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Creative Arlosh Brownies



Report by: Sarah Shaw

We would like to say a huge Thankyou to all the support we had at our brownie coffee morning back in February. We raised just over £400 for brownie funds which also included quiz sales over winter.

We are incredibly grateful.

We are a small group and fundraising and donations really help with days out, supplies and hall rent.

We recently took a visit to The Creative Space which was amazing! All the girls thoroughly enjoyed it and Zoe was fantastic. Massive Thankyou to Zoe for all she did with us it was a great morning.

We also have a trip to Clip and Climb planned at Maryport in

July.

We are always looking for new members to join our unit in Newton Arlosh, please get in touch if you know of anyone who would like to join. We meet twice a month in the village hall. Girls

aged 7-10 years.

Thankyou to everyone once again. Helen Wallace (Brown Owl)
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Waste and Recycling Collection Dates Go Live Online

New Allerdale waste and recycling collection dates go live online

Updated waste and recycling collection dates for the former Allerdale area are now available.

On the build-up to changes to waste collection arrangements in the former Allerdale area from week commencing 26 May, Cumberland Council is reminding residents to check their collection dates. Up to six weeks of collection information is available at one time.

Updated collection date information is available at www.cumberland.gov.uk/waste/binday.

Due to the changes that are taking place over the coming months, the council is unable to provide an annual calendar and is asking residents to continue to check their website for collection



information as some collections dates may change for a small number of residents.

It is now too late for residents to request a replacement 180 litre bin if they currently have a 120 or 140 litre bin.

Householders may also be eligible for an even larger or extra bin if they have

a large household, young children in nappies or your household produces extra waste due to medical needs. www.cumberland.gov.uk/waste/largerbin.

Cardboard/paper collections will increase from monthly to fortnightly from September 2025.

The council has reviewed their collection service, and the changes provide a more efficient service and make recycling easier.

For updates on the new refuse and recycling service, visit www.cumberland.gov.uk/wastechanges.

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Flower Bees
by Ruby McMillan
from Holm Cultram Abbey School



Summer Bee
by Rory Askew
from Holm Cultram Abbey School

Silloth Scout Camp



Report by: Kathryn Shires

The Beavers Cubs and Scouts thought about the spring equinox by building their own Stonehenge from old boxes which was quite a sight!

We then had a night of music when we tried out different instruments and learned some new songs. The spring term finished with a family campfire, complete with smores.

As always, our aim for the summer term is to get out and about, come rain or shine, so look out for us around town and come and say hello. So far we celebrated St Georges day by learning the story of George and the Dragon and reenacting it – directed by the Scouts. It was an interesting interpretation. Then we had a spring scavenger hunt.

Over the bank holiday weekend we took the older cubs and scouts to Rookhow for a 2 night residential. Rookhow is a Quaker meeting place set in 12 acres of woodland which is actually rare north Atlantic temperate rain forest. We were lucky to receive a grant from the Quakers for the majority of the cost of this so we are very grateful to them. The young people learned how to use knives safely and used sticks they whittled to cook sausages on a fire they lit with flint and steel. They also had great fun on a slack line and



lounging in hammocks.

If you would like to join in and experience all this fun and adventure, give us a call. We have room for boys and girls aged 6 to 13 and especially for 6 and 10 year olds.

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Help Shape Our Library Services

Residents interested in helping to shape the future of Cumberland's Library Service are invited to a series of drop-in sessions taking place over the next few weeks.

Cumberland Council has recently launched a new programme of work, called Fit for the Future, which aims to futureproof the service, ensuring it meets the needs of local people going forward.

This stage of the project involves engaging with a range of stakeholders to gather their views through a series of public drop-in sessions and workshops with partner organisations. There is also a public survey which is open until July 4, 2025, at consult.cumberland.gov.uk/making-our-libraries-fit-for-the-future.

One of the council's main aims is to continue to deliver library services that are welcoming and accessible to all and make the most of digital-based offerings which are becoming increasingly popular.

From next week drop-in sessions in each of Cumberland's libraries and Library Links will start giving people the chance to find out more about the project, ask questions, give their views and fill in the survey. The drop-ins are

open to both members and those residents who currently don't use libraries.

A list of the drop-in sessions can be found on the council's website at: www.cumberland.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries-fit-future-programme

Cllr Anne Quilter, the council's Executive member for Vibrant and Healthy Places, said: "It's vital that we hear the views of residents and partner organisations as part of this project so we can ensure that any changes we make to our Library Service are really making it fit for the future. If you can, please complete the survey and attend one of their drop-ins at a library convenient for you. As a new authority with our own priorities and ambitions, as well as rapidly changing needs in our communities and user habits, it is right that we carry out this engagement to make sure that the service we will have in the future is fit for purpose."

Once all the information is gathered the council will then be able to make proposals on what Cumberland's Library Service could offer and how it can best be delivered. Residents and other stakeholders will be kept up to date with ongoing developments.

Have You Considered Fostering?

Foster carers share their stories in new short film

This Foster Care Fortnight (12th - 25th May), Cumbria Fostering is calling on local people to consider fostering by sharing the stories of our incredible foster carers in a new short film.

Led by the Fostering Network charity, Foster Care Fortnight is the annual campaign to raise the profile of fostering and show how it transforms lives.

This year's theme, 'The Power of Relationships', celebrates the bonds that change lives - from the connection between a foster carer and a child, to the supportive network of professionals, peers, and families who all play a part in a child's journey. These relationships shape lives and open doors to brighter futures.

Foster carers Dan Bell and his partner Chris, from Barrow, are featured in our new film - talking about their fostering journey. Dan said: "We started fostering as 'connected family' foster carers for a member of our family, who we gave a home to up until he was 19. Since then we've become mainstream carers and have fostered several children over the past two years."

The couple, who currently care for two young siblings, have found fostering extremely fulfilling and would encourage others to follow in their footsteps. Dan said: "Just do it! If you have the time, space,



patience - it is worth it. You might have hard days but you have many good days and there's nothing you can't navigate with all the support out there; from family, friends, social workers and other carers. Why wouldn't you want to do it? We give it our all and we love it."

Another foster carer Gen Spencer, from south Cumbria, fosters a sibling group of two sisters, alongside her husband Neil. In the film she talks about the support and training they receive to help them develop the skills to manage any challenges. She said: "Neil and I have our own social worker who comes to see us at least once a month and there is loads of training and local support groups where you meet up with other carers, it's been brilliant."

Could you be the person who changes a child's future? Whether you're single, married, retired, or working, fostering is open to people from all walks of life. We provide full training, ongoing support, and have a network of more than 250 local foster carers who will walk this journey with you.

Cllr Emma Williamson, Executive Member for Children and Family Wellbeing at Cumberland Council, said: "Foster Care Fortnight is a vital opportunity to shine a light on the incredible work of our foster carers and the life-changing difference they make to children and young people across the county. This year's theme, 'The Power of Relationships', speaks directly to the heart of fostering - it's about connection, care and community."

I wholeheartedly support Cumbria Fostering's campaign and encourage anyone who's ever thought about fostering to get in touch and discover how they could change a child's future. You'll be supported every step of the way."

Cllr Janet Battye, Cabinet member Children's Services Education and Skills at Westmorland & Furness Council, said: "Here in Cumbria, we are proud of the dedicated support we offer to our foster carers - from comprehensive training and financial assistance to ongoing guidance and a strong local community. Foster Care Fortnight is not only a chance to celebrate the incredible role our carers play, but also to show that fostering is something you can do with the right support behind you. Whether you're just curious or ready to take the first step, I encourage you to come along to one of our events and find out how you can become part of Cumbria's biggest family."

Attend an information event during Foster Care Fortnight

We're hosting a number of information events during the fortnight where you can learn more about fostering and hear directly from those who are already making a difference:

Saturday 24 May - Come along to our formal information event at Penrith Library (downstairs meeting room) from 11am to 1pm. The session includes a presentation, stories from foster carers, and a chance to speak with our team. To register, please visit our event booking page.

If you've ever thought about fostering - or are simply curious - now is the perfect time to find out more.

To watch our new film and for more information, please visit cumbriafostering.org.uk

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TIMES: 10am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 3pm

Please note; there will be LIMITED supervision between 12.30 - 1pm lunchtime, **can parents please specify if they are supervising children between this time.**

The sports coaches dates are as follows:

Dave Pearson, Chris Pearson, Jackson Slack 28th July - 31st July
Football

Rob Jefferson and additional coach 14th & 21st August **Multi-Sports**

Chris Wright & additional coach 8th August **Rugby Union**

David Wise August date to be decided for **Tennis**

Nico Watt August date to be decided for **Cricket**

Please complete an activity form if your child would like to participate. Forms are available from any committee member via email. Please forward completed forms & **£25 fee per child & £20 for siblings** to Mavis Baty, Solway Fitness Centre, or email mavisbaty@gmail.com, Stephen Hart sidhart1@hotmail.co.uk Colin Baty colinbaty@hotmail.co.uk, Kris Nichol krisnichol@hotmail.com Jennifer Bell jennibell41@icloud.com, Jaymie Greig jaymiegreigx@gmail.com **Please note; entries will close when we have reached the capacity numbers**

Abbeytown U10 Girls are League Cup Champions!



Report by: Ashleigh McIntyre

Well done to our Abbeytown Juniors Football Club U10 Girls, who after having a fantastic season,

topped it off with a League Cup win at Brunton Park yesterday!

A big thank you to the sponsors

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Friends of Silloth Green ~ Looking After Nature

Report & Photos by:
Caroline Turner

With all our gardening activities we like to encourage insects and wildlife by providing suitable food & habitats.

We recently installed bird boxes in the wooded area of the Community Garden with different styles and locations to attract a range of birds.

Wrens don't like to be too high up, Robins like open fronted boxes and Blue Tits prefer a small round pop hole, plus we have bird feeders which we top-up regularly.



We have created a number of Bug Hotels around the Garden and left a pile of wood to provide suitable 'homes' for beneficial insects. This is something you could easily do in your own garden or backyard.



It is also important to choose the right plants not just so they thrive in our conditions but also provide sources of food particularly early in the season. The Rosa Rugosa we planted last year is already in bloom and with the blossom on the trees is attracting beneficial insects.

But...not all insects are welcome we recently had to deal with an attack of Lily Beetle and aphids on the roses! We garden without the use of pesticides so they got squished or if you prefer you can spray them with a solution of water and washing up liquid!



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Opportunity Knocks for Brody & Ivan



Report by: Ashleigh McIntyre

A huge well done to these two boys, BRODY HALE and IVAN ARMSTRONG who play for Abbeytown U8s. They have both been offered contracts to play and join up with Carlisle United's Academy at U9 level!

This is a huge accomplishment and testament to your talent, hard work and commitment boys.

Abbeytown Juniors are very proud to have two boys making this journey and we look forward to following your progress.

Hats off to their grassroots coach Ben for starting them off on this journey and to their supportive families.

Keep pushing yourselves and enjoy this amazing opportunity lads. GOOD LUCK.

Dundraw WI Meeting



Report by: Jan Grant

The darling buds of May bloomed for the ladies of Dundraw WI as they welcomed florist Margaret Abbott as their guest speaker to their May 6th meeting. And for this rather special

meeting, Dundraw also welcomed ladies from WIs across Cumbria.

Margaret gave a most impressive demonstration of her flower arranging expertise whilst answering audience questions and telling humorous anecdotes.

Her brilliant creations were then raffled off and won by some very lucky WI members.

A wonderful afternoon was completed with a delicious afternoon tea - all baked by the Dundraw members.



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Green PHANTOM Seen at Silloth Dock

Report & Photos by:
John Forrester
More coverage of shipping at
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May was a busy period for shipping at Silloth, however, all visitors were familiar names to ship enthusiasts as they were making repeat calls.
When this occurs it's often handy to dive into the archives to retrieve old photos. After considering several

possibilities, the general cargo vessel PHANTOM was chosen for this month's article. It's a case of once seen never forgotten, being memorable for both its green colour as well as its ghostly name.
Twelve years have passed since its last visit when it arrived on a bright summer's

day and resulted in some colourful photos.
On that occasion PHANTOM was inbound from Ayr with a part load of fertiliser. Silloth often shares loads with nearby ports, in this case it was a bulk cargo originating from Morocco. The light load accounted for the ship appearing high in the water with a red stripe visible along the waterline. The layer of red is anti-fouling paint applied to help reduce marine growth and increase the ship's fuel efficiency. The ship was photographed as it lined up at the dock entrance. As it passed by it looked to make easy work of its entry to the dock in calm conditions.
PHANTOM is one of a large fleet operated by the

German company 'InterScan Shipping'. The ship's appearance has changed little in the twelve years since it last called at Silloth. One difference noted was a new port of registry painted on the stern; Gibraltar had been replaced by St. John's, the capital of the Caribbean Island of Antigua and Barbuda. This flag of convenience is often seen on ships sailing in European waters.
Several of PHANTOM's

sister ships appear in the same green livery but none have such an eerie name; the likes of PATRI, PERNILLE, and TIM have their origins in ancient languages and sound much less threatening.
In conclusion, it was fitting that on both occasions when PHANTOM visited Silloth, she slipped out of the dock on midnight tides under the cover of darkness bound for her next port of call.

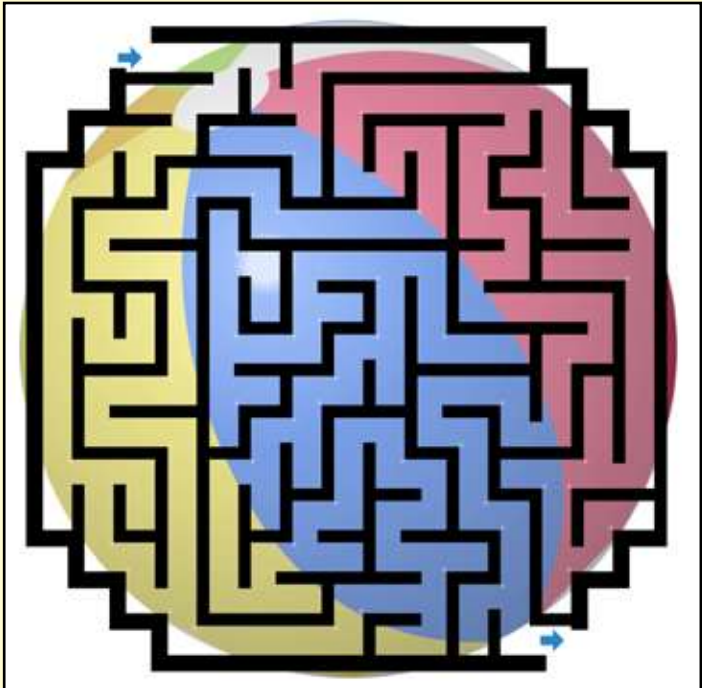
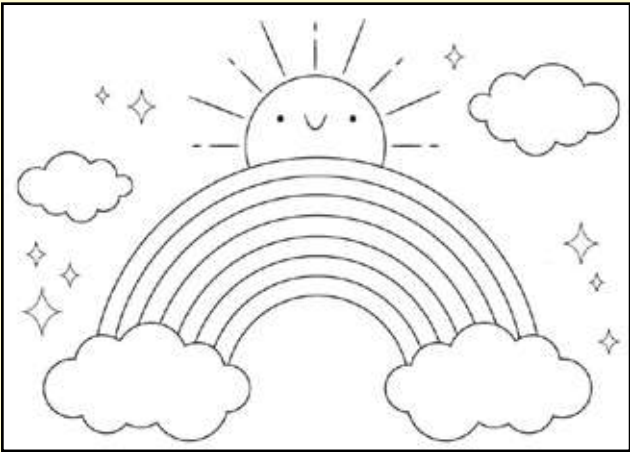
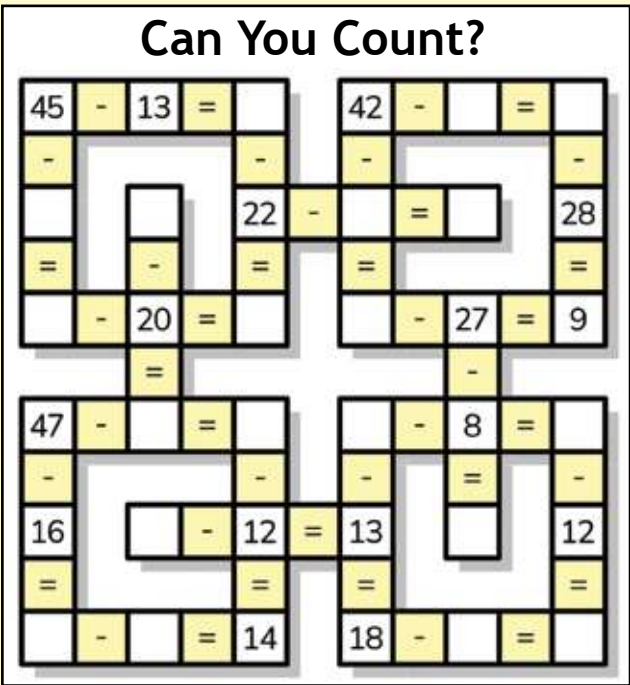
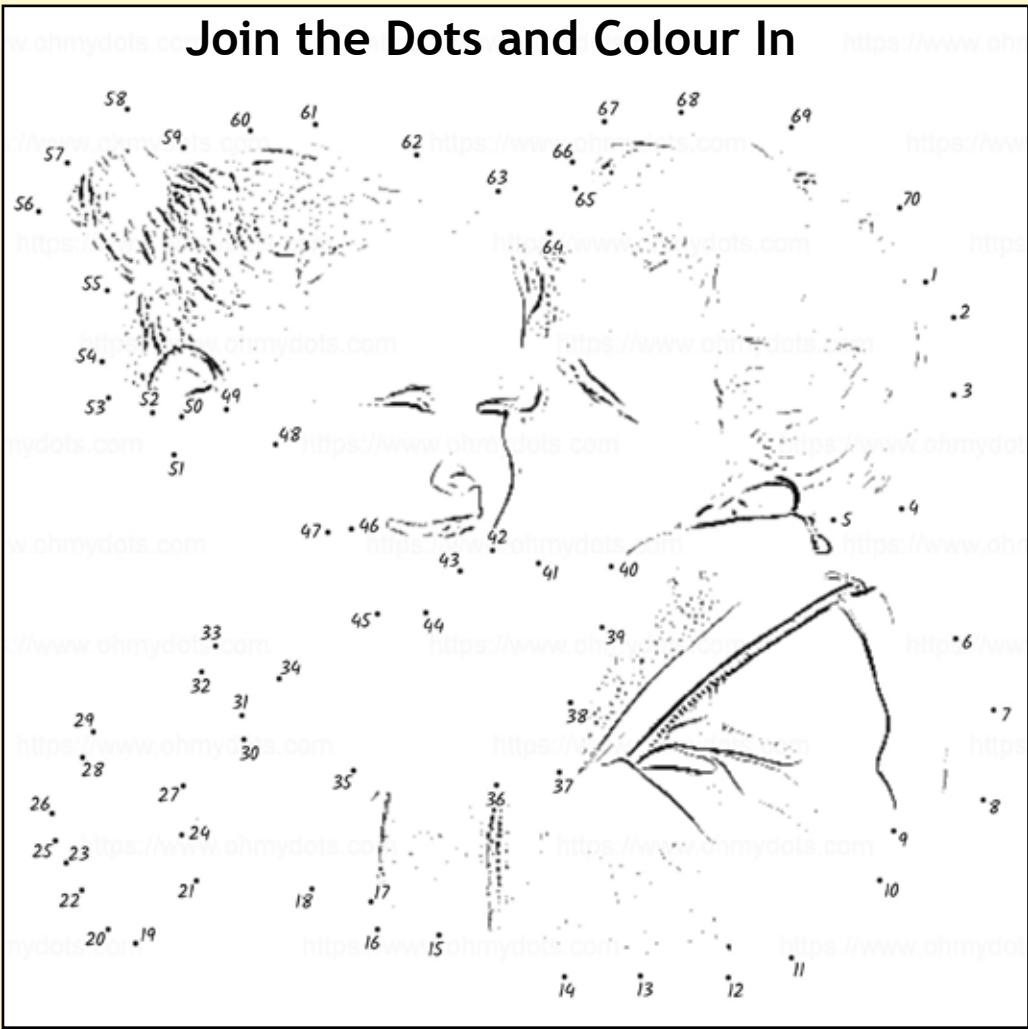


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Shipping at the Port of Silloth

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

Not a bad month for Silloth, four vessel calls and the weather has finally improved. The Zapadnyy once again arrived and departed with a bit of a wriggle after discharging her Molasses cargo. She actually arrived in March but as we only account for the vessels on completion of cargo, this was accredited to April. The Phantom arrived with a full cargo of Ammonium Nitrate for Origin and the following two vessels, Ruhrtal and Carolin G both had part cargoes for us split with Ayr. Due to the split cargoes, we only just reached our tonnage target for the month, however we are slightly up overall for the year, long may it last.... With Summer just around the corner, we are looking forward to warmer and calmer weather ahead. The FoxJackson Ports take over of the Port has taken another step forward in that the Application for an HRO

has gone out to public consultation and notices have been posted at the port gates, and are available on the MMO website at the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/harbour-orders-public-register> Any person desiring to make an objection or representation concerning the application should write to the Harbour Orders Team, Marine Management Organisation, Lancaster House, Hampshire Court, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE4 7YH or email to: harbourorders@marinemanagement.org.uk An objection or representation should:

- be received before the expiry of a period of 42 days starting with the date at the foot of this notice (but see the last paragraph of this notice below);
- be made in writing quoting reference HRO/2025/00004;

- state the grounds of the objection or representation;
- indicate who is making the objection or representation; and
- give an address to which correspondence relating to the objection or representation may be sent.

The MMO will pass to the applicant a copy of any objections and other representations received. The statutory period for consultation ends around the 6th June. Have a great Summer everyone.

April Visitors

2nd Zapadnyy from Liverpool with a cargo of Molasses then on to Gdansk.
16th Ruhrtal from Antwerp with a cargo of Fertiliser then on to Ayr.
17th Phantom from Klaipeda with a cargo of Fertiliser then on to Gijon.
Carolin G from Jorf Lasfar with a cargo of Fertiliser then on to Newhaven.



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If you see someone in trouble, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

Chris Cousens, RNLI Water Safety Lead for the region, said: 'If you are planning a trip to the coast, we highly recommend choosing a lifeguarded beach and to swim between the red and yellow flags. Lifeguards position the flags in the safest area of the beach. Although the air temperature is rising, the sea temperature remains low enough to cause cold water shock. Enter the water slowly, take time to acclimatise and try to relax. We advise wearing a wetsuit and avoid swimming alone. If you get into trouble in the water, Float to Live. Tilt your head back with ears submerged and try to relax and control your breathing. Use



your hands to help you stay afloat and then call for help or swim to safety if you can. Remember to check the tide

times and weather conditions before heading to the beach. This week there are big tides, this increases the speed at which the tide comes in and puts the public at greater risk of being cut off. If you find yourself or see anyone else in difficulty, please call 999 or 112 and ask for the Coastguard. Please share these messages with your family and friends, we want everyone to enjoy our beautiful coast, and to stay safe whilst doing so.

As it is outside peak season, please check the times and season dates of your nearest RNLI lifeguarded beach here: <https://rnli.org/find-my-nearest/lifeguarded-beaches>

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Funding Available For Young Cumbrian Entrepreneurs

Young Cumbrian entrepreneurs can apply for a grant to boost their business, thanks to a new fund being managed by Cumbria Community Foundation.

The SWEF Enterprise Fund awards grants of up to £2,000 to young people in Cumbria running a business within its first two years of trading. Grants of up to £500 are also available to young people launching a new business.

The funding aims to support applicants with business costs that they would otherwise be unable to afford, to help the business make a transformational change or take a significant step forward in its development.

To be eligible, people must be aged 18 to 30, living in Cumbria and facing financial challenges which are preventing them from developing their business.

Dr Jenny Benson, Director of Programmes & Partnerships at Cumbria Community Foundation, said: "We are delighted to be managing the SWEF Enterprise Fund in Cumbria and know it will make a real difference to young people starting out in business. Examples of what the funding could be spent on include



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equipment to help increase profit, materials or stock, product development and building a website. This really is a fantastic opportunity for young Cumbrian entrepreneurs to get a foot on the business ladder and develop their brand."

Lally Holme, Grants Manager at SWEF, said: "We are delighted to start working with Cumbria Community Foundation and are excited to see which businesses apply to SWEF."

For more information and to apply for a grant, go to the following pages on the Cumbria Community Foundation website:

SWEF Enterprise Fund Start-Up Grant – funding of up to £500 for those starting out in business: <https://www.cumbriafoundation.org/fund/swef-enterprise-fund-start-up-grants/>

SWEF Enterprise Fund Business Grant – funding of up to £2,000 for those running a business

within its first two years of trading: <https://www.cumbriafoundation.org/fund/swef-enterprise-fund-business-grants/>

To discuss your application, please contact Tracy Cheesbrough on 01900 825760 or emailgrants@cumbriafoundation.org

Cumbria Community Foundation gives around £7 million in grants a year to local charities and voluntary groups through over 100 grant making funds set up by generous businesses, individuals and families.

To find out more about setting up a fund and supporting those in need in Cumbria, contact Development Manager Caroline Adams on 01900 820825 or emailcaroline@cumbriafoundation.org



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Every Friday at Silloth Community Hall. 2pm to 4pm.
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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 www.wigtontheatre.org or call the Box Office: 07977 835094

Silloth Tennis Club

For coaching information call David Wise on 0742 547767

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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

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Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10am to 4pm
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Abbeytown Choir

Meet in the Abbey:
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Maryport Banking Hub is operated by the Post Office on Senhouse Street as follows:
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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.

Silloth Parkrun

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

Badminton

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

Scrabble Club

Meet in Silloth Library on Fridays 10:30am to 1pm

Backgammon Club

Meet in Silloth Library on Wednesdays 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Dates for Your Diary

May

1st to 31st
'Life after VE Day' Display in Silloth Library, bring along your memories of the 40's

May

23rd RNLI fundraising event in Silloth Rugby Club, at 7pm tickets £5

24th Silloth Green Day

24th Art Exhibition in Christ Church 07444 894813

24th Blencogo & District Garden Club trip to Raby Castle, 07538 027936

25th Art Exhibition in Christ Church 07444 894813

26th Art Exhibition in Christ Church 07444 894813

29th Meet the Author Allie Cresswell in Culterham Hall, Mawbray at 3pm, see poster

29th Mawbray Village Hall Monthly Quiz - 7:30pm see poster

31st Meet our MP Markus Campbell Savours at 1pm to 3pm in Silloth, call 01900 233233 for appointment

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

June

2nd Silloth Town Council meeting in the Community Hall at 7pm

14th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in Christ Church at 10am

17th Blencogo & District Garden Club meeting in Blencogo village hall at 7:30pm 07538 027936

25th Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

21st Strawberry Teas in Blencogo Village Hall from noon to 6pm

26th Mawbray Village Hall Monthly Quiz - 7:30pm

27th Ragnarock X at the Silloth Rugby Club

28th Ragnarock X at the Silloth Rugby Club

29th Ragnarock X at the Silloth Rugby Club

July

1st Silloth Primary School Open Day 9:30am to 11am

5th Firebird Festival on Silloth Green

5th Summer Sale & Teas at St Matthews Church, Westnewton 10am to 3pm

6th Firebird Festival on Silloth Green

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

8th Holme Low Parish Council meeting at 7:30pm in Silloth Community Hall

10th Goodnight Mr Tom at The John Peel Theatre

11th Goodnight Mr Tom at The John Peel Theatre

12th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in Christ Church at 10am

12th Strawberry Teas at Holm Cultram Abbey noon to 4pm

12th Goodnight Mr Tom at The John Peel Theatre

13th Strawberry Teas at Holm Cultram Abbey noon to 4pm

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July cont'd

13th Goodnight Mr Tom at The John Peel Theatre

19th Silloth Vintage Rally on the Green, all FREE

19th Blencogo & District Garden Club meeting in Blencogo village hall at 7:30pm 07538 027936

20th Silloth Vintage Rally on the Green, all FREE

20th Brampton Chamber Choir in Holme Cultram Abbey at 7:30pm

23rd Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

25th Allonby Artex 2025 1:30 to 6pm, entry £1.50

26th Soul on the Green 11am to 8pm on Silloth Green

26th Allonby Artex 2025 10am to 8pm, entry £1.50

27th Allonby Artex 2025 10am to 6pm, entry £1.50

28th Allonby Artex 2025 10am to 4pm, entry £1.50

August

10th Oulton Tractor Run

20th Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

21st Solfest

22nd Solfest

23rd Solfest

24th Silloth Carnival

24th Solfest

25th Silloth Carnival

25th Solfest

September

1st Silloth Town Council meeting in the Community Hall at 7pm

6th Annual Produce Show in Blencogo Village Hall

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

24th Handbagged at The John Peel Theatre

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26th Handbagged at The John Peel Theatre

27th Blencogo & District Garden Club trip to Threave Gardens & Castle, 07538 027936

Do you have an event in the area bounded by Abbeytown, Mawbray, Silloth, Skinburness, if so please let us know.

September cont'd

27th Handbagged at The John Peel Theatre

October

1st Coffee Morning with Silloth & District Pensioners in St Andrews Hall, 10am to 11am

6th Silloth Town Council meeting in the Community Hall at 7pm

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

14th Holme Low Parish Council meeting at 7:30pm in Silloth Community Hall

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31st BlenScare-Crow Trail at Blencogo

November

3rd Silloth Town Council meeting in the Community Hall at 7pm

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

15th Christmas Fayre in Holme Cultram Abbey

16th Christmas Fayre in Holme Cultram Abbey

25th Blencogo & District Garden Club meeting in Blencogo village hall at 7:30pm 07538 027936

29th Christmas Market in Blencogo Village Hall

December

1st Silloth Town Council meeting in the Community Hall at 7pm

3rd Christmas Dinner Takeaway's in Holme Cultram Abbey

4th Christmas Dinner Eat In in Holme Cultram Abbey

13th Silloth & District Pensioners Xmas party to be arranged



Swim for 10p

Children swimming

All schoolchildren aged up to 16 years old from the Cumberland area will be able to go for a swim in a choice of five indoor pools for only 10p over the May school holidays (26 - 30 May).

The discounted scheme has been put in place by Cumberland Council, with the support of GLL and Wigton Baths Trust.

The council scheme will offer discounted swimming opportunities throughout the half-term holiday.

It will be available at the following leisure sites at allocated times during the May half-term school holidays:

The Sands Centre (Carlisle)
Cockermouth Leisure Centre
Workington Leisure Centre
Copeland Pool and Fitness Centre (Whitehaven)

Wigton Baths:

Monday 26 May: 10am - 11am.

Tuesday 27 May 11.15am -

12.15pm and 3.15pm - 4.15pm.

Wednesday 28 May: 9.15am -

10.15am and 3pm - 4pm. Thursday

29 May: 10.15am - 11.15am and

3.30pm - 4.30pm. Friday 30 May:

10am - 11am. Saturday 31 May:

10am - 11.30am.

Your Buzzing Letters and Poems

Dear Buzz,

Just want to say hello to everyone in Silloth, especially those who read the Solway Buzz.

As I no longer live in beautiful, sunny Silloth, I've been keeping myself up to date by reading the online copies.

I want to give a message of praise to all the poets of the Solway Buzz: I love the poignancy of Judy Rochester's Poem "1945 - A Soldier Returns Daybreak"; I also very much enjoyed reading "DollyBee", about Mrs Jennifer Bailey's new Greyhound; and was delighted to hear my Mum's words of fascination when I read her "Winter Sun on the Solway Firth" by Frances Sherratt, which took us back to our days in Silloth and all the beauty of the Cumbrian nature around us. I also remember reading my Mum Pauline Mole's poetry which was published in The Buzz, and I still often read her Pauline's poem on "Spring", which is one of her favourites.

I just want to mark my appreciation of the Solway Buzz newspaper and its wonderful poets.

Sophia Lodhi
(and Mum Edna, who is now in a care home at Sanquhar.)

"The Moon's Reflection on the Solway"
by Judy Rochester

World - our World
Queen of the Universe
Dressed in her ocean gown
Of rippling satin.
The moonlight
Pierces the water
And reaches down
Into the very soul
Of the Earth
And the heartbeat of
Mankind.

"Let me not stay up too late"
by Sophia Lodhi

Bury me while I am still a rose in bloom -
Peach and milky-white, with velvet skin...
Lay me 'neath the dampened loam
And clay...
Let my pretty face
And bones
Linger in their beauteous state.

Oh, let me die in autumn's show
Of coloured leaves and light,
And linger there awhile;
And let me not grow old,
To meet the winter of my life.
Bid me goodbye before my precious petals fade -
Let me not stay up too late.

Bluebell Ride
by Sophia Lodhi

Early May:
I pedal over the old railway Bridge,
Then speed serenely down the dipping country path,
Cycling through summery,
Suspended evening air.
A sunset sky - edges tinged
With faint bluebell-blues - hangs above me;
While a charmed pastoral picture -
Richly blessed
With cows, sheep,
And a wild
Bounty of flora and fauna -
Unfolds as I Travel.

Crunching to a halt on dry
Mud and pebbles, I dismount
To navigate my pushbike
Through the awkward rustic gate,
Before trundling off again,
Along a leafy, quaint,
Tree-lined lane: fragrant with Nature,
And well-trodden, as though it has spanned
A wide arc of time,
Bonding the seeds of present, past and future.
Suddenly, my soul glows,
as I am greeted by the blissful sight
Of many, many
Beautiful bells of blue:
Lined in hushed gatherings
Along the lane's verdant edges.

...My bluebell ride
Almost over now, I turn for home,
And gaze -
Through firefly-lit nighttime air -
Upon the tranquil sight
Of distant hills,
Which have become fading shades
Of muted bluebell hues:
Sleeping - silent - beneath a darkening sky,
Deep and purplish;
And a pretty crescent moon,
Which bathes my favourite springtime flowers
In dazzling rays Of secret, radiant,
Bluebell light.

Bluebells
by Sophia Lodhi

Bluebells, and their counterparts -
In blush of pink and softest white -
Greet travellers with a charming sight:
A bounty borne of wind; rain; light...
And, from raptured eye to fruitful mind
Seeds form those words I love to write!

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Silloth Veterans Football Team are Unbeaten!



Report by: Colin Baty

The Silloth Veterans Football Team have started their Monday night Football League in the North and East Division which is 12 teams, 9 from Carlisle, 2 from Penrith and Silloth playing throughout Spring and Summer.

Silloth started off with a game against Museum, a team Silloth hadn't beaten before but they managed to win resoundingly 7-1 with hat-tricks from Gareth Lewis and Matthew Wood and one from Gary Pearson.

Next up was a tough encounter against Thistle Thrieviers and in a very nervy game, Silloth won 2-1 with

Gareth goal machine Lewis getting one and an own goal getting us over the line.

Then it was against the always tough Northbank team and Silloth won 3-2 with goals from Jonny Studholme, Matthew Wood and another own goal.

And the next one in the reporting period was a 6-1 win over Eden Academicals of Penrith, Jonny Studholme getting a hat-trick along with Matthew Wood 1, Mike Riding 1 and Trevor Dowell 1.

Silloth have some tough games coming up, but four wins out of four is a great start.



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