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Sedgefield Snow Party

SATURDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2021

Festive Litter Pick With Sedgefield Ploggers 11.30am – 12.15pm

Meet on the Turning Circle for a very gentle and sociable jog/ walk while cleaning up the village centre ahead of Santa's arrival. Suitable for all ages.

Bags, protective gloves and litter grabbers will be provided.

Bring your own festive hats!

Christmas Tree Festival in St Edmund's Church 11am-4pm

"It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas" themed trees

Santa Claus in the Parish Hall 12:30-3:45pm

Tickets in advance to see Santa are £2.50 (includes a gift) available from the Town Council office. Bouncy castle, face painter and Youth Club bake sale

Ceddesfeld Hall Christmas Craft and Book Fayre 1:00-3:45pm

Craft stalls, book sale and refreshments by Pop In Club

Carol Singing on the Village Green 4.00pm

Christmas carols, accompaniment by local ukulele band and draw of glow-affle to switch on Christmas lights. Glow-affle tickets £1 from local primary schools and the Town Council office

On-line Festive Activities

Last year when we weren't able to have our traditional Snow Party event, we offered festive activities via our website and worked with local businesses to hold a best-dressed festive business window competition. We received lots of positive feedback about these activities and how you enjoyed them.

Our 2021 on-line festive activities will go live on Saturday 27th November 2021 and can be found at

www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/christmas2021

We are also working with local businesses and hope to see a re-run of our best-dressed festive business window competition! Please keep looking at our website, Twitter account or Town noticeboard for more information!

Town's Festive Lighting Scheme Update

During last year's festive season we were notified by Durham County Council that substantial refurbishment of our festive lighting was required. We have been busy working with Durham County Council colleagues and our own appointed electrical contractor to ensure the Town is illuminated for this Christmas. This has been a significant capital investment and includes more energy efficient lighting and a power supply to our living Christmas tree. We want to thank everyone involved in this work.

MAYOR OF SEDGEFIELD COUNCILLOR ANN CARR'S UPDATE

I have had a busy few weeks. Thanks to all who supported my fund-raising Coffee Morning in September and Mayor's Quiz in October. Both of these events raised money towards *Youngminds* and local causes. It is lovely to see people starting to get back together and meet socially. I have more fund-raising events planned. Please keep looking out for further information.

In September I had the privilege to meet Jack Smith, the Town's Paralympian Gold-winning medallist from GB's Wheelchair Rugby Team, fresh from the 2021 Paralympics in Tokyo. Jack says he didn't realise what an achievement his award was until he returned home and drove into the estate where he lives to a great reception. I had not seen an Olympic medal before (I can't be the only one!). It was beautiful, very heavy and made from recycled metals of old electronic items, smart phones and laptops. Following a break to recover from Tokyo, Jack will be preparing for the Paris Games in 2024. He is interested in what is happening with young people in and around the area. He has offered to help where possible with the Rotary Northeast Games for the disabled, taking place in Middlesbrough on Sunday 26th June 2022. Well done Jack, you really are an inspiration!

I have a number of other fun fund-raising activities planned including an afternoon tea flower demonstration and a murder mystery evening. Please have a look at my page on the Town Council's website

www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/mayor/ and the Town Council's Twitter account as well as displays in the Council's office windows. The next edition of the Extra will include more information about the Mayor's Civic Ball in March 2022.

Over the coming months I am looking forward to meeting more local residents and representing the Town at very special events including Remembrance Sunday and the Snow Party.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their support as well as my wonderful family and friends for their great support who are all helping to make my time as Mayor a success. I also want to thank the people of Sedgefield and other supporters.

Thank you very much. Ann



Above is Mayor of Sedgefield, Cllr Ann Carr, with consort Cllr Mel Carr meeting the Town's very own gold medal winning Paralympian, Jack Smith.

NORTHUMBRIA & BRITAIN IN BLOOM



Above are Mayor of Sedgefield, Cllr Ann Carr and Mr Howard Smith, Chair of the Sedgefield In Bloom Group, receiving the Town's Gold award.

This year's Northumbria in Bloom awards were announced at Gateshead on 29th September and were attended by the Mayor of Sedgefield, her consort and several members of the Sedgefield in Bloom Group.

We were delighted to learn that Sedgefield was awarded Gold in the Best Small Town category of Northumbria in Bloom 2021! This is a richly deserved accolade and we say thanks to our gardening staff, Stephen Young and Ben Gray and all the Sedgefield in Bloom volunteers.

A wonderful accolade richly deserved! Congratulations and thank you to all who played a vital part once again in showcasing our beautiful town. Britain in Bloom awards will be announced soon and we are crossing our fingers for more accolades!

SEDGEFIELD PARISH HALL UPDATE

It's been great to see the Hall coming back to life and being used for a diverse range of activities. We are now taking bookings for 2022. Please visit the Hall's pages on our website www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk to find out about its facilities, charges and booking arrangements. Work is now nearing completion to install wifi to the building.

For more information contact:

town.clerk@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk

HEADSTONE SAFETY TESTING

Sedgefield Town Council is legally required to undertake headstone safety testing annually to ensure headstones are stable and safe. Testing in Butterwick Road Cemetery, St Edmund's Churchyard, Beacon Lane Cemetery and Winterton Cemetery is underway. Any headstones found to be unstable will be marked with red/white warning tape and the Town Council will, where such details are known, contact the next of kin, as well as place advisory notices on the cemetery noticeboard.

MAYOR'S CAROL SERVICE

The Mayor's Carol Service will be at 7pm in St Edmund's Church on Thursday 2nd December 2021. Due to Covid there are capacity restrictions.

Please contact jane@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk for further information.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Remembrance Sunday service will be held in St Edmund's Church on Sunday 14th November 2021. The Diocese has put in place capacity restrictions for St Edmund's Church which means only invited guests will be able to attend the Church. However, the 2 minutes' silence will be observed at the War Memorial followed by a service and laying of wreaths to which everyone is welcome to attend as this is an outdoor event and people can socially distance if they wish to do so. There will not be any refreshments after this event in Ceddesfeld Hall. On behalf of the Town Council and St Edmund's Church, we would like to thank everyone for their understanding about this year's revised arrangements.

TOWN COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2021/22 - 2024/25

The Town Council has agreed its strategic priorities for 2021/22 - 2024/25 which will steer its work as well as finance and resources:

Priority 1: Progress through liaison with appropriate organisations the Town's infrastructure including visible policing; sustainable transport; highways enhancements, traffic review and road safety; educational places; library provision; sports facilities and access to health services

Priority 2: Operating Town Council-owned open spaces including facilities review, trees, footpaths and village greens management (incorporating Village Green Policy which includes links to businesses and residents which border such)

Priority 3: Expansion of Butterwick Road Cemetery

Priority 4: Review of public toilets provision

Priority 5: Review of community events

TOWN COUNCIL COACH TRIPS

Our very popular coach trips haven't taken place in 2021. However, they will be back in 2022 with a trip in June to Kendal and in November to York coinciding with the City's festive markets. Further information nearer the time.

CEMETERY EXPANSION UPDATE

As part of our project to extend Butterwick Road Cemetery, we will soon be dismantling the recycling bays in the proposed new area of the cemetery and relocating these to within the Town Council's compound area. This will not only free up potential future grave space but will also allow the Town Council to effectively achieve recycling of its green waste materials.

POSITION VACANT: RELIEF PARISH HALL SECURITY OFFICER

Sedgefield Town Council are seeking to appoint a Relief Parish Hall Security Officer to work 2 hours per week on Thursdays in Sedgefield Parish Hall. The hours of work will be scheduled flexibly around Parish Hall bookings. In addition, there will be the opportunity for further working hours when there is a need to cover for the Council's Parish Hall Security Officer. Payment will be £8.91 per hour in accordance with the National Living Wage.

If you are interested in this position or would like further information, please contact the Town Clerk via:

- Sedgefield Town Council Offices, Sedgefield TS21 3AT
- 01740 621273
- town.clerk@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk

Applications are to be in the form of a letter and to include the names and contact details of two referees. Applications are to be sent to Dr Jane Ayre, Town Clerk, Sedgefield Town Council, Sedgefield TS21 3AT or

town.clerk@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk

Closing date for receipt of applications is 12 noon on Saturday 27th November 2021.



We're so pleased to have the Youth Club back up and running after such a long break. We restarted the Youth Club on September 6th and are slowly regaining our members. The Youth Club times have been altered slightly for now, to allow any members that transitioned from junior school into senior school during lockdown, to also transition into our later senior session. The current times for years 4, 5 and 6 are 6-7pm. Years 7 & 8 are 7-8pm and years 9, 10 and 11 are 7.30-8.30. We are currently keeping to previous members but hope to welcome new members from year 3 and above after October half term. I know there are some already waiting to join and excited to do so!

Our regular volunteers (George and Dylan) were ready and waiting for us on the first day back to the Parish Hall and we have worked with them to plan some activities up to and including half term. This half term our theme is 'bake-off' as we challenge the members each week to practise their own baking skills. The first bake-off session saw the young people bake and intricately decorate some beautiful biscuits. There was a common Halloween theme amongst them.

For half term we aim to have our normal Monday night session up and running at normal times, as well as an extra baking session in preparation for the stall we will be holding at the fireworks display at Ceddesfeld Hall on Friday 29th October. Members will be kept informed of times for the extra sessions if they would like to attend.

We look forward to welcoming more of our members back as well as new ones after October half term!

Victoria and Christine



Above: Members of Sedgefield Youth Club enjoying their recent Halloween-themed bake activities.

OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE AND PROTECT SEDGFIELD'S HERITAGE AS PART OF COUNTY DURHAM PROJECT

Sedgefield residents are being given the chance to nominate important local buildings and heritage items which they value as part of Durham County Council's Local List project that aims to seek out previously unidentified treasures across County Durham which the public would like to see protected and celebrated. It could see much loved gems, which make up the county's rich and vibrant cultural history but which may not qualify for National Listed Status, added to the Council's local list to help protect them through the planning system. You can nominate a building, structure, item of street furniture, landscape, open space, street sign or other item of local significance.

For more information on the project and how to nominate, visit www.durham.gov.uk/localheritagelist.

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 and we would love to hear from you. 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. Over recent months donations have been made to many groups including Sedgefield Players, Sedgefield Primary School, The Hive of Sedgefield, Sedgefield Youth Football Club, Sedgefield Cricket Club's Junior Section, Sedgefield In Bloom, 1st Sedgefield Rangers and Sedgefield Out Of School Fun Club.

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL'S TWITTER ACCOUNT

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

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Sedgefield Town Council will close for the Festive Break at noon on Monday 20th December 2021 and will re-open on Tuesday 4th January 2022. No emails or phone calls will be answered during this time. Everyone at Sedgefield Town Council wishes you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

SAVE THE DATE

Snow Party - Saturday 27th November 2021

Jingle Bells & Snowflakes Flower Demonstration followed by Full Afternoon Tea - Tuesday 30th

November 2021, Sedgefield Parish Hall

Murder Mystery Night - Saturday 19th February 2022, Sedgefield Parish Hall

Mayor's Civic Ball - Friday 4th March 2022, Hardwick Hall Hotel

Please note: The above dates and events are correct at the time of going to press. If, due to Covid, there need to be any changes to the above we will issue announcements through our Twitter account, website, residents' database and notices in the Town Council's offices' windows. Capacity restrictions are in place for those events which are taking place in St Edmund's Church.

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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	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

Alternatively, Durham County Council concerns can be placed via text on 07786 027280 starting with the word INFO or the online complaints portal www.doitonline.gov.uk. It is very important that you register your views with Durham County Council. All Durham County Council meetings and public hearings are listed on their website at <https://democracy.durham.gov.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?bcr=1>. Your voice matters and could make a difference for all local residents!