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Clubs and Organisations

Are you a member of a . . .

Club?

Town Council?

Local Organisation?

Sports Club?

It doesn't seem to matter whether its the local Rugby Club, Gardening Society, Whist Drive - every organisation seems to be finding a shortage of people willing to take any responsibility for the running of the club.

There are always plenty people there once an event has been organised, but who is there to do the organising. Usually it is the same people who always do it, and when they are no longer able to carry on, things just stop.

The strange thing is that these busy people are usually to be found taking responsibility in more than one organisation.

One reason why more people don't get involved is they are afraid they will not be capable of doing the job. Those who are doing it know, if it was really difficult, they wouldn't be doing it either.

Many local organisations are finding it very difficult to continue with their normal everyday affairs. If just one staunch worker was unable to continue, the club may cease to survive, and nobody wants that.

The answer is simple, those of us who are doing things need to let others see that their help is needed and would be very effective - so let's all get together to see what can be done.

Volunteering in the Community

Every club and organisation in the Abbeystown - Silloth - Mawbray area is invited to a social event in the Golf Hotel, Silloth on Thursday 25th May at 7:30pm.

Drinks and snacks will be available.

Anybody who is interested in being involved in something is also invited.

No matter your interest, from birds to

Tony Cunningham MP in Silloth



Tony Cunningham - MP



Silloth Mayor - Bill Allison

Local Member of Parliament, Tony Cunningham was in Silloth on Friday 12th May.

He held a meeting with Silloth Mayor Bill Allison before visiting Carrs Mill to see the large amount of investment being put into their factory at the harbour.

Tony said "it was really impressive seeing the standard of production being achieved in Silloth, this is a world class facility that the whole town should be proud of".

After the meeting, Tony went on to the Golf Hotel for a meeting organised by the Silloth & District Business Association with guests from the Town Council and other interested parties. A useful discussion took place covering many items of local interest. The achievements and hopes of the Business Association and Silloth Regeneration Partnership were discussed and Tony assured everyone he would always be available to help where his influence could be useful.

Nigel Harrison from Solway Rural Initiative had also been invited to the meeting to tell everyone of the successful funding bid he has been working on for several years. This has achieved £260,000 of investment over two years to support local businesses in North Allerdale through the creation of a Buy Local Centre in Aspatria and the creation of the SolwayPages.org web site, putting hundreds of local businesses on to the internet free of charge. Both these projects are designed to work together to encourage more people to spend money with local companies. An extra £10 per week from each household spent locally would put another £10 million into the North Allerdale economy each year. It is intended to get this whole project operational in the very near future.

Tony did say it was a pleasure to be in Silloth where everyone was taking a very positive attitude to the future and working hard to make the town more successful and a pleasant place to live and visit.

He stayed much longer than intended and rushed off very late for his next meeting in Keswick, I would have thought he was very envious of the relatively slow pace of life in Silloth compared to the rushing about he has to do when he returns home from Westminster at the end of each week.

first aid to gardening to health matters to sport - all are welcome.

Organisations - register your interest and book a table where you can put out any leaflets, posters or anything else that shows what you are doing - and what your needs are.

This event has been funded by the Neighbourhood Forum and Cumbria Community Foundation. It is being organised by the Silloth Regeneration Partnership.

Register your interest by email to volunteer@solwaybuzz.co.uk or leave a message on 016973 32180 or Fax to 016973 32133.