650
Community Hall Rental Income	1,000	1,000
Green Facilities	3,000	2,200
Fairground Rent	6,000	5,000
Ice Cream Concessions	6,000	6,000
Grounds Maintenance Income	200	0
Other Misc Income	50	50
Precept	0	0
Sports Club Rents	1,980	1,980
Total Income	19,730	17,880
EXPENSES		
Administration	5,000	4,150
Allotment Expenses	1,500	1,500
- Removal of waste/asbestos etc	0	4,000
Changing Room Expenses		
- Electricity	800	800
- Rates	900	900
- Repairs	500	500
- Water	550	550
Community Hall Repairs	1,000	1,000
Community Hall Running Expenses	6,000	6,000
Donations and Grants	0	250
Election costs	0	5,000
Eden Street Electric	2,000	2,000
Green Activities - Expenses	2,500	2,500
Grounds Maintenance	7,000	6,000
Insurance Costs	5,500	6,000
Legal Fees	1,000	1,000
Maintenance of Sports Areas	500	500
Play Areas - Maintenance	2,500	2,500
Purchase of Play Equipment	10,000	0
Public Conveniences		
- Electricity	2,000	2,000
- Maintenance	1,000	1,000
- Water	3,500	3,500
- Provision of Cleaning & Supplies	1,500	2,000
- Changing Places facility	10,000	0
Purchase of Vehicles & Equipment	5,000	5,000
Salaries & Wages	110,250	120,000
Silloth Green Project	5,000	5,000
Silloth Bee Garden	1,000	1,000
Silloth Community Garden	1,000	1,000
Splash Pad - Water & Elec	6,000	6,000
Squash Court - Rates & Repairs	1,000	1,000
Town Plan - ACT	2,500	2,500
Training costs	1,000	1,000
Transport & Vehicle Costs	4,725	4,725
Total Expenditure	202,725	200,875

Net Expenditure/Income**£182,995 £182,995**

Precept

172,995 172,995

From Reserves

10,000 10,000182,995 182,995

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council**Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

2021/22		2022/23
£	INCOME	£
1,507	Allotment Rents	1,557
0	Interest	1
245	Community Hall rent	1,065
16,497	Grants Received	141,014
13,450	Green Activities	11,697
58	Grounds Maintenance Income	0
1,111	Fairground & Ice Cream Concessions	10,576
13,073	Other Income	107
172,995	Precept & Concurrent Grants	172,995
2,178	Sports Club Rents	2,288
221,114	TOTAL INCOME	341,300
	EXPENDITURE	
4,509	Administration	5,596
3,699	Allotments	3,930
0	Changing Places Facility	68,300
1,117	Changing Room Expenses	2,395
5,230	Community Hall Running Expenses	7,968
7,600	Community Hall Improvements	0
6,296	Demolition of Pensioners Hut	0
245	S137 Expenditure	2,162
3,824	Eden Street Electric	1,411
0	Election Costs	5,950
2,120	Green Activities - Expenses	2,874
7,400	Grounds Maintenance	5,369
5,419	Insurance	5,827
50	Legal Expenses	50
1,187	Maintenance of Sports Areas	441
0	Miscellaneous	1,660
7,094	Splash Pad Expenses	10,266
18,900	Play Areas - Maintenance & Equipment	1,228
8,864	Public Conveniences	8,777
541	Purchase of Office Equipment	0
3,782	Purchase of Seats	733
127	Purchase of Signs	371
5,752	Purchase of Speed Signs	0
6,688	Purchase of Vehicles & Equipment	1,937
103,065	Salaries & Wages	114,141
25,513	Silloth Green Project	39,256
0	Spring into Silloth event expenses	650
774	Community Garden Expenses	999
1,760	Bee Garden Expenses	710
972	Squash Court - rates etc	1,828
1,135	Training Expenses	690
2,863	Transport & Vehicle Costs	4,744
236,526	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	300,263
-15,412	NET INCOME	41,037

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

2021/22		2022/23
£	ASSETS	£
	Cash & Bank Accounts	
126,694	Current Account	140,333
31	Deposit Account	31
3	Treasurer Account	3
22,652	Wages Account	29,446
80	Cash Account	55
149,460	Total Cash & Bank Accounts	169,868
	Other Assets	
20,687	Debtors	13,916
170,147	TOTAL ASSETS	183,784
	LIABILITIES	
43,464	Creditors	16,064
126,683	NET ASSETS	167,720
	REPRESENTED BY:	
142,095	General Fund Balance at 1.4.2022	126,683
-15,412	Add Net Income	41,037
126,683	TOTAL RESERVES	167,720

The above statements represent fairly the financial position of the Town Council as at 31 March 2023 and reflects its income and expenditure during that year.

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

Cumbria County Council	Skinburness car park & access	£20,000
National Lottery	Changing Places Facility	£10,000
Cumbria Community Foundation	Changing Places Facility	£5,000
Friends of Silloth Green	Potting Shed & Bottle filler	£10,980
Allerdale Borough Council	Changing Places Facility	£53,300
Cumbria Community Foundation	Warm Spot funding	£1,000
Robin Rigg Community Fund	Play Equipment	£10,000
Allerdale Borough Council	Coastal Community Fund – West Beach Car Park	£30,000
Cumbria County Council	Memorial bench	£734
TOTAL		£141,014

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS: The Town Council supports the Christmas Lights Committee by helping to erect the Santa Sleigh and Reindeer, along with changing the bulbs in the Victorian street lighting on Criffel Street each year.

ELECTION COSTS: The 2022/23 Accounts include a charge of £5,949 which was for election costs from May and October 2019.

SPORTS & RECREATION: The Council is responsible for the maintenance of the Eden Street sports ground and also pays the utility bills and business rates in relation to the football changing rooms. Unfortunately, there was a burst pipe in December which caused considerable damage. This was covered by the Town Council's insurance and work is underway to carry out the necessary repairs.

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 provide a place where people can enjoy fresh air and recreation.

SALARIES AND WAGES: Our largest expenditure is our staff who play an integral role in managing and maintaining our facilities, services, and functions. During 2022/23, the Council employed five members of staff - the Town Clerk, a Park Supervisor, a Grounds Maintenance Operative and two part-time cleaners. Their salaries, including National Insurance contributions and pension contributions, totalled just over £114k.

SILLOTH GREEN PROJECT: Includes the cost of resurfacing the access and car park on Skinburness Road. It also includes the manufacture and installation of the potting shed, and the installation of the bottle filler, both of which were funded by Fiends of the Green.

SPLASH PAD EXPENSES: Running costs for the Splash Pad amounted to £10,266 for 2022/23 year. The water bills were estimated for part of the year which accounts for the increase and an up-to-date reading has been submitted. It also includes maintenance and repairs of £860.

GRANTS: Silloth Town Council supported 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 2022/23:-

Silloth Youth Club	Donation	£100
Silloth Rotary Club	Donation	£100
Silloth RNLI	Donation	£100
Great North Air Ambulance	Donation	£1,287
Silloth-on-Solway Sports Association	Donation	£500
Great North Air Ambulance	Donation	£100
Poppy Appeal	Poppy wreath	£25



A number of organisations also benefit from free use of the Community Hall for their meetings etc.

ASSETS: Our assets currently amount to £509k 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 been set aside for Silloth Green from the proceeds of selling a tractor and hedge cutter. There is also funding of £30,000 for the creation of a car park for West Beach and £30,000 for new play equipment for the Eden Street play area.

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



<https://twitter.com/SillothTownC>



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

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Municipal services within Silloth-on-Solway are now provided by two tiers of Local Government - the new Cumberland Council 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: 0300 373 3730

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| • Bulk Waste Collection Service | • Reg. of Births, Deaths, Marriages |
| • Cemetery (Causewayhead) | • Register of Electors |
| • Children's Services | • Rights of Way (footpaths/bridleways) |
| • Council Tax | • Social Services |
| • Dog Wardens | • Street Cleaning |
| • Education | • Street Lighting |
| • Environmental Health | • Trading Standards |
| • Fly Tipping | • Trees |
| • Footpaths | • Waste & Recycling |
| • Footway Lighting Repairs | |
| • Grit Bins | |
| • Highways | |
| • Housing | |
| • Libraries | |
| • Licensing | |
| • Pest Control | |
| • Planning Services | |
| • Potholes | |
| • Refuse Collection | |

For more details on Cumberland Council visit the website:

www.cumberland.gov.uk



INFORMATION & HELP

Cumberland Council

Tel: 0300 373 3730

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/

Highways Hotline

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

Online: www.cumberland.gov.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

Out of hours: 111

Web: www.sillothgroupmedicalpractice.nhs.uk

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