

## Walk Cumbria Comes to Silloth



Report by: Alan Byrom

The idea that many people have of the Christian church is that it is really an activity for the elderly and unrelated to everyday life. Silloth recently played host to an event that shows that this is not the case at all!

On Saturday 28th April, ten men wearing the blue shirts of the Walk Cumbria campaign walked into Silloth from Mawbray. They were part of a three week long period of active witnessing to the Christian faith throughout Cumbria. Like the Celtic missionaries who first brought Christianity to this area a millennium and a half ago, their aim was to share their faith in Christ with anyone who was willing to listen.

Like those missionaries they lived very simply with no distractions. They slept on the floor of the Methodist Hall. They left their mobile phones at home and had just £2 a day for expenses. They relied on the churches to provide for them.

The Walkers came from every part of the country, from Orkney to Cornwall. Two were from Cumbria. They had never met before they arrived. They were of all ages (from 19 to 78) with quite different personalities, life experiences and interests.

We are used to seeing strangers fall



out with each other in the Big Brother house and in remote parts of the world, but these strangers got on well with each other from the start. They had a common purpose and worked together to get the job done.

They became a very visible presence in the town for the week. Here are some of the things they got up to.

- Leading and speaking at church services.
- Witnessing to their faith with some of the crowds at the Sunday market and in the pubs.
- Carrying out a questionnaire on religious belief in door to door visiting. (The results of this will be published next month)
- Visiting the pubs and clubs of the town discussing faith and discipleship.
- Speaking at a whole range of meetings around the town.
- Visiting

the schools, leading assemblies and speaking to some of the classes.

- Organising an afternoon of table tennis in the new Sports Hall and games of football.
- The Afternoon and Night of Colour, presentations by Daniel Cozens, the Walk Cumbria leader, at St Andrew's Church Hall and the Bowls Club.

It was a great time for the churches, and a challenging one. Hopefully it all provoked thought in people outside the churches as well!

## Police Report

Report by:  
PCSO Lindsey Noblett

As your local Police Community Support Officer I have been getting to know my local area and the people here.

I have chatted to a few people around the town. I have recently attended a mountain bike cycling course where I have been encouraged to carry out my patrol around Silloth and the surrounding villages on a bicycle. I have also been involved in a lot of school liaison this month, with both the Secondary and Primary schools. Firstly, I was working with the Fire and Rescue service and the Secondary school to encourage the older children who are about to commence driving lessons on the importance of driving safely and responsibly. These lessons seemed to have a positive impact on the children as they said that they were more mindful of the hazards on the roads and the dangers of driving too fast. In addition to this I will be involved in various classes at the Primary school teaching the children road safety.

There have been some children playing near the road, especially in west Silloth on the B5300, near The Crofts and Blitterlees. Children have been jumping in front of vehicles playing "chicken". Please can parents keep an eye out on where their children are playing and reinforce that playing near a road is highly dangerous.

## Del's DIY & Hardware



Good news, Oakleaf Hardware has a new owner and a new name, it is now Del's DIY.

Del Gammon and his wife Pauline are originally from the south and have been living in Kendal for the last 17 years. They moved to Silloth recently and have

taken on the hardware shop with the intention of keeping it a traditional shop supplying all the usual decorating, plumbing, gardening, household, electrical and such like products.

Del will be delighted if you pop-in for a look around.

My third point of news is the police surgeries. Please can people note the following dates when there will be a Police Officer at the Fire Station who is there if you have any concerns that you would like to raise or chat about; Monday's from 2-4pm on 4th June and 2nd July. You don't have to wait, you can talk to me any time when you see me, alternatively you can email me on: lindsey.noblett@cumbria.police.uk.

Please, can I just highlight that other than in local Public houses, there is to be no drinking of alcohol in and around the town. Can parents make sure that their children do not consume alcohol, it is illegal to drink alcohol on The Green, playing fields, etc, but we are becoming increasingly concerned about the litter and broken glass which is being left. Alcohol will be confiscated and parents informed about children drinking.

## S.O.S.A.C.

By now everyone in the Silloth and surrounding areas will have no doubt seen the eight wind turbines situated on Wharrels Hill, Bothel. These turbines are 81 metres to the tip of the blade and are approximately 16.2km from Silloth.

The three turbines at High Pow, Bolton Low Houses have an overall height of 91 metres to the tip of the blade. The are approximately 16.8km from Silloth. The proposed four turbines at Hellrigg, Silloth will be 121 metres to blade tip and approximately 3.1km from Silloth.

The relative distances from Silloth of the Wharrels Hill and High Pow turbines should give an indication of the extent of the potential visual impact of the proposed Hellrigg site, not to mention the substantial additional height of some 30 metres of these turbines.

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