

# Solway Buzz

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## What's On During 2024

26th & 27th May

**Silloth Green Weekend**  
11am to 5pm on Silloth Green

8th June

**Silloth Cycling Festival**  
11am to 6pm on Silloth Green

28th, 29th & 30th June

**Ragnarock IX**  
Silloth Rugby Club all day

29th June

**Silloth Pride**  
11am to 6pm on Silloth Green

6th & 7th July

**Firebird Festival**  
on Silloth Green

20th & 21st July

**Silloth Vintage Rally**  
on Silloth Green

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

## Welcome Home to Silloth Green for Our Restored Lockheed Hudson



See its amazing restoration on pages 10 & 11

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Happy retirement Stuart



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## Off Road Bikes & the Law

On 4th April, officers on foot patrol in Maryport were getting the run around by an off road bike driving antisocially. Officers caught up with it on Camp Street while still on foot and seized the bike.

Rider is off to court for no insurance, no tax and no MOT.

While quad bikes, three-wheeled bikes, trail bikes and some other two-wheeled vehicles are built for off-road use, it is against the law to ride them in public parks or on publicly-owned land without permission from the local authority. As with unlicensed powered vehicles, these can only be used on private roads or land

with the road or land-owner's permission.

Those involved could face a fine of up to £100 and three points on their licence if dealt with at the roadside. The vehicle would also be



seized. The riders may be banned from driving altogether as offences such as dangerous driving will be considered, along with driving otherwise than in accordance with a licence and driving with no insurance.

Anyone with information can report online at [www.cumbria.police.uk/report-it](http://www.cumbria.police.uk/report-it) You can also call 101. Alternatively, contact Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

If people catch any offences on dashcam, this footage can be uploaded on our website at this page: Road Safety Concerns - Cumbria Constabulary

## Holme Abbey PC

Report by Ashleigh McIntyre

At the Holme Abbey Parish Council Meeting on 16th April the following were discussed:

Following the April Talk and Tidy the next, together with the Eco Church is on Saturday 4th May.

D Day 6 June – flags to commemorate the event purchased for the Abbey and Primary School.

Abbeytown Family Fun Day will take place Saturday 13th July.

Duck Race – options to bring back this community event will be discussed at the next meeting.

Plans to create a Memorial Garden with funding from the

Fells and Solway Community Panel are progressing.

The Barracks – exploring options to create a footpath and install extra bins.

Village Speeding Sign is now up and working well.

A second defibrillator was purchased and is located at St Marys Church.

Community Sports Pavilion – parking issues continue and a polite reminder not to park on the pavement.

Next Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 14th May at 6:30pm

– all are welcome to attend and refreshments will be provided.

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## FIREBIRD FESTIVAL

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Sunday 7th July

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### Cumbria Singers invite you to:

'Sing Around the Lake' on Friday 17th May  
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and the 'Morland Ukele' Group'

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(booking fee applies)

An initiative to raise money for  
the Sunbeams Music Trust and Cumbria Singers  
Visit [www.cumbriasingers.org.uk](http://www.cumbriasingers.org.uk) for further information.

### Abbey Tots

Tuesdays  
(term time only)  
10.00am - 11.30am  
at Holme Cultram Abbey

a great place for adults to meet and chat over a cuppa while their babies/toddlers play.

Donations towards refreshments each session would be greatly appreciated

All welcome  
(this includes mams, dads, grandparents, aunties, uncles and friends etc)

### Strawberry Teas

at Holme Cultram Abbey

Saturday 13th July  
&  
Sunday 14th July  
12.00pm - 4.00pm

Eat in and takeaway options available  
Raffle and various stalls

All welcome

# Keep Kids Safe

Your child and online gaming

Online gaming is one of the most popular online pastimes for children - and it has both positive and negative aspects.

**Many online games have multiple benefits for kids, but you and your child need to be aware of how to keep it safe.**



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The benefits of gaming can include:

- Developing qualities such as strategic thinking, rationalisation, problem solving and persistence.
- Supporting development of a wide range of cognitive and motor skills.
- Encouraging creativity.
- Teaching both teamwork and competitiveness, in the case of many multi-player games.
- Socialising with friends.
- Learning the value of money and spending it wisely.

All of these qualities are vital not only in gaming but also in equipping our young people for life ahead of them. Gaming can also equip children to understand and embrace the latest technology and its benefits.

What do you - as a parent - need to do?

**To keep your child's online gaming safe, have regular conversations and get involved yourself.**



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It is very important that you understand and support your child's interest in online gaming. Like many parents, you may have little or no interest in it yourself - but there are things you can do to both encourage them to find the best games as well as helping them avoid the negative aspects.

You may even start gaming yourself and find a new hobby.

**Around 9 in 10 children aged 3-17 play games online.**



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What are the risks?

Risks to children who play games online arise largely from the vast number of people both in the UK

and abroad who are also playing and the fact that they are not playing face-to-face. These include:

- Playing games with an inappropriate age rating, potentially exposing them to violent, sexual or other unsuitable content.
- Playing games which either reference gambling, or involve gambling to, for example, predict results or win money.
- Running up bills (for example, on in-game properties/in-app purchases),

# Neighbourhood Policing

At the start of the month PCSO Kerry Harris ran an operation targeting anti-social behaviour.

As the weather was not so good the area was quiet but the team managed to stop a number of vehicles and seize an E-scooter.

We are continuing to visit schools to educate young people on road safety to ensure that they can keep themselves safe. The mini police also supported us to educate drivers during school drop off and pick up times.

On 8th March, PCSO Pete Nichol carried out foot patrols in Abbeytown. Even with the lighter nights rural areas can be affected by opportunistic crime and anti-



social behaviour. If you have any concerns please contact us.

We recently conducted a recent survey in relation to Silloth, Aspatria and surrounding areas. A high number of responses were received particularly from the Silloth area where concerns were raised over Road Safety.

Our local officers will continue to address these issues and respond to crime and disorder in your area and encourage the local community to continue to report any incidents. We will be conducting a further survey in three months time.

Please continue to report any incidents of crime or anti-social behaviour.



Inspector Pete Aiston

perhaps on your credit card.

- Spending excessive time gaming to the exclusion of social contact, exercise and schoolwork.
- Stranger danger - either grooming or manipulation into negative or harmful activities
- Financial or identity theft to you if your child overshares personal family information online.
- Cybercriminals using gaming platforms and forums to recruit young people for malware coding or money muling.
- Some radicalisation also begins on gaming platforms.

Keep your child's online gaming safe

**25% of children aged 8-17 play games online with people they don't know, and 22% chat to people they don't know when gaming.**

(Ofcom study)

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- Work with your child to find the best games for their age, interests and personality.
- Check PEGI (Pan European Game Information) age ratings of games to ensure your children aren't accessing inappropriate content.

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- Join your child in online gaming from time-to-time and randomly. This will give you an idea of the games they're playing and who they connect with.
- Have open and honest conversations with your child about their online gaming and the risks involved including stranger danger, bullying and oversharing. Tell them that not everybody they meet on gaming platforms and forums is who they claim to be.
- Set and monitor limits for the amount of daily or weekly time your children spend online gaming.
- Don't give your child access to your payment card details as extras can be very costly.
- Impress upon your child that they can come to you or another responsible adult with any concerns. Depending on their age, you could also discuss how to report issues to the gaming platform or the police.

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# Dolly Partons' Connection to Silloth part 2

Report by UK Superfan Joe Skelly who lives in Skinburness

The song "I Will Always Love You" would go on to be a worldwide hit several times. Up until Whitney Houston recorded it, Dolly has achieved the status of a hit for the track twice. The musical arrangement had been slightly altered in the 1982 version which was made for the film she did with Burt Reynolds - "The Best Little Whorehouse In Texas. This version gave the song a pop injection and was received well with the audience and fans alike.

The split from Porter Wagoner came and went and Dolly moved into a Solo career. 1977 saw the massive hit "Here You Come Again" hit the airwaves with an ultra pop country sound. Some fans and people within the music industry were critical of Dolly saying that they felt she was abandoning her country roots. In quick fire response Dolly said "I'm not leaving country behind - I'm Taking it with me". As she said

in one of the live performances "If it's coming from the heart...it's from the country!"

You see, Dolly Parton wanted to and felt she needed to branch out to different audiences. Country music always was, and still is, her most favourite music of all. Some of this country-pop cross over material was superb. There was a string of cross-over successes after "Here You Come Again" - "Two Doors Down, Heartbreaker, You're the Only One and But You Know I Love You". The 1977 release "New Harvest First Gathering" is one of the best pieces of work Dolly has produced. This and "Here You Come Again" made the cross-over a success. As Dolly said of "Here You Come Again" - "It's such a good song that even a monkey could sing it - well here you are, looking at a million dollar monkey".

The early 80's saw Dolly move into the world of movie acting. The country music luminary had been head hunted for the movie "9 to 5". Dolly would star alongside Dabney Coleman, Jane Fonda and the huge stateside star Lilly Tomlin. 9 to 5 was a smash hit at the box office and has continued to be successful ever since. Dolly had, in recent years, delivered us "9 to 5 The Musical" which can still be seen in places around the world today. The song itself, "9 to 5" was written and recorded by Miss Parton for the movie. It's a favourite to this day with radio listeners and although it took a good many years for RCA to release the dance version - it indeed was eventually released to the club scene.

Dolly at this time was subject to the good old rumour mill. Apparently, she was lesbian, had many affairs, was really a man dressed up as a woman, and lots of other stories. There was speculation that she'd had an affair with longtime music partner "Porter Wagoner". When asked "Did you and porter ever have sex?" She said "Yes, many times - but never with each other!?" Dolly was happily married to the only man for her - Carl Dean. A long and successful marriage that continues to this day.

Over the years Dolly has felt it important to reinvent herself. This was often achieved by changing management and record label. Dolly had been with RCA music for a long time and just on the horizon was an opportunity to be signed with Columbia Records. Fine work in the form of "White Limozeen, Eagle When She Flies and the highly acclaimed "Slow Dancing with the Moon came our way. The latter 1993 album had a fantastic track list and featured some of the world's biggest country music stars. Just for indulgence's sake the most favourite track of mine from that album was the title track "Slow Dancing With The Moon".

The 80's and 90's period for Dolly Parton was in the main successful. Indeed there were many high times. Also, some lows.

Although the 1982 movie "The Best Little Whorehouse In Texas" was fairly successful, it had been a journey of stress for Dolly. Much turmoil had troubled the film and massive changes in staff across the production were a regular occurrence. Being a sensitive and empathetic person - Dolly picked up on all the bad vibes. However, the film was eventually completed and became fairly successful. It has a cult-like following to this day. The original motion picture sound



Superfan Joe with Dolly Parton

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track album is a firm hit with Dolly's ardent fans.

In 1984 Sylvester Stallone partnered up with Dolly for the movie "Rhinstone. A disaster at the box office. However, the music was something else. Dolly had written some of her best ever music to be featured in the film. "One Emotion After Another, Tennessee Homesick Blues, What A Heartache and of course God Won't Get You" all came from the sound track to the movie. Fans will affirm to this day that these are "diamonds in a rhinstone world" set of songs.

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## Waver Wine Circle



Report by: Stuart Jones

At the meeting on 13th March entitled ANYTHING GOES, with only one apology, from Margaret, what a wonderful evenings entertainment it turned out to be.

Graham's opening offer took us back to his 1950's YHA excursion to Europe with a mass of memories for him.

Next Janet gave us some poetry readings, followed by Terry producing out of the hat an unusual money box where you placed your coin in his hand and he then threw it into his mouth.

Neil produced, many old newspapers from the 1950's which stirred the ageing grey matter then Judith gave us her recent account of the families trip to the USA where son Alexandra was sworn in to enable him to practice American law, followed by a visit to Canada. Nick then took us back through his life in the milk industry. Then up pops Mary confirming her achievements in the sporting field followed by Stella's tool bag containing everything for the DIY enthusiast.

Finally, Bill displayed some old dice which were used in an unusual game in years gone by followed by a 250 million year old seed.

Thank you all very much for making the evening most enjoyable and for the kind gifts to celebrate my retirement. At

the AGM on 10th April unfortunately, due to members being on holiday there were seven apologies (Anne, Steve, Judith, Nick, Linda, Neil and Becky).

However, Chairman Bill welcomed all and in his report mentioned the group had another good year including thirty years in existence, successful outings organised by Graham and Janet and two new members (Neil and Becky). He concluded by thanking everyone who had helped to make it another successful year.

Chairman Bill agreed to remain as Chairman as Stella did as Treasurer. However Stuart wished to resign as Secretary and had agreed with Steven and Nick they would jointly take over the position.

Terrance and Stuart got to the final of the egg dump which Terrance won with his additional paint on his equipment - illegal ?



Agreed subs will remain at £10 each.

I missed thanking you all very much indeed for your long service awards. I repeat MANY THANKS and also my thanks to all those who have helped me during my term in office.

Please stay healthy and grumpy. All my love and very best wishes.

## Ride Your Motorcycle Safely



Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service has announced a series of sessions to promote the safe use of motorcycles.

As part of the new Cumbria Ride Safe programme, the service is partnering with the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA), Cumbria Police and BEEP Doctors Cumbria for the sessions that are held at Penrith Fire Station and Ulverston Blue Light Hub.

The sessions will cover advanced riding, first aid, and scene safety at a collision. A RoSPA delegate will then take each of the participants out on a ride to



observe their capability and suggest improvements for safer riding.

The sessions will be held on the following dates, all from 10am to 4pm:

Sunday, April 28 – Penrith Fire Station  
 Sunday, May 12 – Ulverston Blue Light Hub  
 Sunday, May 19 – Penrith Fire Station  
 Thursday, May 30 – Ulverston Blue Light Hub

To book a place on of one the four sessions, visit: <https://cumbriafire.gov.uk/news/series-motorcycle-safety-sessions-launched>

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## RNLI Kept Busy

The RNLI has released its rescue figures for 2023, which show that lifeboats launched 9,192 times across the UK and Ireland, 447 of which were in the North West.

In Merseyside, Lancashire, Cumbria and the Isle of Man, volunteer lifeboat crews at 16 lifeboat stations around the coast launched 447 times in 2023 – an increase of 13% compared to the previous year, saving 22 lives.

The charity is now putting out its own Mayday call as it faces yet another busy year ahead.

Jo Partner, Head of Region for the RNLI in the North West, says: 'Summer is our busiest time of year, with thousands of people at risk of getting into danger by the water. Having recently marked the RNLI's 200th anniversary, we're putting out our call for help to raise the funds which will help keep our lifesaving service going today and into the future.'

As a charity we rely on the support and generosity of the public to take part in events like the Mayday Mile and raise the funds that allow us to be there when we're needed most.

Whether you choose to walk, jog, hop or skip, a mile every day in May will help raise vital funds for RNLI lifesavers, so that they can continue to keep people safe at sea.

Jo added: 'It's clear from these new figures that demand for our services remains high, with our lifesaving volunteers dropping everything to run to the lifeboat station when the call comes. Every penny raised through our amazing supporters' Mayday Miles will go towards ensuring we are ready whenever the call for help comes in.'

To sign up for the Mayday Mile, or to make a donation in support of the RNLI's lifesavers, visit [RNLI.org/support/mayday](https://www.rnli.org/support/mayday)

## RNLI Rescue Person in Water



Report by: Rebecca Clark  
Silloth Lifeboat Press Officer

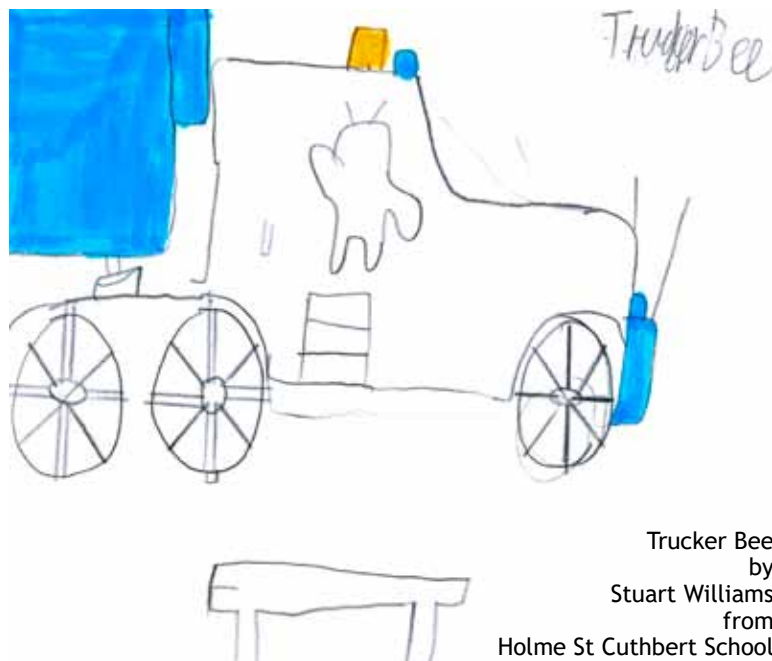
On Friday 5th April at 19:06, Silloth Lifeboat was requested to launch on service by Belfast Coastguard to a person in the water off the seafront at Silloth.

Silloth's lifeboat, Atlantic 85 Elaine and Don Wilkinson arrived quickly on scene and the casualty was safely extracted from the water.

The casualty was taken back to Silloth Lifeboat Station via

the lifeboat where they received medical attention.

Stewart Henderson, Helmsman said 'This was a time critical rescue with a positive outcome'



Trucker Bee  
by  
Stuart Williams  
from  
Holme St Cuthbert School

## Enjoy the Water Safely

Andrew Lowes, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service's Station Manager for Prevention, said: 'We know people enjoy spending time in and around the water over the holidays and as the weather improves. However, with this increase in popularity comes an increase in risk, and we encourage everyone to follow our advice so they can enjoy the water safely. Additionally, it is vitally important that people know what to do if they enter the water accidentally.'

Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service has issued the following advice: If you are spending time

near water, make sure you know what to do if you happen to fall in. The advice is not to panic, float on your back and then either call for help or swim to safety. If you've consumed alcohol, do not enter the water, and avoid walking on routes near water. Never enter the water to try and help a person or animal - always call 999 and use any water rescue equipment if it is available.

Be careful when swimming in rivers and lakes. Deep water may feel warm on the surface, but can be icy cold below. This can cause

panic and cold water shock. If you are spending time near water, make sure that children are always fully and actively supervised.

A spokesperson for Cumbria Police said: 'Cumbria is a popular destination for people to visit. As the weather gets warmer, we encourage everyone to educate themselves on water safety and what to do if you enter the water accidentally.'

For further information visit: [www.cumbriafire.gov.uk/water-safety](https://www.cumbriafire.gov.uk/water-safety)

### SCAM ALERT

Recently, there have been reports around the country of scammers placing fake QR codes on parking meters, which lead unsuspecting drivers to unauthorised payment sites where they are prompted to input their personal and financial information. Follow these top tips to avoid falling victim to these scams...

- 1. Verify QR codes:** Before scanning any QR code for parking payment, look for any signs of tampering or irregularities, such as scratches or tear marks on the QR code.
- 2. Use official payment methods:** Stick to using official payment methods and avoid making payments through unfamiliar QR codes or websites.
- 3. Stay Vigilant:** Be on the lookout for any suspicious behaviour around parking meters, such as individuals tampering with them or loitering nearby.
- 4. Report Suspicious Activity:** You can call 101 or contact [CrimeStoppers](https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/) to report potential scams of this nature.

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FRIENDLY TEAM FOR MORE INFORMATION.**



# Good News for Landowners, Refuse Charges Scrapped



Households no longer have to pay to get rid of small-scale DIY waste at council recycling centres, boosting recycling and making it easier for people to dispose of their waste in a responsible manner.

The Government has abolished the fees which around one-third of local authorities previously charged to dispose of DIY waste at household waste recycling centres (HWRC's). All councils in England will now treat DIY waste the same as other household waste when it meets certain conditions, such as not exceeding 2 x 50L rubble bags. This change has the potential to save households hundreds of pounds, with charges that were up to £10 an item, such as a piece of plasterboard, now scrapped.

Today's changes are the latest in a string of Government reforms to make it simpler and easier to recycle. That includes a consultation launched last week to make it easier to recycle household electrical items and simpler household collection rules announced in October. The DIY



waste changes came into force as of 31st December 2023 and follow overwhelming public support at consultation, with 93% of householders agreeing with the plans to amend legislation.

Recycling Minister Robbie Moore said: "We have delivered on our promise to make it easier and cheaper for people making home improvements to get rid of their waste properly. Removing charges for DIY waste at council recycling centres will help New Year home improvement projects become a reality and ensure that those disposing of waste responsibly aren't being penalised for doing so".

The removal of the fees is part of the wider Government aim to tackle waste crime and fly-tipping, which is estimated to cost the economy £924m per year in England. Among other measures, last year the Government announced grants totalling £775,000 to help councils roll out a range of projects to crack down on fly-tipping, with an additional £1m for grants being made available this

year.

The Government has also consulted on reforming the waste carrier, broker, dealer regime and on introducing mandatory digital waste tracking and is developing a fly-tipping toolkit with the National Fly-Tipping Prevention Group to help spread best practice on tackling the issue among local authorities. The toolkit is being extended to raise awareness of waste duty of care among householders and businesses. Elsewhere, the Government has increased the maximum fines for fly-tipping, littering and graffiti, while concurrently ringfencing of the proceeds from those related fixed penalty notices so that fines can be reinvested back into enforcement and local clean-up activities.

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# Wigton Widows and Widowers Social Group

Wigton Widows and Widowers is a social group with currently around 16 members.

The group was formed in September 2023 and since then we have had a busy few months.

So far we have enjoyed a concert

by the Oompa fun brass quintet, had great fun taking part in a quiz and chocolate bingo and spending time together for a Christmas dinner.

Most of all, the fellowship has been lovely. Sharing lunch, getting to know each other and building friendships has been really special and I know many have

to sharing with you.

The group meets every third Sunday of the month from 1-3pm at Cornerstone Methodist Church in Wigton

For more information on the group please contact:  
Michelle Dodds  
Mob: 07495 197543 or email:  
wigtonwaw@gmail.com



benefitted from the support and companionship of the group.

We have more great things planned for the next coming year and also some plans coming together for the year after which I'm really looking forward

## Dates for the Diary

- 21st April - Cookery demo with Adrian Shave
- 19th May - Music concert with Ian and Maureen Kellett
- 16th June - A dig for vengeance murder mystery
- 21st July - Folk Concert with Miriam Erasmus/Backhouse
- 18th August - Summer BBQ
- 15th September - Oompa Funf brass Quintet
- 20th October - Movie
- 17th November - Abbeytown Community Choir
- 15th December - Christmas Dinner

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# Friends of Silloth Green Garden with Raised Beds



In recent years we have all seen or even employed the concept of gardening in a bed that is raised up higher than the surrounding ground. The reasons for this are many fold. Gardeners come in all shapes, sizes, ages and abilities and raised beds are a way of overcoming some of life's difficulties by bringing the planting area closer to hand.



Report by:  
Bob Beaden & Caroline Turner  
Photos by:  
Bob Beaden & Judith Scott

Everyone will have seen the raised beds on the Community Garden and realised how convenient it is to see, smell and touch the plants as well as making it easier for us, the volunteer gardeners with our various limitations, to plant and maintain them. The beauty of raised beds is you can control the type of growing medium you use. For example if your surrounding soil is too heavy and stony to grow carrots, which like a stone free, light sandy growing medium you can manipulate the soil in your raised bed to suit. Also, the beds warm up quicker in Spring so you can get sowing earlier!

Probably not as familiar are the raised beds we have created on the Friends of the Green allotment. On the allotment we have a serious flooding issue every winter and it is hoped that by building raised beds the upper level of compost will dry more quickly and enable planting to take place earlier than if the beds were at ground level.

Growing in raised beds does come with issues. The soil dries out more quickly during the summer. Nutrients drain away at a much faster rate so need replenishing and the soil structure, the fibre



and humus, needs regular seasonal upgrading just like we need to do with potted plants. Last Autumn we emptied all the old stale compost out of our raised beds on the Community Garden and replaced it with new compost and Spring bulbs.

The design and size of raised bed is a personal decision, the only advise would be make sure you can reach at least half way across the bed from either side. What you use to construct your raised bed depends on what materials are available and personal ingenuity.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported Friends of Silloth Green over the last year.

Our wonderful volunteers, without their hard work, come rain or shine, our Community and Woodland Gardens would not look so good. Silloth Charity Shop and the Beer Festival from whom we received donations, the Town Council who gave us financial support and David Allen Accountants who audit our accounts.

And, last but not least the people of Silloth who support us with their kind words and by donating to our work via our Plant Stalls.

Thank You All!  
Happy gardening!

# The Re-Birth of the Much Loved Silloth Lockheed Hudson Bomber Flying Over The Green

Report by: David Price (Amazing Model Aeroplane Maker)

Photos by: David Price and Graeme Aiken

The model Lockheed Hudson on The Green at Silloth has become somewhat of a tourist attraction of its own. The original metal model installed a few years ago suffered all the blasts of wind, rain and sea-spray which gradually attacked its paint and skin.

When it came to me just before Christmas it had been sand blasted ready for repair. The answer this time was to encapsulate the Hudson in fibreglass to try and give it a more robust future. In the process it was possible to also put an underside on the fuselage and wings as the original was a fairly simple design that lacked these elements.

In painting the model, I researched the correct colours and the model depicts a Lockheed Hudson of 1 (Coastal Command) OTU which was based at Silloth. Interestingly, the enthusiast might notice that squadron code letters are missing - it would seem the unit did not paint these on.

Although the model looks new, it retains the shape and dimensions of the earlier model and all credit should go to the original builders. In the refurbishment it was possible to also paint on representations of the glass panels on the nose and the side windows. These remind us that the Lockheed Hudson was originally developed from a pre-war civil airliner.

It has been a pleasure to have been involved in this project. As a teenager I spent many hours wandering around our local airfields and finding pieces of aircraft and items left behind after the war. Silloth plays its part in nurturing my life-time interest in aircraft.

The Hudson project is a little smaller than some of my recent enterprises. Some readers might recognize me as the man who built a full-sized Spitfire in his garden near Carlisle. The Hudson although less familiar in the eyes of the public than more 'famous' aircraft, is an important part of our local heritage.



David with his full scale Spitfire model



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Silloth Green 6th / 7th July 2024

Saturday 6th July  
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Sunday 7th July  
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## Buzzing Letters and Poems

Dear Buzz,

I'm writing this short note to mark my gratitude to the Solway Buzz for publishing so many of my poems and also some written by my Mum, Edna. It has been amazing to see them in print and to know that others have read them.

We believe we will be leaving Silloth shortly to live just over the border, so sadly won't be able to send in any more poetry; but we'll always be grateful to the Solway Buzz.

Sophia Lodhi

Dear Buzz,

I wonder if there are any swimmers in the Silloth area who could advise me on the quality of the water in the area as I am a keen swimmer and would love to swim there.

Please respond to:  
colin@yellowasp.co.uk

Colin Smithson

*The Moon*  
by Sophia Lodhi

*The moon hangs  
Below night clouds:  
A hammock cut  
From cloth of gold -  
Lit from deep within  
By loving, bounteous, universal glow.*

*...Seas repeat  
Ripples through time;  
Touched by  
The shimmering beams:  
Breaking and shaping  
Rhythms and pebbles and sands be-  
neath...*

*Through parting curtains of noctilucent  
clouds,  
The moon rises over our Earth's great  
cusp:  
Magnetic in energy; magical in power;  
Majestic in pure, white light -  
Awesome, and beyond  
Compare: midnight's brightest dawn.*

*Nothing Done*  
by Mrs Jennifer Bailey

*Another day of nothing done  
And jobs are piling up,  
I've been out trundling on my Scoot  
With husband and with pup.*

*But now I'm back and sleepy too  
As are we all it seems,  
The pup is fed and now reposed enjoying all her dreams  
Of chasing rabbits (not a chance) on Silloth's rolling green!*

*Seashell*  
by Sophia Lodhi

*A storm at sea  
Inside a shell.  
I close my eyes...  
Sounds that I know well  
Are here:  
Miles away  
From swirling sands;  
Granite rocks;  
Sullen skies;  
Or raucous cries  
Of myriad gulls -  
Now lifted high  
On wheels  
Of scudding, silver clouds  
Which whip  
And dip  
The chariots of  
White-topped waves...  
A storm at sea  
Inside a shell...  
Inside my ear.....  
But I am safe,  
For here  
I am:  
Miles and miles  
From rugged coast;  
Blurry mist;  
Salty haze,  
And awesome,  
Wondrous,  
Moody days!*

**Do you have a poem or letter for the Buzz? We welcome all submissions**

**THERE IS NO CHARGE**

**Please remember to include your contact information**

## Can You Help Deliver the Buzz?

Due to various personal reasons we are now looking to replace volunteer deliverers in the following areas:

Beckfoot 25 properties  
West Causewayhead 25 properties  
Friars Garth, Abbeytown 70 properties  
(this could be two volunteers)

We look forward to your call  
Contact Peter or Kath on 0750 180 5775

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**West  
Causewayhead**

**Friars Garth  
Abbeytown**

## Masthead Bee Winner

Carlisle Embroidery are generously donating a Solway Buzz embroidered Kids Rucksack to the winner. This is in addition to the usual Winners Certificate and a £5 Gift Voucher from the Solway Buzz.

So, come on kids, get drawing, the Buzz is always looking for more imaginative bees and yours might be the next winner. Local children return your drawing to your school or post to the address on page 14 (large stamp) and a quality Solway Buzz embroidered Rucksack from Carlisle Embroidery could be yours. You don't have to be at school here to send a bee to us. If you are here on holiday we would love to have your bee drawing.

This month the winner is **Isla Hillier** from **Holme St Cuthbert School** with a bee drawing called **'Boxer Bee'**. Well done!



## A New app for Library Members

A new app for library members in Cumbria is now available to download, revolutionising the way patrons experience their local library with a few taps on a smartphone.

Westmorland and Furness Libraries, along with Cumberland Libraries, have been working on an exciting project to launch a free mobile application for library users.

The CWF Libraries' brand-new library app is available for download and is set to transform the way patrons experience their local library. With the app, users can access their library card digitally, renew and reserve items from anywhere, search an extensive catalogue of e-books, newspapers, magazines and

audiobooks that are available to read online for free, and even scan books to check availability at their local library.

Thanks to funding from LibraryOn, as well as the mobile application, immersive virtual tours of libraries have also been created. These virtual tours offer a sneak peek into the layout of the library building before visiting, providing an engaging and informative experience.

LibraryOn is a national grants programme supported by Arts Council England that funds public libraries to improve their online presence and discoverability.

Search for 'CWF Libraries' on your app store to download it today.

## Do You Get the Solway 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.

Remember – you can join the library, search the library catalogue, renew and request books online at [cumbria.gov.uk/libraries](http://cumbria.gov.uk/libraries)  
Visit Silloth Library in the Discovery Centre

### Silloth Library Opening Times

Monday 10am to 4pm	Tuesday CLOSED
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Friday 10am to 4pm	Saturday 10am to 1pm
Sunday closed	Tel: 016973 31944

### Non-Commercial Tourism Websites

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**FOLK AT THE JOHN PEEL** *Dates for your diary...*

7<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
**Mikey Kenney**

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024  
**Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman**

20<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
**Bryony Griffith and Alice Jones**

16<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
**Jack Rutter**

7<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
**Charlie Dore & Julian Littman**

8<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
**Miranda Sykes & Jim Causley**

19<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
**Chris Wood**

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THE LITTLE THEATRE AT THE HEART OF WIGTON

# Kaz Lost Six Stone in a Year!



Kaz before Slimming World

In April last year, my mental health was my biggest saboteur, I was fed up, walking on crutches, suffering with Fibromyalgia and barely leaving the house.

I had been to the local GP who had mentioned Slimming World, then a friend suggested I attend a Slimming World Group, I decided if I wanted to improve my health I had to make it through the doors of a Slimming World Group, It was a Saturday near the end of April Last year, I was petrified and my self confidence was at an all time low. Walking through those doors was the best decision I made, I was greeted, made to feel welcome, given a cuppa and everyone was so friendly,

I could not believe what I could eat, I'd had a fear I would have to miss out on so many things, things I really enjoyed, That really wasn't the case, I decided I needed to make changes to how I shopped and how I cooked, the beauty was by making those changes and following the food optimising plan I was able to still have all the foods I really enjoyed, Curry's, Pasta, cooked breakfast, cheesy chips

are a favourite. I was filling up on free foods that were satisfying my appetite and not feeling hungry at all.

Denise the Slimming World consultant, says we truly understand how it feels to be unhappy with your weight - and how out of reach it might seem to take control without going hungry, feeling deprived or missing out, that's why food optimising, Slimming Worlds uniquely liberating eating plan, is so special and so very different. Backed by more than fifty years of science and research, rooted in the psychology of successful behaviour change and proven by millions of members who've found a new forever with slimming world.

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Kaz said " It really was empowering in my first week I lost 3½lbs, by week four I had lost 1stone and ½lb. I was already feeling like I had more energy, I was enjoying everything I was eating and sleeping so much better, my mental health was improving, I couldn't believe how quickly I was feeling and seeing the benefits. By week eight I had lost 10% of my body weight"

Slimming World Consultant Denise explained, this has loads of benefits, it reduces blood pressure, risk of heart disease and strokes, reduces the risk of type 2 diabetes, if you already have diabetes weight loss could improve your diabetes management and lessen the need for medication. It lowers cholesterol levels, improves back and joint pain, reduces breathlessness, improves mood and self esteem, can improve asthma



Kaz after Slimming World

symptoms, increases mobility, improved fertility and can reduce the risk of certain weight-related cancers.

During in image therapy (part of slimming worlds three essentials ingredients to life, life slimming success) I learned how my emotions could trigger how I reacted to my food choices, learning to control my eating habits and putting strategies in place to protect my weight loss.

Reaching my chosen Target weight losing 6 stone in February was amazing, I am now learning to be a target member for life long success and I attend for free.

I am in a much happier and healthier place, I am attending the gym 3 to 4 times a week, I can wear the clothes I love, my confidence has grown week on week, being in Group receiving the support, inspiration and motivation week on week, making that commitment to attend and make the changes has got me to where I wanted to be in my health and weight. I would encourage anyone to reach out to your local Slimming World Consultant or find a local group.

You can find a local group to you at [www.slimmingworld.co.uk](http://www.slimmingworld.co.uk)

## Page 15 Cryptic Crossword Solution - No Peeking

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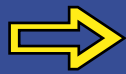
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# Copy Date



Copy date for the June issue is:  
**1st week May**  
 If you have an event to promote or you have something to say, please note the next copy date.

Please let us know of any changes within this section

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For baptisms and other church related business please contact: Rev Bryan Rothwell The Vicarage, Wigton Road Tel: 016973 31413

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## Crafting & Chatting

Join us at The Rec., Abbeytown every Monday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30pm

## 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  
 Saturday 10am to 1pm  
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## 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.

## China Painting

Every Friday at Silloth Community Hall. 2pm to 4pm. All welcome.

## Badminton

Abbeytown Badminton Club meet on Wednesday evenings, check details on their facebook page, £5 per night

## Silloth RNLI Shop

Shop Opening Times  
 Open 7 days  
 Our Shop is staffed by Volunteers and may not be open at the advertised time. We apologise for any inconvenience.

## April

24th Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

25th Mawbray Village Hall monthly quiz @ 7:30pm, £2 see advert

## May

2nd Wigton Theatre Club presents Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman. Details & times on Ticket Source

4th Abbeytown Talk & Tidy together with Eco Church

10th Soul & Motown Weekend at Stanwix Park see advert

11th Soul & Motown Weekend at Stanwix Park see advert

11th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in Christ Church at 10am

12th Mawbray Village Hall Annual Spring Plant and Craft Fair 10am - 4pm, see advert

12th Soul & Motown Weekend at Stanwix Park see advert

13th Silloth Town Council meeting in the Community Hall at 7pm

14th Holme Abbey Parish Council Meeting at 6.30pm

17th Wigton Theatre Club presents Mel Outsider Reformation (Blues/Soul/Funk/Rock) Details & times on Ticket Source

17th Sing Around the Lake with Cumbrian Singers on Ullswater, see advert

18th Mawbray Village Hall Film Club - see advert

18th Charity Night in Silloth Rugby Club at 7pm, tickets £7, see advert

19th Wigton Widows and Widowers meet 1-3pm at Cornerstone Methodist Church in Wigton, 'Music concert with Ian and Maureen Kellett'

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

## Silloth Parkrun

Meet on the Promenade beside the Tennis Courts at 9am every Saturday morning

## May

22nd Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

26th Kirkbride Airfield Open Day and Fly-In

26th Silloth Green Day Weekend on the green see advert

27th Silloth Green Day Weekend on the green see advert

30th Mawbray Village Hall Monthly Quiz 7:30pm, see ad

## June

2nd Wigton Theatre Club presents Bryony Griffith and Alice Jones. Details & times on Ticket Source

3rd Coffee Morning in the Good Companions 10:30-11:30am, entry £2

8th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in Christ Church at 10am

8th Rock the Church Concert in Christ Church with the All Saints' Community Rock Squad @ 7:30p, pay at door £7 inc refreshments

15th Mawbray Village Hall Film Club - A Haunting in Venice at 7pm

16th Wigton Widows and Widowers meet 1-3pm at Cornerstone Methodist Church in Wigton, 'A dig for vengeance murder mystery'

19th Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

20th Wigton Theatre Club presents Bryony Griffith and Alice Jones. Details & times on Ticket Source

27th Mawbray Village Hall Monthly Quiz - 7.30pm

27th Wigton Theatre Club presents Midsummer Night's Dream. Details & times on Ticket Source

28th Ragnarock IX at Silloth Rugby Club, see advert

28th Wigton Theatre Club presents Midsummer Night's Dream. Details & times on Ticket Source

29th Holme St Cuthbert Church - Car Boot Sale 9am - 1pm see advert

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## June cont'd

29th Craft Fair in Christ Church 11 to 3pm, refreshments available

29th Silloth Pride on Silloth Green

29th Mawbray Village Hall - Ceilidh Night - Details to follow

29th Wigton Theatre Club presents Midsummer Night's Dream. Details & times on Ticket Source

29th Ragnarock IX at Silloth Rugby Club, see advert

30th Craft Fair in Christ Church 11 to 3pm, refreshments available

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## July

1st Coffee Morning in the Good Companions 10:30-11:30am, entry £2

6th Firebird Festival on Silloth Green, see advert

7th Firebird Festival on Silloth Green, see advert

9th Holme Low Parish Council meeting at 7:30pm in Silloth Community Hall

Have You Sent in Your Dates yet?

## July cont'd

13th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in Christ Church at 10am

13th Abbeytown Family Fun Day

13th Holme Cultram Abbey Strawberry Teas noon to 4pm

14th Holme Cultram Abbey Strawberry Teas noon to 4pm

20th Summer Sale and Crafts in St Matthews Church, Westnewton 10am to 3pm Free admission Refreshments available

20th Silloth Vintage Rally on Silloth Green

21st Silloth Vintage Rally on Silloth Green

21st Wigton Widows and Widowers meet 1-3pm at Cornerstone Methodist Church in Wigton, 'Folk Concert with Miriam Erasmus/Backhouse'

24th Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

27th Soul On The Green 11am to 8pm, see advert

## August

5th Coffee Morning in the Good Companions 10:30-11:30am, entry £2

18th Wigton Widows and Widowers meet 1-3pm at Cornerstone Methodist Church in Wigton, 'Summer BBQ'

Errors do occur in Dates for the Diary. Please check before attending an event.

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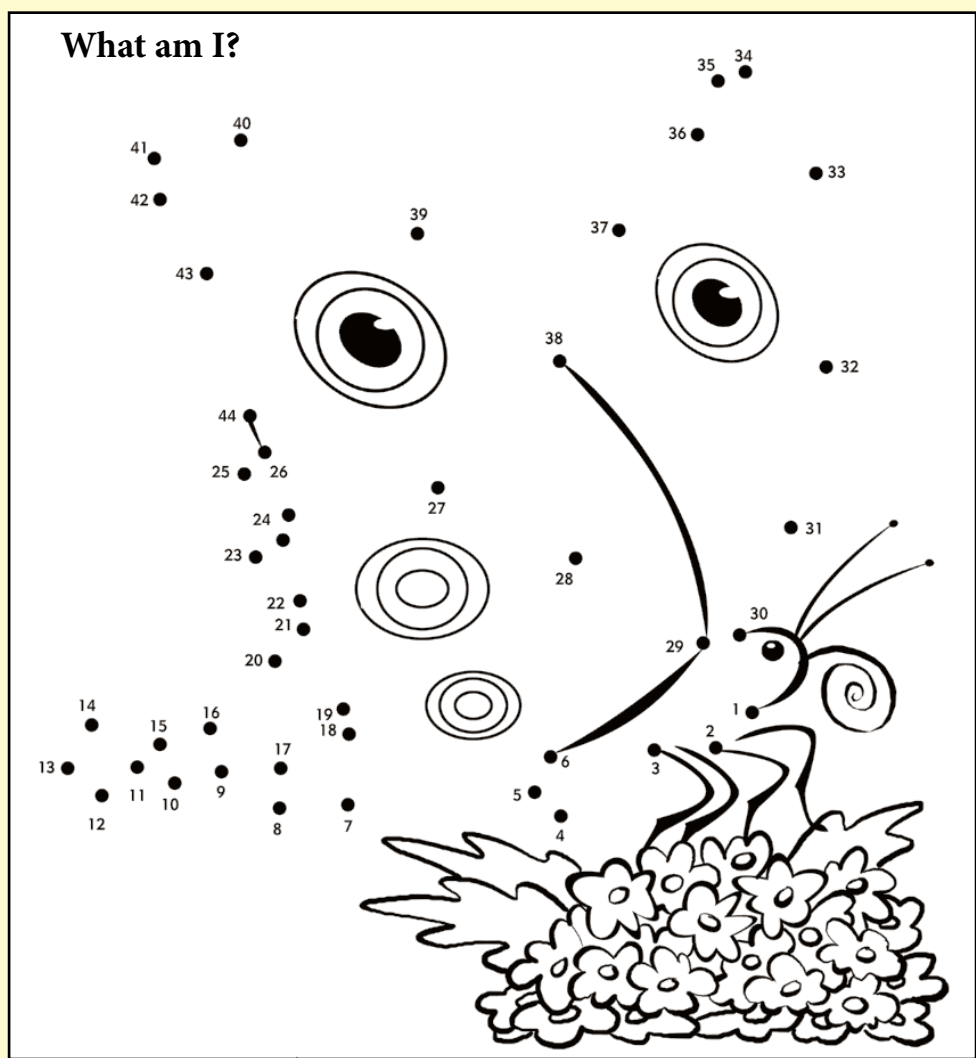
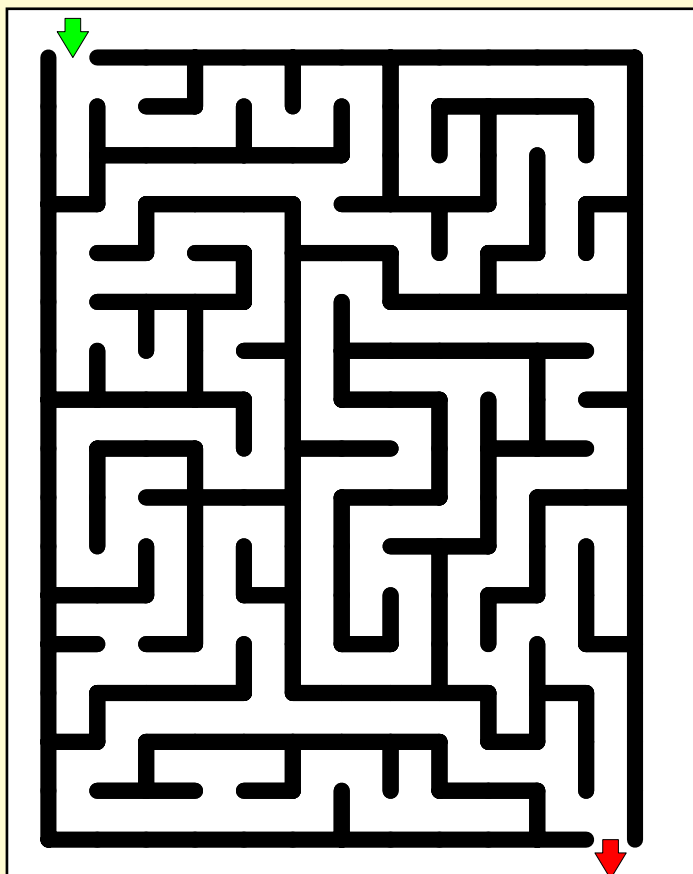
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| 1 Stand often taken by political speakers (8)          | 1 Look - here's what we do with the Joneses (4) |
| 5 Were crooked and ended in jug (4)                    | 2 (Bony) ran Gaul in style (7)                  |
| 9 Big bird that is shot less than a birdie (5)         | 3 Shine in languages (6,6)                      |
| 10 Running easily for victory in the return game (7)   | 4 Very loud in order to annoy (6)               |
| 11 Obstruct the mail in capitals (5,7)                 | 6 Complain when I get in difficulty (5)         |
| 13 Military band? (6)                                  | 7 Sign in and make an impression (8)            |
| 14 Stop - I'm getting deep in trouble (6)              | 8 Am in act noted perhaps for being filthy (12) |
| 17 An infant prodigy, which is hardly surprising (6,6) | 12 Cause unruly ladies to be separated (8)      |
| 20 Passing through capital of Turkey change trains (7) | 15 Member in neat outfit showing good taste (7) |
| 21 Rita altered a capital investment (5)               | 16 Wrap the saw properly (6)                    |
| 22 Tax on goods and service (4)                        | 18 Characteristic painting is lifted by it (5)  |
| 23 Deadly feud conducted with relative bitterness? (8) | 19 At short notice sent up information (4)      |

*The Answers are on page 13*



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# Crime Down By 8.4%

Cumbria Constabulary has cut crime in the county by more than eight per cent – with the dedication and work of officers and staff producing some of the best results recorded.

Offences that cause real concern in communities including burglary, violence, public disorder and criminal damage to property are all down significantly.

Arrests, stop-searches and offences resulting in a positive outcome such as a charge have all gone up.

Other results include: 96.5% of 999 calls were answered in 10 seconds during February.

Convictions in domestic abuse cases heard at court sat at 85.7% in November – the latest figure available. This is above the national average.

Convictions in cases involving violence against women and girls heard at court sat at 81.3% in November – the third best in the country.

The results follow a range of measures brought in over the last eighteen months to improve the service to the public.

These include:

The launch of a rural crime team, dedicated to tackling rural offences.

The continued rollout of community beat officers, who have

proved crucial in tackling issues such as anti-social behaviour.

The launch of a new, dedicated roads policing unit – made as part of a commitment to making Cumbria's roads safer for all.

A force restructure and increased focus on issues such as meeting response times.

Chief Constable Rob Carden said: "Cumbria is currently one of the top performing forces in the country and this is due to the hard work and professionalism of our officers and staff who are doing their utmost to deliver an outstanding policing service to keep Cumbria safe. I am extremely proud of what the force is achieving, and I am delighted with the improvements we have achieved in key areas such as proactivity, response to calls, standards of investigation, victim care and criminal justice outcomes.

Arrests are going up and key crimes that cause some of the most concern to people, such as burglaries and violence against others, are going down. We are also doing our best to protect vulnerable people, with encouraging results at court in cases involving domestic abuse and violence against women and girls."

He added: "One of the key ways we are going about this is by being more visible in our communities. The continued roll out of

community beat officers as part of the expansion of neighbourhood policing is something I am particularly proud of. This has been at the heart of our success in reducing anti-social behaviour, an issue the public cares about deeply.

I'd like to thank our officers and staff for their ongoing hard work and professionalism; their proactivity and commitment is allowing us to police on the front foot and it is clear that this approach is producing some outstanding results. The most important result in this is that the public of Cumbria are receiving a continually improving service, meaning more suspects are being arrested and crime is going down.

I'd also like to thank the public for continuing to support and engage with the Constabulary, providing the information we need to stop crime happening and keep people safe."

Cumbria's Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Peter McCall, said: "I am, of course, delighted to see crime reducing across the county as a result of impressive policing and increasing resource. Cumbria has consistently been one of the safest counties to live in across England and Wales and we are determined to keep it that way, together we can make Cumbria an even safer place for everyone."

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# Ship Returns to Silloth with Different Name

Report & Photos by:

John Forrester

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With an improvement in the weather it was good to see a growing number of ship spotters at the waterfront during the month. The arrival of VERTOM KARIANNE was greeted by a perfect spring morning.

Conditions were ideal to be out with a camera, which was greatly appreciated after a long winter. The cargo vessel was bringing fertiliser from Rouen. It had made

previous visits to Silloth but under a different name and ownership.

Sailing from the inland port of Rouen involved an initial 75 mile passage along the twisting River Seine to reach the sea before heading west along the Channel to the Irish Sea. The ship's arrival off Cumbria coincided with stormy weather, as has often been the case this year, and it had to wait for conditions to ease before continuing

up to Silloth. With clear visibility across the Solway the passing ship looked a picture as it approached with Criffel as a backdrop. The usual turning manoeuvre off the port was followed by the ship lining up to enter dock at high water. All went smoothly and the ship was soon being secured at the quayside.

KARIANNE is one of a fleet of almost one hundred vessels operated by the Dutch company

'Vertom'. Only a few of them carry the Vertom prefix, and these also bear female names, including Marjolin, Odette and Patty. Spotters look forward to seeing more of these at Silloth to add to their lists.

Our featured ship has been seen at Silloth before, but under different ownership as WILSON ASTAKOS. The port of registry of landlocked Luxembourg has remained the same. When logging their photos ship spotters have to be careful about identification as a

ship can have several name changes during its lifetime, but one feature that remains constant is a unique identification number which is painted on the stern.

When previously seen at Silloth the ship was probably undergoing transfer of ownership from 'Wilson' to 'Vertom' as features of both company's livery were visible. Who knows, but the same ship may return to Silloth in the future with yet another name, but it can be guaranteed its identification number will remain unchanged.

## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE?



# £6.7m Ticket Fraud Elections

New data released by Action Fraud reveals £6.7 million was lost to ticket fraud last year. ([www.actionfraud.police.uk/ticketfraud](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/ticketfraud))

Action Fraud, the national fraud and cybercrime reporting service, has launched a ticket fraud awareness campaign, warning people to be alert to fraudsters trying to catch out people planning for popular and sold-out events. Last year more than 8,700 people reported they had been a victim of ticket fraud, with a total of £6.7 million lost. This works out to an average loss of £772 per victim.

How to protect yourself from ticket fraud: Only buy tickets from the venue's box office, the promoter, an official agent or a well-known and reputable ticket exchange site. Avoid paying for tickets by bank transfer, especially if buying from someone unknown. Credit card or payment services such as PayPal give you a better chance of recovering the money if you become a victim of fraud. The password you use for your email account, as well as any other accounts you use to purchase tickets, should be different from all your other passwords. Use three random words to create a

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Report ticket fraud: If you feel at all suspicious, report the email to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) at [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk). For more advice on how to stay secure online, please visit [cyberaware.gov.uk](http://cyberaware.gov.uk).

Find out how to protect yourself from fraud: <https://stopthinkfraud.campaign.gov.uk>

If you live in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and have been a victim of fraud or cybercrime, report it at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or by calling 0300 123 2040.

In Scotland, victims of fraud and cybercrime should report to Police Scotland on 101.

# on 2nd May

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council has no candidates up for election on 2nd May. There was only one nomination and as there was only one vacancy, it is an uncontested election and Kiara Orchard is duly elected.

Marlene Cornforth was the only applicant for Holme Low Parish Council and has been co-opted on to the Parish Council.

There are three candidates for the Election of a Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for the Cumbria Police Area:

David Allen  
Labour and  
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Mike Johnson  
Conservative  
Candidate - More Police,  
Streets.



Adrian Waite  
Liberal Democrats



# County Player Leo!

Report by:  
Farrah & Scott Whittle

Leo Whittle age 8 who lives in Silloth and attends Silloth primary school, has just been selected to represent Cumbria - and Silloth! - in the under 8's Tennis County Cup at the end of April.

Leo was selected to join the county squad at Chatsworth tennis club in Carlisle two years ago where he now trains twice a week, 2.5 hours on a Tuesday and 1.5 hours on a Sunday to be the best he can be. Leo's hard work and dedication to the sport comes from his father Scott Whittle and uncle Chris Whittle who were very successful in their tennis growing up.

Leo is keen to follow in their footsteps and dreams big for his future in the sport.

To be selected for the County Cup squad, Leo had to enter selection training and tournaments to get a high enough ranking to be in with a chance of making the team. We had an email to say Leo has been successful and he will now travel to Sunderland to compete against other counties



around the UK to hopefully be crowned winners for Cumbria u8s tennis team. This is a huge achievement for only being 8 years old.

It's a huge privilege to have been chosen for the County Cup squad as there are so many talented tennis players around the county. Leo is bursting with pride to have the opportunity to represent Cumbria and his little home town of Silloth at the end of April. What a superstar!

# March Shipping at the Port of Silloth

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

Overall March was a good month for the Port of Silloth with five vessels in port, all the cargoes being for Origin Fertilisers and some of them just being part cargoes.

Busy times ahead with most of these vessels on their first call here, just the Wilson Leith being a returning customer.

As most of our local followers will be aware, The Fox Group has formed a new company called FoxJackson Ports and placed an offer for the port along with that of the Port of Fleetwood in to ABP, who have agreed to sell the port subject to approval by the Government. The process can take up to twelve months and so in the near future nothing is likely to change in the running of the port, cargoes arriving or any other routine.

Should the approval process stall, there will be questions to ask and also if the process goes through without any issues, there will still be many questions that people may want to ask. At this time, I am personally unable to answer any questions, however as soon as I know anything that is not commercially sensitive, I will pass it forward so that the local

community will know.

FoxJackson have intimated that they would like to meet with the town council and potentially hold a meeting for locals to ask questions should they wish to do so. A new future for the port looms not too far ahead and I for one am looking forward to working with Fox Group and their various teams.

April is already busy and further updates in next month's Buzz to follow.

## March

2nd Schillplate from Plymouth with a cargo of Fertiliser then on to Galway.

9th Julieta from Sidi Rahhal with a cargo of Fertiliser then on to Ayr.

14th Wilson Leith from Sluiskil with a cargo of Urea then on to Eide.

24th Vertom Karianne from Rouen with a cargo of Fertiliser then on to Belfast.

26th Rix Mistral from Assnitz with a cargo of Fertiliser then on to Lochaline.



Beach Bees

by Annie Sessford from Holm Cultram Abbey School

# Silloth Tide Tables

MAY 2024		SILLOTH							
		DEPTHS ON NEW DOCK GAUGE (1.8M ABOVE CD)							
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Times shown in UTC. Add 1 hour for British Summer Time.

# Peter Wins the Banty Trot!



Report by: Jimmy Lettice

Peter Cusack once again proves to be a cut above the rest

Played in the winter months and on a shorter than usual course the remainder of this seasons Banty trotters were all left reeling by the ever consistent, straight down the middle winner

His no nonsense golf from one of Silloths' finest golfers Peter Cusack had amassed the same points as the chasing pack of Johnny Martin and Adrian Bennett with Ian Morris and the back of form David Halpin both three shots back in the hunt.

The final day was a calm and sunny one but nervy for some, but not Peter, he was perfection personified and uncharacteristically calm, possibly his recent uptake of Yoga and Pilates has helped, pipping Jonny Martin on the count back over the last three holes. His stamina helping Peter win another fantastic challenge from all golfers

Big thanks to Lennie Hodgins for recording the scores and keeping the competition going and the young chap who provides the post match snacks. 2024 was another successful year.

On a serious note these gentlemen do raise funds for many local and national charitable groups and this years lucky recipients of just over £1,000 were the Silloth Football Club Junior section

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# STANWIX PARK

## DAY PASSES

Planning days out just got even better! Day passes are now available to book online. You can book these up to 2 weeks in advance and up until 9am on the day of your visit! Day passes will still be available from Reception on the day of visit if not sold out.

BOOK NOW AT:  
[www.stanwix.com](http://www.stanwix.com)

### RATES

PEAK RATE (school holidays & bank holidays)  
£11.00 per adult / £9.00 per child

OFF PEAK MID WEEK (Mon - Fri)  
£5.50 per adult / £4.50 per child

OFF PEAK WEEKEND (Sat & Sun)  
£7.00 per adult / £6.00 per child

SAVER (4th Nov - 24th Dec 2024)  
£5.50 per adult / £4.50 per child

UNDER 5'S GO FREE!

Stanwix Park Holiday Centre, Silloth, Cumbria, CA7 4HH