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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 <a href="http://www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk">www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk</a>	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 <a href="mailto:jane@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk">jane@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk</a>	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 <a href="mailto:angela.simpson@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk">angela.simpson@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk</a>	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.

## Durham County Council's Online Complaints Service



Save time  
do it online

Report Apply Book Pay Comment

You can now report or resolve the following issues to Durham County Council directly using the online service at [www.doitonline.durham.gov.uk](http://www.doitonline.durham.gov.uk):

- Viewing/commenting on planning applications
- Requesting collection of large items
- Reporting that your bin has not been emptied
- Requesting a new bin
- Reporting a problem with a street light
- Report fly-tipping.

## New Allotment and Cemetery Regs

2016 has been another very productive year on the town council's allotment sites.

We have listened to allotment holders' comments and liaised with other councils that provide such a service in order to comprehensively review our allotment rules and regulations which apply to both the Butterwick Road and Winterton sites. The new rules and regulations were formally adopted in September 2016 and can be viewed on [www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk).

## Community Chest

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. For eligibility criteria and details of how to apply please go to the Community Chest page on [www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk).



# Sedgefield SNOW PARTY

Saturday 3rd December

Santa Claus will be in his grotto in the Parish Hall 12:30-3:00pm  
Tickets in advance to see Santa are £2.50 (includes a gift) available from the council offices. Bouncy castle and other activities.

Christmas Craft Fayre and refreshments in Ceddesfeld Hall 1:00-3:45pm  
Sweets, treats, toys, crafts, decorations and tombola.

Carol singing in St Edmund's Church at 3:45pm  
Church open from 3:30pm onwards.

Dancing with snowmen  
on the village green at 4:15pm

Christmas lights switch on at 4:30pm

Glo-stick raffle tickets are £1 available from local primary schools and the council offices. Christmas lights will be switched on by the winning ticket holder drawn at 4:25pm.



## Sedgefield Town Council's ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY 2016!

4th November 2016 - Ceddesfeld Hall grounds

Doors open at 5:45pm, last admission at 6:20pm, display starts at 6:30pm

Advance tickets (before 21st October):  
£2 per adult & £1 per child (16 and under)

Tickets (after 21st October):  
£2.50 per adult & £1.50 per child (16 and under)

Tickets can be bought from:  
Sedgefield Town Council offices, Ceddesfeld Hall, Tickety-Boo

ADMISSION IS BY TICKET ONLY SO PLEASE BUY TICKETS EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT. THERE MAY ONLY BE LIMITED TICKETS ON SALE ON THE NIGHT!

## Halloween Howler

## PUMPKIN COMPETITION!



Bring your carved pumpkins along to the fireworks display on 4th November 2016!

Entries should be brought to Ceddesfeld Hall car park between 5:45pm and 6:00pm.

The Mayor of Sedgefield will announce the winner at 6:15pm!

**EVERY ENTRANT WINS A PRIZE!**

## MAYOR'S Carol Service

This year's Mayor's Carol Service is to be held at 7:00pm in St Edmund's Church on Tuesday 6th December 2016.

All are welcome.



## MAYOR'S Ball

The Mayor's Ball is to be held at Hardwick Hall Hotel on Friday 3rd March 2017.

Tickets cost £30 and each includes a three course meal and entertainment by the renowned North East group The Emerald Thieves. There will be a raffle and auction on the night, along with other entertainment, and the event will raise money for the Mayor's Charity Fund. Full details to be released soon. Contact [jane@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:jane@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk) or call 01740 621273 to book tickets.

## Sedgefield Plan UPDATE

Sedgefield Town Council is currently working through the recommendations made by the independent examiner in his report following consideration of The Sedgefield Plan.

Many of these recommendations are of a minor nature and can be resolved very quickly. The most notable issue requiring further consideration relates to the plan's Built Up Area Boundary which the examiner did not feel was big enough to allow for the required growth within the town over the duration of the plan's lifetime. However, the decision by the Planning Inspectorate to grant planning permission at Eden Drive will significantly impact upon this. At the time of going to print, the town council is currently revising The Sedgefield Plan and we will continue to keep you updated through the town council's website ([www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk)), the plan's website ([www.thesedgefieldplan.co.uk](http://www.thesedgefieldplan.co.uk)), Sedgefield News, and the residents' database.

## Butterwick Road Cemetery UPDATE

Since the last Extra the town council has installed a secure fence around the gardening staff's work area to create a dedicated compound.

In order to install the fence, the hedge has been professionally cut back to ground level but will grow again over the coming year to provide screening between this area and the nearby graves. Following several months of work in September 2016, the town council formally adopted new cemetery rules and regulations which can be found at [www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk). The council is currently considering options to create a new burial area. More information about this will be published in future editions of the Extra.

## Natalie's NVQ

The town council office's newest member of staff Natalie Chowns-Smith has taken on a Level 3 NVQ in business administration.

Natalie said: "I am excited to further my professional and personal development within my role at the town council. Thank you to the council and GP Strategies training company for providing me with this fantastic opportunity."

# Mayor's UPDATE

So far, I have had a very rewarding year as Mayor of Sedgefield. It has been a huge privilege to attend events in and around the community, all of which have helped showcase this wonderful place.



I am now busy organising a schedule of my own events for the rest of the year to raise money for the Mayor's Charity Fund. Next up is a charity coffee morning and craft fair in the Manor House, from 10:30am-12:30pm on Saturday 12th November. The event will boast a great line up of local art and craft stalls, and both primary schools will be selling crafts created by pupils to raise funds for school projects. Proceeds from the coffee and cake sales will go towards the charity fund.

You can find some details about the annual ball elsewhere in this issue and plans are coming together for a concert by Lirica and (hopefully) Sedgefield Lyrics Youth Choir early in 2017. Meanwhile, between now and March, I am welcoming entries into my Sedgefield Selfies (tag

#SedgefieldSelfies on social media) competition. It's a chance for people to share images of their favourite places in Sedgefield and highlight all that is great about our wonderful community. Thanks to the Dun Cow for generously supplying a great £50 prize voucher for the overall winner - the best images will also appear in a gallery on the town council website, and a selection of early entries will be used to create 'decorations' for the town council's contribution to the Sedgefield Christmas Tree Festival in St. Edmund's Church in December, so get snapping!

To find out more about how to enter the competition and details of all of my events during the year, visit [www.facebook.com/MayorofSedgefield2016to17](http://www.facebook.com/MayorofSedgefield2016to17).

## Northumbria in Bloom 2016

It has been another successful year for Sedgefield in the Northumbria in Bloom Awards 2016.

The awards were announced on Wednesday 14th September 2016:

- **Sedgefield** - Gold in The Champion of Champions category (with Durham as the overall winner)
- **Sedgefield Racecourse** - Silver
- **The Manor House** - Silver
- **Claremont Grove** - Gold
- **Hardwick Park** - Gold
- **Hardwick Hall Hotel** - Silver Gilt

- **Private Garden** - Gold for Mr and Mrs Wright, 61 Station Road and overall category winner across Northumbria.

Congratulations to the Sedgefield in Bloom volunteers for another excellent year and a particular note of thanks to our gardening supervisor Stephen Young for all his hard work and dedication to maintaining high standards across the town. Finally, thanks to all of the local businesses and residents who also played their part in another very successful year for Sedgefield. We are sure you will agree that the town has looked stunning once again this year.

## The Parish Hall NEEDS YOU - Please Cast Your Vote To Renovate The Fletcher Room!

Following suggestions and comments from Parish Hall users and local young people, Sedgefield Town Council is seeking funding to transform the Fletcher Room by creating a hatch between the adjoining office and transforming this space into a coffee bar. The former office area would be fitted with kitchen appliances and cupboards to host the perfect self-contained coffee morning, meeting or party venue. The Fletcher Room itself will receive a much needed makeover with the addition of new windows, insulation and decor! This renovation would also allow the Fletcher Room to provide a safe and self-contained area in which a regular youth club could meet.

The town council has submitted a funding application to the East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership (AAP) UP 2 U Scheme to secure funds for this renovation. There are lots of other

organisations across the area which have also submitted funding requests, but there will not be enough money for all bids. Money will be given to those bids which receive the most support.

### How can you help?

You can come along to the voting event on Saturday 26th November 2016 at the Active Life Centre, Coxhoe (DH6 4DW) between 10:00am and 2:00pm to show your support for the town council's bid and for other community projects. Without your vote, our project cannot take place! Anyone over the age of 11 years old can vote so long as they live, work or go to school within the boundary of the AAP. Keep an eye on the town council's website ([www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk)) to see a more detailed plan and outline of the proposed renovation.

## Welcome to BEN GRAY - New Town Council Gardener



We are delighted to report that Ben Gray has now joined Sedgefield Town Council as its new gardener to work alongside Stephen Young.

Ben arrived on 1st August 2016 so many of you might already have seen him while he has been working around the town, particularly watering all the tubs and baskets. Ben is a fully qualified gardener and brings with him lots of experience from working elsewhere, including Darlington Borough Council and Raby Castle gardens. Ben said: "I'm enjoying my new job and I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead!"

## JANE YOUNG'S CiLCA success



Congratulations to Jane Young for completing the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) qualification!

Jane had the following to say about her experience: "I took the qualification to enable me to take a more active role in supporting the town council's projects and to enhance my work performance. I submitted my portfolio of 24 modules to the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) for marking in May 2016 and on 16th July 2016 I received notification of my successful attainment of CiLCA."

## Remembrance Day

This year's Remembrance Day service will be held at 10:00am in St Edmund's Church on Sunday 13th November 2016.

It will be followed by a silence and laying of wreaths at the Sedgefield War Memorial.

## Parish Hall UPDATE

In July 2016, the Estates Working Group provided the P&R Committee with a list of suggested works to be carried out in the Parish Hall.

Over the last two months, work has begun with providing brand new chairs in the main hall, a new combi-boiler, electrical works and backstage renovation. A new user guide has been written with updated information and new policies which have been circulated to all regular Parish Hall users. The Estates Working Group has been listening to the needs and requirements of users and is in the process of creating a new booking form and reviewing security procedures to improve the running of the hall and the experience that users have during their booking. Keep an eye out in future editions for more updates on the Parish Hall!



Butterwick Challenge Trophy presented by Toni Walton to the winner John Adair.

## ALLOTMENT CHALLENGE WINNERS!

Congratulations to this year's Allotment Challenge winners!

Thank you to Allotment Champion Councillor Alf Walton and his wife Toni for sponsoring the awards and overseeing the challenge!

Winterton Winners:

1. P. Anderson
2. M. Mann

Butterwick Winners:

1. J. Adair
2. D. MacLennan

Most improved: E. Park & K. Tiplady

Don't forget, if you are interested in taking on an allotment garden, please contact [natalie@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:natalie@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk) to be added to the waiting list.