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Sedgefield Snow Party

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2022

sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/christmas2022

Santa's Grotto in the Parish Hall 12:30-3:45pm

Tickets in advance to see Santa are £2.50 (includes a gift) available from the Town Council Office. Bouncy castle, face painter and Sedgefield Youth Club bake sale

Ceddesfeld Hall Christmas Craft Fayre 1:00-3:45pm

*Craft stalls, bran tub and refreshments by Pop In Club
Ceddesfeld Hall Bar open between 1:00-6:30pm*

Carol singing in St Edmunds Church at 4:00pm

Christmas carols with 'Sedgefield Ukulele Smile Time' and draw of glow-raffle. Church open from 3:45pm onwards. Glow-raffle tickets £1 from local primary schools and the council office

Christmas lights switch on 4:30pm

Lights switched on by glow-raffle winner on the village green following a speech by the Mayor of Sedgefield



This year's festive lighting, i.e. the lights on the Christmas tree and trees surrounding the central village green, will be illuminated for a slightly shorter time than in previous years, operating between 4:00pm and 10:30pm each day from Saturday 26th November 2022 to early January 2023. We want to reassure residents that our recently refurbished festive lights are made up of LED lighting to be as energy efficient as possible.

NORTHUMBRIA IN BLOOM AWARDS UPDATE

Once again, our beautiful town has been recognised for the magnificent floral displays and tubs curated and maintained by our gardening staff, Stephen Young and Ben Gray and all Sedgefield in Bloom volunteers.

At this year's Northumbria in Bloom Awards presented on Wednesday 28th September 2022, Sedgefield won Gold and Best in Class for Small Towns!

Congratulations and thank you to all who played a vital part in showcasing the beauty of Sedgefield again this year, including the individuals and organisations that also won awards! A full list can be found on the news page of our website!



ACTIVE TRAVEL PROJECT:

GETTING AROUND SEDGEFIELD AND FISHBURN

Over recent months, the Town Council has been working with partners in Durham County Council and Sedgefield Development Trust's BAT (Bicycle Active Travel) Group on a programme of 'active travel' initiatives to make improvements to how residents and visitors can get around our towns and villages, on foot (with or without a buggy), on bicycle, or when using mobility aids. This project is also looking at highway safety and wider traffic management issues. To help inform our own direction of travel with this, we want to hear your views on what you want to see happen here and are launching a public consultation exercise for that reason.

Our partnership has already identified the need for more bike stands located at the central village green area in Sedgefield. Work is underway to progress this and secure funding for installation. We have also identified that there is poor path linkage between Sedgefield and Hardwick Park and are pleased to report that funding to improve that has recently been secured, through contributions from the Area Action Partnership's Area Budget, County Councillors' Neighbourhood Budgets (their Towns and Villages allocations) and from the park.

Looking ahead, we may not be able to achieve everything that you want but your views will certainly steer us as we seek to develop more schemes through the relevant departments, agencies and partners and secure funding to deliver them. Please look at the News page on the Town Council's website for information, consider following us on Twitter and signing up to our residents' database. Full details of the consultation and how to contribute your views will be shared through all of these platforms.

UPDATE FROM THE MAYOR: CLLR DAVE JASPER

I am almost at the halfway point of my year as Mayor already and I have been present at a wide variety of events. The sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II provided me with the rare opportunity and great privilege of reading 'The Proclamation' in the Service at St. Edmund's Church and 'The Statement' a week later at the War Memorial, a tremendous honour.

On a happier note, there have been a number of Coffee Mornings to attend. We have also had the opportunity of visiting some iconic sites and of enjoying guided tours, such as at Ryhope Pumping Station and Shildon's Locomotion Museum. Julie and I were thrilled to be asked to present the winners' trophies at the Sedgefield Players' Drama Festival of One Act Plays, a group I have belonged to for a good many years. The Twinning Association's 40th birthday party in Ceddesfeld Hall gave us the chance to meet some old friends and new, thanks to Alda and Phil's very kind invitation. Our Congratulations also go to the Pop In for celebrating their 30th anniversary with an afternoon tea recently, an event which I was honoured to attend. It was a touching moment for all to see founding member Betty Roper cut the pink and white birthday cake.

BUTTERWICK RD CEMETERY EXPANSION UPDATE

At the time of writing this edition of Sedgefield Extra, the Town Council's planning application to expand Butterwick Road Cemetery has been approved by Durham County Council, our local planning authority. A further update on this project will feature in the February edition of Sedgefield Extra.

SEDFIELD YOUTH CLUB UPDATE BY GEORGE NOTT

After a fantastic summer jam-packed with bowling, ice skating, trampolining, baking and more, we are now looking forward to an amazing autumn and winter. At the time of writing, we're planning our horrifying Halloween party with creepy costumes and terrifying treats. When Christmas rolls around, we have our all-new Breakfast with Santa to look forward to on Saturday 17th December 2022 (tickets available now!), plus an amazing festive party with a disco, open to all young people! To end the busy year, we hope to attend the local pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' performed by Sedgefield Players as we really enjoyed it last year.

Our normal sessions will continue to be full of seasonal arts, crafts, games and lots of other activities. So don't hesitate to come along to the Parish Hall every Monday at 6pm (Years 3-5, 50p entry) or 7pm (Years 6+, £1 entry) because you don't want to miss a thing! Your first session is free and we can't wait to meet you!

For enquiries or to learn more, email sedgefieldyouthclub2022@outlook.com.



POSITION VACANT: PARISH HALL WEEKEND RELIEF OFFICER

Sedgefield Town Council are seeking to appoint a Parish Hall Weekend Relief Officer. The purpose of this role is:

- To ensure the opening and closing of the Parish Hall around bookings
- To undertake cleaning between bookings to maintain high standards
- To ensure the safety of the Parish Hall
- To provide a positive, customer focussed experience to Parish Hall users

The role is for 15 hours 30 minutes per week at £9.53 per hour (national pay award pending) with hours to be worked flexibly around Parish Hall hire bookings from 1pm on Fridays to midnight on Sundays.

An application form, job description and person specification can be obtained directly from town.clerk@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk. Application forms must be returned to Dr Jane Ayre, Town Clerk, Sedgefield Town Council, Sedgefield TS21 3AT or emailed directly to the above email address.

**Closing date for receipt of applications is noon on
Monday 28th November 2022.**



NOTICE OF CASUAL VACANCY: COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION

Notice is hereby given that by reason of 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 31st January 2023. 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 2025 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
11th October 2022

Sedgefield Town Council Offices
13 Front Street
Sedgefield
TS21 3AT

BUTTERWICK & WINTERTON ALLOTMENTS: AUTUMN UPDATE

This is the first full growing season since our full rules and regulations came back into effect following the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and our allotment tenants have effortlessly got back into the swing of things! Our gardening staff have been carrying out work throughout the year to reduce a horsetail infestation on the Winterton site and work will be underway in 2023 to revise storage access at the Butterwick site. Our waiting list is now approaching 30 names so make sure you plan ahead for the future and apply for an allotment now! Visit the allotments page on our website sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk or get in touch with us on 01740 621273 for more information.





Sedgefield Town Council
@SedgefieldTC

We share information on a daily basis over on our Twitter account @SedgefieldTC. Why not give us a follow for real-time updates, news, announcements and information about upcoming events! #Sedgefield #follow

HEADSTONE SAFETY TESTING 2022

Sedgefield Town Council is legally required to undertake headstone safety testing annually to ensure that headstones are stable and safe. Testing in Butterwick Rd Cemetery, Beacon Lane Cemetery and Winterton Cemetery will take place soon. Any headstones found to be unstable will be marked with warning tape and we will, where such details are known, contact the next of kin as well as place advisory notices on the cemetery noticeboard.

CONTACTING SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL COUNCILLORS:

	<i>Addresses (all Sedgefield)</i>	<i>Tel. no.</i>
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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	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 Pass	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 027280 starting with the word INFO or via www.doitonline.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!

CHRISTMAS PERIOD

OPENING TIMES

Sedgefield Town Council Offices will close for Christmas at 12noon on Tuesday 20th Dec 2022 and re-open at 9am on Wednesday 4th Jan 2023. We wish you a lovely Christmas and New Year!

SAVE THE DATE

Remembrance Service

Sunday 13th Nov 2022
St Edmund's Church
& War Memorial

Mayor's 50s/60S

Charity Evening ft.

The Moondogs

Friday 18th Nov 2022
Sedgefield Parish Hall

Snow Party

Saturday 26th Nov 2022

Mayor's Carol Service

Thursday 1st Dec 2022
St Edmund's Church

Mayor's Coffee Morning

Friday 2nd Dec 2022
Sedgefield Parish Hall

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday 17th Dec 2022
Sedgefield Parish Hall

Mayor's NYE Dance

Saturday 31st Dec 2022
Sedgefield Parish Hall

Mayor's Race Night

Saturday 21st Jan 2023
Sedgefield Parish Hall

Mayor's Civic Ball

Friday 3rd March 2023
Hardwick Hall Hotel