



EXTRA SEDGEFIELD

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Update from the Mayor of Sedgefield

The year started slowly in May but is gathering momentum now.

On Thursday 29th July, on behalf of the Town Council I met and welcomed the Northumbria in Bloom Judges with members of Sedgefield in Bloom, Sedgefield Town Council's gardener Stephen Young and other supporters, prior to them doing a tour to judge Sedgefield. Fingers crossed they enjoyed it and gave us good marks because our town looks beautiful. Well done and thank you to everyone who has helped to make it look so good.

I met Wendy Rowley and Sheila McMillan at the Pop In Club held in Ceddesfeld Hall and some of the members, a very friendly group and I am looking forward to meeting many more people in our varied organisations.

I am holding a Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall on Friday 3rd September 10.00am – 12.30pm with Homecare Clothing and a Cake Table (most important). Please drop in and say hello and support the charity Youngminds and local charities too. I look forward to seeing and meeting you there.

Best wishes, Ann Carr

Northumbria In Bloom and Britain In Bloom Update

We were pleased to see the return of the Britain and Northumbria In Bloom competitions this year after both had to be cancelled due to the pandemic in 2020. Unfortunately the on-going Covid restrictions did mean that we could not hold our annual tub planting event with children who attend local primary schools and groups. Hopefully this much loved event will be back in 2022. Northumbria In Bloom judges visited Sedgefield on Thursday 29th July 2021. Their visit started with an outdoor meeting with the Mayor of Sedgefield, several Town Councillors, Town Council gardening staff and members of the Sedgefield In Bloom group before taking a walking tour of the town centre. Due to Covid, Britain In Bloom judging will be in the form of a desk-based inspection. We'd like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you as always to Sedgefield Town Council gardeners, Stephen and Ben who were also assisted by our Parish Hall Security Officer Adam and to all Sedgefield in Bloom volunteers for your dedication to the upkeep of this town. The results of this year's competitions 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.



Mayor of Sedgefield,
Cllr Ann Carr

Allotments Update

Over the summer the Town Council's Allotment Champion, Councillor Alf Walton, has continued to oversee our allotment sites and talks regularly to allotment plot holders. He says that it is great to see how much hard work has been put in by allotment holders this growing season and the signs are looking good for harvest time! Due to the Covid restrictions which were in place until recently, the decision was made not to hold the Allotment Challenge in 2021. We hope this competition will return in 2022.



Cllr Alf Walton viewing allotments

Polite Request

Regarding Parking

Everyone appreciates that parking within the town is limited and that there are problems in certain areas. Over recent weeks it has been brought to the attention of the Town Council and our local County Councillors that in some areas this is being exacerbated by inconsiderate parking. Of particular concern is the old road from the end of Station Road down to East Park where vehicles are being parked across much of the pavement and/or covering the drop kerb from the road to the pavement. When parking your vehicle in the town, please can you be considerate to those around you as well as to pedestrians and people with push chairs and mobility scooters. We would also like to remind everyone that parking vehicles on the grassed areas of village green is not permitted.



A recent example of a vehicle parked on an area of the village green



Town Council gardening staff and Councillors, Sedgefield In Bloom Group members and Northumbria In Bloom Judges along with Mayor of Sedgefield Councillor Ann Carr pictured prior to this year's Bloom judging



Cllr Catherine Hart

WELCOME TO THE NEW COUNCILLORS

Catherine Hart – Catherine joined the Town Council following our uncontested election in May 2021. Catherine says, “I grew up in Sedgefield and returned here after marrying my husband, with whom I have 3 grown up children. I am looking forward to serving my local community. As an avid reader, I am keen to support our library services as well as helping to support and maintain our village. I am looking forward to working with my fellow councillors in the best interests of Sedgefield”.



Cllr Dave Jasper

Dave Jasper – Dave was recently co-opted to the Town Council to fill the Councillor vacancy following May’s election. Dave says, “I look forward to helping Sedgefield to continue to be a great place to live and raise families, providing its youngsters with many opportunities, just as it did for my children over the years. It is important for inhabitants of all ages and for local businesses to flourish and a vibrant Town Council should facilitate this, as part of its remit”.

RE-OPENING OF SEDGEFIELD PARISH HALL

Following the lifting of all Covid restrictions, Sedgefield Parish Hall is now available for hire in accordance with normal (pre-Covid) booking arrangements. The Parish Hall is a much loved and well used venue with a wide array of activities taking place. For those of you who aren’t familiar with the building it comprises of:

The Main Hall which is ideal for all occasions, whether it be weddings, private parties, social events or coffee mornings. With the state of the art sound, lighting and projector facilities, the stage is the perfect setting for plays, demonstrations and live music, with a parquet floor to keep the audience dancing. 24m x 9.5m with ceiling height at 3m at lowest point. Capacity 120 theatre-style seating or 90 seated around tables.



The Main Hall

The Fletcher Room is suitable for smaller meetings, social gatherings and leisure classes but has also been home to photographers, small exhibitions and holiday festivities. The wall-mounted screen easily allows for IT presentations and demonstrations. 8.5m x 6.5m with ceiling height at 3.21m.

Capacity 30. Adjoining the Fletcher Room is a small, modern kitchen that houses an oven, hob, microwave, dishwasher, boiler, fridge and freezer.

This kitchen is only available in conjunction with the Fletcher Room. 4.5m x 2.5m with ceiling height at 3.21m.



The Fletcher Room and its kitchen

Completing the Hall's ground floor area is the **bar and lobby area** which is complete with cooler cabinets and allows you to display and serve your own alcohol with ease. The lobby provides a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. Adjacent to this is the Hall's main kitchen which is free to use alongside any room hired in the hall. It includes a stove cooker, fridge, freezer and glass-washer. There is a limited amount of crockery and cutlery available. For larger events we advise that caterers supply their own crockery.



The lobby area and main kitchen

On the first floor is the **Small Meeting Room** which is ideal for small meetings and gatherings. The 3 trellis tables and chairs can be re-arranged to suit any purpose.

Note: Unfortunately there is no disabled access to the Small Meeting Room. 8m x 4.5m with ceiling height at 2.64m. Capacity 30 or 16 seated around meeting tables.

More details, including hire fees which have been frozen at the 2020/21 charges, can be found on the Parish Hall section of our website at: <http://www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/>

Coming Soon To Sedgefield Parish Hall

Work is underway to install wifi into the Parish Hall. This will be a great additional facility. For further information contact town.clerk@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk



The Small Meeting Room

DOG BAGS

Dog bags are now on sale priced at 60p per pack Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 12.00 noon from the Town Council Offices.

PHOTOCOPYING SERVICE

The Town Council offers a photocopying service Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 12.00 noon from the Town Council Offices.

COMMUNITY CHEST FUND

As we continue to recover from the impact of the pandemic, 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. The fund awards small donations of up to £100. Full eligibility criteria and details of how to apply to the fund can be found at the Community Chest page on our website www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk.

SEDGEFIELD YOUTH CLUB UPDATE

Discussions are underway between the Town Council and the Sedgefield Youth Club's Management Committee in order to try to resume the Youth Club's sessions in the Parish Hall from September 2021. Please monitor the Town Council's website and Twitter account for more details.

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL'S TWITTER ACCOUNT

The Town Council shares lots of information about its activities via its Twitter account [@SedgefieldTC](https://twitter.com/SedgefieldTC). We also share lots of other useful local information in this way. Please have a look and consider following us as a way to keep up to date with local issues.

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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

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