

Heritage Rose and Bee Garden



Story telling in the Community Garden



Celebrate History and Heritage in the Victorian Pagoda



Walk, picnic and enjoy safe play areas

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Learn about the largest, longest and most beautiful Coastal Green in England



Lying within the buffer zone of Hadrian's Wall, and close to the Visitor Centre for the [Solway Coast](#)

[Area of Natural Beauty](#) (AONB), Silloth Green is one of the most attractive and interesting coastal Greens in England, presenting opportunities to have fun at events and festivals while also learning about nature and biodiversity and the history and heritage of the area. The Green lies within the Silloth Conservation Area, between the Victorian buildings of Silloth-on-

Solway's main street and the sea front promenade, which faces across the Solway towards Dumfries in Scotland. The Green has been awarded a '[Green Flag](#)' for three years running, illustrating high standards of care, and it has also won several '[Cumbria in Bloom](#)' Awards for the Community and Bee Gardens. Illustrating growing recognition nationally, the town has been selected as an '[RHS Britain in Bloom](#)' finalist in the 'Small Coastal Town' Category.

Successful funding bids to Heritage Lottery under the Parks for People Programme resulted in a two year project to restore the Green's habitat, Victorian features and heritage buildings.



Learn about Biodiversity in the new Heritage Rose and Bee Garden



The Heritage Rose Garden was originally created to celebrate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth 11 in 1953, and was enjoyed for many decades.

Over the years, however, the clay became compacted and the roses died. After a comprehensive drainage operation in 2014, Silloth Town Council decided to dedicate the garden to the welfare of our diminishing bees, butterflies and other insects. In 2015, the garden was redesigned and replanted by a dedicated volunteer from the local community. A wide range of carefully selected hardy annuals, bulbs, perennials and shrubs which are known to be beneficial to bees, butterflies and moths were planted and nurtured. Honouring the history of the site, bee and other insect friendly roses were included.

The garden is divided into five themed areas and is home to over 100 species of plants. They supply pollen and nectar from March onwards, when bumblebee queens emerge from hibernation, and continue flowering into late autumn.



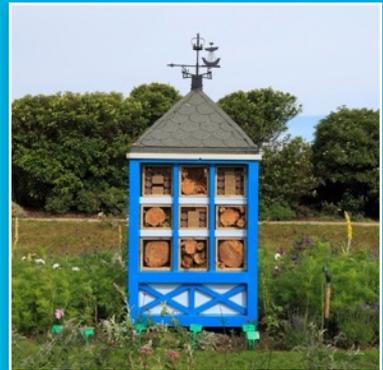
The Bee and Bug home in the centre was modelled on Silloth's Victorian Pagoda, which overlooks the Solway.

It provides nesting sites for solitary bees and a dry place for butterflies, moths, beetles, ladybirds, lacewings and earwigs to shelter and over winter. There are specific plants for butterflies, moths, solitary wasps, caterpillars, and hoverflies too. All insects are welcome. Each one has a role to play in the garden, and we rely on the diversity of plants and creatures to help the garden function as a natural, balanced ecosystem with no attempt to control or interfere with their lives.

More information

[The Heritage Rose and Bee Garden; Our Little Visitors; Learn about Bee Hotels; Tracking Mini-Beasts; Create a Bee Garden](#)

Bee Garden, Bee Hotel & Our Little Visitors



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Courtesy of Vivian
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Silloth Green Community Garden



Work began on the [Community Garden](#) in mid April 2014. Members of the community helped design the garden and 60 school children along with members of the local community adopted and planted a flower or shrub. The garden was officially opened on Sunday 25th May by Ann Winter, a local volunteer who has for many years weeded and litter picked on the Green. Ann continues to care for the Community Garden as a member of Friends of the Green.

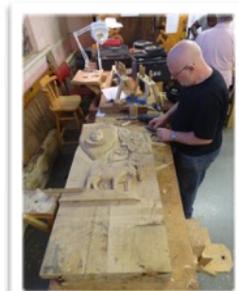


Tell your own stories on the Green's Story Telling Chair



Silloth Green's oak story telling chair, complete with carvings illustrating the heritage of the Green, was built during late 2013 and early 2014 by the Solway Woodcarving Group in their workshop in the local Community Hall.

[More Information about the Story telling Chair](#)



Children's Play Areas on The Green



Situated in a natural hollow known locally as 'Happy Valley,' the modern water play area replaced the former paddling pool. The new 'splash pad' design has a brightly coloured rubberised safety surface, and is laid out with water jets, fountains and sprays that can all be activated by the children pressing buttons. The water play and the adventure play area situated close by are huge hits with youngsters throughout the summer. Parents and children can enjoy a picnic while sitting at the comfortable oak picnic tables surrounding both play areas. The BMX track, opened in 2013, is another hit with youngsters.



Learn about the History and Heritage of Silloth Green

The Silloth Green [Heritage Section covering 1850-1999](#) can be found on the [Silloth Green website](#). The archive provides a great deal of information about the History of Silloth-on-Solway, its importance as a Victorian Spa Town and how Silloth Green was used by the Victorian elites.



The name Silloth has been said to derive from the Scandinavian 'Selathe,' a term used in 1292. The name was thought to refer to a grain store or barn by the sea around which a small hamlet of fisher people lived.

Other names have also been highlighted. In 1538, one name was 'Selathes, Seelet Meddo;' then in 1552 'Sillythe;' in 1576 'Silluthe;' in 1589 'Silleth;' then 'Sellet' in 1605; and later still 'Sillath' and 'Sellath.' By 1718, the area was known by the grander name, 'Silloth Grange.' (Scott-Parker, 1998, Silloth Bookcase. Carlisle Library)



Events on the Green

Bring family and friends to enjoy annual events on the Green

- May - Silloth Green Day
 - June - Vintage Rally
 - July - Theatre on the Green
 - August - Beach Half Marathon, 10k and 5K Run, *all leave from the Green*
 - August - Carnival
 - September - Music and Beer Festival
- Check the website and social media for information about additional events.

Theatre and performing has always been important on the Green. During Victorian times, the main entertainment for the summer season was provided by the Pierrots Concert Party, who performed in an area of the Green known as 'Happy Valley.'



Silloth Carnival



Silloth Vintage Rally

Silloth Green Day
'Dog show'



Mr Grey and his donkeys were popular on the Green - a lasting memory for local children.



The donkeys are back on the Green again - and they're still a firm favourite at annual events.

pic: James Smith

More Information

The [Events Section on Silloth Green website](#) lists all the events held on the Green throughout the year. Find out more about Silloth Green Day, Craft Fairs, the Carnival, Silloth Vintage Rally, among many other musical, sporting and interest based events.



Visiting Silloth Green



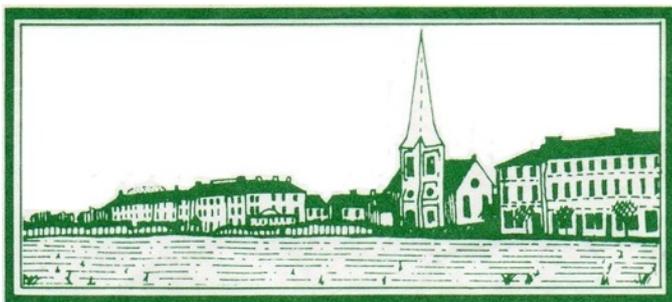
Address: The Green, Silloth, CA74AB

Travelling from Carlisle take the A595/ A596 to Wigton and then take the B5302 to Silloth.

Travelling from Penrith (M6, J41) take the B5305 to Wigton, and then proceed on the B5302 to Silloth.

Travelling from West Cumbria (Whitehaven, Workington, Maryport) take the B5300 from Maryport and proceed to Silloth Green.

The Green is managed by [Silloth Town Council](#)



Silloth-on-Solway Town Council



Get your free 'Bee Bug and Butterfly' Learning Cards

Contact fog@sillothgreen.co.uk if you are intending to visit the Green and would like to receive a pack of Education Cards describing the bees, bugs and butterflies that have visited the Silloth Green Bee Garden