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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!



STC on Twitter

Sedgefield Town Council is active on Twitter under the username @SedgefieldTC!

Follow us to keep up to date with council news, events and local information.

SAVE THE DATE 2018:

Summer Coach Trip to Keswick

Date: Thursday 28th June 2018

Tub Planting

Date: TBC June 2018

Mayor's Quiz

Date: TBC 2018

Mayor's Civic Service

Date: TBC 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



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Mayor's Update

My year as Mayor of Sedgefield has really flown by! It has been a huge honour to serve the community in this role and also thoroughly enjoyable.

In a previous edition of the Extra, I noted that as someone who has been involved with many organisations and initiatives in Sedgefield over the years, even I have had my eyes opened to how much happens here. Throughout our time as mayor and mayoress, Elizabeth and I have been able to meet many new people and find out more about some of the great activities and events available to residents of all ages. We really do have an amazing and vibrant community spirit and that plays a huge part in making Sedgefield a very special place to live.

By the time this article is published, I will have hosted my final event of the year, a hog roast at Sedgefield Cricket Club. This followed my charity ball in late February, which proved to be a very successful event. Elizabeth and I are very grateful to all of those residents who supported the ball and to the individuals and businesses who donated prizes for the auction, raffle and bottle draw. In particular, we want to thank those fellow town councillors who helped make the event a success, and especially the town council staff and our excellent auctioneer on the night, Chris Rowsby. By the time we have added up all of the money raised at events during my year, I am confident that we will have many thousands of pounds to donate to the Great North Air Ambulance and the Macular Society, as well as other local good causes.

Once again, many thanks to everyone who has contributed and supported me during my time as Mayor of Sedgefield.

The new Mayor of Sedgefield will be announced in our July edition and on our website following the Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday 8th May 2018.



Top right: The Mayor and Mayoress

Right: The Gastric Band

Outgoing Chairman's Message

This year has been another busy and enjoyable one in my role of Chair of Sedgefield Town Council.

Work on the Parish Hall continues to go ahead with various minor items being attended to now the Fletcher Room has been refurbished. It is used more frequently now with the advantage of the new kitchen facility.

A youth club with sessions for Y3-Y6 and Y7-Y11 has been created, meeting in the Fletcher Room on Monday evenings and gaining new members, more are welcome to join. The cemetery work continues to progress to enable the area at the top to be put into use. The Sedgefield Plan is still moving forward as swiftly as possible with updates as it progresses. Many thanks to all who are involved in this.

I thank the councillors, council staff and residents of Sedgefield for their support over the past year.

COUNCILLOR VACANCY CO-OPTION UPDATE

The deadline for council vacancy application forms was Friday 27th April 2018.

We will update you with any news on our website www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk and in the July edition of the Sedgefield Extra.

NORTHUMBRIA IN BLOOM JUDGING

Spring judging took place on Friday 20th April and the date of the summer judging will be announced in the June edition of the Sedgefield Extra.

We will share the results on our website (www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk) once we receive them. Good luck and a big thank you to all those involved.

Summer Coach Trip



This year's summer coach trip is returning to the picturesque town of Keswick on market day, Thursday 28th June.

Tickets are £10, available from the council office. Tickets sell out fast so please contact the council office on 01740 621 273 or by emailing julia@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk

to reserve your place in time. We take on board all feedback and location suggestions so please do not hesitate to let us know where you would like to go next!

The Sedgefield Plan UPDATE

A public meeting was held in January 2018 to provide residents with an update on the latest position regarding The Sedgefield Plan and to find out if the public wished the town council to proceed with progressing our neighbourhood plan towards a community referendum.

72 votes were cast with 70 people requesting the town council proceed with progressing the 2017 version of The Sedgefield Plan towards such a referendum. In the intervening period Durham County Council, the Local Planning Authority, clarified that the original version of The Sedgefield Plan as inspected by an examiner in the summer of 2016 would need to be formally withdrawn in order for the adapted version to progress. An Extraordinary Town Council meeting was held on Monday 19th March 2018 at which it was agreed to withdraw the 2016 Plan

currently lodged with Durham County Council and to immediately put the 2017 plan out to Regulation 14 statutory consultation. This consultation period commenced on 9th April 2018 and will conclude on 23rd May 2018. This consultation period allows the opportunity for stakeholders and residents to comment on the plan and for the town council to consider those comments before the plan is formally submitted to Durham County Council. Further information, and the draft of The Sedgefield Plan, can be found at www.thesedgefieldplan.co.uk.

Flower Tub Planting



In June 2018, the village green will come alive with local children from different schools and community groups planting tubs that will flower over the summer.

More information will be included in our June edition, with photos of the event to appear on www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk in early July.

Youth Provision UPDATE

Our project to improve youth provision in Sedgefield continues to make good progress. Sedgefield Youth Club has been up and running since July 2017 and sessions for under 11s and over 11s take place on Monday evenings in the refurbished Fletcher Room of the Parish Hall.

To find out more about those sessions, please contact natalie@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk.

The club now has a constitution and is run by a committee that includes young people. This gives Sedgefield Youth Club the ability to help set the agenda for future youth provision in our community and already the group is coming up with some great ideas. The town council continues to support the project directly and has allocated resource to do so, but in addition, the youth club can raise funds for key initiatives, such as improving the

equipment available during sessions in the Parish Hall, or putting on trips during school holidays.

Keep an eye on the town council website and Twitter for updates.

Sedgefield Youth Club Column

Over the next few editions of the Sedgefield Extra we will be introducing a 'Sedgefield Youth Club Column' written by youth club members themselves. Watch this space!

Allotment Challenge

The allotment challenge returns this year with a change to the awards structure.

In previous years, an award has been given out for the 'best improved' plot, but since the majority of plots are now maintained at a very high standard, it is becoming increasingly difficult year after year to judge! From 2018 onwards, three 'best plot' awards will be given per allotment site for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Thank you to Alf and Toni Walton who will be sponsoring this year's event once again. Judging will take place in the summer and allotment holders will be contacted closer to the time with information regarding the judging date and award ceremony.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Sedgefield Town Council's Annual Town Meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 8th May 2018 in the Parish Hall. The meeting will consist of two distinct parts:

7pm-8pm: The formal business will take place including presentation of the Annual Report, reports from town councillors and others, plus the opportunity for residents to ask questions.

8pm-9pm: Other presentations including donations to local groups from the Mayor's Charity and the Citizen of the Year 2017 award ceremony.

Polite Notice

The town council welcomes all comments / feedback from local residents. However, it will not tolerate abusive behaviour or attitudes towards town council staff, whether verbal or written.

Please be respectful to town council staff when visiting the office or expressing feedback via email or letter.