

Police Report

Report by:
Inspector Dave Barr

On crime matters, February was a relatively low crime month, fortunately, for the whole of North Allerdale: with 54 crimes reported. Ones which are relevant to the area of the Buzz are two thefts of diesel from tanks, one of which was at Pelutho. Also a house was burgled at Kirkbampton, when a person entered through an un-locked door, during the early evening, and stole a handbag and its contents.

The on street drinking ban, which came into force in Silloth, in February, is being actively implemented by the Silloth Community Officer: PC Andy Robertson. So far six people caught drinking on the street, have had to surrender their cans of beer and alco pops, which I have poured down the sink at Wigton Police Station. (I'm sure I saw a grown man cry). The width ban

which is in force in Wigton, has had mixed results. For the people of Wigton they have been positive, with an obvious reduction in the number of hgv's passing through the town. Residents in the area surrounding Wigton, have not been so fortunate. They have seen a marked increase in vehicles using country roads. This matter is being pursued by a number of those affected people, who are seeking similar width bans on the roads in question. Though not specifically exempted in the width ban order, caravans will not be subject of enforcement.

Editors note: As the movement of caravans to and from Silloth is very important, I asked for confirmation that the width ban does NOT apply to caravans going through Wigton. Inspector Barr replied: Yes. Caravans over the 6ft 6inch limit are not subject of the ban. THEY WILL NOT BE PROSECUTED.

RNLI New Crew Members



Stuart Sprott, Vicky Hope, Theresa Bell, and Sue Kent have all joined the lifeboat crew in the last few months and are now undergoing vigorous training to save lives at sea as effectively and safely as possible.

Eddie Studholme, Silloth Lifeboat Operations Manager, says it is vital that new volunteers are recruited regularly. He adds: 'Silloth has a core of dedicated, long-serving RNLI lifeboat volunteers but it is important that we have as large a crew as possible to call on, to ensure we always have enough people to man the lifeboat whatever time of day or night we are called. 'All our crew are volunteers and not necessarily from a sea-going background. They give up a lot of time to ensure they are always up to speed with boat handling, navigation and first aid skills.'

Sue, 41, is the most recent recruit, having been accepted as a crew member following a stint as a shore helper at the lifeboat station.

She says: 'I'd been spending quite a bit of time at the lifeboat station as my partner Brian is a helmsman and, as I became more interested in what was going on I realised there was no reason I couldn't be on the crew as well. Now I'm looking forward to my training and becoming a useful member of the crew.'

Stuart, 20, a factory worker, was formerly in the Merchant Navy and

joined the RNLI because he wanted to maintain his nautical connection.

He says: 'I really enjoy being part of the crew - it's important that we all work together well when we're in the lifeboat and there's a great team spirit at the station.'

Vicky, 34, a Sales and Marketing Manager, used to watch the lifeboat when she was a child growing up in Silloth. 'I was in awe of them all, their bravery and their willingness to give up their time to help others. When I moved back to Silloth from Milton Keynes four years ago I carried on walking down by the lifeboat station. 'I eventually decided to join because I realised that I could give something back to the community that I am so pleased to be living in and I really enjoy the training, being with the crew and working with them all.'

Theresa, 31, a bar worker, was initially unsure about joining the crew because she is only 5ft 2in tall. 'But I decided to try because I liked the idea of being able to help people and put something back into the community. And once I started training and spending time in the boat, I realised my size didn't really matter at all.'

Anyone interested in joining the Silloth RNLI lifeboat crew should contact Lifeboat Operations Manager Eddie Studholme on 016973 61019.

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How Many Easter Eggs?

At last, Easter. Have you noticed the Easter Eggs that are scattered all through the Buzz this month? Have you been counting them? Why not have a go - see if you can find them all, there are 27 pretty little eggs throughout the paper, and they look like these ones....



Lent Lunches



Abbeystown Lent:
Jean Armstrong, Freda Todhunter and Brenda Sim



Holme St. Cuthbert Lent:
Tina Nichols, Mrs Connolly and Brenda Wilson

The Annual Lent lunches were held at Holme St. Cuthbert on Tuesdays and at St. Marys Abbeystown on Wednesdays. They were well supported by parishioners and friends from neighbouring parishes.

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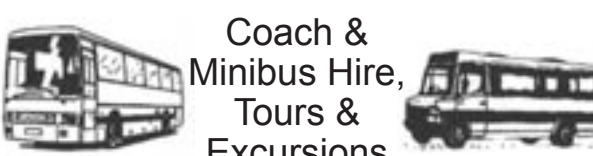
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