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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 - 01740 621 273 or email julia@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk	Answer your questions and provide assistance.
Wanting an allotment.	Projects & Media Coordinator 01740 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 01740 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, St Edmund's Churchyard, Beacon Lane Cemetery and Winterton Cemetery 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.

COUNCIL OFFICE CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

The council office will be closing for Christmas at 12:00 noon on Friday 20th December 2019 and will reopen to the public at 9:00am on Friday 3rd January 2020.

No emails/calls will be answered during this time.

SAVE THE DATE 2019 / 2020:

Fireworks Display
Date: Friday 1st November 2019
Remembrance Service
Date: Sunday 10th November 2019
Christmas Coach Trip to York
Date: Thursday 21st November 2019
Snow Party
Date: Saturday 30th November 2019
Mayor's Carol Service
Date: Thursday 5th December 2019
Mayor's Civic Ball
Date: Friday 6th March 2020



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Sedgefield Town Council's Annual

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

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Friday 1st November 2019

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Ceddesfeld Hall Grounds
Display 6:30pm
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 **1st November 2019**. 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!





SEDGEFIELD SNOW PARTY

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Saturday 30th November 2019

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Santa Claus in the Parish Hall
12:30 – 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
1:00 – 3:45pm
Refreshments, stalls and tombola

Carol Singing in St Edmunds Church
at 4:00pm
Church open from 3:45pm onwards
Service includes christmas carols with Sedgefield Community College Band and draw of glow-affle
glow-affle tickets £1 from local primary schools and the council offices

Christmas Lights Switch On
4:30pm
Christmas lights will be switched on by glow-affle winner following a speech by the Mayor



ALLOTMENT CHALLENGE

The Sowers & Growers AGM was held in the Parish Hall's Fletcher Room this year, followed by the allotment challenge awards presentation evening, kindly sponsored by Toni and Alf Walton.

Congratulations to this year's winners for their outstanding allotment plots –

Butterwick:

1ST PLACE: Mr J. Adair

2ND PLACE: Mr K. Tiplady

3RD PLACE: Mr & Mrs Norman

Winterton:

1ST PLACE: Mr A. Dent

2ND PLACE: Mr A. Sirrell

3RD PLACE: Mr & Mrs Mann

Well done to all allotment holders on both sites for another fruitful growing season.

NORTHUMBRIA & BRITAIN IN BLOOM

This year's Northumbria in Bloom awards were announced on 25th September and we are delighted that the hard work of our gardening staff, Stephen Young and Ben Gray, and all Sedgefield in Bloom volunteers, has been recognised once again.

Sedgefield won Gold and Best Small Town in Northumbria, plus the following were also recognised:

✿ **GOLD AWARDS** for Ceddesfeld Gardens, Manor House 1707, The Dun Cow, and Hardwick Country Park

✿ **SILVER GILT** for Hardwick Primary, and the Memory Cafe

✿ **SILVER** for Claremont Grove

Congratulations and thank you to all who played a vital part in showcasing our beautiful town this year. Britain in Bloom awards will be announced on 25th October and we are crossing our fingers for more accolades!

The Sedgefield Plan

We are delighted to confirm that The Sedgefield Plan was given overwhelming backing by residents at the recent community referendum. Almost 93% of those who voted expressed their support for our Neighbourhood Plan for the parish and it will now become a statutory planning document that Durham County Council and other authorities must refer to when determining proposals in the area.

The Sedgefield Plan contains policies about land use until 2033, which will influence the quantity, type, density, design and style of future housing, along with community and sports facilities and open spaces, amenities for young people, and other matters relating to land use in the town.

The plan also includes a Built-up Area Boundary (BUAB), which maps out where future development in Sedgefield should be allowed, with the policies setting out limitations on what will be permitted inside and outside that boundary.

We are grateful to everyone who was involved in researching, developing and drafting The Sedgefield Plan. Such a decisive vote in the referendum sends a strong message to both planning authorities and developers that people in

Sedgefield are determined to have a say in decisions about land use here. Our plan sets out a clear and positive vision for Sedgefield and we will use the document to ensure that future developments reflect this community's wishes.

Once the plan is formally 'made' by Durham County Council, we will move all of the material from its dedicated website to the town council site at www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk.

If you want to find out more about The Sedgefield Plan and its role in future decisions relating to planning in our community, email town.clerk@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk or visit the town council offices.

VE DAY 75 APPEAL

Victory in Europe day is celebrated on 8th May and in 2020, will mark the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe.

It is hoped that several events will be held in Sedgefield on Friday 8th May next year, tying in with national commemorations. More details will be shared with you in the February edition of the Sedgefield Extra, but in the meantime, if you have memories of VE Day in Sedgefield or of your time with any of the armed forces, past or present, and would like to get involved, please email natalie@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk.



NEW PARISH HALL SECURITY OFFICER

We are delighted to welcome Adam Heath as our new Parish Hall Security Officer.

Adam looks forward to working with all Parish Hall users to ensure they get the most out of their bookings and events. Welcome to the team Adam!

The Mayor's Update

At the beginning of August, we attended a tour of Locomotion Museum in Shildon, where we were given an insight into forthcoming developments there. These are truly exciting times for the museum.

We also attended mayors' events at Seaham, Barnard Castle, Bishop Auckland and Stockton-on-Tees. The Barnard Castle Mayor's Challenge event was most enjoyable. Sandra and I were defeated semi-finalists in both the pitch and putt and darts competitions.

In Sedgefield, we supported Sedgefield in Bloom in meeting the judges for the Britain in Bloom Awards. The town centre looked stunning and the judges were clearly impressed. It is a remarkable testament to the hard work and dedication of this group and the council's gardening team, Stephen and Ben.

Perhaps the highlight of the last few months was attending the 166th Sedgefield and District Agricultural Show. Despite the weather, there was an excellent turn out and Sandra and I felt really humbled by the welcome we received. We particularly enjoyed judging the best trade stand and everyone agreed we chose worthy winners.

Having spoken to the Rotary Club at the show, they are working in conjunction with Sainsbury's to provide a defibrillator at the garage and I have written to the businesses surrounding Salter's Lane to ask for contributions to this worthy cause. Some time ago, I also wrote to Sedgefield Co-op's store manager, Lakota, to enquire if something

could be done about improving the cash point in making it more user friendly for a dementia friendly town. I am happy to report that soon the screen will be replaced and eventually a new unit will be installed.

On a personal note, I spoke to the parishioners of St Edmund's and John Fisher churches regarding my role. I also highlighted the fact that this year, the



Civic Service recognised the remarkable number of volunteer groups and the work that they carry out in making Sedgefield such a vibrant community.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

This year's Remembrance Day service will be held at 10:00am in St Edmund's Church on Sunday 10th November 2019.

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

VILLAGE GREEN PARKING

Please be mindful to not park on or drive across grassed areas of village green.

If you are unsure which areas in Sedgefield are recognised village green, feel free to get in touch or visit the 'Village Green' page on our website to look at the expandable map. We will monitor these areas for further evidence of vehicle damage.

SEDFIELD BOWLS CLUB APPEAL

Message on behalf of Sheila Sutherland, Secretary of Sedgefield Bowls Club –

Sadly, Sedgefield Bowls Club has given up its long pursuit of an outdoor green based at Sedgefield Cricket Club. We have been attending meetings and applying for funding for ten years, but old age and infirmity have finally caught up with us. We are no longer able to offer the kind of effort needed to complete the project. We still believe that the outdoor green at the cricket club would be a tremendous asset to this community, helping to combat poor health and social isolation in our older residents, whose numbers are predicted to rise over the next few years. We will hold on to all the work done so far, including the archaeological survey, two topographical surveys and the architect's drawings, and we would love someone from Sedgefield to step forward and complete the project. We would be on hand to offer any help and advice needed. Special thanks go to all those who have advised, helped and supported us over the years.

If you would like to know more about the project or to be put in touch with Sedgefield Bowls Club, please contact the town council.

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 5th December 2019.

All are welcome.