

RNLI visit Allonby School



L - R Darren Irwin, Stephen Henderson, Eddy Studholme & Stephen Wright

Report by: Lesley Hope

Four members of Silloth Lifeboat Crew came to Allonby Primary School on SOS Day, 26th January - where they gave an interesting talk

and display, ending with a question and answer session with the children.

We raised £111.30 for the Silloth Appeal by taking donations for coffee and cake and the children covered the

RNLI flag and pictures of trainers in coppers in addition to them paying a £1 each to wear trainers for the day.

Thank You to everyone who supported the event.

Problems at Cemeteries

Allerdale Borough Council is asking people who visit the borough's cemeteries for suggestions about how to tackle the problem of damage caused by vehicles driving into the cemetery grounds.

With more people using vehicles to drive into the cemeteries rather than walk, there is increasingly more damage to the path edges, roads, corners and graves. Robert Deacon, Allerdale Borough Council's Bereavement Services Officer, said: "There have been occasions when vehicles have blocked the entrances to the cemeteries during funerals, blocking the exit route of the hearse and limousine carrying the family mourners. I have witnessed one vehicle driving past a parked vehicle and running over numerous graves. This is unacceptable. The cemeteries were never

designed for regular vehicular access - just for funeral and cemetery work access. If we lock the gates disabled people may be discriminated against and that wouldn't be acceptable, although the pedestrian access is never closed. In the past we have tried leaving the gates closed for disabled access only, but people leave the gates open whilst they are in the cemeteries allowing others in. We're at a loss for a solution. We don't want to make it difficult for people visiting the graves of loved ones, but we do need to take steps to prevent damage to the cemeteries. If anyone has a helpful suggestion, then we'd welcome the feedback."

If visitors to the cemetery can suggest how to solve the problem, please contact the Bereavement Services team on 01900 702620 or email bereavement services@allerdale.gov.uk.

Anne Keely Smith by Chelsea Louise Evans aged 8 from St. Marys Catholic School, Ulverston

Rocket Bee by Bradley Whitfield aged 9 from Silloth Primary School

Police Report

Report by: Inspector Dave Barr, North Allerdale Local Policing Team

North Allerdale Local Policing Team have been notified that they are to have a third Police Community Support Officer working in Silloth.

The first two officers commenced working in Wigton and Aspatria this month. A Police Community Support Officers role is to be the eyes and ears of the Police. They do this by carrying out high visibility foot patrols in their area. They also attend meetings of local groups and organizations; to build up their contacts with the community. PCSO's wear a uniform with slight differences to Police Constables. They do carry the same radios, so that they are in constant contact with the police control rooms and their colleagues.

Silloth's very own PCSO, will be working from the end of March.

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