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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.

## Newly Co-opted Councillor



Joanne Elliott has been successfully co-opted onto Sedgefield Town Council.

Joanne is excited to take on the role and said, "I'm extremely process driven with particular attention to quality and detail in my work, as computer programmer at Durham University. I live in Sedgefield with my husband and two school aged daughters, and have done so for 12 years now. I hope to be a great asset to the council and hope that I can make a positive difference to Sedgefield. My main aim is to work closely with the town council in executing The Sedgefield Plan and local policies, for an optimistic future. My hobbies are defined around my children, however I have a real passion for dancing, ballet in particular, and a keen interest in health and fitness. I have no doubt I will be made to feel very welcome in my new role over the coming weeks."

DIARY DATES:

Fireworks Display and Halloween Howler competition

Date: 4th November 2016



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## Welcome to the NEW MAYOR

Chris Lines was elected mayor at the annual council meeting in May. Chris was chairman of the council in the first year of this term of office and has had an influence on the daily running of the council over the last three years.



Chris says, "I am hugely honoured to have been appointed to the role of mayor. I have lived in Sedgefield for most of my life, as have many of my family. I loved growing up here, was later married here and now I run a business in the Manor House, and my wife Catherine and I are bringing up our own children here too. There have been changes in Sedgefield over the years and, inevitably, more are on the horizon. However, there has always been a very strong community spirit here and it's really important that we succeed in sustaining that, for this and future generations. As Mayor of Sedgefield, I aim to play my role in achieving that aim.

I will also have a great opportunity to raise money for some good causes that are close to my heart.

- **The Lullaby Trust**, which provides specialist support for bereaved families and anyone affected by a sudden infant death, in memory of local girl Alice Robinson, who passed away in November 2015 aged just 11 months.
- **The Sir Bobby Robson Foundation**, in memory of my mother Margaret Lines who many people in Sedgefield will remember.
- **Friends of Sedgefield Harriers (FoSH)**, a charity that was founded to support amateur sport and improve sports provision in Sedgefield. FoSH is leading the campaign to build training facilities in Sedgefield that will benefit the hundreds of young people in Sedgefield who participate in sport.

I hope that residents and businesses will be keen to work with me on events and initiatives that will benefit some very deserving charities and I will welcome any offers of support. If you would like to contact me you can reach me on [chrislines@aol.com](mailto:chrislines@aol.com) or 07971 868329."

## A Word from the Chairman



Mel Carr is once again Chairman of Sedgefield Town Council. He says that he is delighted to have been elected to the role again for 2016.

Mel says "The council continue to face many challenges to ensure that the character of Sedgefield is retained. One of the main ones is keeping future developments and expansion in line with residents' wishes where possible.

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."

## The Sedgefield Plan - LATEST NEWS

All Sedgefield Town Council and Durham County Council statutory consultation processes in relation to The Sedgefield Plan have now concluded.

Sedgefield Town Council and Durham County Council have appointed Mr Nigel McGurk as Independent Examiner who is now responsible for overseeing the next stage of the Plan's progression. Mr McGurk is now considering the Plan and will submit his findings report to both the county council and town council by the end of June 2016. We will keep you updated via our website and through Sedgefield News.



# Town Council WORKING GROUPS UPDATE

Underneath the town council's committees are a series of working groups which undertake research and investigation to propose recommendations for consideration by all councillors at the relevant committees.

During 2016/17 Sedgefield Town Council will be operating the following working groups:

**The Estates Working Group** reports to the council's Policy & Resources Committee. For 2016/17 the Estates Working Group priority activities will be the refurbishment of the Parish Hall and the development of the new area of Butterwick Road Cemetery.

**The Finance Working Group** reports to the council's Policy & Resources Committee. For 2016/17 the Finance Working Group's priority will be the development of a Medium Term Financial Plan and an Asset Management Plan.

**The Policy & Records Working Group** also reports to the council's Policy & Resources Committee. For 2016/17 this group will be reviewing a number of the council's existing policies and also developing a number of other policies on the advice of our Internal auditor.

**The Fireworks Working Group** reports to the council's Community Development & Engagement Committee and is responsible for organising our annual fireworks event on 4th November 2016.

**The Youth Working Group** also reports to the council's Community Development & Engagement Committee and is currently working with Investing In Children and the Area Action Partnership to analyse the findings of a Youth Event held on 30th April 2016 in the Parish Hall.

More information from all of these working groups will appear on our website and in future editions of the Extra.

# Sedgefield Day

This year's Sedgefield Day built on the success of previous years and proved to be very popular.

The event was coordinated by the Sedgefield 700+ group with support from the town council, but was only possible because of contributions by a huge number of individuals and organisations – it truly was a celebration of community, delivered by the

community. The weather behaved (just about!) and residents – and visitors – of all generations enjoyed activities, displays, music and refreshments throughout the day. Sedgefield Day received financial support from Durham County Councillor John Robinson's neighbourhood fund.

Well done and thanks to everyone who played their part.



# NORTHUMBRIA IN BLOOM Summer Judging 2016

On Wednesday 13th July 2016 Northumbria In Bloom Judges will be visiting the town to conduct their judging for this year's event in which Sedgefield has been placed in the prestigious Champion of Champions category.

You will see our gardening supervisor and Sedgefield In Bloom volunteers working very hard over the coming weeks to ensure that Sedgefield looks its very best. We wish them all the best of luck and will let you know the outcome of this judging in our next Extra and on the website.

# Citizen of the Year



**Congratulations to Walter Howell, a very well respected member of the community who was delighted to receive the accolade of 2015 Citizen of the Year for Sedgefield.**

Walter has been contributing to Sedgefield and the surrounding villages for over 40 years and has dedicated much of his time to bringing enjoyment to residents. His work with the Sedgefield Players and the creation of the Junior

Players (SPYS) has been appreciated by all who attend the community productions. Walter has also been noted for his contributions to 1st Sedgefield Scout Group over the years.

Walter was joined by his family at the Annual Town Meeting when he was presented with the award which is jointly run by Sedgefield Town Council, Sedgefield Development Trust and Sedgefield Rotary Club.

# MAYOR'S Charity Funds

**Congratulations to Councillor Gloria Wills for successfully raising over £5000 for the Mayor's Charity Fund during her year as Mayor of Sedgefield.**

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

Alzheimer's Society, Pop In, 1st Sedgefield Brownies, 2nd Sedgefield Brownies, Guides, Taste & See, Sedgefield Harriers – Junior's Division, Sedgefield Junior's Squash Club, Scouts, Fishburn Dance & Drama, DIDO (Days In, Days Out), Sedgefield Community Hospital, Sedgefield Players, SPYS, Sedgefield Village Veterans, Tea Dance, Sedgefield Cricket Club, Sedgefield in Bloom, Wynyard FC Under 8's and Sedgefield Village Crime Watch Panel.

Gloria was delighted with the response to her appeals and said she "would like to thank everyone who worked tirelessly behind the scenes helping me throughout



the year, and everyone who supported my fundraising activities, as without them I could not have raised so much money for charity. A big 'thank you' to you all!"

# TUB PLANTING

On Thursday 23rd June 2016 the village green will come alive with local children from different schools and community groups planting tubs so that they will flower over the Summer.

We hope that you will enjoy the fruits of this work over the coming weeks (and hope that we get nice summer sunshine too!). Photos of this event will appear in our next Extra as well as on our website.

# ALLOTMENT Challenge

**Don't forget that this year's Allotment Challenge is almost over!**

Judging will be held in July with prizes awarded for:

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

This year's trophies and garden vouchers are sponsored by Cllr. Alf Walton and will be presented in the Golden Lion at the beginning of October. There is still time to impress the judges. Good Luck!

# Fireworks Display 2016

**The town council's annual fireworks display will be held on Friday 4th November 2016 in the grounds of Ceddesfeld Hall.**

As in previous years this will be a ticketed event. Details about the event including admission times and prices will be displayed throughout the Town and on our website nearer to the event date.

# NEW Council Website and Email Addresses

The new Sedgefield Town Council website is now live and can be found at [www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk). To match this new domain, all Council Staff email addresses have also been updated. The full list of Staff contact details can be found on the back page.