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## Make Poverty History

Don't just say it, do it! Make poverty history 2005

God so loved the world.... these words are all embracing and inclusive of people of all nations.

A national rally is planned on 2nd July. Coaches will leave from Carlisle, Wigton and from many other towns and villages in our area, as well as nation wide. I am hoping that enough interest can be aroused so that a coach full of supporters can leave from Silloth.

The destination is Edinburgh, where thousands of ordinary people intend to hold a demonstration. We want our voices to be heard by world governments and by the all powerful multinational corporations.

We are asking for fair trade for all.

For our own farmers and suppliers and for all the nations whose people suffer so much poverty. We can do our part here in Silloth by making this a fair trade town. The aim is to buy from our own farmers when we can and to buy from fair trade tea, coffee, chocolate and bananas.

The demonstration will be peaceful and family friendly. If you are interested in joining us in Edinburgh please let me know.

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Front L-R: John Leveson, Deputy Chief Executive; Tami Burrell, Manager; with Tony Markley, Deputy Mayor of Silloth cutting the ribbon



Cumberland Building Society which donates around £100,000 each year in support of local community, education and charitable initiatives, now plan to do even more to support the local community.

Seven of the Cumberland's thirty four branches have been specially designated as "community" branches and will become even more involved in local community initiatives. These are: Aspatria, Dalston, Haltwhistle, Langholm, Longtown, Silloth and Stanwix.

Cumberland Deputy Chief Executive, John Leveson, said, "We believe that in addition to continuing to provide a full building society branch service from our community branches, we can now play an equally important role by introducing a range of 'free' additional community related services".

Although the core range of community services will be the same for all our community branches, some of the physically larger branches will offer additional services. The core range of services will include free Internet access, designated window display space to advertise and promote local events, a 'box office' to sell tickets for local events and an appeal collection point. The physically larger branches will also be able to offer floor space to mount exhibitions to promote local events and items which are

considered to be of local interest. Small 'committee' meeting rooms will also be available.

Rural areas and suburbs such as those identified by the Cumberland are more used to losing services nowadays than getting new and improved services, so this Cumberland initiative is welcomed.

Peter Cusack -Chairman of Silloth & District Business Association said, " I am absolutely delighted to hear of the Cumberland Building Society's new venture".

Billy Allison - Mayor of Silloth said, "It's excellent news that the Cumberland Building Society are setting up a Community branch and I'm sure local groups and clubs alike will benefit greatly".





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### Silloth & District Community Transport

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