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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 - 01710 621 273 or email julia@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk	Answer your questions and provide assistance.
Wanting an allotment.	Projects & Media Coordinator 01710 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 01710 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!

COACH TRIP

The sold-out summer coach trip to Keswick on 14th June was a great success - thank you to those of you who recommended Keswick.

The next Sedgefield Town Council coach trip will be the annual Christmas coach trip towards the end of November.

If you have any suggestions for locations where you would like to do some Christmas shopping, please let us know!

DCC Dog Orders

On 1st June 2017, Durham County Council introduced a new Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to encourage responsible dog ownership and tackle issues such as dog fouling and strays.

This means it will be an offence to fail to pick up dog mess, allow a dog to stray, fail to put a dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer, and allow a dog into a fenced off play area. Anyone seen flouting the new rules will be issued with a fixed penalty notice.

For more information visit www.durham.gov.uk/dogcontrol or call Highways & Streetscene on 03000 261 000.

SAVE THE DATE 2017/2018:

Civic Service

Date: 8th October 2017

Mayor's Quiz

Date: 27th October 2017

Fireworks Display

Date: 3rd November 2017

Remembrance Service

Date: 12th November 2017

Sedgefield Snow Party

Date: 2nd December 2017

Mayor's Annual Charity Ball

Date: 23rd February 2018

I am enjoying being Mayor of Sedgefield and feel that I am starting to settle into the role. Elizabeth and I have already attended a wide variety of events in Sedgefield and it has been great to meet many people and organisations who do so much for our community. It was a particular pleasure to welcome my counterpart from our German twin town of Hamminkeln, Burgermeister Bernd Romanski, and his wife Heike, when they joined a visit organised by Sedgefield Twinning Association.



Recently, I announced details of the charities that I will be supporting during my term as mayor. I will be raising funds for the Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS), the Macular Society and other local good causes. I have chosen GNAAS because the organisation is not publicly funded and it has come to the aid of friends of mine in the past. The Macular

Society provides outstanding help and support to people with macular disease and dystrophies. Macular degeneration generally occurs among older people, but Elizabeth has had the disease since her early thirties and is registered blind. She has had excellent experiences in her contact with the charity and we are both very keen to raise money for such a worthy cause.

My fundraising activities will take place throughout my time as Mayor of Sedgefield, so look out for details as they are publicised and all support will be gratefully received. The fundraising will culminate at the annual Mayor's Charity Ball early next year. Please note that the event will be a week earlier than usual this time, on Friday 23rd February at Hardwick Hall Hotel. I hope to see many of you there and at other civic occasions and events between now and next May.

Sedgefield Town Council Receives Award in National Scheme

Over the last couple of years, the town council has undertaken a rigorous review of its policies, governance arrangements, financial systems and community engagement work.

As a result of this, we are delighted to have been accredited with the Foundation Level of the national Local Council Award Scheme. Councillor Mel Carr, Chair of the town council, was recently presented with

the award by Mr Dennis Coates, National Association of Local Council's Local Accreditation Panel Chairman.

Councillor Carr said: "This is a great achievement by Sedgefield Town Council and recognises that we achieve good practice. The council is committed to further improvement and we look forward to one day achieving even greater success in this scheme".

Youth Club UPDATE

We are pleased to report that the Sedgefield Youth Club was launched on Monday 3rd July 2017, with dedicated sessions for children in school years 3-6 running from 6pm-7pm and a later session for young people in school years 7-11, from 7pm-8:30pm.

These sessions are being funded by the town council and run on our behalf by professional youth workers. The youth club has had a break over the summer holidays and will restart on Monday 4th September 2017. Young people will be working with us to try to secure grant funding to purchase items of equipment they would like to use in future sessions, and to explore the potential for developing additional youth provision initiatives in Sedgefield. More information can be found on our website - www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk or by contacting the town council offices on 01740 621 273 / natale@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk.

Ceddesfeld Hall Lease UPDATE

We are delighted to report that following a very successful independent mediation process, a new lease for Ceddesfeld Hall has been agreed between Sedgefield Town Council and Sedgefield Community Association.



The Sedgefield Plan UPDATE

Following receipt of the independent examiner's report, Sedgefield Town Council, in conjunction with members of the plan's steering group and officers from Durham County Council, have modified The Sedgefield Plan to meet the needs of the examiner, but still reflect the views of the community gathered during the numerous consultation exercises conducted during its development.

This modified plan was formally resubmitted to Durham County Council on 13th March 2017, with the request that it then be resubmitted to the independent examiner.

Since this time, there has been active dialogue between the town council and Durham County Council as there is a significant difference of opinion between both as to the correct procedure for this plan moving towards its ultimate goal of a community referendum.

A meeting was held on 21st July 2017 between Sedgefield Town Council and Durham County Council at which the county council agreed to seek independent counsel advice in order to get a definitive answer on the procedural issues now holding up The Sedgefield Plan. The modified plan can be found at www.thesedgefieldplan.co.uk.

The town council will continue to keep you updated through our website (www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk), the plan's website, Sedgefield Extra and the residents' database.

ALLOTMENT CHALLENGE

Judging for this year's Allotment Challenge took place on Thursday 29th June. Both sites have made significant improvement since last year, making it almost impossible to choose the 'best improved' category winners.

Allotment champion Councillor Alf Walton and his wife Toni who kindly sponsor the annual challenge will be revealing the results at the annual presentation dinner later this year.

Allotment holders will be contacted directly when the date has been decided. The winners will be featured in the November edition of the Sedgefield Extra so keep your eyes peeled!

Welcome to the Newly Co-opted Councillors



Ann Carr

I have lived and worked in Sedgefield for 47 years and always been interested in what makes our town thrive and why it is a popular place to live. I am married to Mel and we have two daughters. I have worked as a nurse, midwife and hotelier in Sedgefield for many years. I enjoy travel, reading and am a keen participant/volunteer in many groups such as the Inner Wheel, U3A, Tea Dance, and volunteer at Holme House Prison. I am concerned with what can be done to preserve what we have in Sedgefield and how to improve it. I will do my best to support the residents of Sedgefield in maintaining and building on all the great things we have in our town.



Mavis Wayman

I came to live in Sedgefield in 1960, and my two children were born here and attended the local primary schools. My working life was divided into two parts, being the owner of Jayne Fashions Ltd. and Customer Services Manager at Filmco International on the trading estate. I was appointed Youth Leader in the village in the 70s and had a hut at the isolation hospital as a centre. I hope to serve the residents in a way which will maintain the characteristics of the "village", ensuring we have a safe environment in which to live and participate in a controlled housing development plan.



Leo McCormack

I was born and raised in the North East of England and 15 years ago my wife and I decided to move to Sedgefield. We are delighted that we made the move as both of us thoroughly enjoy the many social and communal aspects that the village has to offer. Throughout my professional career I was involved in community activities and I would like to offer my services to aid the community in whichever way possible.

THE NEW FLETCHER ROOM

The Fletcher Room refurbishment is now complete! We hope you will agree from the before and after photos below that this is a fantastic improvement to the room and we hope this will be well used facility over the coming months and years.



The Fletcher Room now has its own dedicated kitchen area which can be hired for a nominal additional fee, which means that this room becomes a self-contained area. New furniture is now being sourced, as well as acoustic boarding. The next Parish Hall User Forum meeting will be held in September 2017. Further information regarding the Parish Hall will be included in the November edition of the Sedgefield Extra.

Tub Planting and Northumbria in Bloom

On 22nd June 2017, the village green hosted young people from throughout the town as they came together to brighten up the area with marigolds, petunias, trailing lobelia and more.

We are sure that you will agree that the tubs look fantastic this year, all in time for this year's Northumbria in Bloom summer judging, which took place on 19th July. A big thanks to all the participants from Sedgefield Primary, Sedgefield Hardwick Nursey, 1st Sedgefield Brownies, 1st Sedgefield Guides, 2nd Sedgefield Brownies, St Edmund's Pre School Coffee & Cake Group and Sedgefield Methodist Playgroup. As always, we are very

grateful to our newly promoted Gardening Superintendent and Cemetery Supervisor Stephen Young for preparing the tubs and overseeing the event, and to all of the volunteers from Sedgefield In Bloom who do so much to work to make our town look so beautiful.



Butterwick Road Cemetery UPDATE

Work is now actively underway to confirm that expansion of Butterwick Road Cemetery into the area behind the existing shelter and ashes garden can take place.

We are confident that such expansion will be allowed, but this will be a significant project for Sedgefield Town Council and will involve many external organisations. It will be some time before this expansion is completed and it is important that we conserve as much space as possible in the existing cemetery to ensure that interments can take place. For this reason, with immediate effect and for the foreseeable future, the practice of pre-purchasing grave plots has been suspended, with the only exception being that a spouse can pre-purchase a grave plot to be next to their already interred partner.

New Way To Report To Durham County Council

Durham County Council has been rolling out its new online complaints service over recent months.

Due to this new process, the town council is no longer able to facilitate complaints relating to the following Durham County Council areas: roads, footpaths, streetlights, rubbish and recycling, commercial waste, neighbourhood wardens, stray dogs, abandoned vehicles, pest control, street cleaning, litter and dog fouling, graffiti, fly tipping and fly posting. For a full list of Durham County Council contact details, please see the 'Contacting Durham County Council' section on the back page of the Sedgefield Extra. Alternatively, contact information for your local county councillors can also be found on the back page.

New Parish Hall Weekend Cleaner

We are delighted to welcome Jayne Waite as our new Parish Hall cleaner.

Jayne will be working in the Parish Hall on weekends and will provide cover when our Parish Hall caretaker is away. Jayne looks forward to meeting you all!