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**Contacting your Town Council**

CONCERN	WHO TO CONTACT	WHAT ACTION WE WILL TAKE
Parish Hall enquiry / Cemetery matters / Village Green	Council Office - 01710 621 273 or email julia@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk	Answer your questions and provide assistance.
Wanting an allotment.	Projects & Media Coordinator 01710 621 273 natalie@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk	We will add you to the waiting list and contact you when an allotment becomes available.
Seeking a donation for your group / organisation.	Write or email the town council / Community Chest / Mayor via Council Offices or town.clerk@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk	The request will be placed before the next appropriate council meeting.
Concerned about a planning application or action the town council is undertaking.	Write or email the town council and / or come along to a council meeting. A schedule of which can be found on the Town Council's website at www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/events. Public participation is a standing agenda item on each committee agenda.	Members will listen to your views and take into account when making their decision.
Wanting regular information regarding planning applications and community matters.	Admin Officer 01710 621 273 jane@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk	We will add you to the Residents Database email circulation list.

**Contacting Durham County Council**

CONCERN	WHO TO CONTACT	CONTACT INFORMATION
General Enquiries	Customer Services	03000 26 0000
Refuse / street lights / pest control / dog fouling / stray dogs / grass cutting / litter / graffiti / roads and footpaths	Highways / Streetscene / Street Lighting	03000 26 1000
Planning Applications	Planning	03000 26 1060 / www.durham.gov.uk/planning
Benefits	Revenues & Benefits	03000 26 2000
Council Tax	Council Tax	03000 26 4000
Apply / Renew Bus passes	Sustainable Transport	03000 26 8667
Apply / Renew Blue Badge	Blue Badge Scheme	03000 26 9425
Council Housing	Livin	0845 50 55 500

Alternatively, Durham County Council concerns can be placed via text on 07786 027 280 starting with the word INFO or the online complaints portal www.doitonline.durham.gov.uk. It is very important that you register your views with Durham County Council – your voice matters and could make a difference for all local residents!

**2017/2018 Annual Report & Accounts**

Copies of the town council's 2017/2018 Annual Report and Accounts are now available.

You can get them from the town council offices and the website.

**Town Council Website**

We have a lot of useful information on our website ([www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk)).

If there is anything else council related that you would like to see on the website, please let us know.

**SAVE THE DATE 2018 / 2019:**

**Mayor's Afternoon Tea and Flower Demonstration**

**Date:** Thursday 16th August 2018

**Mayor's Quiz**

**Date:** Friday 26th October 2018

**Mayor's Civic Service**

**Date:** Sunday 9th September 2018

**Fireworks Display**

**Date:** Friday 2nd November 2018

**Remembrance Service**

**Date:** Sunday 11th November 2018

**Winter Coach Trip**

**Date:** TBC November 2018

**Snow Party**

**Date:** Saturday 1st December 2018

**Mayor's Carol Service**

**Date:** Thursday 6th December 2018

**Mayor's Civic Ball**

**Date:** Friday 1st May 2019



**EXTRA SEDGEFIELD**

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**WELCOME TO THE NEW MAYOR 2018 / 2019**

Sedgefield Town Councillors were delighted to elect Councillor Mavis Wayman (pictured below) as Mayor of Sedgefield for 2018/2019.

Councillor Wayman joined the council in 2017 after living in Sedgefield for 58 years. Our new Mayor is well known in the town as the proprietor of Jayne's Fashion for 31 years until retiring in 2014, and is excited to take on the role, adding that she is

"proud and honoured to be elected as the mayor of our beautiful town. I commit to serving the residents of Sedgefield to the very best of my abilities and trust together we can ensure a successful future for this special part of the country."

Mavis will be supporting Diabetes UK and Prostate Cancer UK throughout her year as Mayor of Sedgefield alongside local community groups and causes.



**Citizen of the Year 2017**

At Sedgefield's Annual Town Meeting held on Tuesday 8th May 2018, Sheila McMillan was crowned as Sedgefield's Citizen of the Year.

Sheila was presented with the award, a scroll and crystal decanter and was surprised by family and friends who showed up to share their congratulations.

Sheila was awarded this year's title due to her involvement in a wide range of community groups. Sheila and her husband Jim moved to Sedgefield in 2004 after retiring from their farm in Walworth. They had farmed together since their marriage in 1964 and have two children and four grandchildren. Sheila contributes towards many community groups benefiting the residents of Sedgefield, having played an important role in the Inner Wheel, Sedgefield WI, Pop In club and the County Market.

This annual award is organised through a partnership between Sedgefield Town Council, Sedgefield Rotary Club and Sedgefield Development Trust. At the beginning of each year, residents are invited to nominate candidates through a form included in the Sedgefield News and then a panel of judges (including the immediate previous holder of the award) select the winner.



## COMMUNITY CHEST

Do you know of any local groups who may require additional funding to support their work?

If so, Sedgefield Town Council's Community Chest fund may be able to help. For eligibility criteria and details of how to apply please go to the Community Chest page on [www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk).

## The Sedgefield Plan - an update

Further to our update in the May edition of the Extra, our Regulation 14 statutory consultation period concluded on 23rd May 2018.

The purpose of this consultation process was to seek the views of a wide range of stakeholders and residents. In total, seven responses were received including those from residents, health organisations, developers, heritage organisations and others. A very productive meeting has been held with Durham County Council officers to consider these comments and as a result, refinement work in relation to the plan is now underway as the town council works towards formally submitting the plan to Durham County Council. We will keep you updated on this matter.

## GDPR

Sedgefield Town Council takes your privacy very seriously and as a result we are constantly adapting and improving our policies and procedures to protect the personal information we hold.

We only process personal data where necessary for contractual, financial and legal reasons or where we have otherwise gained your consent to share information with you. You can view our privacy notice at [www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/privacy-notice](http://www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/privacy-notice).

# FINAL WORD FROM THE MAYOR 2017 / 2018

**My year as Mayor of Sedgefield has been rewarding and enjoyable. Before I became Mayor, I was already aware of the large number of interest groups within Sedgefield mostly run by volunteers operating in Sedgefield and which contribute to the community as a whole.**

During the past year I have had the opportunity to find out more about some of these groups and I have joined some of their meetings which has been a great experience. I have also enjoyed meeting with other civic dignitaries, either welcoming them to Sedgefield or at other events around the North East.

It has been a huge honour to represent the community on occasions such as Remembrance Sunday, and other times in the year that are very important to the people of Sedgefield.

The civic service was held in St Edmund's Church and Michael King (lay reader) kindly arranged the service to coincide with Harvest Festival, being apt for the farming community which many will know has encompassed my whole life. The children from Sedgefield Primary and Hardwick Primary schools took part in the carol service, also in St Edmund's Church, and performed as a joint choir which was a wonderful start to the Christmas season.

One of the privileges of being mayor has been the opportunity to raise money for good causes during the year. I chose two main charities, the Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS) and the Macular Society. Through a number of events held during the year, some individual donations and the very generous support and contribution from many friends and residents of Sedgefield and the surrounding area, I have managed to raise over £9,500 which was shared among the two charities as well as the following community groups at the Annual Town Meeting: DiDo, Pop In, Guides and Brownies, Scouts and Cubs, Taste & See, SPYS, Sedgefield Cricket Club Juniors, Sedgefield Memory Café, Sedgefield Junior Squash Club, Sedgefield Harriers (Juniors), Sedgefield Neighbourhood Watch, Sedgefield Village Veterans.

This was only possible thanks to the many people who supported my events and I am extremely grateful to everyone who has contributed in any way. Numerous businesses have provided prizes for events or helped publicise my initiatives, and that has been very helpful,

while venues such as St. Edmund's Church have been invaluable.

I would like to thank the staff at Sedgefield Town Council who have been very supportive throughout my time as mayor. Also many of my fellow town councillors have attended or supported my events and civic dignitaries, along with a number of Sedgefield residents, and I give you my thanks.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to my family and friends, who have played a huge role in my year as Mayor of Sedgefield. Whether volunteering at or attending events, or contributing in other ways, they have provided more assistance than I can adequately acknowledge. In particular, my wife Elizabeth has enjoyed being Mayoress of Sedgefield, and despite her difficulties with her eyesight, she has embraced this opportunity and been a great support to me.



GNAAS



MEMORY CAFE

## Annual General Meeting

Following the conclusion of the council's Annual General Meeting, it was unanimously agreed that Cllr Mel Carr would continue the role of Chair and Cllr Gloria Wills as Vice-Chair of Sedgefield Town Council.

The Chair and Vice-Chair of our committees are now as follows:

### POLICY & RESOURCES:

Cllr Gloria Wills & Cllr Allan Blakemore - P&R's priorities for the coming year are the cemetery expansion, remaining Parish Hall improvements including additional soundproofing and internal/external decoration, and addressing some work required in the council offices.

### ENVIRONMENT:

Cllr Alf Walton & Cllr Mark Cant - The Environment Committee will also be focusing on the expansion of Butterwick Road Cemetery in 2018/2019 alongside regular review and maintenance of the allotments, closed churchyards and Ceddesfeld Hall Grounds.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENGAGEMENT:

Cllr Allan Blakemore & Cllr Chris Lines - The town council is working together with Sedgefield Youth Club's Management Committee to improve the facilities provided at the youth club, seeking funding and encouraging young people's participating in the running of the club. As always, the CD&E Committee will oversee council events with the aim to promote community inclusion.

### SEDGEFIELD EXTRA:

Cllr Chris Lines & Cllr Leo McCormack

### COMMUNITY CHEST:

Cllr Vanessa Carmichael & Cllr Julie Towler

## NORTHUMBRIA IN BLOOM JUDGING

Northumbria in Bloom's summer judging in Sedgefield will take place on Thursday 19th July 2018.

We will keep you updated with the results of both the April and July judging on our website [www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk) once we receive them. Good luck to the team from Sedgefield and a big thank you to all those involved.