

Does your Business need a Facelift!

North Allerdale Partnership (NAP) is pleased to announce that there is further funding available through its Commercial Facelift Scheme to assist the business community by providing grants for exterior improvements to business properties.

So far over 40 businesses have benefited from Facelift Schemes delivered by NAP - don't miss your opportunity - telephone Denise on 016973 49864 for further information.

Who is eligible? How much grant? What do I do next? - Read on

The North Allerdale Partnership Commercial Facelift Scheme covers business and commercial properties paying business rates in the following eligible parishes:

Aikton, Dundraw, Oughterside and Allerby, Crosscanonby, Allhallows, Gilcrux, Plumbland, Allonby, Hayton and Mealo, Sebergham, Aspatria, Holme Abbey, Silloth, Blennerhasset and Torpenhow, Holme East Waver, Thursby, Boltons, Holme Low, Waverton, Bothel and Threapland, Holme St. Cuthbert, Westnewton, Bowness, Ireby, Westward, Bromfield, Kirkbampton, Wigton, Caldbeck, Kirkbride, Woodside.

Details:

- Properties must be situated within eligible parishes.
- Grants are only available for external works to commercial properties.
- The award of grants is at the discretion of the Partnership and funding partners.
- Grants will normally be made to cover the cost of 50% of eligible works up to a maximum grant of £2,000 and are not awarded retrospectively. Work must not be started before the offer letter has been received and accepted.
- Applicants will be required to supply and return with the application form two itemised quotes for all proposed works from bona-fide contractors.
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain all relevant permissions that may be required for all proposed works. Planning Permission may be required for works that are not like-for-like.
- Properties eligible for assistance under the scheme will be subject to inspections by the Partnership, before and after the completion of any works.
- All works must have been completed by no later than January 31st 2008.
- Allerdale Borough Council can be contacted regarding building regulations on 01900 702520.
- Example of the type of works eligible under the scheme include:
 - o Replacement windows and doors
 - o Replacement rainwater goods
 - o Repainting and re-rendering
 - o New / improved signage
 - o Installation of security equipment
 - o General repairs to shop fronts
 - o Joinery

Next Stage:

1. An application form must be completed – available electronically or from the partnership, please call the number below.
2. On receipt of your application, the Partnership will check the property is eligible for assistance and arrange an inspection. You will be asked to provide two itemised quotations for all the work identified and any relevant planning permission details, if in doubt of your eligibility contact the telephone number below. We may need to discuss the level of work required with you – for example, the Scheme will not fund repainting over rotten timber.
3. Following a successful inspection, an offer letter from the Partnership will be sent out based on the lowest quotation and any other appropriate conditions (e.g. planning permission). Work must not start before the offer has been received and accepted by you.
4. Work is undertaken and once complete, you let us know and submit the paid invoice/s. We will then arrange a second inspection before the grant is released and your invoice returned.

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Soldiers in Silloth

www.soldiersinsilloth.com



The new visitor attraction 'Soldiers in Silloth' is going ahead.

This will be an entertainment for all the family with over 10,000 toy soldiers and related items displayed in premises in Criffel Street. Soldiers in Silloth will include displays of figures, battlefield models and audio-visual presentations of military history from around the world.

It will be based on the exciting collection of toy soldiers and related items built up by Tim Barker. He was born and grew up in Silloth and now wishes to donate the collection and also the accommodation for it to the town. The Solway Buzz has already reported this project, so we are excited to bring you up-to-date with developments.

Everything is in place to proceed with the business plan for setting this up. We have the premises. We have the collection. All we need is some public feedback and willing volunteers to donate maybe half-a-day a week, which is why we are appealing directly to you. Please complete and return the form below.



PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED

(Delete as appropriate)

There is no commitment at this stage as we are in the early stages and simply need YOUR HELP TO GAUGE THE INTEREST in Soldiers in Silloth.

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| I will certainly visit Soldiers in Silloth! | YES | NO |
| If yes, please say how much you would pay £ | per adult, £ | per child |
| I will be able to help in the running of Soldiers in Silloth (simply being there to welcome people would be the greatest help!) | YES | NO |
| I could help with or have ideas about publicity | YES | NO |
| I am involved with a group/school/college who might visit | YES | NO |
- (please give details of which one)

I am interested in donating/fund raising

YES NO

Finally could we please keep you in touch with our progress?

Your permission is essential and the amount of mail will be small (email is favourite as it keeps our costs down and we are working on a minute budget!)

Please put me on a mailing list to tell me about progress

YES NO

Your contact information:

Any other ways you could help then please email or ring me. Thank you!

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO:

Andrew Titcombe, Pinery, Highmoor, Wigton, Cumbria, CA7 9LW

Tel: 016973 45422, OR send by email: andrew.titcombe@yahoo.co.uk



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