

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCILLORS

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TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES

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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.

Council Meetings

July-December 2015

(All meetings in the Council Offices unless otherwise stated).

All meetings have an item called Public Participation when residents can give their views and comments.

Monday 13th July

- 7.00pm: Full Council
- Following: Policy & Resources

Monday 20th July

- 7.00pm: Environment
- Following: Community Development & Engagement

Monday 14th September

- 7.00pm: Full Council
- Following: Policy & Resources

Monday 21st September

- 7.00pm: Community Development & Engagement
- Following: Environment

Monday 12th October

- 7.00pm: Full Council
- Following: Policy & Resources

Monday 19th October

- 7.00pm: Environment
- Following: Community Development & Engagement

Monday 9th November

- 7.00pm: Full Council
- Following: Policy & Resources

Monday 16th November

- 7.00pm: Community Development & Engagement
- Following: Environment

Monday 7th December

- 7.00pm: Full Council
- Following: Policy & Resources

Monday 14th December

- 7.00pm: Environment
- Following: Community Development & Engagement



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Welcome to the New Mayor Gloria Wills

Gloria will be raising funds for local groups, particularly children and young people, and the Alzheimer's Society. Please support our 2015 programme of events.

Gloria is a well known member of the community, especially in the DIDO (Days In Days Out group) and The Sedgefield Development Trust.



Councillor Mel Carr - Chairman's Introduction

I am delighted to be elected Chair of Sedgefield Town Council for 2015; I take over from Councillor Chris Lines who has held the position for the last two years.

The Council face many challenges to ensure that the character of Sedgefield is retained, by keeping future developments and expansion in line with residents wishes where possible.

There are many great groups and organisations in Sedgefield and we will

endeavour to support and encourage them to expand.

I look forward to continuing to work with all councillors to serve the residents of Sedgefield and we are committed to deliver a programme to sustain and enhance our community.

Council Chair: Cllr Mel Carr
Council Vice Chair: Cllr Gloria Wills
Mayor of Sedgefield: Cllr Gloria Wills
P&R Chair: Cllr Gloria Wills
P&R Vice Chair: Cllr Mel Carr

Environment

Chair: Cllr Alf Walton
Vice Chair: Cllr Ian Sutherland

Community Development & Engagement

Chair: Cllr Allan Blakemore
Vice Chair: Cllr Lynne Dentith

Sedgefield Cemetery - Headstone Safety Testing Update

All headstones at Sedgefield Cemetery which had failed the recent headstone safety testing, and which were not repaired within the time period stipulated by the Council, have now been laid flat.

Headstones have been laid down very carefully face upwards over the grave to which they relate. If, when you visit the cemetery, you find that a headstone has

been laid flat and you would like information as to why this has happened or what work is required in order to put the headstone back up, please contact

the town council offices in the first instance. Please do not attempt to prop-up any headstones which have been laid flat as this creates additional safety concerns and will be laid back down again. This annual testing is a legal requirement to ensure the safety of the cemetery for all visitors.

SEDFIELD DAY



Organised by the Sedgefield 700+ group, this free event was a tremendous success.

The event was opened by Mayor Gloria Wills, Rotary President Bob Theakston and NETPark representative Catherine Johns, who judged competition entries from local school children who had drawn scientific themed inventions that they think will change the lives of people in Sedgefield.

NETPark presented a display of telescopes with Darlington & Cleveland Astronomy Society and Sedgefield Community College carried out some 'science busking'.

Sports and dance displays by Sedgefield Village Games were a huge success.

On the Ceddesfeld terraces the music marquee played host to numerous local musicians, and 1st Sedgefield Scouts, Sedgefield in Bloom, Sedgefield Twinning Association, St. Edmund's Church and Ladies Escape all provided refreshments. It was a great example of community spirit, when everyone worked together.

MAYOR'S Charity Funds

Many thanks to everyone for supporting the Mayor's charity events in 2014/15.

Our gratitude to Councillor Mel Carr for his splendid efforts in representing the town council as the Mayor in 2014/15 and successfully raising the funds detailed below.

Presentations from this fund were made during the Annual Town Meeting to the following recipients:

Parkinson's UK	300	Tees Valley Branch of Parkinson's UK
Sowers & Growers	200	Sedgefield Town Council
SCA Easter Eggs	100	SCA
DIDO	300	Sedgefield Development Trust
Sedgefield Players (SPYS)	200	Sedgefield Players
Sedgefield in Bloom	250	Sedgefield Town Council
Sedgefield 700+	100	Sedgefield Town Council
Sedgefield N/Watch	60	Sedgefield Village Crime Watch panel
Harriers	300	Sedgefield Harriers
Pop In	225	The Pop In Club
Veterans	150	Sedgefield Village Veterans
1st Sedge Brownies	150	1st Sedgefield Brownies
2nd Sedge Brownies	150	2nd Sedgefield Brownies
Taste & See	150	Sedgefield Methodist Church
Fishburn Dance & Drama	275	Fishburn Dance & Drama
Craft Club	100	Jean M Easson
Parkinson's UK	2230	Parkinson's UK

Total Amount: £5240



Presenting cheque to "Parkinsons"

Tub Planting



Sedgefield village green was a hive of activity on Thursday 11th June, when local children descended armed with trowels to begin the annual tub planting.

Sedgefield Primary School, Hardwick School, Beavers, Brownies and Cherry Tree Nursery all filled our tubs with beautiful bedding plants for everyone to enjoy.

Northumbria in Bloom Judging
22nd July

Open Gardens
Sunday
July 5th

Please support this bi-annual event, which is very popular with residents and visitors from outside of Sedgefield.

All funds from ticket sales support Marie Curie, Macmillan, Hospice UK, Parkinson's, QNI and Perennial benevolent society.

New Parish Hall Caretaker appointed



Joyce Stephenson has accepted the new role of caretaker for the Parish Hall following her successful interview.

Joyce began her work as cleaner in the Parish Hall five months ago and is now experienced in the daily requirements of the post. Her new role will include overseeing the premises, cleaning, monitoring the heating system, customer focus, and ensuring customer care is a major priority. Joyce is delighted with her new position. **Congratulations!**

Residents Databases - UPDATING OUR RECORDS:

The residents' database is a valuable tool by which we can electronically send details of a wide variety of town council, county council and other local information.

Examples include details of the latest planning applications, forthcoming events, changes to council services etc.

If you are already on this database and wish to continue there is no further action required from yourself.

However, if you are currently on this database and wish to be removed, or alternatively you would like to be added to this database, please contact Jane Young at the Council Offices via jane@sedgefield.net

Forthcoming Events

QUIZ

23rd October

Tickets will be on sale from the council offices in September.

SEDFIELD TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL FIREWORKS & HALLOWEEN HOWLER

31st October

Tickets will be on sale during October from council offices.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP TO YORK

November

Tickets on sale from council offices in October.

Winterton & Butterwick ALLOTMENT CHALLENGE

Following the success of the competition in 2014 Trophies will again be awarded in August following judging in July.

The two awards categories are:

- The best kept & most productive plot
- The most improved plot

Good Luck!

Contact Cllr Alf Walton for more information.

Winterton Orchard

Hardwick schoolchildren enjoyed an afternoon at the Town Council orchard, Winterton Cemetery on Thursday 14th May.

They were assisted by Councillors Ian Sutherland, Alf Walton and Mel Carr.

The feeding and mulching operation was supervised by our town council gardener Stephen Young.

The harvesting will hopefully take place in the summer of 2016, when we hope to enjoy toffee apples all round!

Citizen of the Year

Congratulations to David Hillerby a very well respected member of the community who was presented with this major award.

David moved to Sedgefield in 1956. Over the years he has been a member of numerous local organisations: PTA, Scout Group Leader, Neighbourhood Watch, Sedgefield Development Trust, the residents' forum. He is co-author of a book, "Wilkinsons of Sedgefield", and is a member of Sedgefield Village Veterans who were awarded the Durham CC Chairman's Medal.



(Left to right: David's sister Phyllis Hillerby, Cllr Mel Carr, David Hillerby, chairman of the Rotary Club Mel Broadbelt, and David's wife Enid).

Sedgefield PLAN

The Sedgefield Plan is now moving into a crucial phase. The steering group presented a draft document to the Town Council and this was approved for taking to the next stage of the process, which is a period of statutory consultation lasting six weeks.

By the time that you read this, that consultation will have concluded. The steering group and council will consider the feedback provided by consultees and after making any amendments that are deemed necessary, will submit the plan for formal inspection. Once that has been successfully concluded, a referendum of residents will determine whether The Sedgefield Plan is officially adopted, when it would then become a document that has to be taken into account when planning applications in our parish are considered.

Meanwhile, at the time of writing this, the future of The County Durham Local Plan remains uncertain following the independent inspector's critical interim report after the draft plan's Examination in Public. In this context, the emergence of The Sedgefield Plan is more important than ever, as it is the only up to date document that can ensure that future developments in our community are appropriate in scale and nature, and preserve the qualities that make Sedgefield such a great place to live. If you would like to find out more about The Sedgefield Plan, visit www.thesedgefieldplan.co.uk, email info@thesedgefieldplan.co.uk or call 01740 621273. There is still time to get involved in this very important project.

TURNING CIRCLE

Dear Angela,

I have been asked by the committee of the Friends of St Edmund's to pass on to the Town Council our appreciation of the new turning circle outside the Church. We all think it looks very smart and the smooth surface is a great improvement on the previous one. All in all, the village green is looking extremely nice. Regards,

Alison Hodgson (secretary of the Friends of St Edmund's)

The Town Council welcomeS further comments regarding this new facility.