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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!

Monthly Councillor Surgeries Reminder

To make it easier for Sedgefield residents to speak to town councillors, Sedgefield Town Council hold surgeries prior to the monthly meeting.

These are opportunities for residents to raise issues and discuss them with councillors in a less formal setting than the council's set schedule of meetings. These surgeries will be held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm in the town council offices. Please feel free to drop in and have a chat with your town councillors!

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.

SAVE THE DATE 2019 / 2020:

Mayor's Civic Service

Date: Saturday 5th October 2019

Mayor's Quiz

Date: Friday 25th October 2019

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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VOTE YES The Sedgefield Plan

Shaping the future of our area

We are pleased to tell you that our neighbourhood plan, *The Sedgefield Plan*, which details how the community wants land to be used and developed in our area, has been approved by an Independent Examiner to proceed to a community referendum. The community referendum will take place on Thursday 12th September 2019 and will be overseen by Durham County Council, who will be sending out postal votes or polling cards to everyone who is eligible to vote in Sedgefield Parish.

The referendum asks you to vote 'yes' or 'no' to the following question on the ballot paper: "Do you want Durham County Council to use *The Sedgefield Neighbourhood Plan* to help it decide planning applications in the Sedgefield neighbourhood area?" If more people vote yes than no then Durham County Council will use *The Sedgefield Plan* to help it to determine future proposals relating to our parish. If more people vote no than yes, then planning applications will continue to be decided without referring to *The Sedgefield Plan*.

The Sedgefield Plan is the result of many years of work, initially shaped by a steering group that was made up of various community representatives, volunteers and residents who shared their knowledge, time and experience to develop a plan that represents the needs and wishes of our community. Throughout the process, there was regular consultation to make sure that residents supported the objectives and policies that were included in the plan.

Having a neighbourhood plan in place will allow the people of Sedgefield to play a formal and much stronger role in shaping development over the next 15 years. Planning authorities and potential developers will have to take it into account when drafting proposals or making decisions. Our plan will demonstrate that we have a strong community with a clear vision, and determination to play an active role in the development of our town. If the community gets behind *The Sedgefield Plan* by voting for it to become official, then our plan MUST be referred to as a statutory document that carries weight when decisions are made on future planning applications in Sedgefield.

The *Sedgefield Plan* document and archive material from throughout the process (including the historical record of the work undertaken by the steering group when it was in place) can be viewed at www.thesedgefieldplan.co.uk or a copy can be read at the council office between the hours of 9am and 12pm weekdays.

We need as many people as possible to support *The Sedgefield Plan* and vote YES on 12th September 2019.

#YesForSedgefield

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BUTTERWICK ROAD CEMETERY UPDATE

Sedgefield Town Council is grateful for the input and suggestions from residents relating to Butterwick Road Cemetery.

By their very nature, the issues that have been raised, in correspondence and during the council's July monthly meeting, are very emotive. As the burial authority for all four cemeteries in Sedgefield, the town council takes its responsibilities very seriously and always endeavours to adopt and implement policies and regulations that are appropriate and sensitive.

Following recent representations, we are liaising directly with those individual burial plot holders who have been in touch, to discuss their concerns in more detail, and with the intention of reaching a resolution that will serve the whole community now and for generations to come.

Christmas Coach Trip

Our sold-out summer coach trip travelled to Keswick once again on Thursday 27th June and proved to be a fantastic day out whether those who attended planned to visit the market, take a trip out on the lake or explore some of the picturesque walks.

Looking ahead to our Christmas coach trip, the date has been set for Thursday 21st November 2019 and by popular demand we are returning to York for the Christmas Market. Tickets are available from the council office now.

ALLOTMENT CHALLENGE

Allotment Challenge 2019 judging was undertaken on a sweltering day in July and as usual, it was difficult to pick the best of such a great bunch.

The awards ceremony will take place at the end of the Sowers & Growers AGM in October and the winners announced in the November edition of the Sedgefield Extra.

A Message from the Mayor

It has been both a delight and a pleasure to represent the people of Sedgefield as Mayor so far. Along with meeting numerous dignitaries, I have met a great number of wonderful volunteers who have all made me extremely welcome.

Perhaps the highlight was officially opening the new bar at Sedgefield Cricket Club. The evening was a really pleasant occasion and it was great to meet the valued members of both the cricket club and the rugby club. The club is a fantastic asset, the refurbishment is first class, and clearly all involved make a great contribution to the local community.

Later in June, it was a real pleasure to help with the children's tub planting on the green. This was a fine community activity where the sun shone and everyone enjoyed themselves. I was particularly impressed by how the children set about their task with such care and vigour - a credit to the organisers, parents and teachers.

I spent a lovely afternoon at Sedgefield Twinning Association's Strawberry, Cream and Bubbly event and the following day it was a great honour to present the Brownie Gold Award, the highest award in the movement, to Millie for her outstanding service.

On the wider front, I have attended the Mayor of South Shield's charity boat trip

on the Tyne, enjoyed a visit to Shildon Locomotion Museum with the Mayor of Shildon and attended various 'Mayor at Home' charitable events. It has been good to make valuable links with other community representatives.



I am looking forward to the Mayor's Civic Service on Saturday 5th October. This is to be a celebration of everything that is good about Sedgefield, highlighting all the volunteer groups and the excellent work they do. The questions have now been set for the traditional Mayor's Quiz on 25th October 2019 and we are making good progress with planning the Mayor's Charity Ball on Friday 6th March 2020. I look forward to spending more time in the community and hope to see you all at upcoming festive events.

THANK YOU TO LES PARRISH

After over 30 years of loyal and dedicated service to the town council, Mr Les Parrish is hanging up his keys to the Parish Hall.

Les is very well known around the town, having met lots of people through his different roles with the council, which have included gardening, cemetery maintenance and Parish Hall security and through his interests with Sedgefield Village Veterans and gardening. His dedication to his job has been admirable and there is no denying that Les will be sorely missed by council staff and Parish Hall users alike.

We hope that you will join us and Les on Friday 13th September 2019 in the Parish



Hall's Fletcher Room for a farewell gathering - just pop in any time between 10:00 and 11:30am.

Tub Planting & Northumbria / Britain in Bloom

This year's tub planting event took place on Thursday 27th June with green-fingered visitors from Sedgefield Beavers, 2nd Sedgefield Brownies, Sedgefield Guides, Sedgefield Hardwick Primary School, Sedgefield Playgroup and Sedgefield Primary School, all showing off their gardening skills across the village green.

The tubs were planted beautifully in preparation for the Northumbria in Bloom judging on Tuesday 16th July and were still going strong on Tuesday 6th August when Britain in Bloom judging took place! We'd like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you as always to Sedgefield Town Council gardeners Stephen and Ben, to all Sedgefield in Bloom volunteers for your dedication to the upkeep of this town, and of course to our young gardeners who participated in our tub planting event. The results of the judging will be announced towards the end of September and we will keep you up-to-date with the outcomes on our website www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk and via Twitter.



SEDFIELD PARISH HALL

Sedgefield Parish Hall is a versatile community facility situated on Front Street next to Sedgefield Library in the heart of Sedgefield.

With three rooms, two kitchens, a bar and an incredible stage, sound and lighting system, we have the facilities to accommodate almost any occasion, from baby classes to baby showers, business meetings to live music concerts and anything else you might need, with room hire for as little as £16.50. For more information and a full price list, visit www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk. If you would like to know what regular bookings/activities take place, you are welcome to contact our staff via one of the email addresses on the back page of this publication. We hope to have a regular timetable available on our website in the near future.

Youth Club UPDATE

It's hard to believe we're back to school already! We've had a fun-filled time over the summer holidays with extra sessions like our games day, arts and craft day, murder mystery event and of course our coffee morning.



Our members and staff baked up a whole bunch of delicious sweet and savoury treats for our coffee morning on Friday 26th July and we were delighted with how many people turned up. Through the morning, we raised an amazing £218, so thank you so much to everyone who supported, donated and turned up on the day! On the topic of fundraising, we've applied to several funding schemes over recent months so hopefully we will be bringing good news in the next few editions of the Sedgefield Extra.