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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!

DEMENTIA TRAINING

At the start of the year, all Sedgefield Town Council staff undertook Dementia Friends training delivered by two of the inspiring volunteers from the Sedgefield Memory Café.



This training, delivered through the Alzheimer's Society, aims to increase awareness and understanding of dementia so local businesses and organisations can take action to help those living with the disease. The town council is thrilled to be part of this initiative!

SAVE THE DATE

2019 / 2020:

Tub Planting

Date: Thursday 27th June 2019

Summer Coach Trip to Keswick

Date: Thursday 27th June 2019

Mayor's Civic Service

Date: TBC

Fireworks Display

Date: Friday 1st November 2019

Remembrance Service

Date: Sunday 10th November 2019

Christmas Coach Trip to York

Date: TBC November 2019

Snow Party

Date: Saturday 30th November 2019

Mayor's Carol Service

Date: TBC

Mayor's Civic Ball

Date: Friday 6th March 2020



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NEW MAYOR 2019/2020



Sedgefield Town Councillors were delighted to elect Councillor Leo McCormack (pictured with his wife Sandra), who joined the council in 2017, as Mayor of Sedgefield for 2019/2020.

Cllr McCormack was born and raised in the north of England and moved to Sedgefield with his wife Sandra in 2003. With a professional background in teaching and a passion for singing and song writing, Leo has vast experience engaging with staff and students alike to produce and perform various drama/musical events and told us: "I look forward to utilising my experiences to interact with, and facilitate, local community groups."

Leo is delighted to be elected as Mayor of Sedgefield, adding that "it will be a great honour to represent Sedgefield and I will carry out this role to the best of my ability. I am a true believer in the power and importance of community." During his time as mayor, Leo has chosen Butterwick Hospice as his main charity along with support for local dementia groups.

FAREWELL FROM THE MAYOR 2018/19

It seems no time at all since I was given the honour of becoming Mayor of Sedgefield. After the initial apprehension, I have to say that the past twelve months have been very interesting and enjoyable.

During the year I have had the opportunity to visit various groups, new and old, and have been encouraged by the enthusiasm of their members. As always, it was a delight to visit the primary schools on various occasions, including to judge their wonderful angel decorations for the mayor's tree at the Christmas Tree festival. It was a great pleasure to be in office at the inauguration of our new clergy. It was a wonderful occasion with a visit from the Bishop of Durham and opportunity for us to warmly welcome Revd. Geoff Short OBE, Revd. Elizabeth Bland and their families.

Part of the mayor's role is to raise money for charity. My chosen charities were Prostate Cancer UK, Diabetes UK and of course local groups. A total of £6,162.00 was raised during the year. A huge thank you to everyone who has supported me in any way - it's not always easy to ask for yet another donation, but I have been overwhelmed by generosity of the people and businesses in Sedgefield.

Behind the position of mayor is a hard-working office team who make sure everything runs smoothly, so thank you ladies. A special thank you also goes to Councillor Ann Carr who has been my consort and Councillor Mel Carr who has chauffeured me on occasion. I have promised to catch up with all of my neglected friends after May, but I plan to take a holiday before that!

To finish, being an ambassador of Sedgefield has been a great honour, thank you fellow councillors for this unforgettable privilege.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

This year's Citizen of the Year Award goes to... Sarah Guest! Sarah was presented with the award, a scroll and crystal decanter at the Annual Town Meeting and gave an inspiring speech about the enjoyment she gets from all the volunteering work she does for the community.

Sarah (pictured to the right with Young Citizen of The Year winner Victoria Sirrell) spent over 20 years as a full time teacher and continues to work with local primary schools as a musical co-ordinator for events and performances in the town. In addition to carrying out the secretariat role for the Sedgefield Village Action Group (SVAG) and being a prominent member of Ladies Escape (formerly Ladies Circle), Sarah has been recognised for being on various Sedgefield Community Association (SCA) committees and is always actively promoting SCA and other local groups' events to encourage attendance and engagement within the community. Sarah is undeniably a credit to our town and we are sure that we will continue to see the fruits of her voluntary work for years to come. Congratulations to Sarah!

This annual award is organised through a partnership between Sedgefield Town Council, Sedgefield Rotary Club and Sedgefield Development Trust. At the beginning of each year, residents are invited to nominate candidates and then a panel of judges (including the immediate previous holder of the award) select the winner.

Polite Request

Sedgefield is lucky to have so many community-minded residents who go above and beyond to carry out general maintenance and upkeep of areas in the town.

We kindly ask that if you are considering carrying out maintenance work on any land around the town, please contact the town council in advance to check if the land belongs to, or is maintained by us, as specific procedures or plans may already be in place.

2018/19 Annual Report & Accounts

Copies of the town council's 2018/19 Annual Report and Accounts are now available from the town council offices and our website.

Annual Town Meeting Recap

Sedgefield's Annual Town Meeting was held on Tuesday 7th May 2019.

This meeting was very well attended by the public and we would like to thank everyone who took part in and visited the community showcase event immediately prior to the event. After the meeting closed, the mayor, Cllr Mavis Wayman,

presented cheques to her chosen charities, Diabetes UK and Prostate Cancer Research UK and an array of local community groups and causes.

The evening concluded with the announcement of the Young Citizen of the Year and Citizen of the Year Awards.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Following the conclusion of the council's Annual General Meeting, it was unanimously agreed that Cllr Mel Carr will continue the role of Chair and Cllr Gloria Wills as Vice-Chair of Sedgefield Town Council. The Chair and Vice-Chair of our committees are now as follows:

POLICY & RESOURCES: Cllr Gloria Wills & Cllr Mel Carr - P&Rs main priority for the coming year continues to be the expansion of Butterwick Road Cemetery, in addition to addressing some work required in the council offices and ongoing maintenance of Sedgefield Parish Hall.

ENVIRONMENT: Cllr Alf Walton & Cllr Stephen Winter – The Environment Committee will continue to review and maintain the allotments, closed churchyards, trees and open spaces.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENGAGEMENT: Cllr Allan Blakemore & Cllr Chris Lines – As always, the CD&E Committee will oversee council events with the aim to promote community inclusion.

SEDFIELD EXTRA: Cllr Chris Lines & Cllr Leo McCormack

COMMUNITY CHEST: Cllr Vanessa Carmichael & Cllr Mavis Wayman

Allotment Improvements

As part of the town council's ongoing commitment to the allotment sites, we are pleased to report that new delivery access gates have been installed at Butterwick Allotments and new boundary fencing erected at the Winterton site.

The latest allotment inspections (at the time of writing) found lots of excellent work taking place in preparation for the growing season and we look forward to seeing the allotments flourish over the next few months! As always, if you would like to be placed on the waiting list for an allotment, please visit our website to download the application form.



VILLAGE GREEN REMINDER

The town council is continuing its review of the way in which it operates and maintains areas of village green around the town.

While further updates on this matter will be given in future editions of the Sedgefield Extra, we want to remind

everyone that no items should be placed on village green. This includes skips, benches, tables, signs, containers etc.

If you are in any doubt about areas of village green, please contact the town council offices as these are not limited to central green spaces.

YOUNG ROLE MODELS

The Mayor recently met with sisters Penny and Ada Ashton who have set an excellent example to all by designing and displaying posters around the town promoting the importance of people picking up their dog mess.

This is a message that all dog owners should be following so that everyone can enjoy the wonderful surroundings in Sedgefield. Dog bags are available from the council office Monday-Friday



mornings at a cost of 60p for a pack of 50 bags. Let's keep up the good work together!

YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

As an opportunity to honour the sterling community work undertaken by young people in the town, for the first time this year, Sedgefield Rotary Club, Sedgefield Development Trust, Sedgefield Town Council and Sedgefield Youth Club sponsored a Young Citizen of the Year Award.

We are delighted with how well this new award has been received and would like to thank all who submitted nominations. Runners up awards were presented to: Joseph Dredge, 19, in recognition for his outstanding achievements as an enthusiastic member of Sedgefield Referees Association who now mentors young, newly qualified referees and has recently been selected to be part of the team representing County FA at the prestigious IberCup in Portugal; and to Adam White, who at only 17, provides sound and lighting services for drama performances and gigs in venues around the town, as well as being a stalwart member of 1st Sedgefield Scout Group which has given him the opportunity to be an ambassador at the World Scouting Jamboree in the summer.

The Young Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Victoria Sirrell, aged 20. Victoria has been a member of girl guiding since the age of five, progressing from Rainbows right through to Young Leader, even representing the Guides on international visits. Last year, Victoria took on the role of leader for the newly formed Sedgefield Rangers, enabling 14 Guides who were approaching the upper age limit to continue in the movement. Victoria's peers and Guide Leaders have accredited her dedication to girl guiding as being fundamental in keeping the Brownies going, as she did not hesitate to step in when the unit was at risk of closure. Victoria continues to dedicate every Tuesday evening to girl guiding alongside full time work and is an inspiration to the young girls she welcomes and supports every week. Congratulations on receiving this award!

THE SEDGEFIELD PLAN UPDATE

The Sedgefield Plan is still undergoing examination by Independent Examiner Mr Robert Bryan and we await the outcome of his examination.

Once known, further information will be circulated, given though our website, Twitter, Sedgefield News and the resident's database.