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Contacting your town council

The town council is always interested in your views, comments and suggestions, (particularly the positive ones!). There are several ways in which this can be achieved. The following table indicates the quickest way to get your voice heard or problem sorted.

PROBLEM	WHO TO CONTACT	ACTION WE WILL TAKE
Street lights not working Litter dropped Footpath problems Dogs fouling	Telephone council offices 01740 621273 (if no-one available leave a message on the answerphone). Send information via e-mail to Jane / Julia as shown or via the town council web-site at www.sedgefield.net	We will sort out the problem or if necessary contact Durham County Council and contact you with the outcome.
Booking the Parish Hall	Telephone the council offices as above.	We will send you a booking form and information.
Wanting an allotment	Telephone / write to the council.	We will add you to the waiting lists and contact you when an allotment becomes available.
Seeking a donation for your group /organisation	Write to the town council.	The request will be placed before the next appropriate council meeting.
Concerned about a planning application or action the town council is undertaking	Write to the town council and / or come along to a council meeting. The monthly meetings are held at 7pm on the second Monday of each month (except August). You can speak at 'Public Participation'. Agendas for meetings are placed on the notice board outside the library.	Members will listen to your views and take into account when making their decision.
Want information re planning, crime warnings etc	Register with our Sedgefield information circulation e-mail system by e-mail to jane@sedgefield.net	We will add you to the database.
Want to volunteer to paint a seat, help with projects etc.	Contact the council offices or e-mail angela.simpson@sedgefield.net	We will be in touch!
You want to talk to an individual councillor	Contact details for all councillors are included in every Sedgefield Extra and / or available from the offices.	Alternatively a meeting can be arranged with the councillor. In addition councillors sometimes arrange a surgery - details are circulated.
You want to know what the town council is doing and how it is representing you	Come along to the monthly meeting of the Annual Town Meeting in May.	Members will listen to your views and comments.

WELL-EARNED RETIREMENT



Gardening assistant Roy Cairns has been with Sedgefield Town Council for five years and retired in April.

During this time, Roy has watered several thousand plants, assisted in four gold award winning entries in both Northumbria in Bloom and Britain in Bloom. He has also undertaken numerous handyman tasks. Roy and his wife enjoy caravanning and have five dogs to share his retirement. *Well done Roy.*

ANNUAL REPORT

Copies of the town council's Annual Report and Accounts will be available after 3rd May 2016 from the town council offices.

Sedgefield Cemetery - HEADSTONE SAFETY

Work will soon be starting to lay down those headstones at Sedgefield Cemetery which recently failed their annual headstone safety testing.

If you visit the cemetery and see a headstone marked with red/white marker tape or your headstone has been laid flat please contact the town council offices for more information.

Please refrain from scattering ashes on the village green, war memorial or cemetery.

For anyone wishing to arrange the disposal or internment of ashes, please contact us on 01740 621 273 or email julia@sedgefield.net.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Coach trip - Windermere & Kendal

Date: Wednesday 8th June
Price: Tickets £9.50 from the town council offices (supporting the Lakes tour)



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SEDGEFIELD DAY

Saturday 11th June 2016

Sedgefield Day is now a firm fixture on our town's annual calendar of events. Once again, the day will provide a wide range of mostly free activities and attractions with a focus on sport and science.

Sedgefield Village Games will host a schedule of displays and 'have a go' sessions on the village green and surrounding area, featuring sport and dance, and a mobile climbing wall and 'jungle run' obstacle course. There will also be lots of sports equipment on Cedgesfeld grounds and the village green for everyone to use.

NETPark and Business Durham are training up 'science buskers' from Sedgefield Community College, who will be on the village green, and Cleveland and Darlington Astronomical Society will also be on hand with telescopes and equipment. Other attractions will include a performance by the primary school choirs.

Sedgefield Day is being supported by a wide range of organisations in the community, including Sedgefield Community Association, Sedgefield Local History Society, Sedgefield in Bloom, Sedgefield Twinning Association, The Lyric Singers, Lirica, Sedgefield Rotary Club, Sedgefield Civic Trust, Sedgefield Village Veterans and the Sedgefield Neighbourhood Policing Team.

The full programme of events and activities will also include:

WEBSITE UPDATE

The Sedgefield Town Council website has now been completely redesigned.

The new site is optimised for viewing on mobile devices and offers what we believe is a more comprehensive and user friendly range of content. However, it remains a work in progress and we will continue to improve it over the coming months. You can find it at www.sedgefield.net and follow @SedgefieldTC on Twitter.



- Community and craft stalls on the green
- Sedgefield Community Association section exhibits and activities in Cedgesfeld Hall
- Music marquee on the Cedgesfeld terrace
- Giant bouncy castle, bubble machine and face painting in Cedgesfeld grounds
- Afternoon teas in Cedgesfeld Hall by Sedgefield in Bloom

Funding for Sedgefield Day has been provided by Cllr John Robinson's Durham County Council Neighbourhood Budget.

CHAIRMAN OF SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEL CARR

During my year as chair of the town council, there have been many varied items and issues on the agendas that had to be debated and considered, making it an interesting and enjoyable year.

One of the main items was The Sedgefield Plan which required a great amount of debate, consideration, and steering to ensure it progressed as smoothly and swiftly as possible, with further details in this issue. Many thanks to all who assisted with this.

The cemetery continues to have work carried out to improve the facilities for the staff and further detailed work is required to ensure that the site can facilitate future needs.

The Parish Hall review is continuing and some of the issues are starting to be addressed with more in the pipeline.

I would like thank residents of Sedgefield, the council staff and councillors for their support over the past year.

Outdoor Gym Equipment

Sedgefield Town Council is exploring the potential for the provision of some outdoor gym equipment in the town.

In recent years, this kind of equipment has become increasingly popular around the country, with items often located together in parks and described as ‘fitness stations’. They are aimed at adults (and the older generation) in particular and are designed to give people easy to access and free opportunities to incorporate realistic keep fit activities into their daily lives.

We may be able to secure some funding to purchase a quantity of equipment for the community, but before pursuing the project, we need to establish that there is a demand for it. If outdoor gym equipment is something that is of interest to you and which you would consider using, please let the town council know, by calling 01740 621774, sending an email to angela.simpson@sedgefield.net or popping in to the council offices.

CEDDSFELD Garden Progress

Ivy has now been removed which was choking an area of garden around the entrance to Ceddesfeld Hall in the car park area.

Funding for this ‘Stepping through Time’ project has been received by Sedgefield in Bloom from County Durham Community Foundation, in order to landscape this area. A statue and timeline are currently being commissioned as part of the project. Watch this space develop over the spring and summer of 2016!

Northumbria in Bloom “Champion of Champions League”

Following the successful gold award entries in previous years, Northumbria in Bloom has invited Sedgefield to enter a special Champion of Champions category for the 2016 judging.

In this category, Sedgefield will be competing alongside Morpeth, Durham, Warkworth and Moorsholm. More news in the next Extra.

MAYOR’S Charity Funds

My year as Mayor of Sedgefield will very soon be coming to an end and it has been a truly memorable experience, one which I will remember for a long time to come.

Sedgefield is such a special place and it has been an honour to be its representative at functions and events throughout the year both here and across the county.



I want to thank my husband and consort Brian for giving me his support, my wonderful family, my many great friends, colleagues and businesses who have supported my fundraising events throughout that time.

I have been a ‘singing’ mayor, a ‘rock and rolling’ mayor, and a ‘strictly’ mayor, all culminating in the Mayor’s Charity Ball which was a wonderful event and raised lots of money for my chosen charity Alzheimer’s Society as well as local groups and organisations. A grand total of over £5000 was raised.

The awards from my charity fund will be presented at the Annual Town Meeting in the Parish Hall on 3rd May 2016. If you feel your organisation would benefit from funding, please put this in writing to me at the town council office, stating why and what the funds will be used for.

Thank you all once again for making this year so special.

Winterton and Butterwick ALLOTMENT CHALLENGE

After a successful competition in 2015, trophies will again be awarded in August, following judging in July 2016.

The two awards categories are:

- The best kept and most productive plot
- The most improved plot.

Good luck!

Contact Cllr Alf Walton for more information.

Our allotment waiting list has been reduced recently and you are invited to add your name if you are interested in renting a plot at either of our two sites.

COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Sedgefield Town Council currently has a councillor vacancy. If you are interested in taking on this role then please contact the town clerk via email (town.clerk@sedgefield.net) or telephone (01740 621273) and request an application form. Completed forms should be returned on or before Tuesday 10th May 2016. To qualify to apply for this position you must meet at least one of the criteria below:

- Your name appears on the current register of voters listed for the parish of Sedgefield
- You have resided within the parish of Sedgefield, or within three miles of the parish, for the whole 12 months preceding 10th May 2016
- Your only workplace is within the parish of Sedgefield for the whole 12 months preceding 10th May 2016

We look forward to hearing from you.

SEDFIELD CEMETERY Improvements Works Update



The town council’s improvement works at Sedfield Cemetery are continuing. Since the last edition of the Extra a dedicated work facility has been installed for the town council’s gardening staff.

Prior to this, a programme of groundworks improvements was completed and hedges cut. During 2016/17, the council will be reviewing and issuing new cemetery rules and regulations which will be clearly displayed when adopted. Over the coming

year, work will also commence on developing the new area of the cemetery. Finally, we are pleased to report that following the successful trial of cutting the grass at Sedfield Cemetery, this will continue in 2016 on a weekly basis.

YOUTH WORKING GROUP Update

The town council’s Youth Working Group has been very busy in recent months. Youth provision in Sedgefield is one of the big issues that concerns residents in the town and we agreed during last year’s Annual Town Meeting that more focus needs to be put on this area.

The working group started by assessing what provision currently exists and discussing where the gaps might be. It was clear early on that to genuinely improve youth provision in Sedgefield, there was a need to directly involve young people in shaping any projects, in a way that has not been done before, and that’s what we have set out to do.

The working group decided to tap in to the most effective existing infrastructure that engages with young people. This led the group to the East Durham Rural Corridor’s Area Action Partnership, which has well established forums for young people, including many in Sedgefield. Following a presentation to council by Eleanor Seed from the AAP, the working group held follow up meetings and drew up a plan for a ‘Youth Agenda Day’ in Sedgefield, funded by the town council. This event was scheduled for Saturday 30th April, so is taking place around the same time that this edition of the Extra is delivered. Over two sessions, young people (aged 11 and under, and then those aged 12-17) will share their views on what they would like to see happening for their age group in Sedgefield. Crucially, these young people are also being asked to shape a sustained programme for the town and the town council will, insofar as it can, support the agreed plans with dedicated budget. Our aim is to give young people some ownership of the activities designed for them and help us to ensure that youth provision in Sedgefield is appropriate, visible and continues to improve. Any young people who would like to get involved in this ongoing project will be very welcome and should contact the town council on enquiries@sedgefield.net, 01740 621273 or @SedgefieldTC on Twitter.

THE SEDFIELD PLAN

We are pleased to report that The Sedgefield Plan continues to progress.

In accordance with the regulations underpinning Neighbourhood Plans, Durham County Council ran their statutory consultation in relation to The Sedgefield Plan from 15th February 2016 - 29th March 2016. Findings from this latest statutory consultation process are now awaited. While this consultation has been underway, the town council and the county council have been working together in order to appoint an examiner who will oversee the plan’s next phase. An independent examiner will be appointed from the Neighbourhood Planning Independent Examiner Referral Service (NPIERS). We will keep you informed of the plan’s progress via www.thesedgefieldplan.co.uk and the Sedgefield News.

ANNUAL Town Meeting

Sedgefield Town Council’s Annual Town Meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 3rd May 2016 in the Parish Hall.

The meeting will consist of two distinct parts:

7pm-8pm: The formal business will take place including presentation of the Annual Report, reports from town councillors and others, plus the opportunity for residents to ask questions.

8pm-9pm: Other presentations including donations to local groups from the Mayor’s Charity and the naming of the Citizen of the Year 2015.

Refreshments will be served from 8pm and everyone in the community is invited to come along.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2015

Many thanks for the nominations for the award of Citizen of the Year 2015.

A panel with representatives from the town council, Sedgefield Development Trust and Sedgefield Rotary Club met together to agree who would win the award. This will be presented by the Mayor of Sedgefield, Cllr Gloria Wills, at the Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday 3rd May 2016 in the Parish Hall.