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### **Xmas Lights Winner**



First prize went to 47 Waver Street, for more pictures and details of the runners-up go to page 5.

### **Blue Peter Appeal**



Left - Right: Rachael Bewick, Abigail Wright, Ashley Damon, Siobhan Walsh, Laura Pearson, Ruth Wright.

On Sunday 25th November Ashley
Daymond, with the help of Rachael
Bewick, Siobhan Walsh, Laura Pearson,
Julie Hurst and Abigail Wright organized
a Bring and Buy sale in the Abbey,
Abbeytown. They were raising money for
a Blue Peter appeal to supply transport for
the elderly, i.e. minibuses.

Thanks were given to the vicar, David Temby, for lending the Abbey to the children.

The sale was a great success and the children raised a total of £100.00!

# **Silloth Council Centre**

## It's now on your doorstep!

Silloth has its own Council Centre; the centre opened on Tuesday 15th January 2002 within the offices of Solway Rural Initiative Ltd, based at the Solway Coast Heritage Centre, Liddell Street.

The one stop Council Centre has been funded by Allerdale Borough Council, Cumbria County Council and Solway Rural Initiative, the aim of the centre is to provide local people with access to council services and information without leaving Silloth. In the past people would either have to telephone or travel to Workington or Carlisle for information or queries. Now with the advent of the Council Centre the people of Silloth and the outlying villages have a local office to visit, and most importantly, for many people, they have a person to speak to face to face.

For almost two years the same facility has been available in Aspatria and it has been very successful, they have dealt with a wide range of issues and look forward to the challenge of providing this service to the people in the Silloth area.



The Solway Coast Heritage Centre, Liddell Street, Silloth.

The Council Centre is accessed by the door on the far left.

The staff at the centre will be able to help and advise on anything from:

- Free School Meals/Clothing Grants
- Housing Benefit
- Street Lighting
- Recycling
- Housing Association
- Sports and Recreation Facilities
- Energy Conservation

to name but a few.

#### The centre is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Other services, which will be available within the next two weeks are a photocopying, laminating, typing and fax service, also a computer with internet access for hire. We also have a meeting room for hire, which can accommodate up to ten people.

Please remember this service is provided for the all the people in Silloth and the outlying communities, call in or telephone us on 016973 33055 for advice or any queries you may have and they will do their best to help.