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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!

HEADSTONE Safety Testing

Sedgefield Town Council is legally required to undertake headstone safety testing annually to ensure that headstones are stable and safe.

Testing in Butterwick Road Cemetery and St Edmund's churchyard will take place very soon. Any headstones found to be unstable will be marked with red/white warning tape and the town council will, where such details are known, contact the next of kin as well as place advisory notices on the cemetery noticeboard.

Dog Bags

As of 11th September 2017, the price of dog bags available from the council office has risen to 60p to reflect the increase in price from the supplier.

This service remains a not-for-profit service provided by the town council to encourage dog owners to dispose of dog waste responsibly. Sedgefield Town Council would like to thank you for helping keep Sedgefield a clean and tidy place to live.

CHRISTMAS Coach Trip 2017

Due to popular demand, this year's Christmas Coach Trip is returning to York!

The trip has been scheduled for Wednesday 22nd November 2017 to coincide once again with the incredible St Nicholas Christmas Market. The coach will be setting off from the Parish Hall at 9am and leaving York at 5pm approx. The trip was such a success in 2016, we have increased the number of spaces available with an additional smaller coach, however, the 2017 trip still sold out quickly so if you are interested in attending the summer or Christmas 2018 trips, please enquire early for details. Thank you to all of you that got in contact with us and recommended that we visit York again. If you have any location suggestions for our summer trip in June 2018, please get in touch by contacting the council office on 01740 621 273 or emailing julia@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk.



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Sedgefield Snow Party



SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2017

Sedgefield Methodist Church Advent Gift Day

10:00am – 11:30am Coffee morning and Hardwick Primary School choir.

Santa Claus in the Parish Hall

12.30pm – 3.00pm Tickets in advance to see Santa are £2.50 (includes a gift) available from the council offices. Bouncy castle and other activities.

Ceddesfeld Hall Christmas Craft Fayre

1.00pm – 3.45pm Refreshments, sweets, treats, toys, stalls, decorations and tombola.

Carol singing in St Edmund's Church

At 3.45pm Church open from 3:30pm onwards.

Dancing with snowmen on the village green

at 4.20pm

Christmas lights switch on

at 4.30pm

Glo-stick raffle tickets £1 from local primary schools and the council offices. Christmas lights will be switched on by the winning ticket holder drawn at 4:25pm

Sedgefield Town Council's

Fireworks Display

Friday 3rd November 2017 | Ceddesfeld Hall Grounds

Display 6:30pm • Open from 5.45pm • Last admission 6.20pm

£2.50 for adults • £1.50 for children (age 16 and under)

Tickets available from Sedgefield Town Council Offices, Ceddesfeld Hall and Tickety-Boo
ADMISSION IS BY TICKET ONLY. PLEASE BUY TICKETS EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.
THERE MAY ONLY BE LIMITED TICKETS ON SALE ON THE NIGHT.

Halloween Howler Pumpkin Competition



Bring your carved pumpkins along to the fireworks display on 3rd November 2017. Entries should be brought to Ceddesfeld Hall car park between 5:45pm and 6:00pm. The Mayor of Sedgefield will announce the winner at 6:15pm!

EVERY ENTRANT WINS A PRIZE!

MAYOR'S Carol Service

This year's Mayor's Carol Service is to be held at 7:00pm in St Edmund's Church on Thursday 7th December 2017.



All are welcome.

The Sedgefield Plan UPDATE

The progress of The Sedgefield Plan, our Neighbourhood Plan, continues at a very frustratingly slow pace.

We reported in the last Extra that despite active dialogue between the town council and Durham County Council there remained a significant difference of opinion between both as to the correct procedure for this plan moving towards its ultimate goal of a community referendum. A meeting was held in July 2017 at which the county council agreed to seek independent counsel advice in order to get a definitive answer on the procedural issues now holding up The Sedgefield Plan. This independent counsel advice has now been received and is being considered. The Sedgefield Plan can be found at www.thesedgefieldplan.co.uk. The town council will continue to keep you updated through our website (www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk), the plan's website, Sedgefield Extra and the residents' database.

Parish Hall UPDATE

The Parish Hall's new Fletcher Room and kitchen have been well received and used by a good variety of organisations, from business breakfasts and NHS training seminars to a new baby and toddler group.

New chairs and tables have arrived and acoustic panels have been installed on the walls to reduce the reverberation in the room. We are monitoring the reverberation to determine if more panels are needed.

The Estates Working Group have now determined that key future Parish Hall priorities are soundproofing work to the front of the building, access to the stage, internal and external decoration, damp proofing, and the relocation of the stage's sound cupboard.

It has been another successful year for Sedgefield at the Northumbria in Bloom Awards 2017 which took place on Wednesday 13th September 2017.

Details of the awards and winners can be found in last month's Sedgefield News and on our website.

Mayor's UPDATE

by Cllr David Brown



I have continued to enjoy fulfilling the role of Mayor of Sedgefield and am certainly being kept very busy.

As a long-standing member of the community, I like to think that I have a good appreciation of what happens in Sedgefield. Nevertheless, as mayor, my eyes have been opened even more to the phenomenal depth and breadth of events and gatherings that take place on our doorstep and add such richness and vibrancy to life here. I was delighted to host my first major event in early October, when I welcomed guests from around the county to our annual civic service in St. Edmund's Church. This year, for the first time, the event was combined with the traditional harvest festival service, always an important occasion in a community like ours that has such a strong farming heritage. Thank you to everyone who attended the service and donated food that has been passed on to those who are in great need of support.

I have a very busy few months ahead, with a series of events in the lead up to

Christmas and early in 2018, during which I will be raising funds for Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS), the Macular Society and other local good causes. These will culminate in the Mayor's Charity Ball at Hardwick Hall Hotel on Friday 23rd February and preparations for the night are progressing well. I am pleased to confirm that entertainment will be provided by local act The Gastric Band, an acoustic five-piece based in Mordon who promise to bring fun and laughter to the evening whether you want to get on your feet and dance, sing along or chat away in the background.

This black tie event will also feature a tombola and auction, the proceeds of which will go to the Mayor's Charity Fund. Tickets for the ball will be available from the council offices from January 2018 onwards and will be advertised closer to the time on the town council's website, on town noticeboards and in the February edition of the Extra.

I hope to see many of you there.

Northumbria in Bloom Awards 2017

Congratulations to the Sedgefield in Bloom volunteers for another excellent year and a particular note of thanks to both our head gardener and cemetery superintendent Stephen Young and gardener Ben Gray for all of their hard work and dedication to maintaining high standards across the town. Finally, thanks to all of the local businesses and residents who also played their part in another very successful year for Sedgefield.



SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL NOTICE OF CASUAL VACANCY

Notice is hereby given that by reason of Co-opted Councillor resignation, one vacancy has occurred among the members of the Town Council. Any persons willing to fill this vacancy should request from the Clerk an application form and return this on or before Friday 24th November 2017. The applicant's name must appear on the current register of the Voters List OR the applicant should, during the whole of the twelve months preceding the relevant date, have resided in or within three miles of the parish OR the applicant's only place of work during the whole of the twelve months preceding the relevant date is in the parish.

The applicant must not be debarred from standing as a Councillor.

PUBLIC elections cannot be held until the year 2021 but for the interim period, election to the aforesaid Council will be voted for by the present sitting number of Councillors.

T. J. Ayre.
Dr Jane Ayre, Town Clerk

Allotment Challenge 2017

Congratulations to this year's allotment challenge winners:

BUTTERWICK: _____
1st Place: K. Tiplady
2nd Place: I. Grieve
Best Improved: N. Thomas

WINTERTON: _____
1st Place: M. Thomas
2nd Place: R. Webster
Best Improved: U. Eken

It was tough picking the most improved winners this year, particularly at Winterton where an incredible improvement could be seen throughout the site.

Thank you to Toni and Alf Walton for sponsoring this year's challenge once again and to our allotment challenge judge Barry Stephenson for not letting the hailstones get in his way on judging day!



BUTTERWICK ROAD CEMETERY Rules and Regulations

This is a polite reminder that under the Butterwick Road Cemetery Rules and Regulations (please see the cemetery page on the council's website at www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk), glass/breakable containers, windmills/toys and solar lights are not permitted on or near graves.

The town council understands that visitors may wish to pay their respects by leaving other ornaments and gifts on memorials, but please be aware that this is done so at the visitor's own risk as the cemetery is open to the public at all times. A review is currently underway regarding items on memorials and where it is felt necessary, letters will be issued. Finally, it is the sole responsibility of the town council's appointed grass cutting contractor to mow and trim grass at the cemetery. No private grass cutting machinery or equipment is allowed into the cemetery and any reports of such instances will be fully investigated. The town council is very grateful for your co-operation in this matter as we try to ensure that Butterwick Road Cemetery is a fitting memorial to those who are laid to rest there.

Remembrance Day

This year's Remembrance Day service will be held at 10:00am in St Edmund's Church on Sunday 12th November 2017.

It is followed by a silence and laying of wreaths at the Sedgefield War Memorial.

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.