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## Strawberry Teas Raise £5,855 for Abbey



## What's On During 2024

26th to 29th July  
**Allonby Artex**  
in Allonby Village Hall

27th July  
**Soul on the Green**  
11am to 8pm

18th to 21st August  
**Circus Montini**  
on Silloth Green

25th & 26th August  
**Silloth Carnival**  
on Silloth Green

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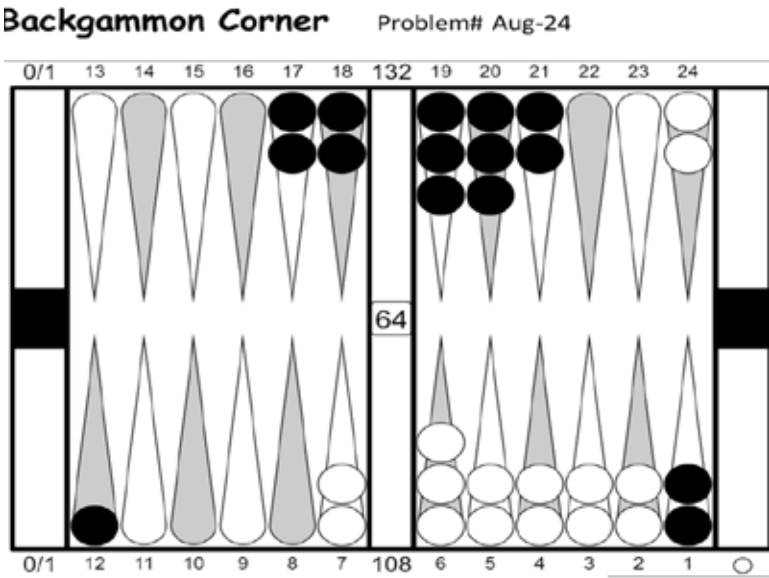


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Backgammon Quiz?

Thanks from Newton Arlosh Brownies



**One point match (DMP)**

- Both sides are bearing off toward the right. White's home board is bottom right.
- White is 'on roll'.
- White leads the race by 108 to 132 (dice pips required to bear off).

**Who is favourite to win the game, Black or White?**  
Tie breaker: Estimate how often the favourite will win the game out of 10 tries?

Submit your answer to Silloth Library no later than August 31st 2024.  
The answer and winner's name will appear in the October issue of Solway Buzz.  
For details of how to arrive at the correct answer why not attend the regular backgammon session at Silloth Library on Wednesdays from 13:30 to 15:30? We play fun and friendly games, all abilities are welcome. Free tuition as required, no entry fee .



Report by: Sarah Shaw  
(1st Newton Arlosh Brownies)

A huge thank-you to all at 41 Club and the Wishing Well Fund for the donation.  
It really helps towards outings, crafts and overall outgoings for our Brownies. We are a very small unit at Newton Arlosh so every penny helps.  
As we are a non profit charity we rely on donations and weekly SUBS. At the moment we have eight girls (six pictured) and are hoping to put the donation towards taking the girls to Clip and Climb at Maryport.  
Again a massive Thank-you!

Strawberry Teas Success!



Report by: Laura Sharp

Holme Cultram Abbey's annual Strawberry Teas were held on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th July. We were amazed at how many people supported us despite the road closures that had impacted the village that week. There was an array of tasty homemade savoury and sweet treats which were washed down with several cups of tea or coffee. On Saturday afternoon Abbeystown Community Choir entertained everyone whilst they enjoyed their teas.

We also had a raffle and tombola which were also a big success. The strawberry teas takeaway stall saw people bringing their own Tupperware tubs to fill too, and at the end of the weekend there really wasn't a lot of cakes and treats left!

We are absolutely delighted to tell everyone that we raised an outstanding £5,855.60 towards the ongoing work of the church.

Holme Cultram Abbey PCC would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who supported the event, we are overwhelmed by the generosity and support given by you all to keep our beautiful community building open. A very special thank you goes to anyone who donated prizes for the raffle and also to all our amazing volunteers who worked extremely hard over the weekend and donated all their home baked goods, without everyone's ongoing support the event would not have been such a great success. We hope to see everyone back again next year on 12th and 13th July 2025.

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# Newly Restored Play Area Opens in West Silloth

Report by: Colin Baty

Silloth on Solway Sport's Association have listened to the people of West Silloth and raised an amazing £46,000 to install an Adventure Play Park and 25m Zip Wire.

These were all provided by Playdale.

Silloth on Solway Sport's Association received grants

from the Francis Scott Trust, Hadfield Trust, National Lottery, Hellrig Fund, Cumberland Council UKSP Fund and a donation from West Side Stories.

There hasn't been a play park on the land at the back of the Crofts since the 1990's.

We hope the children will get huge benefits from using this.





# Lakes College Cook-off Stars



Budding Chefs Tomas, Robbie & Jack

Report by: Mrs Telford

On Monday 17th June, 2024 we were very fortunate to have two of our year 10 Hospitality and Catering students from Solway Community School invited to take part in the Cumbria Futures Federation Lakes College Cook-off finals.

The driving focus behind the event was Emma Donoghue of Lakes College, who has vast amounts of experience within the industry. Emma understands the range of job opportunities and the current demand there is in our area in the Hospitality and Catering industry. Emma set up the competition with intentions of giving students the opportunity to visit Lakes College, use the facilities, develop their cooking and presentation skills, meet students and the team at Lakes College as well as produce a sustainable dish to be judged by a Michelin star chef!

The initial round of the competition took place in School on Monday, 10th June. Students

were given a brief just before May half term and had to work in their teams, independently; researching and creating a resource plan that showed how they could make their dishes sustainable and locally sourced. Our two teams both used the coastal inspiration and went with fish-based dishes. Tomas created homemade battered fish with homemade chips and a side dip. Jack and Robbie went with salmon on a bed of mashed potatoes and green beans served with a homemade sauce using the juices from the salmon. It was a tough decision for Emma to make at the initial round where both teams did exceptionally well. The winning team that just edged it on the day, and the team that went through to the final was Jack and Robbie with the salmon dish. Well done Tomas for your awesome effort and for putting in a tough competition entry!

The finals day started with an early drive through to Lakes College. Emma was waiting in

reception and took us through to Graduates Restaurant that had been pre-prepared for us with aprons, T-shirts, hats, hair nets and shoes to allow us to work hygienically and safely in the kitchen. We had a quick team meeting and were welcomed by the Vice Principal before getting started. We were told Jack Bond, Michelin-star chef would be with us around 11am and final dishes needed to be served by 11:30am for judging. Jack and Robbie had 2 hours to prepare, cook and present their chosen dish. The first task and focus was on Jack perfecting the focaccia bread while Robbie prepared the vegetables ready to cook later on. They worked well together throughout the process and settled into a nice routine that enabled them to have the dish ready by 11:15am.

11:30am arrived and all students were asked to place their research and dish on the table in the Graduate Restaurant and head back into the kitchen to continue cleaning, or as we tried to do; keep busy and keep our minds occupied! Judging seemed to take so long! Emma explained how tough it had been to pick a winner for Iain Glendenning (Vice Principal) and Jack Bond and how close they all were in the end. We were narrowly beaten and came runner-up to a very good katsu curry from St Benedict's team.

Well done Jack and Robbie for coming runners-up. You should be so proud of yourselves, I know we are at Solway!

# Abbeytown Eco Group Say Thanks



Report by: Amy Beverley

A special thank-you to Silloth and District 41 club for the donation of £25 from the Wishing Well fund.

Abbeytown Eco group at the

school will be using it towards developing the garden areas at Abbeytown school.

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## "Quote of the Month"

*"Alone we can do so little -  
Together we can do so much"*

*Helen Keller*

## Fells & Solway panel Provide Funding for Local Projects

COMMUNITY Panels are continuing to invest in vital grass roots projects in Cumberland communities.

The Fells and Solway panel recently met and agreed funding for projects ranging from a website to a memorial garden.

**Silloth on Solway Sports Association** was awarded £4,000 towards installing a fitness trail next to the promenade, near Skinburness Road.

**Watchtree Nature Reserve** was awarded £7,000 towards boardwalks in their Education Zone. Visits to this muddy area are increasing and the boardwalks will conserve and regenerate this part of the reserve.

**Holme Abbey Parish Council** received £3,500 towards creating a garden with accessible seating in Abbeytown. It will include two raised planters which the Eco Church will maintain. Two pieces of historical farm machinery will also be displayed there.

**Wigton Burial Joint Committee** received £4,000 towards improving the entrance to Wigton Cemetery.

**Blencogo and District Village Hall Committee** was awarded £3,000 towards buying Blencogo Village Hall from the Diocese of Carlisle. This popular village hall is used by around 175 people each week, but changes to the terms of a new lease meant buying the hall was the only way to keep it operating. The investment is dependent on additional funding being agreed by other organisations, including the Community Ownership Fund.

**Wigton Theatre Club** received £2,500 towards CCTV at the John Peel Theatre in Wigton. The club has recently suffered vandalism and the police suggested the cameras to prevent further instances.

The panel also noted other investments – less than £1,500 – which had been agreed separately:

£1,000 to **Friends of St Cuthbert's School** towards improving their outdoor space. £500 to **Holme East Waver Parish Council** towards developing a

website. £550 to **Richmond Hill Primary School** towards road safety pavement signs. £1,320 to **Kirkbampton Parish Council** towards a bus shelter for Little Bampton. £1,180 to **Kirkbride Bowling and Tennis Club** towards energy efficient LED lighting.

The Chair of Fells and Solway Community Panel, Cllr Tony Markley, said: "These projects show a great range of community provision, and we are lucky to have so many community organisations keen to make life better for our residents. I look forward to seeing these projects move forward and make a difference."

Cllr Lisa Brown, Cumberland's Executive Member for Adults and Community Health, said: "Every one of these fantastic projects helps support the council's core priority – the health and wellbeing of all. From creating seats where everyone can stop and chat, to helping a village hall remain at the heart of its community – these projects are concrete ways of improving lives and I'm proud that our panels are funding them."

Community Panels distribute Cumberland Council funds to grass roots community projects, as well as bringing together funders, spotting gaps in provision and using a community network to find out what is needed in each area.

Fells and Solway Community Panel covers the wards of Dalston and Burgh, Solway Coast, Thursby, Aspatria and Wigton. You can find out more about it here: [Fells and Solway | Cumberland Council](#).

Cumberland Council has eight Community Panels, covering the entire council area. Community group representatives wishing to find out more about Community Panel investment should visit [How to apply for investment from a Community Panel | Cumberland Council](#). Those interested are advised to seek advice from the community development officer for their area before making a formal application. Contact details are available at [Community Panels | Cumberland Council](#). The deadline for the next round of investment is 14 August.

## 1st Silloth Beavers & Cubs



Report by: Kathryn Shires

During June the Beavers and Cubs have been as busy as ever. First of all we played with water rockets on the green. The Scouts had great fun with these as always – but why was it the leaders who got wet?

The next week we went on a short hike from Blitterlees, across the golf course and beach back into town. It had been a really wet day and the evening wasn't much better but everyone had huge fun in all the puddles!

Next, we had a great time learning how to play bowls. Many thanks to Silloth Bowling Club for hosting us.

Our fire lighting was then rained off – again! It's clearly not happening this term, so we all completed our level 1 air activities badge instead.

Last week we looked at all things USA as we were meeting on 4th July (and didn't want to



think about general elections!) We played baseball on the green which was great fun and tried very hard to cook hot dogs which was challenging in the wind to say the least!

Next week we are finishing the summer term with a beach party – look out for the rain!!

We would like to make everyone aware that we are holding our AGM at Silloth Bowling Club on Thursday 12th September at 7pm and anyone and everyone is more than welcome to

join us and hear more about what we have done over the past 12 months. We hold an open election process and invite nominations of anyone who would be prepared to join us on our Trustee Board. Please contact Kathryn for further information but we promise that your involvement and support would mean the world to us but would only need to involve you in a couple of meetings a year should that be all you are able to offer.

As always, if you would like to join in with our adventures then get in touch – we have spaces for girls and boys between the ages of 6 and 11. Beavers and Cubs meet together on Thursday evenings, usually at the Bowling Club on Eden Street, from 6pm until 7:15pm. The fun isn't just for children though – us adults have lots of fun too – come and find out more! Message through our Facebook page, or ring Kathryn on 07803 000216.





# Dolly Parton & Joe Skelly Part 4

We fast forward now to take a look at Dolly's current projects. Rockstar is the 49th studio album released by the country music icon. Released on November 17th 2023. The album was released by Dolly's own label "Butterfly Records" and "Big Machine".

A huge trip into the world of rock music. Dolly had recently been inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame (February 2022). She quipped "Well I might as well do something to earn the award....I'll record a rock album."

Dolly had previously been nominated and declined the offer as she was a firm Country Music artist after all. The completion and recognition of "Rockstar" would pave the way for the humble receipt of the award after all.

The release didn't disappoint!! The first single was entitled "World on Fire" which was a statement about the state of the world we live in and how things will soon be too late to rescue if we as a race continue to ruin the planet. There followed a plethora of single releases after that. A total of seven in all.

During the making of the album a myriad of stars from the world of rock joined in on the project. 2022 "Rock & Roll Hall of Fame" inductees to name a few. Pat Benetar, Neil Giraldo, Simon Le Bon, Rob Halford, Pink, Brandi Carlile and Sheryl Crow.



The impressive line up of other artists/performers: Richie Sambora, Sting, Steve Perry, John Fogerty, Kid Rock, Steven Tyler, Warren Haynes, Stevie Nicks, Peter Frampton, Joan Jett, Miley Cyrus, Debbie Harry, Elton John, Linda Perry, Emylou Harris, Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr. In a special exclusive version "Maneskin" performed on Jolene.

One of the outstanding tracks from the release was "Stairway to Heaven". The song is a firm favourite with Carl, Dolly's husband. The track differs from her previous recording of it several

albums prior.

The most personal favourites of mine are Billy Joel's "The Entertainer", Eddie Schwartz's "Hit Me With Your Best Shot" and of course the brilliantly funny "Mama Never Said" which is penned by Parton herself.

Incidentally, the song "World on Fire" was accompanied by a lavishly produced and very slick HD music video. Showing the then 77 year old superstar at her finest.

It was a huge step for Dolly moving totally away from her country music comfort zones. The album racked up an amazing 30 tracks. Other releases of the album where bonuses were included totalled the full track listing to an amazing 39 tracks in all.

The album was successful too. Reaching No 5 on the UK Albums chart and No 1 on the UK Americana Albums chart. Proudly No 1 in the USA Billboard Top Country Albums and many more high positions around the world. Achieved "Gold" status in the United States of America (RIAA) at 500,000 sales and streaming figures alone.

The screening of a preview of the forthcoming album made it into movie theatres world-wide.

At the time of writing Dolly is about to release a full family participation album entitled "Dolly Parton & Family: Smoky Mountain DNA - Family Faith & Fables. This will be Dolly's 50th, yes 50th studio album release. There will be thirty songs on there and has her family telling the family life stories. There is also a Broadway fully orchestrated show about Dolly's life in full production.

Look out for the new cookbook too written by Dolly & her sister Rachel. Phew it's all go!!!

Look out for our next article in the series here at "Solway Buzz". I'll tell you about the self-deprecating Dolly, my own appearances on the BBC's National Lottery Tv show, The Paul O'Grady TV Show, BBC Radio, Breakfast Television and UK Tv news channels.



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Typical journeys include getting to the shops, doctors, dentists, making public transport connections and visiting friends.

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## Spare time on your hands?

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##### What is the Voluntary Car Scheme?

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##### What does a Volunteer Driver do?

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##### Why be a Volunteer Driver?

Volunteering can be:

- Fun and helpful
- Getting to know people in your community
- Experience to help get a job
- A hobby for when you retire

##### How can I find out more?

If you are interested in driving for the scheme and would like an informal chat, please contact: Katy on 07788 396194

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## Accessibility Committee

Report by: Owen Martin, Mayor

On 15th July, the Council's Accessibility Committee held a meeting with Denise Rollo, Karl Melville and Amber Sykes from Cumberland Council to discuss key issues within the town. The meeting was very productive. We have a plan to move forward. Given the huge undertaking of some of the issues, they will take a number of years to complete but we have given our unwavering commitment for this.

Some issues below will be completed in the short term to address immediate needs:

Weeds and general cleanliness within the town, including weed spraying and removal.

Town clean-up day working with Cumberland Council.

Surface works on Criffel Street setts

in the worst affected areas.

Removal of redundant lamp post columns.

Additional dropped kerbs to be installed.

Survey of town trees to take place and maintenance to be scheduled.

Diagonal parking on Wampool Street to be addressed.

Re-surfacing work on the remaining part of Solway Street which may need to be done in two phases.

Some of the longer-term issues to be addressed:

Full relaying of Criffel Street.

More dropped kerbs to be added.

Looking at line markings for dropped kerbs.

Ongoing tree maintenance.

Key stakeholder group to be formed, to help with ongoing issues & development.

## Silloth Town Plan Launch



On Saturday 13th July Silloth Town Council held a public meeting in Christ Church to allow the public to view the 2024 Silloth-on-Solway Town Plan which has been under development since March 2021.

Copies of the plan were available to collect and

councillors were on hand to answer questions, there were also refreshments available. The Town Plan can also be viewed on the web at:

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# The First Firebird Festival on Silloth Green



Report by: Stephen Hart  
Photos: Simon Keel

The weekend of 5th, 6th & 7th July saw Silloths' new Firebird Festival take off.

The web address is: [www.firebird.co.uk](http://www.firebird.co.uk), Friday evening saw the Soul Collective play the first of three nights in the RAFA club. They are back on Silloth Green for Soul on the Green on the 27th July.

Saturday lunch time saw Silloths' own amazing nine year old Caleb H open the festival with a superb drum session, his sister Isabella also sang some tunes later on, followed by Moondogs, Northern Threads, the Makaton sign language choir and the Skapones.

The evening saw several acts

playing in the bars of Silloth, all were well supported bringing the good times back.

Sunday was more like it with the weather improving, we enjoyed Something Brewing, Odels and then Greenhaze headlining.

There was also a large variety of stalls, a superb funfair, thanks to Col Rumney for the superb stage and sound system, to the committee for all their hard work, the sponsors, Stanwix Park Holiday Centre for all their help, Paramount Amusements, the RAFA Club, the Rugby and Bowling Clubs, A&M Services, Allison Henderson, the SOSCS Charity Shop and many more, watch out for next year we aim to go one better.



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# Silloth Pride on Silloth Green on 29th June



Photo by: Daniel Dockeray



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## Ragnarock IX at Silloth Rugby Club



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Photo by: Kirsty Dunn



Photo by: Andrea Gibson



Photo by: Jamie Bell

## The 22nd Silloth Vintage Rally on 20th & 21st July

Report by: Wendy Jameson

2024 was the 22nd Vintage Rally on Silloth Green and continues to attract exhibitors and visitors from far and wide, with an array of vintage tractors, classic cars, stationary engines, commercial vehicles, motorbikes and much more.

There's something for all the family including fairground rides, food stalls, trade stalls and a range of entertainment.

In the main arena this year, Tom



Longton entertained the crowds over the weekend with his sheepdog display and demonstration. For over 20 years he has performed at shows large and small – from large country shows or small village fetes. True to form, one of the geese decided to misbehave and try to escape from the arena but was rounded up by one of our marshalls.

Jason the Juggler wandered around the Green, attracting crowds wherever he stopped with his witty dialogue, juggling, bubbles and balloons.

Double Trouble, the fantastic double act were also at the Rally to entertain the kids with their unforgettable comedy clown show and amazing circus skills.

The Border Concert Band entertained on the Sunday with

their engaging, foot tapping, crowd pleasing performance. Carlos was also on stage as compare and singing some classic hits throughout the weekend.



Despite the inevitable rain on Saturday, which thankfully managed to hold off until later in the afternoon, the event was enjoyed by a large number of visitors and exhibitors.

As with most of the events on the Green, the Vintage Rally is organised by a dedicated team of volunteers who put a lot of time and effort into organising the event over many months. We also rely on the support of local businesses and sponsors to enable us to stage the event, the



support of the Town Council in allowing us to use the Green and the valuable assistance provided by the grounds' maintenance team.

Grant funding this year came from Cumberland Council - £1,500 towards the purchase of some new pedestrian barriers which will also be available for other events on the Green, £1,000 from Solway Firth Partnership, and £990 from the Silloth Music Festival towards the cost of putting on the event.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to next year's event.



Annual Art Exhibition  
**Allonby ArtEx 2024**  
44th Year  
Allonby Village Hall

**Opening Times**

Friday 26th July 2pm - 6pm	Sunday 28th July 10am - 6pm
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Abbeytown. Contact Shaun Carruthers for  
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**MAWBRAV VILLAGE HALL MONTHLY QUIZ**

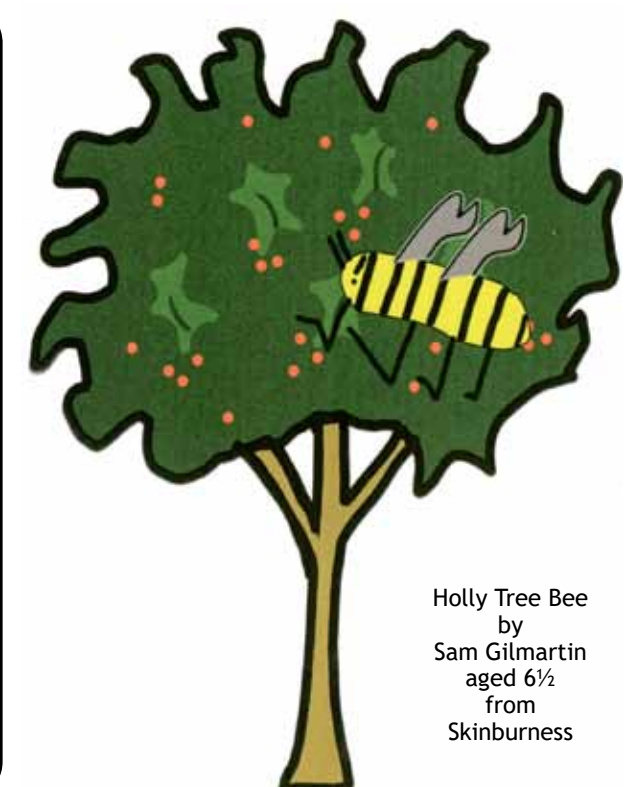
**Quiz**

29th August  
7.30pm  
£2.00 per person

Prize for the winning team

Bring your own drinks, snacks and glasses.

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Holly Tree Bee  
by  
Sam Gilmartin  
aged 6½  
from  
Skinburness





# Your Wonderful Buzzing Letters and Poems

Dear Buzz,

It is with great pleasure Keith Robinson, President of Silloth & District 41 club and members this year have presented cheques to four youth organisations in Silloth and District for £25 each from the Wishing Well fund. Unfortunately, last year we were unable to do so because vandals broke into the well, stole any money that was in it and caused so much damage that it cost over £100 to repair the well back to how it was originally, a prominent feature on Silloth Green. So we thank those who have made wishes in the past and hope you will continue to do so in the future.

Many thanks from the President and members of Silloth 41 club

Dear Buzz,

Would you believe it - the grass in the Crofts has been cut - sorry Esk Street! The sad thing is the giraffes have had to migrate to the old churchyard at Causewayhead. Why should it take until the longest day of the year before the grass actually gets cut, I will never know? Or maybe, if they leave it long enough one cut might do. Someone must tell them tidying up is part of the job. Then the trees! Not a bit of wonder some residents are taking the law into their own hands, if you cannot maintain them properly, seek an alternative. Everything seems to have ground to a halt with the building work at the cemetery. Polite warning, take your own water or you will have to go fishing in the beck. What chance do you think we might have of sorting out the road on Solway Street, or do we have another tree saga on our hands?

The Whinge

Statement from Cumberland Council Participation on behalf of Bobby Forbes, Member of Youth Parliament (MYP)

We are aware that Bobby Forbes, MYP, has been the subject of an investigation following a complaint made to the National Youth Agency. The agency facilitates the UK Youth Parliament program, which empowers young people from across the UK to be represented by MPs under the age of 18 in the House of Commons at Westminster. The complaint arose from an incident where Bobby challenged a statement made by Nigel Farage, who referred to the RNLI as a "taxi service for immigrants." Drawing on his personal experiences with the charity, Bobby found the comment to be very disrespectful and disappointing, particularly given the life-saving work performed by the RNLI. Following an external review, it was concluded that Bobby was challenging a comment and not a political party. Therefore, the accusation of political bias was unwarranted. Bobby would like to extend his apologies to the councillor who took offense to his comments. However, he stands by his opinion and remains firm in his belief that such a statement from someone with significant influence is incredibly disrespectful. Bobby finds it disheartening that anyone would devalue the critical, life-saving efforts of the RNLI in such a manner. Bobby remains committed to representing the views and concerns of young people in his constituency and will continue to advocate for the values of respect, empathy, and understanding in all his engagements.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,  
Cumberland Council  
Participation

LINDISFARNE by Judy Rochester

*Lovely Isle!  
You proudly sit on the edge of Northumberland -  
A tiny scrap of land so loved by generations past.*

*A magical aura surrounds your coast ...  
Where Vikings, and others,  
Set foot many centuries ago.*

*And as the sun sets,  
Lindisfarne Castle  
Becomes a place of fairy tales.*

*Visions of knights in armour  
Guarding their land and their ladies  
Safe from marauding robbers of days gone by.*

*But today, quietly inquisitive tourists  
Climb the ramparts  
Each with their own thoughts of this lovely Isle.  
Never to be forgotten.*

Moving Home at Brambling Time  
by Sophia Lodhi

*I won't be here for brambling time...  
I've walked those paths through snows and ice...  
Bare hedgerows: winter's sacrifice.  
...Yes, I'll be gone when briars grow wild:*

*Alive with snails and butterflies,  
And onyx berries, low and high -  
Made plump with rains and rays of light!  
...I'll not be here for brambling time -*

*Beneath the dome of blue, blue skies -  
My basket empty as my sighs!  
...Oh, I shall miss sweet brambling time,  
As blackbirds swoop to steal what's mine,  
Their voices woven, now, with rhyme!*

Richly Blessed  
by Sophia Lodhi

*I love standing in the kitchen  
To make a cup of tea,  
While looking through my window  
As the breeze touches the trees!*

*...Some gardens host strange creatures:  
Worms and snails and toads;  
But mine has only ladybirds,  
And butterflies, I hope!*

*Those who have a garden  
Are very richly blessed:  
In this little patch of heaven,  
We see Nature at it's best!*

Ship in the Night by Sophia Lodhi

*We saw a ship in the night,  
My dog and I:  
Our senses drawn to a low, humming sound,  
And, through darkness,  
And a tracery of trees,  
Some magical flickers of light...*

*Led by midnight's moonbeams,  
We travelled bravely and furtively  
Across the darkened, eerie Silloth Green:  
Heartbeats mingling  
With the hushed, haunting,  
Mysterious maritime hum.*

*Paws and feet trespassing through dewy, emerald grasses,  
We were pulled closer,  
As if by an invisible fishing net,  
To the familiar path by the sea -  
Then we soon found it:  
Spectacular and spacecraft-like!*

*Reflected perfectly  
In rippling, onyx Solway waters -  
The cargo ship: a hovering, opalesque ring of light!  
We watched, for some stolen moments, in awe;  
But in a blink of time, it sailed off quietly,  
to disappear once more:  
A fading vision in the night!*

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**Please remember to  
include your  
contact information.**

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the library catalogue, renew and request books  
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Visit Silloth Library in the Discovery Centre**

### Silloth Library Opening Times

Monday 10am to 4pm  
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Friday 10am to 4pm

Sunday closed

Tuesday CLOSED  
Thursday CLOSED  
Saturday 10am to 1pm

Tel: 016973 31944

## Non-Commercial Tourism Websites

[solwaybuzz.co.uk](http://solwaybuzz.co.uk)  
[sillothgreen.co.uk](http://sillothgreen.co.uk)  
[silloth-on-solway.co.uk](http://silloth-on-solway.co.uk)  
[sillothgolfclub.co.uk](http://sillothgolfclub.co.uk)  
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Report by: Pat Robinson  
Photos by: Irene Brown & Caroline Turner

# Why Join Friends of Silloth Green?

During the Covid crisis we all became more aware of the benefits of venturing outside for some fresh air and exercise. Getting out into the garden or yard, spending time with the family, concentrating on planting, tidying or just sitting outdoors helps promote physical wellbeing, alleviates stress and can positively impact your quality of life.



During our Wednesday sessions you can do as much or as little as you like, or can manage.

No experience is required, there is always someone around who is happy to help and we provide all the tools! Our weekly gatherings are also an opportunity to have a chat and get to know your fellow volunteers over a cuppa.

Passing locals and visitors often stop to chat wanting to know what we are doing or enquiring about a plant that has caught their eye.



Around the Community and Woodland Gardens there are bird



feeders, bug hotels and ponds. So you can just sit on one of the benches and enjoy watching the birds and listening to the hum of the pollinators. It's great to take five minutes to listen to what's going on around you.

At Friends of the Green we like to think that the Gardens are a place of solace, where friendships are made, problems solved, loneliness combated and where there is laughter & kindness. As the Amish Community say 'Friends are Flowers in Life's Garden'



If you would like to become a Volunteer or just pop along for a chat you can find us in the Community Garden every Wednesday at 10am, or visit our Facebook page for a round up of our activities.



Community Gardens bring together people of all backgrounds and abilities working as a team with a sense of purpose and friendship. There are many Community Gardens, like the one on Silloth Green, for people to go along and help out, to learn more about gardening and to make friends. Increasingly the medical profession is suggesting gardening as a way to help with mental wellbeing.

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Please let us know of any changes within this section

- Christ Church**  
For baptisms and other church related business please contact: Rev Bryan Rothwell  
The Vicarage, Wigton Road  
Tel: 016973 31413
- Civic Amenity Sites**  
Operated by Cumbria County Council. Tel: 01228 606060  
Maryport Tip, tel 01900 66922 open daily 8am to 6pm  
Wigton Tip, tel 016973 45617 open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday, 8am to 6pm
- China Painting**  
Every Friday at Silloth Community Hall. 2pm to 4pm. All welcome.
- Mawbray NIA Group**  
Every Thursday from 2 to 4pm in Culterham Hall, £4 per session includes refreshments. Just come along.
- Wigton Theatre Club**  
Buy tickets via our website or call the Box Office: 07977 835094
- Silloth Tennis Club**  
For coaching information call David Wise on 0742 547767
- Cash Machines**  
Are available on Solway Street at both the Spar and CO-OP supermarkets. Cash is also available at Winters Post Office
- Blencogo Art Group**  
Every Monday from 1:30-4:30pm in Blencogo Village Hall where members help each other. Refreshments provided, regular outings, tel 016973 61158 or 61327
- Production Team**  
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- Silloth Library**  
Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10am to 4pm  
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0303 333 1234  
cumbria.gov.uk/libraries
- Abbeytown Choir**  
Meet in the Abbey:  
Adult Choir Tuesdays 6-7pm  
Children's Choir  
Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm  
All welcome!
- Banking Hub**  
Maryport Banking Hub is operated by the Post Office on Senhouse Street as follows:  
Monday: NatWest  
Tuesday: HSBC  
Wednesday: Halifax  
Thursday: TSB  
Friday: Barclays
- Good Companions**  
Have a coffee morning / fundraiser on the first Monday each month from 10:30 to 11:30am. £2 entry for refreshments plus tombola, raffle and cake sale.
- Monday Craft Club**  
Silloth Community Hall 10 - 11:30am every Monday. Bring your current project, exchange ideas, chat and have a cuppa
- Family History Grp**  
Tuesdays at Silloth Community Hall from 6 – 8.30pm. Bring along your own research and meet fellow genealogists
- Sewing Group**  
Every other Thursday at Silloth Community Hall. 12 – 4pm. All abilities welcome.
- Silloth Parkrun**  
Meet on the Promenade beside the Tennis Courts at 9am every Saturday morning
- Badminton**  
Abbeytown Badminton Club meet on Wednesday evenings, check details on their facebook page, £5 per night
- Scrabble Club**  
Meet in Silloth Library on Fridays 10:30am to 1pm
- Backgammon Club**  
Meet in Silloth Library on Wednesdays 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Dates for Your Diary

**July**  
25th Mawbray Village Hall Monthly Quiz - 7.30pm see advert  
26th Allonby Artex 2024 in Allonby Village Hall 2pm-6pm  
27th Allonby Artex 2024 in Allonby Village Hall 10am-6pm  
27th Soul On The Green 11am to 8pm, see advert  
28th Allonby Artex 2024 in Allonby Village Hall 10am-6pm  
28th Mawbray Village Hall Open Day 2pm - 5pm See advert  
29th Allonby Artex 2024 in Allonby Village Hall 10am-4pm

**August**  
1st RNLI celebrates 200th anniversary, 6pm at Lifeboat station  
5th Coffee Morning in the Good Companions 10:30-11:30am, entry £2  
11th Oulton Tractor Run see advert  
18th Wigton Widows and Widowers meet 1-3pm at Cornerstone Methodist Church in Wigton, 'Summer BBQ'  
21st Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am  
25th Silloth Carnival on Silloth Green  
26th Silloth Carnival on Silloth Green  
29th Mawbray Village Hall Monthly Quiz - 7.30pm see advert

**September**  
2nd Coffee Morning in the Good Companions 10:30-11:30am, entry £2  
2nd Silloth Town Council Meeting in the Community Hall at 7pm, all welcome  
7th Blencogo & District Village Hall Produce Show at 2pm, admission 50p  
7th Silloth RAFA Leek Show, Tel: 016973 31531  
7th Film Club in Mawbray Village Hall  
14th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in Christ Church at 10am  
14th Bingo Night in Mawbray Village Hall  
15th Wigton Widows and Widowers meet 1-3pm at Cornerstone Methodist Church in Wigton, 'Oompa Funf brass Quintet'  
25th Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am  
25th Wigton Theatre Club presents Handbagged by Moira Buffini. Details & times on Ticket Source  
26th Wigton Theatre Club presents Handbagged by Moira Buffini. Details & times on Ticket Source  
26th Monthly Quiz in Mawbray Village Hall  
27th Wigton Theatre Club presents Handbagged by Moira Buffini. Details & times on Ticket Source  
28th RNLI 200th Anniversary, Time Capsule leaves Silloth by sea, 9am  
28th Wigton Theatre Club presents Handbagged by Moira Buffini. Details & times on Ticket Source

**October**  
7th Coffee Morning in the Good Companions 10:30-11:30am, entry £2  
7th Silloth Town Council Meeting in the Community Hall at 7pm, all welcome  
8th Holme Low Parish Council meeting at 7:30pm in Silloth Community Hall  
12th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in Christ Church at 10am

**October cont'd**  
12th Wigton Theatre Club presents Jack Rutter. Details & times on Ticket Source  
20th Wigton Widows and Widowers meet 1-3pm at Cornerstone Methodist Church in Wigton, 'Movie'  
23rd Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

**November**  
4th Coffee Morning in the Good Companions 10:30-11:30am, entry £2  
4th Silloth Town Council Meeting in the Community Hall at 7pm, all welcome  
9th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in Christ Church at 10am  
10th Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am  
17th Wigton Widows and Widowers meet 1-3pm at Cornerstone Methodist Church in Wigton, 'Abbeytown Community Choir'  
30th Silloth & District Pensioners Xmas Party

**December**  
2nd Coffee Morning in the Good Companions 10:30-11:30am, entry £2  
2nd Silloth Town Council Meeting in the Community Hall at 7pm, all welcome  
7th Wigton Theatre Club presents Charlie Dore and Julian Littman. Details & times on Ticket Source  
11th Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

**December cont'd**  
15th Wigton Widows and Widowers meet 1-3pm at Cornerstone Methodist Church in Wigton, 'Christmas Dinner'

**January 2025**  
14th Holme Low Parish Council meeting at 7:30pm in Silloth Community Hall

**February**  
3rd Silloth Town Council Meeting in the Community Hall at 7pm, all welcome

**March**  
3rd Silloth Town Council Meeting in the Community Hall at 7pm, all welcome

**April**  
7th Silloth Town Council Meeting in the Community Hall at 7pm, all welcome  
8th Holme Low Parish Council meeting at 7:30pm in Silloth Community Hall

**May**  
12th Silloth Town Council Meeting in the Community Hall at 7pm, all welcome

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Please tell us when your group starts or stops, so we can let everyone know

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We meet on Tuesdays during term time only at Holme Cultram Abbey 10am to 11:30am, all welcome

**Solway Woodcarvers**  
Every Monday and Wednesday evening at Silloth Community Hall from 7pm onwards

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Have You Sent in Your Dates yet?

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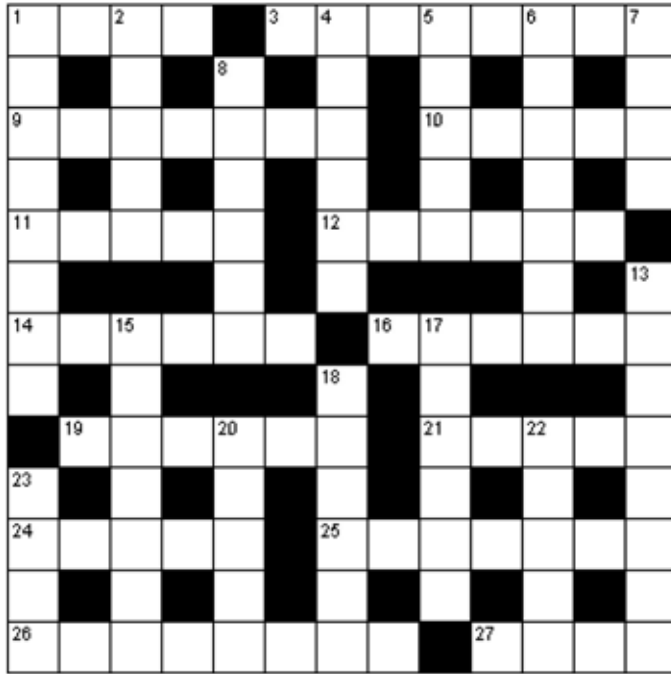
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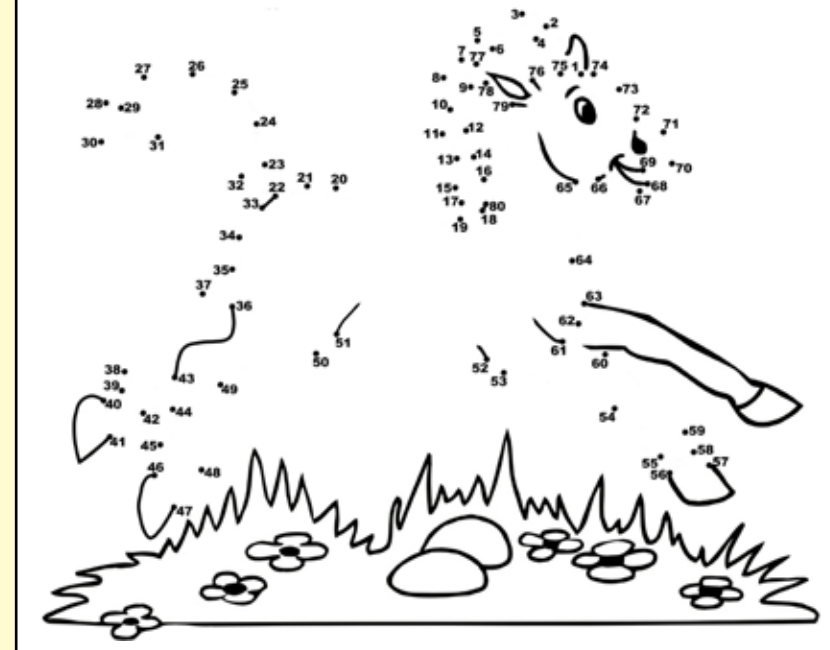
### Across

- 1 Easily yielding to pressure (4)
- 3 Waterfall (8)
- 9 Open grassland in the USA (7)
- 10 Bestowed (5)
- 11 Relative magnitudes of two quantities (5)
- 12 Become smaller (6)
- 14 Academy awards (6)
- 16 Drinker's toast (6)
- 19 Natural tooth covering (6)
- 21 Vigilant (5)
- 24 Hunting dog (5)
- 25 Eminent (7)
- 26 Remiss (8)
- 27 Tool for cutting and shaping wood (4)

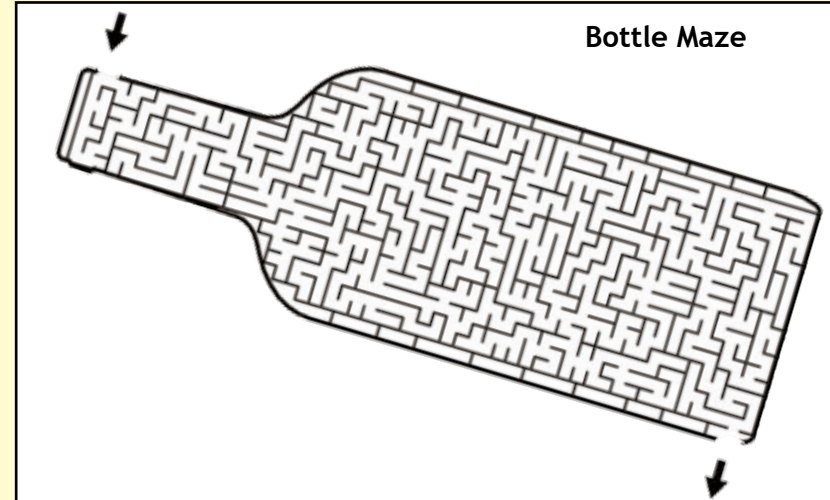
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- 1 Higher-ranking (8)
- 2 Banquet (5)
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- 6 Make progress (7)
- 7 Very small (4)
- 8 Fervour (6)
- 13 So to speak (2,2,4)
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- 23 Elegantly stylish (4)

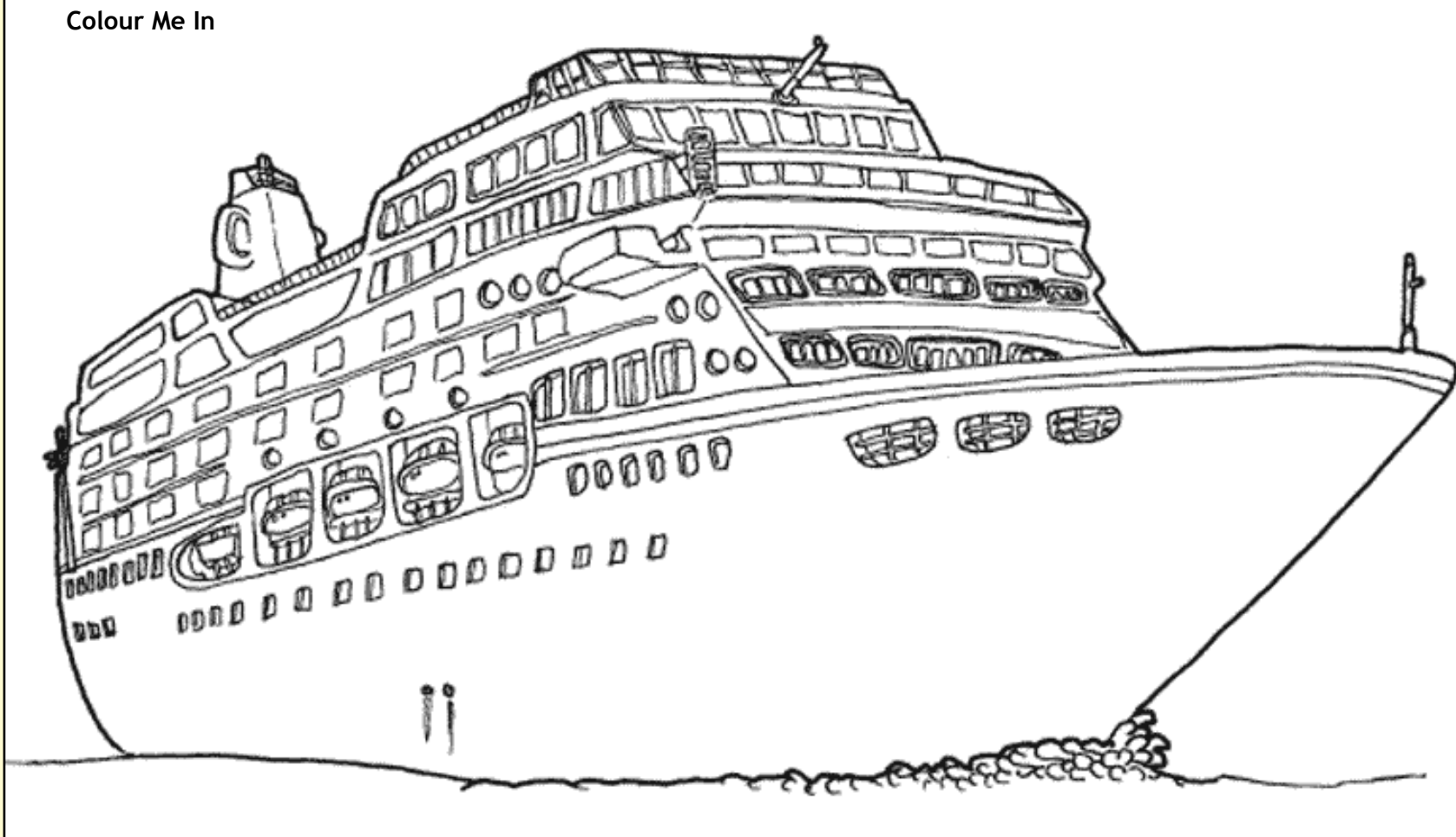
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The council's fully qualified and expertly trained pest control team can treat wasps' nests for a fee.

Wasps and bees can often be mistaken for one another. While both can give a painful sting when provoked, wasps are naturally more aggressive and can sting multiple times when attacking.

Wasps can be identified by their narrow waist and yellow dots below their head. Both have yellow stripes, but wasps' stripes are brighter and more distinct, bees have duller stripes with a softer edge.

Both wasps and bees play an important role in our ecosystem, however, bees are protected and cannot be treated, wasps can be as they are naturally more aggressive and can be dangerous, particularly to those that

are allergic.

Cumberland Council's pest control team also offers advice and chargeable treatments for rats, mice, cockroaches, bed bugs and fleas.

Councillor Bob Kelly, Cumberland Council's Portfolio Holder for Environmental Health, said: "We want to help residents enjoy the summer months free from pests and critters. Wasps can be particularly unpleasant, are aggressive when provoked and can cause a nasty sting. It is important that nests are treated carefully, using the right equipment, by professionals with the appropriate training. If there's something

causing a nuisance on your property, get in touch with our trusted team."

We provide a pest control service for domestic and commercial premises. We can provide advice and treatment if you have a problem with insect pests or vermin. We will visit you and carry out a full assessment of your pest problem to get rid of pests.

For commercial premises please contact us for a free quotation by emailing [pestcontrol3@cumberland.gov.uk](mailto:pestcontrol3@cumberland.gov.uk).

Pests we treat

We treat a number of insects and small animals. Advice and information will be given for each pest type:

Bed bugs  
Cockroaches  
Cluster Flies  
Fleas  
Mice  
Rats

To find out more about the service and its fees visit [cumberland.gov.uk/your-environment/pest-control](http://cumberland.gov.uk/your-environment/pest-control).





# Beavers & Cubs get Donation



Silloth Beavers and Cubs would like to say a huge thank you to Silloth & District 41 club for their generous donation of £25 from money left in the wishing well.  
We are all very grateful and we will use it to treat the Beavers & Cubs to something nice next term.

## Solway Buzz Phone Book

This section recognises those whose financial help keeps the Solway Buzz going. If you wish to contribute in this way without taking an advert, please contact the Buzz, it costs only £52 a year.

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Devonshire House Dentures 01228 529128

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West Silloth Motors 016973 32833



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Age UK	01900 844670
Allerdale B. Council	03031 231702
Chemist, Silloth:	016973 31394
Church Catholic	01900 814826
Community Grants:	01900 325013
Crime Stoppers:	0800 555111
Dentist, Alma Terrace:	016973 31270
Dentist, Emergency:	01228 603900
Doctor:	016973 31309
Doctor CHOC service	03000 247 247
NHS	111
First Responders can only be called by the Ambulance service, call:	999
Electricity Power Cut	105
Gas:	0800 111 999
Highways Hot Line	0300 303 2992
Hospital:	01228 523444
Holme St. Cuthbert School, Mawbray:	01900 881242
Holm Cultram Abbey CofE School	
Abbeytown:	016973 61261
MP, Mark Jenkinson:	01900 876189
Neighbourhood Forum:	01900 325013
Police:	101
Quakers, Wigton:	01228 523174
Register Office, Wigton:	0300 373 3730
Samaritans:	01228 544444
Silloth Community School:	
	016973 31234
Silloth Library	016973 31944
Silloth Nursery & Junior School:	
	016973 31243
Silloth Post Office	016973 31323
Silloth Town Clerk:	016973 31128
Silloth Tourist Information Centre:	
	016973 31944
Solway Buzz:	016973 32180
Paragon Vet:	01228 710208
Millcroft Vet:	016973 23898
Waste Disposal Dept:	01900 702800
Water LeakLine:	0800 330033
Water & Waste Problems	0345 6723723
West Cumbria Carers	01900 821976
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# Visitors Old and New at Silloth Dock

Report & Photos by:  
John Forrester  
More coverage of shipping at  
Silloth can be found at [www.cumbriashippingsphotos.weebly.com](http://www.cumbriashippingsphotos.weebly.com)



Ship photographers were blessed with fine weather during June for the arrival of an old favourite EASTERN VANQUISH, plus a new visitor SOLITAS-H.

EASTERN VANQUISH made two visits to the port, one from Rosyth where it had loaded wheat, and the other from Ghent with fertiliser. It operates under contract to the Isle of Wight company 'Faversham Shipping' and is unusual in being registered in London. The ship is a familiar sight in Silloth and always looks to be maintained in good condition. EASTERN VANQUISH has featured before in these articles and so more space is given to SOLITAS-H this month.

Cyprus registered SOLITAS-H caught the attention of enthusiasts as it was relatively new and the larger of the two ships. It was built three years ago in China to a popular new design known as the 'Combi Freighter 3850'. The German owners, 'Blue Fin Shipping', own a fleet of eight of these versatile coasters. They fly the flag of 'Baltic Shipping', the company who manages their day-to-day operations. The remaining

ships in the fleet would all be new visitors to Silloth and local photographers look forward to the possibility of seeing them.

SOLITAS-H arrived after a week at sea on a sailing from the Baltic port of Klaipeda in Lithuania. This port is a regular source of fertiliser for Silloth. The ship's route had taken her to the far north of Scotland and down the west coast to Cumbria. At this time of year the crew would have enjoyed spectacular views of the islands off the Scottish mainland. The ship was photographed as it prepared to enter Silloth Dock on the midday tide. Onlookers were rewarded with a unique close-up experience of the ship gliding past as it made its way towards the dock entrance. Just fifteen minutes later the highly manoeuvrable ship had turned in the dock and was being made secure at her berth.

Arriving at the weekend meant the crew had two rest days before the ship was unloaded. Once ready for departure, SOLITAS-H retraced her steps north to pick up the next cargo from the small Scottish port of Lochaline.





## Shipping at the Port of Silloth

Report by: Capt Tim Riley,  
Harbour Master, Short Sea Pilot

A quieter month overall during June as the local community knuckle down to first cuts and fertilising their fields, further cargoes will be expected. The lambs and calves are growing rapidly, including ours!

The Eastern Vanquish was brought in to cover for another vessel which had engine problems off the North East coast and so the grain was transhipped to the Eastern Vanquish and she arrived with no further issues with the wheat from Germany.

She returned later in the month with another cargo from Ghent, the Solitas-H sliding in between her two visits with

additional fertiliser.

Apparently it is now summer and we are hoping the sun will eventually come out and warm us all up a little.

There has been no update as yet on the Fox Group and their bid for the port and as such we continue to work, business as usual under ABP. Here's to a warmer month ahead.

### June

9th Eastern Vanquish from Veirrow with a cargo of Wheat, then on to Newport.

22nd Solitas-H from Klaipeda with a cargo of Fertiliser, then on to Lochaline.

24th Easter Vanquish from Ghent with a cargo of Fertiliser, then on to Montrose.

## Was The Gazette the First Silloth Newspaper?

Many thanks to Gordon Akitt for putting this image of the front page of the second edition of the Silloth Gazette from August 1860 on the **Solway History Group** page on facebook.

The local businesses must have been delighted to have a town newspaper as it seems to have lots of local advertising.

Anyone who has not yet seen this facebook group should really take a look at it. This is an amazing resource, especially of photographs from the past of our local area, its townspeople, visitors, or school photos, check it out!

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## Silloth Tide Table

AUGUST 2024		SILLOTH							
Date		DEPTHS ON NEW DOCK GAUGE (1.8M ABOVE CD)							
		High Water				Low Water			
		Morning		Afternoon		Morning		Afternoon	
		Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
1	TH	09 13	5.6	21 45	5.9	03 29	0.1	15 59	0.2
2	F	10 15	5.9	22 37	6.3	04 41	-0.1	17 00	-0.0
3	SA	11 04	6.2	23 21	6.6	05 40	-0.4	17 53	-0.2
4	SU	11 46	6.5	23 59	6.8	06 30	-0.6	18 36	-0.3
5	M			12 21	6.6	07 11	-0.7	19 13	-0.4
6	TU	00 33	6.9	12 54	6.6	07 48	-0.7	19 46	-0.4
7	W	01 05	6.9	13 26	6.6	08 20	-0.7	20 16	-0.4
8	TH	01 37	6.8	13 58	6.5	08 48	-0.6	20 44	-0.4
9	F	02 08	6.7	14 30	6.3	09 14	-0.5	21 13	-0.2
10	SA	02 40	6.4	15 03	6.0	09 40	-0.3	21 44	-0.0
11	SU	03 13	6.1	15 38	5.7	10 10	-0.0	22 19	0.2
12	M	03 50	5.7	16 22	5.3	10 46	0.2	23 02	0.5
13	TU	04 37	5.2	17 19	4.9	11 34	0.5		
14	W	05 46	4.8	18 40	4.8	00 01	0.7	12 46	0.7
15	TH	07 20	4.7	20 03	5.0	01 24	0.8	14 12	0.7
16	F	08 41	5.0	21 10	5.6	02 48	0.5	15 26	0.4
17	SA	09 44	5.6	22 04	6.3	03 59	0.1	16 27	-0.0
18	SU	10 35	6.3	22 50	6.9	04 59	-0.3	17 23	-0.4
19	M	11 20	6.9	23 32	7.5	05 55	-0.8	18 13	-0.7
20	TU			12 00	7.3	06 45	-1.1	19 02	-1.0
21	W	00 14	7.9	12 43	7.6	07 32	-1.4	19 46	-1.2
22	TH	00 56	8.1	13 25	7.6	08 17	-1.5	20 29	-1.2
23	F	01 40	8.1	14 07	7.4	08 57	-1.4	21 09	-1.1
24	SA	02 24	7.8	14 50	7.0	09 34	-1.2	21 47	-0.8
25	SU	03 10	7.3	15 35	6.5	10 12	-0.7	22 29	-0.4
26	M	03 59	6.6	16 28	5.9	10 54	-0.2	23 18	-0.0
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Times shown in UTC. Add 1 hour for British Summer Time.



# Be Safe in the Water - Float To Live



Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC) David Allen attended a water safety presentation by Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service at Ennerdale School, to hear about the 'Float to Live' campaign and how it can save lives.

Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service attended 43 water rescues between April 2023 and April 2024.

All year-round Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service's crews visit schools, colleges, businesses and local community groups to provide invaluable water safety guidance, advice and to educate

people on the 'Float to Live' campaign.

The RNLI charity recommends that if you find yourself struggling in the water unexpectedly, you should 'Float to Live', even though your instincts tell you to swim hard. It is the cold-water shock that makes people gasp uncontrollably and breathe in water. Instead, you should 'Float to Live'.

The best way to float is to follow the five steps below:

Tilt your head back with your ears submerged. Try to relax and breathe normally. Move your hands to help you float.

Spread your arms and legs out to improve stability – and it's OK if your legs sink, we all float differently. Once your breathing is under control, call for help or swim to safety.

PFCC, David Allen comments: "When enjoying the lakes, rivers and waterways around Cumbria, we need to expect the unexpected. Even when water may appear calm and safe, it can sometimes be deceptive. The average water temperature here in Cumbria, is approximately 10 to 13 degrees all year round, which means people will quickly feel the effects

of cold-water shock on their bodies. Drowning is preventable. It's about keeping ourselves safe whether in, on and around water and remembering the five simple steps around the 'float to live' message. It may well save your life. As your Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner, I am the voice of residents within Policing and Fire – I am your voice. If any member of the public has a concern around water safety, or around the Constabulary or Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service, please raise it with me at commissioner@cumbria-pcc.gov.uk or call 01768 217734."

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