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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 www.sedgefield.net	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 jane@sedgefield.net	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 angela.simpson@sedgefield.net	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.

Mayor's Charity FUNDRAISING EVENTS

World of Jane Austen

Date & Time: 9th November 1.30pm
Venue: Sedgefield Parish Hall
Price: Tickets £5

Mayor's Christmas Carol Service

Date: 10th December

Country Meets Rock & Roll

Date: 9th January
Venue: Sedgefield Parish Hall
Price: Tickets £10 (includes pie & peas)

All tickets available from council offices

York Christmas Shopping Trip

Date: Wednesday 4th November
Price: Tickets £9, from the council offices

NOISE

Sedgefield Town Council supports all residents in their concerns over public nuisance in the form of unnecessary noise and disturbance.

In the October 2015 issue of Sedgefield News an article by Mr Malcolm Tooley details how evidence of noise nuisances must be correctly recorded and reported to Durham County Council especially in relation to licensed premises as that is the licensing authority. Such instances can be reported via email ehcp@durham.gov.uk. Residents without access to email can either contact Durham County Council directly on 03000 261016 or telephone the Town Council on 01740 621273 and request it be emailed on.

Any residents wishing to be kept updated on this issue should express their interest to sednoisecontrol@yahoo.co.uk, to set up a contacts database and issue periodic information updates.

The next edition of the Extra will be published in 2016, so in the meantime, it's an early 'Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year' from everyone at Sedgefield Town Council!

Sedgefield SNOW PARTY

Saturday 28th November

* DANCING WITH SNOWMEN

On the village green at 4.25pm

* Christmas lights switch on at 4.30pm

Glo-stick raffle tickets are £1, available from primary schools and the council offices. Christmas lights will be switched on by the winning ticket holder drawn at 4.15pm.



* Carol singing in St Edmund's Church

* SANTA CLAUS WILL BE IN HIS GROTTTO

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 • FACE PAINTING
REINDEER HELPERS • CHRISTMAS FAYRE.**

* Christmas Craft Fair and Refreshments

in Ceddesfeld Hall 1.00 - 4.00pm
SWEETS • TREATS • TOYS • CRAFTS • DECORATIONS • TOMBOLA

The Sedgefield Plan

We continue to push ahead with work on The Sedgefield Plan. As one of the first communities in County Durham to embark on the Neighbourhood Plan process, we are having to deal with all of the challenges that come with a complex new project of this nature.

In August 2015, the town council formally adopted the draft of The Sedgefield Plan, which had been developed and delivered by a steering group of committed volunteers from the community. We are now working hard to ensure that we fulfil all of the procedural requirements set down in national policy, so that our plan can progress through the formal inspection process as smoothly and quickly as possible and then be presented to residents for approval in a referendum. We will keep the community informed.

Town Council FIREWORKS DISPLAY

The annual Sedgefield Town Council Fireworks Display will take place on Saturday 31st October 2015 in the grounds of Ceddesfeld Hall. This year's event is being organised as a partnership between the council and G2 Fireworks.

Tickets are available from the council offices and Sedgefield Post Office priced at £2.50 per adult and £1.50 per child (16 and under.) No further admissions when tickets have sold out - please buy your tickets in advance to avoid disappointment.

HALLOWEEN HOWLER Competition

Bring along and display your carved pumpkin lanterns in Ceddesfeld Hall entrance before 5.30pm.



Judging by the Mayor will take place at 5.45pm. Every entrant will receive a prize and there will be a special first prize.

NEW Town Council Website

Over recent months a lot of work has been taking place to design a new fit-for-purpose town council website.

We want to have a website that not only gives you access to our agendas and minutes but one that also provides you with direct access to a wealth of information relating to the role, remit and workings of the council and our priorities and aspirations. We anticipate that the new site will go live before our next edition of the Extra. We will announce the launch of the site via the Sedgefield News and residents' database.

Parish Hall User CONSULTATION

Sedgefield Parish Hall is a much loved and well used facility. Over recent months a number of problems have been experienced and reported to the town council from different groups and individuals.

While the town council is investigating these issues we have also been undertaking a consultation exercise with hall users to get an understanding of how they use the facility, their experiences (both positive and negative) and their current requirements. This consultation exercise finished on Friday 23rd October 2015 and the town council is now reviewing the findings in order to resolve the recent problems for the benefit of all hall users.

While the consultation exercise has been taking place the council has been reviewing the Parish Hall User Booklet and will soon be issuing a new Parish Hall User Policy that will give greater detail of how the hall can, and cannot, be used so that we ensure all individuals and groups benefit as much as possible from the hall and its facilities. The findings from our consultation exercise and the new Parish Hall User Policy will be reported in more detail in the next edition of the Extra.

To help oversee this work, Cllr Allan Blakemore, has been appointed as the council's Parish Hall Champion. The town council is always keen to hear from residents, regarding the Parish Hall - please email comments@stc.net.

Council Offices - New Public Opening Times

The council offices are open to the public Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays) from 9.00am until 12.00 noon.

During these times members of the public are welcome to call into the offices at their convenience. After noon each day the offices are closed to the public; however, pre-booked appointments can be made if you are unable to visit during the morning. Telephone calls to the council can be made at any time on Monday to Friday, from 9.00am until 4.00pm (excluding bank holidays).

GOLDEN WEDDING Celebrations



Jackie and Ernie Postgate were student nurses at Winterton Hospital and married when they were both 21.

Ernie qualified as an RGM and became a charge nurse. Following the birth of her children Steven and Julie, Jackie became a district nurse in Ferryhill where she worked until she retired. They now have six grandsons.

Both have been involved in scouting and guiding. Jackie's guiding career began in the Friarage Hospital, Northallerton where she was a patient having contracted TB in her hip. As she was a patient for so long she joined brownies and then guides. Jackie later became an international advisor and has enabled girls from these establishments to travel all over the world.

In 2005 she received The Sedgefield Citizen of the Year award and in 2008 was awarded an MBE for services to guiding and is still involved in guiding today.

Up until last year, Ernie was still nursing to pay for all the cruises they both enjoy, during their well-earned retirement!

The final stage of St Edmund's Church wall refurbishment

The funding for the refurbishment of this final stage of the church wall alongside Sedgefield Social Club was allocated from the town council budget.

A skilled contractor has now worked on three separate sections of the wall and completed the final stage of the works to a very good standard. We are sure that you will agree St Edmund's Church wall has been refurbished to a very high standard and will remain a prominent feature of the town for many years to come.

DIAMOND WEDDING Celebrations



Congratulations to Fred and Rita Howlett of 2 Swyfte Close.

Now married for 60 years, they celebrated at Hardwick Hall with family and friends. Both Fred and Rita worked for the National Coal Board for most of their lives. Rita also worked for Sedgefield Borough Council prior to her retirement.

Rita enjoys knitting and both have been keen gardeners over the years, having won Civic Trust awards at their former address on Conifer Avenue.

Sedgefield Squash Club - Terrace Hill Funding Update

£22,500 has been released by Sedgefield Town Council from the Terrace Hill fund (linked to the development of the Sainsbury's supermarket) as Sedgefield Squash Club progresses its plans to upgrade and improve its facilities.

Nine Golden Awards for Sedgefield! - Northumbria in Bloom

For the ninth year in succession Sedgefield in Bloom has won a gold award. Northumbria in Bloom Judges commented that "Sedgefield is clearly a very experienced entry and what they do, they do to a very high standard and it is a pleasure to see".

The town council would like to thank everyone in the community for their efforts and contributions which helped to achieve this success, particularly the town council gardener Stephen Young and assistant Roy Cairns and the many Sedgefield in Bloom volunteers. Local businesses who keep their premises in sterling condition and have floral displays which contribute to Sedgefield's success are to be highly commended and Northumbria in Bloom acknowledged that fact by awarding gold to the Golden Lion and the Dun Cow.

Sedgefield in Bloom Children's Sunflower Competition 2015

1st	Thomas Hoggarth	3metres 10 cms
2nd	Amelia Pilling	2metres 90 cms
Joint	Evie Legender	2metres 53 cms
3rd/4th	Emily Legender	2metres 53 cms
5th	Ava Bell	2metres 40 cms
6th	Isla Littlefair	2metres 30 cms

This is the third time that Thomas has won the competition. He was very excited when he was told he had won again and said that he was going to need a trophy cabinet. His was the only sunflower to reach over three metres this year so it has clearly been a challenging summer for our growers.

ALLOTMENT CHALLENGE

The presentation of cups and prizes for this year's allotment challenge took place on 15th October in the Golden Lion.

Allotment champion Cllr Alf Walton sponsored the challenge with his wife Toni and they awarded the trophies and garden centre vouchers. The Winterton site cup winners were Margaret and Gerry Mann, with Andrew Sirrell in second place and Ian Pattie winning the award for most improved plot. For the Butterwick site, the cup was awarded to Mr and Mrs Kevin Norman, with Keith Barras in second and Derek Tiplady winning most improved.

The waiting list for allotments has now been considerably reduced, so if you are interested in a plot, it is a good time to add your name. Please contact us on 01740 621273.



WINTERTON MAKEOVER

Recently County Durham Youth Engagement Service renovated the fence and workshop at the town council's Winterton allotment site.

Many thanks for a job well done.



Day to Day Work at SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Sedgefield Town Council is a small organisation with limited budget and resources.

The council has 15 elected councillors who make decisions. On a day to day basis the council's business is managed by a small team led by town clerk Jane Ayre. Despite its size the town council does work on an extensive programme of projects for the community. Each edition of the Extra offers a flavour of what we are doing, or are planning, but does by no means paint a full picture.

Every month, the full council usually meets once (at 7.00pm on the second Monday), as does the Policy & Resources Committee (immediately after full council) and the Community Development & Engagement and Environment Committees (from 7.00pm on the third Monday). These meetings all take place in the council offices and members of the public are welcome to attend. There is the opportunity for public participation at all of these meetings. Alongside these meetings are other committees (Personnel, Sedgefield Extra and Community Chest) plus working groups (Estates, Finance, Fireworks, Policy & Records Management and Youth) and an array of other meetings at which the town council is present (including Sedgefield 700+ and many more).

Our small team of council staff make sure that everything relating to the above is managed efficiently, while councillors volunteer to play active roles in each committee or group. And of course, staff and councillors also have to deal with the unexpected ('stuff' happens!) or with issues that inevitably arise around topics such as planning. Town councillors regularly attend Durham County Council meetings or hearings to represent the community during the consideration of planning or licence applications.

It is not possible to include details of everything that we do in the Extra, but once our new website is ready, we will be able to share a lot more online. And of course, we always welcome input, comments and suggestions from residents.

You can email comments@stc.net, call 01740 621273 or visit the offices during opening hours.