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# Silloth Town Council - The Facts & Figures

## How is Silloth-on-Solway Town Council Funded and What Does It Do?

Many people are surprised to learn how Town and Parish Councils are funded and what services they provide. Below are some of the most common questions asked, along with clear answers.

### What is the difference between Council Tax and Business Rates?

Both are local property taxes, but they differ in the type of property they apply to, who pays them, and how they are calculated.

- Council Tax is paid on domestic properties (houses, flats etc).

- Business Rates are paid on commercial properties (shops, offices, warehouses etc).

Both taxes help fund local services such as police, fire, and waste collection.

### Does the Town Council receive any income from Business Rates?

No. Business Rates are collected by Cumberland Council and shared between them and central government. Town and Parish Councils do not receive any of this money.

### How is the Town Council funded?

The main sources of income for the Town Council are:

- The Precept – this is the largest part of our income. Each year the Council works out how much money it needs to run services and asks Cumberland Council to collect this as part of your Council Tax bill.

- Grants – the Council can apply for external funding for specific projects, although sources of funding are limited.

- Local income – smaller amounts are raised from renting allotments, community hall hire, use of the Green and concessions such as the fairground and ice cream pitches etc.

**Income received by Silloth-on-Solway Town Council in 2024/25 comprised of the following:-**

Allotment rents	£1,890
Bank interest	£2,420
Community Hall rent	£1,937
Rent for the use of the Green etc	£3,650
Concessions – Fairground, ice cream etc	£14,711
Other income	£210
Precept	£209,148
Sports Club rents	£2,295
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	£236,261



### What is the Precept?

The Precept is the part of your Council Tax that is collected for the Town Council. Although it appears on your Council Tax bill, it is calculated and set by the Town Council, not Cumberland Council.

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 (staffing 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 and external funding. Income and the use of reserves cover a percentage of the expenditure over the year, but the vast majority is met by the annual Precept.

For 2025/26, the precept raised for Silloth-on-Solway is £209,148. Based on the town's tax

base of 913.76 Band D equivalent properties, this results in a charge of £228.84 per year for a Band D household. This is actually a decrease of £11.19 (4.66%) compared with last year.

### How is the Precept calculated?

The calculation is simple: Budget required ÷ Tax base = Band D charge. So, for 2025/26:

$$£209,148 \div 913.76 = £228.84$$

Properties in other bands pay proportionately less (e.g. Band A) or more (e.g. Band H).

### What does the Town Council provide for Silloth?

Your Town Council is directly responsible for many of the facilities and services that people value most in our town, including:

- Public open spaces – including Silloth Green, land at New Street and West Silloth.
- Events support – allowing the use of the Green and providing facilities such as railings, electricity, and bins for events that boost our town's economy and enjoyment.
- Concessions – managing sites for the fairground, land train, ice cream pitches, and food pitch.



and maintained by the Town Council and its staff and are regularly inspected for safety and cleanliness.

### Why does this matter?

The Town Council plays a key role in maintaining and improving the

quality of life in Silloth. Although our budget is modest compared to Cumberland Council, the services we provide are visible, local, and directly benefit the community.

The vast majority of the cost falls on the ratepayers of Silloth and the Town Council is always mindful of this when reviewing its budget. The Town Council's aim is to ease the pressure on residents' council tax, look at ways for visitors to contribute fairly, cut running costs through efficiency and protect and improve the facilities people value the most.

For more information, check out the Town Council website at [www.silloth-on-solway-tc.gov.uk](http://www.silloth-on-solway-tc.gov.uk) or contact the Town Clerk.

Email: [townclerk@silloth-on-solway-tc.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@silloth-on-solway-tc.gov.uk)

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**Silloth-on-Solway Town Council seeks a new councillor to join the team.**

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council is inviting residents to step forward and help shape the future of our community by becoming a Town Councillor.

This is an exciting opportunity for someone who cares about local issues, wants to make a difference, and is passionate about improving life in Silloth.

Town Councillors play a vital role in representing the interests of residents, influencing decisions on local services and facilities, and supporting community projects. No previous experience is required — training and guidance will be

provided.

Closing date for applications: Friday 3rd October 2025.

Wendy Jameson, Town Clerk added: "We're looking for someone enthusiastic and committed to join us on the Town Council. It's a chance to get involved, represent your community, and help make a positive impact on Silloth-on-Solway Town Council. If you care about where you live, we'd love to hear from you."

For further details or to apply, please contact:  
Wendy Jameson, Town Clerk  
Email: [townclerk@silloth-on-solway-tc.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@silloth-on-solway-tc.gov.uk)  
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Web: [silloth-on-solway-tc.gov.uk](http://silloth-on-solway-tc.gov.uk)

# A Great Summer Camp



Report by: Jennifer Bell

2025 was another successful summer camp for Silloth on Solway Sports Association.

A big thank you to all our coaches: Dave Pearson, Chris Pearson, Jackson Slack, Chris Wright, Ricki Sutcliffe, Rob

Jefferson and Ben Carini for all their hard work.

Also a big thank you to Silloth Football Club and Silloth Rugby Club for the use of their facilities and support.

And - thank you for donations from Silloth Co-op, SOSCS

(charity shop) and Silloth Festivals whose financial support makes the camp affordable for everyone. Also thank you to all the parents and children!

We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

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# Local Scouts Visit Denmark!



Report by: Julie Bryceson

1st Wigton Baden-Powell Scouts have just returned from summer camp in Denmark. Eighteen Scouts and four leaders flew to Copenhagen, whilst two other leaders drove to Denmark, taking a lot of the kit with them. The camp was to let the Scouts see the log cabin, which the Wigton Group wants to build.

1st Wigton Baden-Powell Scouts meet at Blencogo Village Hall for half of the year and have children in our Group from Abbeytown, Silloth, Port Carlisle, Bothel, Blengogo, Kirkbride and more.

Group Leader Julie Bryceson said "We weren't sure we were going to be able to fly out on our scheduled early evening flight, as it was the day Storm Floris hit. Fortunately, despite some turbulence, the flight took to the skies and it was an interesting experience going as high as possible, in as short a time as possible, in order to avoid as much of the winds as possible."

Whilst on camp, the Scouts cooked over open fires, used axes and saws to prepare firewood and built tables and benches using pioneering poles.

Several hikes took place, with Will, Alana, William and Ariel, completing their First Class hike, with an overnight hike through the local area, definitely a memorable experience. Younger Scouts hiked in the area around a lake, as well as through a forest to test navigation skills.

There was time for sightseeing, with a trip to a Viking boat museum, the Planetarium in Copenhagen and a boat trip to see the main sights of Copenhagen.

The final outing was to a local castle, on the evening before the Scouts left to return to England.

Julie said "We've talked about the log cabin and shown the Scouts photos but nothing can prepare them for the real thing. We were able to use the cabin and camp outside in the forest. Scouts were in awe of every aspect of the cabin, with the individual Patrol rooms being one of the most popular likes."

The Scouts are now keen to raise funds towards the costs of building their own headquarters on land they



own, with a fundraising meeting scheduled for when meetings resume in September.



# Chichester Hall Summer Fayre



Report by: Margaret Rees

Chichester Hall's Summer Fayre, which took place on Saturday - a happy gathering of Residents and their families, friends, neighbours, and some of our most talented craft workers - a lovely way to bring the community together. My neighbours this time were a lady making jams and preserves, and one with a display of splendid woolly hats; it was a delight also to see a display of crafts created by the Residents themselves.

My own contribution was a display and demonstration of Corn Dolly making. The tradition goes back some 8,000 years, to the Middle East, and the invention of farming: it was the custom to make a big corn dolly out of the last sheaf of corn, arranged in the shape of a maiden, where the Corn

Spirit might rest in the winter; and everyone made little corn dollies, often in heart shapes, for everyone else, and they were hung in the kitchen to bless the family.

The custom spread to most areas where grain is grown - my collection includes examples from China to Mexico, Norway to Morocco - but I am one of the very few people making them now. As well as workshops for WI and other local groups, I am asked to run corn dolly workshops all over the country - the latest was for the Canal Festival in Leighton Buzzard, the next ones are in Exeter and then Glasgow. So it was a real treat to be invited to share them with the Residents and visitors at Chichester Hall, a five-minute stroll for me here in Skinburness, and I didn't get lost on the way!

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# Carnival Dogshow



Some proud dog owners who competed at Silloth Carnival Dogshow and were photographed by Trevor Grahamslaw

# Solway Community School GCSE Results 2025

Report by: Steph Thorp, Deputy Head

Tom Hailwood – Headteacher “We are delighted to see all the students across Cumbria Futures Federation today as they collect their GCSE results. This is a landmark day for them, one they will long remember with great pride, along with the teachers, wider staff, and everyone associated with the Federation. We are pleased to see our students’ results today and watch them move successfully onto their next steps.”

Steph Thorp – Deputy Headteacher “I continue to be proud of this cohort of students; as we all know they had a difficult transition from Primary to Secondary due to the pandemic. Their journey leading up to their GCSE results has not been easy, yet they have remained positive and committed to giving it their all. Being by their side over the last 5 years I have seen them all work hard, both as a collective year group, but also as individuals, each carving out their own future. They have supported each other and have grown into a mature and caring group of students. I am excited to see them take their next steps as I have no doubt they all will succeed.

“Our students, the children of our wonderful county and schools are also more than the sum of their grades and so today we want to celebrate the individuals who have shone for all sorts of reasons.”

Pleasing results were achieved by many, including:

Jessica Robinson is now going on to 6th form to study Psychology, Sociology and Health & Social Care after working hard and achieving Grade 5s in Spanish, English and Science, and a Distinction in BTEC Sport. Keira Brown also received a great set of results and is off to Lakes College to study a T-Level in Child Care and Development. Tomas Smart is now joining the Army after successfully passing their difficult selection process. Tomas worked hard and achieved Grade 6's in Science and Maths.

Braedon Greig is looking forward to going to 6th form to study Maths and Chemistry having received a Grade 7 in Science and Grade



6 in Maths. Nathan Maybury-Potter has already started his apprenticeship, and backs that up with a Grade 5 in Maths. Thomas Pattinson is working with Kendal College doing his Agricultural apprenticeship having received good results across the board.

Well done to everyone at Solway Community School.





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# Friends of Silloth Green



Text & Photos:  
Caroline Turner  
Drawing: Beth Holmes

The raised beds have been replanted with a colourful blue and white, yellow and orange scheme of bulbs and Polyanthus for the Autumn and Winter.

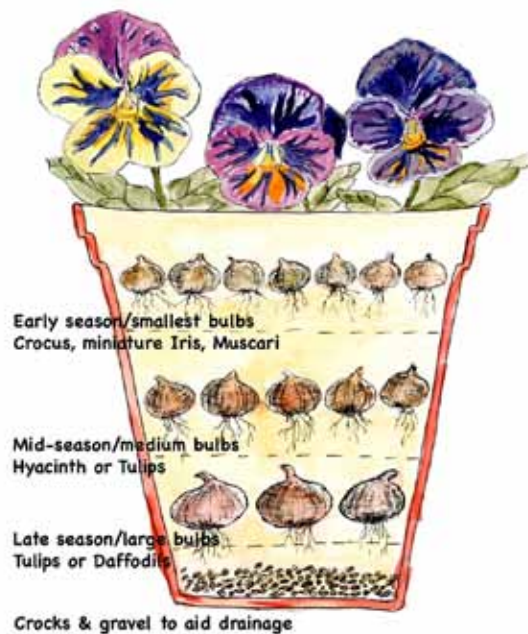
We'd like to thank the Silloth-on-Solway Community Shop for their generous donation which helped towards buying the bulbs and plants. We'd also like to acknowledge the support we received this year from the Town Council, the Co-op and the family of June and Jimmy Morton for their kind donation in their memory, as they loved spending time in the Community Garden. We are also grateful to those who donated gardening equipment, to Cove at Solway Holiday Village for the wood chippings and to David Allen Accountants for auditing our accounts.

And, last but definitely not least all the great people of Silloth who visited our Plant stalls through the Summer and our wonderful volunteers who keep the Community Garden looking so colourful and tidy!

Now is a good time to plant bulbs, so why not have a go at planting a Bulb Lasagne? It will give you a lovely succession of colour through the Spring.

All you need is a largish pot with a drainage hole, some gritty free draining compost, bulbs hate to sit in wet soil, and the bulbs of your choice. Put some crocks and gravel in the bottom of the pot to increase the drainage, cover with compost and then add your first

bulb layer, these should be the biggest bulbs and the last to flower. Add a little more compost, just enough to cover the bulbs, and then add your next layer of mid season bulbs. Your top layer should be the smallest bulbs and the first to flower. Finally top off the pot with Winter Pansies or Violas and water. Don't let the pot dry out but be careful not to over water as bulbs don't like being soggy. Place your pot near the house or in a frost free location to give it some protection and look forward to a colourful Spring.



# Abbeytown Juniors Football Club



Our U10 Girls stepped out in style in their brand-new kit, proudly sponsored by Outdoor Creations by KLP. Here's to an exciting season ahead



Good luck to our Abbeytown Athletic U9s as the new season kicks off! Have fun, play hard, and make some great memories on the pitch.

## "Quote of the Month"

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This allows residents to report any drug related activity. Drug use can cause issues for local people as it can bring antisocial behaviour and crime into the area and this allows police to gain information so that those involved can be proactively targeted.

We are looking to challenge the use and supply of drugs in this area. Tell us about:

Suspicious activity on your street

Suspicious people or vehicles on your street



Drug supply in your community

Any concerns about crime in your neighbourhood

Anyone with information can report online at [www.cumbria.police.uk/report-it](http://www.cumbria.police.uk/report-it).

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# Some Solfest Photos



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# Christmas Lights



Report by: Joseph Scott  
Christmas Lights Committee

Due to new and ongoing regulations to keep the lights above the highway, we have had to take the difficult decision to remove the lights across the streets.

Unfortunately this would have meant unsustainable ongoing costs to keep them up. The lights across the highway have been up for over ten years.

Our plans are to relocate the

lights on various buildings around the town, so if your a business owner in Silloth and are happy to have lights put up on your premises, please get in touch.

We are also looking for volunteers to help erect and dismantling the lights around the town, please get in touch. We are just a small volunteer group who rely on donations to maintain and purchase new lights.

# One Happy Visitor



Report by: Jack O'Hara

I recently enjoyed a visit to Silloth from across the border in Annan.

I enjoyed painting some lovely scenes in this picturesque corner of the world. Also enjoyed reading your newspaper courtesy of the local fish and chip shop.

Loved the painted buildings, arcade and leisurely walks on the green.

This place holds many fond memories from family day trips & there seems to be a thriving, close-knit, buzzing community!

I will be back - only wish the Solway viaduct was still there and I could make the short journey by bike.

Here's hoping to a prosperous, environmentally friendly future with arms outstretched across the Solway to auld acquaintances!

# Buzz Reminder, Did You Know?

The Solway Buzz is printed ten times a year, this October/November issue is one of the bimonthlies, the other is February/March.

The next edition will be out from 19th November. All reports to be in at the start of November, our contact details are on page 14.

The Solway Buzz is a not-for-profit community paper, there are no employees, nobody gets a salary and we have over 65 people locally prepared to help in various ways.

All articles and photographs are submitted by people in the community. There are an amazing number of groups who have regular meetings, see many of their details on page 14.

These groups all welcome anyone to come along and participate.

Are there any more groups we have missed?

All organisations are welcome to submit an article and photograph about themselves to

give our readers a better insight into what they do.

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# Summer Fayre at Chichester Hall



Report by: Louise Jackson  
(Registered Manager)

On Saturday, 23rd August, we held our Summer Fayre at Chichester Hall, we welcomed relatives and friends from the community, we hosted several stall holders, and even sold some items that our lovely Residents made, which included pens, diamond painted cards and earrings. It was nice to put some faces to voices that we hear at the end of the phone. All in all, it was a lovely

day with some money raised for our Residents Fund. We will be holding our annual (dare I say it) Christmas Fayre in December, it is always a festive occasion, and it promises to be a real treat for our Residents and visitors alike!

We welcome enquiries about any of the services we offer or about our upcoming events, which are published on our Facebook page – Chichester Hall.

We look forward to meeting you soon.

# Blencogo & District Produce Show

Report by: Judith Wood, Produce Show Committee

The Produce Show took place on Saturday 6th September.

As the doors opened on a lovely early autumn day the Village Hall soon became a buzz of activity as entrants arrived laden with colourful produce - flowers, fruit, vegetables, crafts placed carefully on display as well as delicious home cooked items, all labelled for judging. The children's works of art were proudly put in the right class, and the results were eagerly awaited.

During the break the judges pondered and deliberated over the offerings in front of them and the results were compiled. In the afternoon as the doors reopened the competitors returned to see how they had done, and spectators marveled at the variety of items and skills displayed. There was talk of how the weather had conspired against the gardeners - too hot, too dry, too early etc. and entries were definitely sadly low but the hall looked lovely and there was a lot of talent on display. The outcomes were there for all to see.

Teas were available and a sociable time was enjoyed while the results were tallied and viewed.

When the points were added up the results were as follows:

Bromfield parish cup for flowers

**Kirsty**

Harry Douglas Fuchsia plaque

**Nick Wood**

Tom Carrick Cup for kitchen garden

**Eileen Rees**

Ferguson Salver for bakery

**Liz Cozens**

St Mungo's Cup for Handicrafts

**Liz Cozens**

Blencogo Village Hall Trophy for Children 8 and over

**Daisy Snaith**

Alfred Greive trophy for 7 years and under

**Lily Snaith**

High Aketon Trophy, for most points in show

**Liz Cozens**

A raffle was held on the day with prizes kindly donated by various contributors.

To finish the day off there was a good, humoured auction of the produce brilliantly run by Adrian Cozens (he gets better with practice), with wild seed gift bonuses kindly donated by Noah.

All profits raised are for hall funds, but the event is only possible with the generous support of all the competitors, judges and participants of the show as well as Bromfield PC who kindly provided a grant towards the costs of prize money and engraving.

Our thanks too to Liz Brough, Country Kitchen for her support and to all the "staff" who worked so hard to make the day a success.





Report by: Jackie McCormick on behalf of the Carnival Committee  
Photos by: Trevor Grahamslaw  
Simone Hetherington  
Kathleen Grey  
Julie Greig  
Jamie Bell

# Silloth Carnival Held on The Green During August Bank Holiday Weekend




Our carnival weekend started on the Sunday with glorious sunshine and lots of people out and about to take part in the day. Whether having their dog in the dog show, watching the fabulous motorbike stunt men, buying lovely gifts from the stalls, riding on the brilliant fun fair rides or just sitting relaxing and enjoying the fantastic singers on the stage. The whole green was buzzing with excitement and it was lovely to see.

Monday again was a glorious sunny day which saw more people in the town and on the green than there has been for a very long time. Monday is always the parade through town which was not the largest of parades but we were very grateful to everyone that took the time to dress up and join in.

Again there were singers and groups throughout the day, thanks to Stanwix Holiday Park who sorted our stage and P.A system for the two days. Thanks to Solway Holiday Village and Stanwix for their fabulous characters walking the parade and then joining in on the green. The Fire Engine for heading proceedings, Drum Nation for their brilliant sound, LJ Cheer for taking up the rear, Alice In Wonderland from Maryport and each and every one of you that took time out of your day to dress up and join our parade.

Every member of the Carnival Committee would like to thank each and every one of you for helping us to put this event on and joining in. Unfortunately, we have had a couple of members leave the committee due to negative and some very rude attitude towards us all, especially the people doing the rolling roadblock. It saddens me when people sit back and criticise what you do but you definitely cannot please everyone. Same again next year xx

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1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month  
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Why not drop in and see if anything catches your eye.

Have a chat whilst you are here and swap books you have enjoyed





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**Mawbray Village Hall Clubs**

Here are the dates for October & November

Pool Club  
14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> October & 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> November  
7pm – 9pm



Craft & Chat  
8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> October & 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> November  
2pm – 4pm



Book & Jigsaw Exchange  
2<sup>nd</sup>, & 16<sup>th</sup> October & 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> November  
3.30pm – 4.30pm



Culterham Hall, Mawbray.

A talk by  
Caroline Mackenzie  
Retro House Museum

Aprons, pinnies and overalls

Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup>. 3pm-5pm.  
£3 including refreshments.  
Come in your best pinnie!



**BLÉN-SCARE-CRO 2025**



**25<sup>th</sup> OCT – 31<sup>st</sup> OCT**

**BLÉNCOGO SCARECROW FESTIVAL**

BACK AGAIN! Bigger and better! Pick up a map for £2 from the Village Hall and tour the village scarecrows as the competition heats up!

Maps available all half term from 25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October from the honesty box outside the hall.

31<sup>st</sup> October, cake sale & kids crafting 11am-5pm followed by a Halloween Disco & games from 6pm! Entry £5 inc. hot dog. Under 2's & adults free entry.

**MAWBRAV VILLAGE HALL**

**MONTHLY QUIZ**



30<sup>th</sup> October & 27<sup>th</sup> November  
7.30pm  
£2.00 per person  
Prize for the winning team  
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The last Thursday of every Month

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Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 10am -4pm

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Take away available.



# Your Wonderful Buzzing Letters and Poems

Dear Buzz,

Just a quick note having read the latest Buzz to say what a super edition ..... a real newsy, friendly, informative community paper!

Judy Rochester

Dear Buzz,

I wonder if your publication would be able to promote an event that we are hoping to run in Silloth in November. Healthwatch Cumberland come out to communities to collate information on health and care experience, from GP surgeries, hospital settings, to care homes. We take good and bad information which we then take back to the commissioners and ICB Boards who effectively buy in the services for the NHS.

Without this information these bodies are not aware of what is working and what is not. This is especially essential for communities like Silloth who may find access to healthcare prohibitive due to transport issues etc.

I read the Solway Buzz when I was based on Pennine View for Home Group, and enjoyed the read - it's a vital publication in Silloth for the community.

If you require any further information please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Clandon

**Let's make change together**



**Clandon Armstrong**  
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Healthwatch Cumberland  
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0300 303 8567

## Do You Get the Buzz?

If the Buzz paper does not fly through your letter box in the areas we cover, it is because we have not found a volunteer.

If you would like to join our hive of volunteers we would be pleased to hear from you, call Peter on 0750 180 5775 for more info.

Dear Buzz,

I have just received my latest edition of the Solway Buzz, and would like to say just how fantastic a job you've done setting out our review, everything mentioned and a great spread.

Equally so regarding Soul on the Green, I'm sure Denis Peacock & Co' will be very happy with their event review, also presented in this edition.

On behalf of the Silloth on Solway Festivals Committee, I would just like to say thank you so much for putting in all the hard work that I myself have witnessed in the making at your office in the past. Long may your work at Solway Buzz last.

Best Regards,  
Simon,  
Secretary,  
Silloth Festivals.  
Firebird Festival  
& Soul on the Green

Dear Buzz,

Marjorie and family of Graham would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their love and support during this very sad time. We appreciate all of the lovely cards, flowers, messages and donations in Grahams memory.

We would also like to thank Margaret Gates, Brian the Vicar and Time Barker for their prayers.

Graham was a loving husband, dad and grandad and had many many good friends, he will be sorely missed by all.

Thank you all  
Mrs Marjorie Wilkinson

Dear Buzz,

It amazes me that one of the better roads in the town is being repaired before the tracks we have.

If the Highways Division wants to know where the holes and depressions are come down when it is raining and open your eyes, but be warned you may need a rowing boat or a life jacket.

Still wondering when the speed signs will be sorted?  
Both Abbeytown and Aspatria seem to work OK.

Happy motoring  
The Whinge

Dear Buzz,

My name is Keith Wareing and I am James Wareing's grandfather.

James, representing Silloth, won the Cumbria Union of Golf Clubs, Junior Champion of Champions at Kendal Golf Club in August.

James 14, and his brother, Jackson 12, both live in Workington but are junior members at Workington and Silloth.

Unknown to Silloth members they have deep historical roots in the Silloth Community.

Their great grandfather, was born and raised in Silloth on Wampool Street and better known as Jimmy "Pongo" Wareing who played rugby union for Silloth, Cumberland and Westmorland, Sandhurst Royal Military College and was selected to play for the England Services XV at Cardiff Arms Park in 1943.

In 1946 he signed professional rugby league forms for Workington Town under Gus Rismann and went on to win the Championship Cup in 1951 at Maine Road, Manchester, and the Challenge Cup at Wembley in 1953.

Their great, great, great grandfather was one Samuel Maskell a sailor from St Osyth, Essex, who was shipwrecked off Silloth and consequently met and married Martha Brough in 1865. Martha Brough's nephew is the renown James Wasdale Brough of the "Jim Brough Rugby Park", rugby internationalist, golfer, journalist and a famous "Sillothian".

Samuel and Martha had seven children and the Maskell name was prominent in Silloth throughout the 1900's.

I hope this is of interest to you and perhaps some of your readers.

Kind Regards  
Keith Wareing

## Anagram Answers

golden leaves  
harvest  
hibernate  
pundit  
jessie

Mums can be a Little Strange  
by Sophia Lodhi

Mums can be a little strange, sometimes...

Mine was, during the season  
In which she tried to catch the tiny field mouse

Who strayed, without reason,  
Into our house.

It was during one particularly cold  
winter, back in the nineties:

Christmas term...I was just a girl,  
Still at high school...

Dark mornings...didn't ever want to get  
up, even when Mum tried to lay down  
the rules.

That alarm clock never worked,  
And for many mornings, Mum said she  
just wanted to tear her hair out,  
Scream and shout: because she couldn't  
wake me up.

One bitter morning, dark grey skies  
lurking behind my velvet curtains,  
Mum turned up in my bedroom and  
announced she'd caught the mouse!

And there he was, on the end of a  
shovel, fresh from the trap:  
Stiff and still in death, his poor little tail  
Pointing heavenwards, indicating where  
he might rather have been.

It was one of the most awful scenes  
To encounter, whilst half asleep...

And since that day,  
I was never late  
For school again.

My Garden by Pauline Mole

I sit on my seat in my garden of tubs,  
Which are filled with all different flowers and shrubs.  
I sit and watch the butterflies many an hour,  
And the bees too, flitting from flower to flower.

The different patterned butterflies seem to flutter and cling,  
While the bees buzz about, and bury into funnels of bling.  
Even the wasps are busy, as I see two or three,  
But I'm not scared - they're not interested in me.

Pinks and reds, oranges and blue,  
Yellow and maroon, different greens too.  
There are many sweet smells, and colours galore,  
The sun is shining brightly, who could ask for more.

I don't think about the deadheading, or feeding,  
Or the watering, nor jobs to be needing,  
I'll do any of those things when it turns cooler and dull,  
But while I can enjoy my little garden, my heart is full.

## Non-Commercial Tourism Websites

solwaybuzz.co.uk  
sillothgreen.co.uk  
silloth-on-solway.co.uk  
sillothgolfclub.co.uk  
vintagerally.co.uk  
sillothmotorcyclemuseum.co.uk  
silloth-on-solway-tc.gov.uk  
visitcumbria.com/wc/silloth  
solwayplain.co.uk/silloth1.htm  
facebook.com/sillothgreen  
facebook.com/silloth-carnival  
facebook.com/groups/soldiersinsilloth  
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Visit Silloth Library in the Discovery Centre

## Silloth Library Opening Times

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

Sunday closed

Tuesday CLOSED  
Thursday CLOSED  
Saturday 10am to 1pm

Tel: 016973 31944



## Restoring a Rare Habitat

**Ecological Management on the Silloth Sand Dunes at Silloth on Solway Golf Club**

The shore side of the golf course is not only part of a beautiful coastal landscape, but also a home to some of the country's rarest and most threatened wildlife. Over the years, this area has quietly supported a range of specialist plants and animals that depend on open, low-nutrient habitats—some of which are now disappearing across the UK. This includes one of the UK's rarest amphibians, the natterjack toad, which breeds in shallow pools and needs carefully managed ground conditions to survive.

This Autumn/Winter, permanent livestock fencing will be erected as part of a conservation grazing programme. This is being actively driven by Natural England. The aim is to protect and restore this rare and declining habitat, which has been identified as a national conservation priority.

Almost all of the land owned by the golf club is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), and as land managers, we are legally required to maintain and improve its ecological condition. All work carried out on site is subject to agreement with Natural England. This project is the result of several years of dialogue, planning, and ecological assessment.

Historically, natural grazers such as wild rabbits and roe deer would have helped maintain open conditions across the dunes and grasslands. However, their populations have significantly declined in recent years, meaning the site no longer benefits from the natural grazing pressures it once did, causing natural succession

to speedup, take over and reduce the ecological value of the site. Without active intervention,

the landscape is becoming overgrown and less suitable for the unique species it supports.

Parts of the land have historically been used by local residents for informal dog

walking.

However, we must be clear: this is private land, and while access is tolerated, it has never been a public right. If you do use the land you need to be very careful and aware of golfers. There have been a few near misses with the public walking in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Once the fencing is installed, we are asking people not to enter the fenced areas, to help protect the sensitive habitat, the wildlife that lives there and the grazing animals. We have worked

closely with the appropriate local authorities to confirm all legal rights of way, and these will remain fully open and undisturbed by the new fencing.

The reason for this change is both clear and urgent. The area supports rare coastal habitats and is home to species of national and international importance—including the natterjack toad, a globally endangered amphibian found at only a handful of sites across the UK. Its survival depends on active, targeted land management.

Natural England has made it clear that conservation grazing is essential to reverse the habitat decline. Grazing helps restore the natural balance of the site by reducing invasive vegetation, encouraging a wider range of plant species, and creating the bare-ground conditions needed by species like the natterjack toad.

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## £1,000 for Solway Red Squirrel Group



**Solway Red Squirrel Group has received £1,000 of funding through SPAR's Community Cashback initiative.**

The group is a voluntary organisation set up in 2012 to try and protect local endangered red squirrels from extinction and its work feeds into overarching conservation work carried out by Red Squirrels Northern England.

The red squirrel is an iconic native species, and working across the Solway area, the group's ambition is to preserve the status of the red squirrel for the benefit of local communities and future generations.

Martyn Richardson, Managing Director of M&L Richardson & Sons Ltd, has eleven SPAR stores across Cumbria and Northumberland, and was on hand to meet members of the Solway Red Squirrel Group outside his SPAR store at Cardewlees.

Stephen Kirk, representing

Solway Red Squirrel Group, said: "The SPAR Community Cashback grant will help enormously to sustain our conservation efforts which are currently based around protecting an established red squirrel stronghold. This is in the hope this will allow population numbers to build further and, in time, gradually disperse to other areas.

"Our volunteers are engaged in a year-round programme of woodland surveys, camera monitoring, supplementary feeding, recorded sightings and grey squirrel control, alongside various public engagement events to promote our conservation message.

"The funding from SPAR specifically will help provide feeding boxes, supplies of feed, and some better quality, more expensive trail cameras and batteries that can monitor red squirrel activity and populations remotely, enabling volunteers

to be more hands on with other group tasks."

SPAR Community Cashback returned more popular than ever in its fourth consecutive year and James Hall & Co. Ltd, SPAR's primary retailer, wholesaler and distributor for the North of England, received 1,400 applications from charities and organisations across the North.

Nationally, more than 65 charities and local groups have shared a £100,000 grant fund this year, and since Community Cashback launched in 2021, grants have been awarded to nearly 200 organisations, highlighting SPAR's long-term commitment in supporting local communities.

Martyn Richardson said: "It was a pleasure to hand over the cheque to the Solway Red Squirrel Group who are a lovely organisation and are committed to preserving one of the North of England's best-known species."



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### Christ Church

For baptisms and other church related business please contact: Rev Cornelia Noghiu, St Mary's Vicarage, Church St, Maryport, Tel: 07448 285263.

### 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.

### Family History Grp

Tuesdays at Silloth Community Hall from 6 – 8.30pm. Bring along your own research and meet fellow genealogists

### 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  
Saturday 10am to 1pm  
0303 333 1234  
cumbria.gov.uk/libraries

### Abbeytown Choir

A fun friendly community choir Meets Tuesdays 6pm - 7pm  
All welcome, no experience necessary. For details please check Facebook page or contact  
Michelle on 07495 197543

### 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

### NatWest Mobile

The NatWest Bank mobile van will be here on Fridays only, outside Silloth Community Centre from 9:45am - 10.45am

### Good Companions

Have a coffee morning / fund-raiser 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

### 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

### Abbey Tots

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

# Dates for Your Diary

September	October	October cont'd	November
24th Handbagged at The John Peel Theatre wigtontheatre.org/tickets.php	1st Coffee Morning with Silloth & District Pensioners in St Andrews Hall, 10am to 11am	14th Holme Low Parish Council meeting at 7:30pm in Silloth Community Hall	1st Cumbria Beekeepers Area Association Honey Show in Bothel Village Hall 10:15 to 4pm, see article
25th Handbagged at The John Peel Theatre wigtontheatre.org/tickets.php	2nd Mawbray Village Hall Book & Jigsaw Exchange 3:30pm-4:30pm, see advert	16th Mawbray Village Hall Book & Jigsaw Exchange 3:30pm-4:30pm, see advert	1st Chris While and Julie Mathews at The John Peel Theatre wigtontheatre.org/tickets.php
25th Mawbray Village Hall Monthly Quiz at 7:30pm, £2 per person	4th Cumbrian Dialect Competition in Christ Church, Silloth at 2pm, see advert	21st Blencogo & District Garden Club meeting in Blencogo village hall at 7:30pm 07538 027936	2nd Abbeytown Quizzers in Wheatsheaf Inn at 7pm
26th Handbagged at The John Peel Theatre wigtontheatre.org/tickets.php	5th Abbeytown Quizzers in Wheatsheaf Inn at 7pm	22nd Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am	3rd Silloth Town Council meeting in the Community Hall at 7pm
27th Blencogo & District Garden Club trip to Threave Gardens & Castle, 07538 027936	6th Silloth Town Council meeting in the Community Hall at 7pm	22nd Cumberland Local Plan consultation in Silloth Library 11am to 3pm	5th Mawbray Village Hall Craft & Chat 2-4pm, see advert
27th Creative Writing Workshop, The Saltmarsh Experience at RSPB Campfield from 10am to 4pm. Book at: www.thefreshandthesalt.co.uk/contact	8th Mawbray Village Hall Craft & Chat 2-4pm, see advert	22nd Mawbray Village Hall Craft & Chat 2-4pm, see advert	6th Mawbray Village Hall Book & Jigsaw Exchange 3:30pm-4:30pm, see advert
27th Handbagged at The John Peel Theatre wigtontheatre.org/tickets.php	9th Harvest Festival 2025, Silloth's Harvest Basket in Christ Church at 1:15pm	25th Blen-Scare-Crow Trail at Blencogo, see advert	8th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in Christ Church at 10am
30th Pool Club in Mawbray Village Hall from 7pm to 9pm	9th Budapest Cafe Orchestra at The John Peel Theatre wigtontheatre.org/tickets.php	26th Blen-Scare-Crow Trail at Blencogo, see advert	9th Mawbray Village Hall Christmas Craft Fair from 10am to 4pm, see advert
	11th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in Christ Church at 10am	26th Chrysalis Autumn Gift Fair in The Greenhill Hotel, Wigton, 10am to 4pm see advert	15th Christmas Fayre in Holme Cultram Abbey
	11th Coffee Morning @ Midtown House Westnewton 10am-12noon. Funds for St Matthews Church Westnewton & Macmillan Cancer	27th Blen-Scare-Crow Trail at Blencogo, see advert	16th Christmas Fayre in Holme Cultram Abbey
	11th RNLI Pie & Peas Night with Allonby Ukes in Allonby Village Hall at 7pm, tickets £8 from RNLI shop or 07753 720221. Please say if you have dietary requirements when booking	28th Blen-Scare-Crow Trail at Blencogo, see advert	19th Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am
	12th Holme St Cuthbert Church Harvest Festival 9am to 12pm in the Glebe Field, Service 10am to 11am in the Church	28th Mawbray Village Hall Pool Club 7-9pm see advert	19th Mawbray Village Hall Craft & Chat 2-4pm, see advert
	12th Playing Board Games in Mawbray Village Hall from 2pm to 4pm with tea & biscuits, free entry	29th Blen-Scare-Crow Trail at Blencogo, see advert	20th Mawbray Village Hall Book & Jigsaw Exchange 3:30pm-4:30pm, see advert
	13th Holme St Cuthbert Church Harvest Festival Auction of produce in Mawbray Village Hall at 7:30pm, tea, coffee, biscuits & raffle	30th Blen-Scare-Crow Trail at Blencogo, see advert	25th Blencogo & District Garden Club meeting in Blencogo village hall at 7:30pm 07538 027936
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		31st BlenS-care-Crow Trail at Blencogo, see advert	27th Mawbray Village Hall monthly quiz, see advert
			29th Christmas Market in Blencogo Village Hall
			29th St Matthews Church Christmas Craft Fayre from 10am- 3pm in Westnewton Village Hall. Free entry. Refreshments available

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

### Solway Woodcarvers

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

### 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

### Widows & Widowers

Wigton Widows and Widowers Meets every 3rd Sunday of the month 1pm-3pm in Cornerstone Methodist Church Wigton. Join us for a light lunch and entertainment. For information please visit our Facebook page or contact Michelle on 07495 197543

### Wigton Theatre Club

Buy tickets via our website www.wigtontheatre.org or call the Box Office: 07977 835094

### Silloth RNLI Shop

Shop Opening Times weekends 10am - 4pm  
Our Shop is staffed by Volunteers and may not be open at the advertised time. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Crossword Answers - no peeking now!



### December

1st Silloth Town Council meeting in the Community Hall at 7pm

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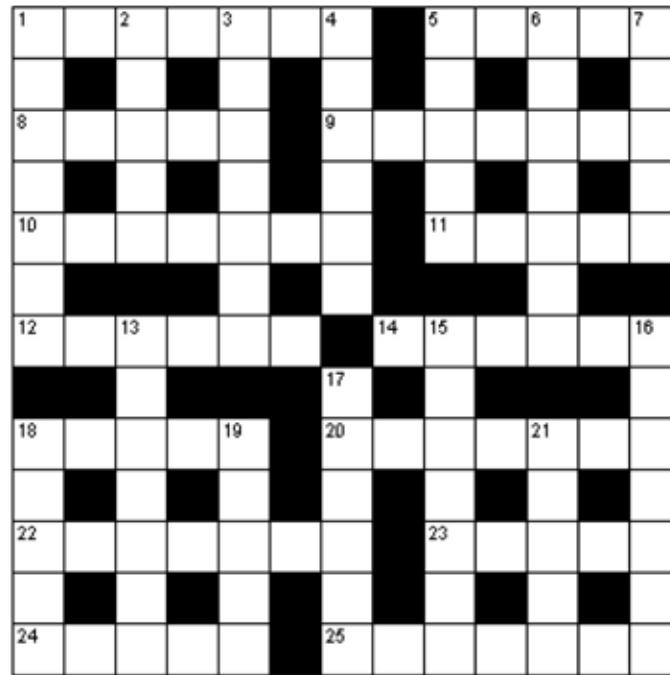
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## CROSSWORD

### Across

- 1 Separation (7)
- 5 Feeling of resentment (5)
- 8 Bolero composer (5)
- 9 Broad river mouth (7)
- 10 United in matrimony (7)
- 11 Swagger (5)
- 12 Lookalike (6)
- 14 Symbol (6)
- 18 Training exercise (5)
- 20 Indicator (7)
- 22 Eighth sign of the zodiac (7)
- 23 Sycophant (5)
- 24 Gumption (5)
- 25 Crazy (7)



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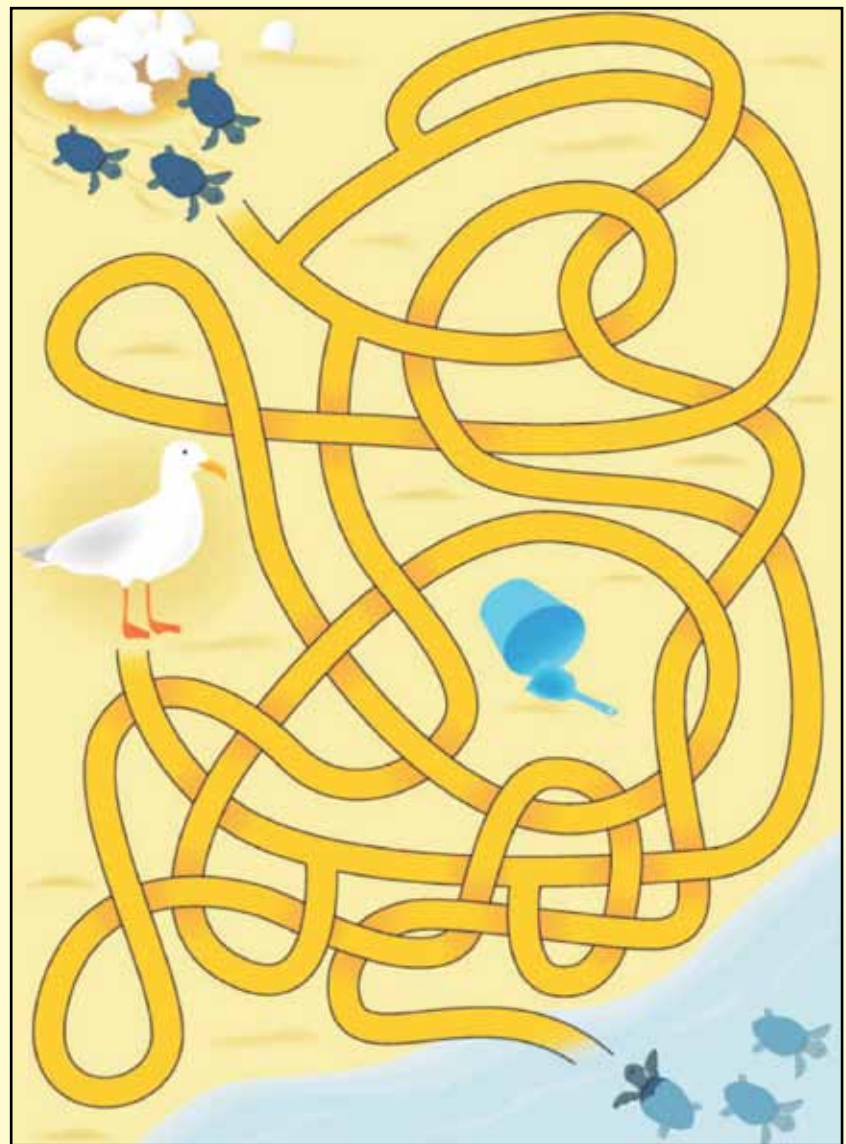
- 1 Pharaoh's tomb (7)
- 2 Axe or Exe, for example (5)
- 3 Animosity (3,4)
- 4 Avaricious (6)
- 5 Tracks (5)
- 6 Angry dispute (7)
- 7 Pharaoh's land (5)
- 13 Heraldic creature (7)
- 15 Make damp (7)
- 16 Those who die for a cause (7)
- 17 Sang-froid (6)
- 18 Measured portions of medicine (5)
- 19 Become void (5)
- 21 Tantalise (5)

Crossword answers are on page 8

Can You colour in this lazy scarecrow who cannot be bothered to chase the greedy birds away from the Halloween pumpkins?



Can You find a path for the baby turtles to get up the beach to safety, past the hungry seagull?



**AUTUMN  
ANAGRAM**

Answers on  
page 12

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## Art In The Library



Report by: Judy Rochester

Over thirty people attended the "Silloth Creates" afternoon in the library in August.

Displays of local residents work included crochet, textile wall hangings, china painting, watercolours, quilting and paper crafts.

There were demonstrations of lino printing and Japanese

folk art for those wishing to try something new and many ideas were exchanged.

A repeat session has been requested for later in the year and details of this will be in the Solway Buzz and Silloth Library in due course.

Thanks to Wendy, the librarian, for her help and to all those who supported the afternoon.

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# Libraries Fit for the Future

**We all want Cumberland's Library Service to be the best it can be.**

Firstly, I want to thank everyone who took the time to complete our Libraries Fit for the Future survey which ran throughout the spring and early part of this summer. More than 1,500 of you got in touch and gave us your views on Cumberland's Library Service, with many more taking part in workshops with our staff.

While the project team are still going through the responses in fine detail, a quick glance at the feedback shows there's lots of positive opinions of the library service and how we operate, with particular praise for the staff, as well as plenty of food for thought on what could be improved in the future.

As I said, the team are still working through the responses at the moment, but it's clear that we all share the same goal: We really value our library service and want it to be the best it possibly can be.

Since the survey closed at the beginning of July, the team have been reading the feedback, doing some number crunching and trying to identify the trends, all while taking the time to read the longer, more qualitative answers



Cllr Anne Quilter provided.

What happens next, you ask? Well, throughout the rest of the summer that work of going through the results will continue. This work is being combined with analysis of things like demographic data to better understand Cumberland's current and future need.

Once that's happened, we'll

be exploring ideas and options on how the library service could be developed during the autumn and assessing what we can do within our resources.

We will be sharing ideas for developing the service with our stakeholders and residents to get feedback before making any significant changes to our library services. Where there are quick wins identified we'll get them actioned so we start making improvements straight away where we can.

There have been lots of really good ideas put forward (and some more 'out there' ones too!) and while we won't be able to take on every suggestion, we'll do our best to design the library service that reflects what people want from it now – and importantly in the future. If you'd like to get in touch with the team behind Cumberland Library Service's Fit for the Future programme, please email [futurelibraries@cumberland.gov.uk](mailto:futurelibraries@cumberland.gov.uk)



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# Veteran Ships Call at Silloth Dock

Report & Photos by:  
John Forrester

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While walking along the road to the West Beach many folk will be familiar with the sight of the green tanker, ZAPADNY, unloading molasses on the far side of the dock. Built in 1988, she has long been the oldest ship to regularly call at Silloth, however, that record has now been beaten. The small cargo vessel, BONITA, recently made her first visit and is one year her senior.

BONITA arrived on a sunny afternoon with wheat from Cowes, Isle of Wight, a leisurely three day sailing for the old lady. It was during the school holidays so she had a good audience to greet her at the dock entrance. Conditions were calm allowing the ship to make a direct approach without having to spend too much time lining up. This meant fewer opportunities to take close-up photos as the ship made a fast approach and passed smoothly into the dock. The Silloth pilot was able to step outside the wheelhouse for a few moments to acknowledge the gathered crowd. He was in a good position for a photo.

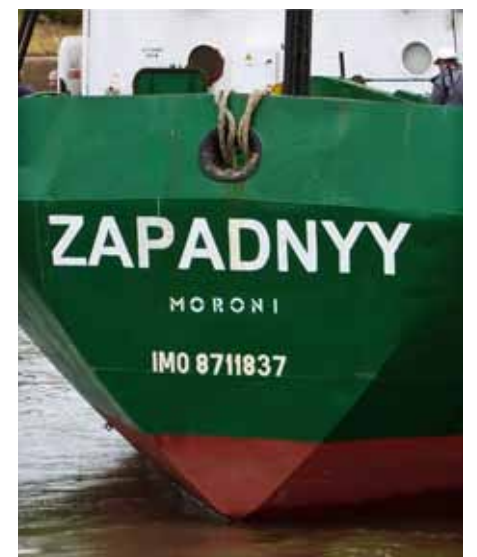
The diminutive BONITA has a deadweight of only 1,500tons, about half the size of most of the shipping seen at Silloth. The 38 year-old ship has had a few name changes, starting life as LAURA. She is now privately owned, being the sole ship under the care of Latvian company 'Waterfall Projects'. She flies the flag of Latvia, with Liepaja her port of registry. Looking back at recent itineraries, BONITA's size appears to work to



her advantage as she is kept busy serving some of the smaller ports around England, Ireland and France.

Turning to ZAPADNY, the tanker recently made her fifth visit of the year with molasses for the local animal feed business. Nothing unusual so far, but sharp-eyed onlookers may have spotted a new port of registry painted on the hull. For many years Belize City has been emblazoned across the stern. The Central American flag of Belize has always been thought of as an unusual choice, but now the owners have chosen another obscure flag to fly, that of Comoros. The port of registry is Moroni, the capital of this remote East African island. ZAPADNY never ceases to provide interest!

After unloading, ZAPADNY headed south to await new orders, spending several days at anchor in the Thames estuary. Meanwhile, her older sister BONITA had been busier moving cargo between the south coast and Channel Islands.





# The Butterfly



Report by: Judy Rochester

When a butterfly lands on your shoulder  
It is believed to be a sign  
That someone, somewhere, is  
thinking of you,  
Out of sight but not out of mind.  
Butterflies are thought to be  
Messengers of hope and love,  
Sending a wish for joy and peace  
From angels up above.

Cumbrian Poet, William  
Wordsworth, was intrigued by  
butterflies and wrote several  
poems about them, here is one.

To a Butterfly by William  
Wordsworth

I've watched you now a full  
half hour,  
Self-poised upon that yellow  
flower,  
And, little butterfly, indeed  
I know not if you sleep or feed.  
This plot of orchard ground is ours,

My trees they are, my sister's  
flowers.  
Stop here whenever you are weary,  
And rest as in a sanctuary!  
Come often to us, fear no  
wrong,  
Sit near us on the bough!  
We'll talk of sunshine and of song  
And summer days when we were  
young.  
Sweet childish days, that were as  
long  
As twenty days are now!



# New Authors First Book

**Silloth Town Councillor publishes his debut novel.**

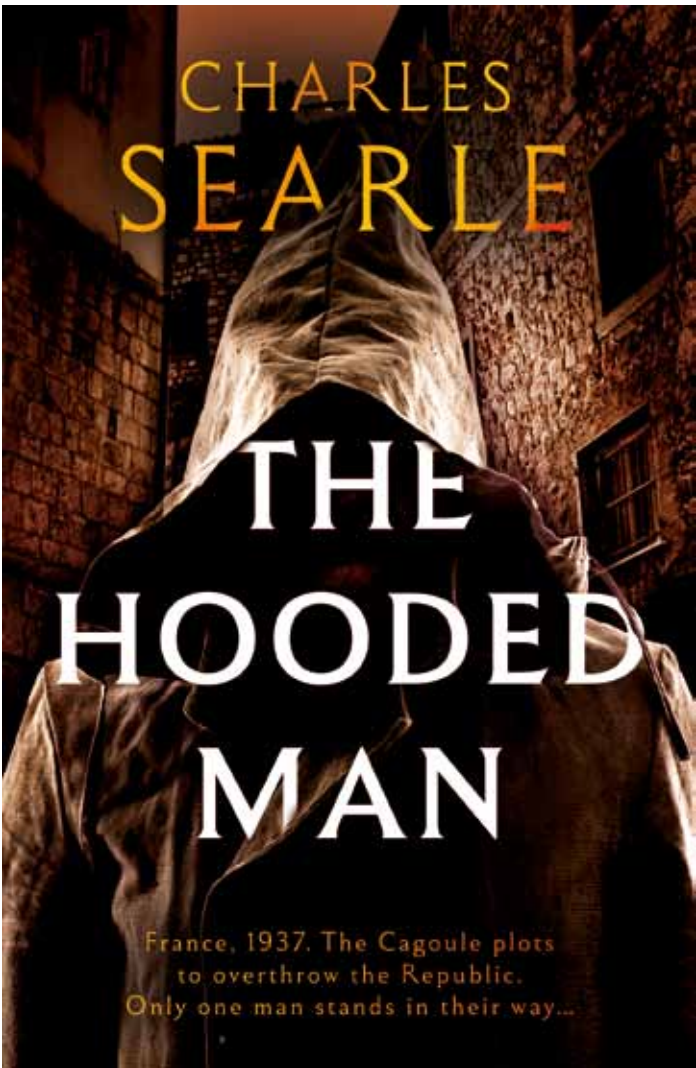
Charles Searle, a Silloth Town Councillor, is due to publish his debut novel in late October of this year. Entitled, The Hooded Man, it is a historical thriller set in 1920s Indochina and 1930s France. The novel is planned to be part of a trilogy called the Dark Years. The second in the sequence, provisionally titled Crossing the Line, is due for publication next year.

Charles, who has lived in Silloth for twenty years, decided to write the novel when he stopped working full-time. He had always wanted to write fiction but had found it difficult to find the time among his working and family commitments.

Charles has always been fascinated by the history of the inter-war years, leading into the Second World War. He decided to set his novel in France and to use real French historical figures mixed with his fictional characters as over the years he has read extensively around the topic.

'I realise that the characters and topics in the novel couldn't be further removed from my direct experience. But the joy, and challenge, of writing fiction, is that you can use your imagination. I try to make the settings and characters as authentic and true to their time, mainly by grounding them in detailed historical research, but at the end of the day, it is fiction. My aim in writing is to thrill and entertain, but if by reading my books, people get interested in the period I set them in, then all the better.'

The Hooded Man comes out on October 28th, 2025. It is available as a paperback and an e-book, and can be purchased at all online retailers, such as



Amazon, Waterstones, Smiths. Charles said 'I would love local people to read it and provide some hopefully positive feedback on the online reviews.'

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Date	HTS ABOVE NEW DOCK GAUGE (1.8m ABOVE CD)											
	High Water				Low Water							
	Morning		Afternoon		Morning		Afternoon					
	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m				
1 W	05 43	4.3	18 38	4.7			12 29	1.1				
2 TH	07 34	4.5	20 02	5.2	01 28	0.8	14 05	0.9				
3 F	08 47	5.2	21 00	5.9	02 46	0.4	15 15	0.4				
4 SA	09 36	6.0	21 44	6.6	03 48	-0.1	16 11	-0.1				
5 SU	10 15	6.6	22 24	7.3	04 41	-0.6	17 00	-0.5				
6 M	10 51	7.2	23 02	7.8	05 29	-0.9	17 47	-0.8				
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# Silloth On Solway Golf Junior Section Natterjacks

Report by: Peter Ellwood

## Season

The season is nearly finished and what a season we have had! The section is going from strength to strength and we are seeing good numbers entering all the junior competitions.

The weather has been kind and has only been outshone by the outstanding golf some of the juniors have been playing. This has resulted in some significant handicap reductions throughout the section.

## Junior Open

On Saturday 10th May we held our Junior Open. Building on the event from last year, the prizes were increased and the format was changed to a stableford competition, with gross prizes also being played for. The competition is open to any junior under the age of 18 that is a member of an affiliated golf club.

We were oversubscribed for the competition and had to turn juniors away this demonstrates the popularity of golf among juniors. We couldn't have asked for a better day, to showcase our course. Thirty-nine juniors played in the competition over 18-holes, with some players travelling well over 100 miles to take part in the event. The quality of competitors was incredible with handicaps ranging from scratch upwards. Once again, the weather was great, only being beaten by the golf that was played.



Caitlin Ellwood  
2025 Junior Open Champion

There was some excellent golf played during the day. The winner, and our Open Champion 2025, was Caitlin Ellwood, (Silloth), who scored a magnificent 42 points.

Niamh Carruthers (Barrow) was second with 40 points. Third place was taken by Joseph Pennington (Barrow) with 37 points. The gross prize was won by Olly Hudson (Seaton Carew) with Rebecca Wildey (Eden) second.

Following the main Junior Open, we held our short-tee competition for the Fledgling Trophy. These players competed over 9-holes for the Terry Walters Challenge Trophy. Again, there was some excellent golf played in what proved to be a very close result.



Mack Jourdain

The competition was won by Mack Jourdain, pictured with his trophy, with Esther Gray in second place. Overall, it was a fantastic day and we look forward to next year, Saturday 9th May 2026.

## Championship Day

On Saturday 6th September, we held our annual Championship Day. We continued the same format for the Championships; a qualifier was held mid-year for players using the Red Tees, Black Tees and Yellow/Red (WHS) Tees. This then lead to the semi-final and final being played on the prestigious Silloth-on-Solway Golf Club Finals' Day. The weather was excellent, the competitors really did rise to the occasion!

## Championship

The WHS semi-final match saw George Marsden beat Caitlin Ellwood (2&1) to progress to the final against Captain James Wareing. In a very close final, with referee Peter Cusack keeping a sharp eye over the match, James'

current form shined through, to beat George 1up and win the Junior Championship 2025.

## Black Tee Championship

The semi-final matches saw Leo Whittle take on Louie Pearson and William McLean take on Tristan Ochal. Both semi-final matches were very close with Louie and William progressing to the final. The match was overseen by the watchful eye of Terence Wise who took the responsibility of refereeing this final. The final proved to be a very tight match. In the end Louie won the match and retained his title for a second year, to be crowned Black Tee Champion 2025.

## Red Tee Championship

This year the Red Tee Championship consisted of some new players to the Natterjack section. The semi-final matches saw Katie Hudson take on Heather St Quintin and Rory Pearson take on Harry Thompson. Just like the other matches, all the games were close with Katie and Rory progressing to the final, which was refereed by Margaret English. The final saw a very tight, tense match between Katie and Rory with the match all-square at the end of normal holes. Back to the 12th tee they went to start sudden death. Three times they re-played the 12th hole before Katie came out as eventual Red Tee Champion 2025.

The day was a great success; some amazing golf played and enjoyed by both players alongside many spectators. Roll on next season! Big thank you to the players, parents, referees and spectators who made the day very special!



Red Tee Champion Katie Hudson; Black Tee Champion Louie Pearson; Junior Champion Captain James Wareing



George Marsden U14 Cumbria Boys Champion 2025

## Side Note

Angela Ellwood, one of the junior organisers, was unavailable to help on Championship day as she had a little competition to play in – Silloth-on-Solway Ladies Club Championship. Angela's opponent in this was defending champion Hannah Rayson. I am pleased to report, that in a very close match, and not wanting to be out shone by the juniors, Angela won 1up and was crowned Silloth-on-Solway Ladies Club Champion 2025. Twenty years since she last won it.....

## County Champion of Champions

Our WHS Junior Champion each year progresses onto a County Champion of Club Champions competition. This year was the first year that this county event was run. All the Junior, Men and Lady Champions

from all the clubs in Cumbria, were invited to Kendal Golf Club, to take part in the County Champion of Club Champions. Captain James Wareing secured our championship last year, so he qualified to represent Silloth. I am pleased to report that James played some outstanding golf and won the junior event, to be crowned Cumbria Junior Champion of Club Champions, well done James!



James Wareing  
Cumbria U14 Boys  
Champion 2025

A further success for a Natterjack player was secured by George Marsden. George competed for the Cumbria Boys Championship which was hosted at Windermere Golf Club. George played solid golf, over 36-holes, at a tricky course with some very 'typical' Lake District weather, to become the U14 Cumbria Boys Champion 2025. Congratulations George!

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## Information On The Natterjacks

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