

S.O.S. Community Shop Donates £13,645.56



Minutes for meeting held on Wednesday 10th march 1999 re Silloth Community Shop.

Carol Graham from West Cumbria Trades Hall gave a brief outline of the purpose of having a Community shop in Silloth and outlined the benefits to the community of such a venture. It was emphasised that the venture needed to be viewed from the outset as a business and thus would carry all the responsibilities of a business.

All those present expressed a willingness to undertake training regarding the duties and responsibilities of a committee and officers.

It was suggested that the shop be called "Silloth on Solway Community Shop" S.O.S.C.S

Possible funding sources were discussed as a means of accruing start up funds to meet initial costs but it was emphasised that the shop would have to be self financing after the initial lead in period. Carol Graham would provide help and support and advise to

access funding and training.

Since the shop first opened on 2nd April 1999 in a small shop in Eden Street it has gone from strength to strength, we moved into larger premises in April 2001 and continue to be very busy. All thanks must go to all the volunteers who give up their free time to work in the shop. Since we first gave funding in June 2000, a grand total of **£13,645.56** has gone back into the Community. The most recent funding includes £1,500.00, which was given to Silloth Community Transport to help towards the purchase of a new Community bus. £510.00 O.A.P. Association £410.00 Silloth Brownies £562.00 Silloth First Response Team. £200.00 Golden Jubilee 2002. £355.00 Silloth Junior Rugby. £225.00 S.T.A.G.

We never imagined on that first day we opened just how much of a success the shop would be. We couldn't have done it without you. Grateful thanks to everyone who has donated goods and to all our customers. Hoping for your continued support in the future.

Charity Night raises £543.00

Recently a Charity Night was held at Sacha's Night Spot on 22nd March 2002.

The Charity night which was held in Sacha's, Silloth in support of The Childrens Heart Unit at The Freemans Hospital in Newcastle raised an amazing total of £543.00.

I would like to thank everybody – Rue and the Rockets, Staff and Management of Sacha's and all the business's and people who donated raf e prizes. everyone had a good night.

Since my late son died on the 1st February 1999 we have given in excess of £2,500.00 to the Childrens Heart Unit in Newcastle.

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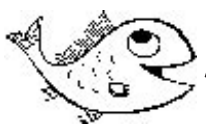
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