



# EXTRA SEDGEFIELD

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## SEDGEFIELD YOUTH CLUB EASTER HOLIDAYS RECAP



Sedgefield Youth Club had a fantastic time over the Easter holidays, with five sessions supported by Sedgefield Town Council, East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership and Durham County Council's Fun and Food scheme. On top of our usual Monday evening session we went ice skating, held an Easter egg hunt, danced the night away at a disco and baked afternoon tea to enjoy with family members. We enjoyed so much yummy food including lasagne (cooked from scratch), pizza, disco buffet and a picnic. We're always so glad to welcome new members and provide families with some support and relief outside of term time. We hope to secure funding for the summer holidays so please keep an eye out on Sedgefield Town Council's website [sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk) and Twitter @SedgefieldTC nearer the time.



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

Following the conclusion of our Annual General Meeting on 15th May 2023, it was unanimously agreed that **ClIr Mel Carr** will be the Chair of Sedgefield Town Council and **ClIr Allan Blakemore** will be Vice-Chair. The Chair and Vice-Chair of our Committees are now as follows:

### **Policy & Resources:**

ClIr Allan Blakemore  
ClIr Jenny Haworth

### **Environment:**

ClIr Stephen Winter  
ClIr Mark Cant

### **Community Development & Engagement:**

ClIr Mavis Wayman  
ClIr Ann Carr

### **Personnel Committee:**

ClIr Allan Blakemore  
ClIr Jenny Haworth

### **Sedgefield Extra:**

ClIr John Finlayson  
ClIr Julie Towler

### **Community Chest:**

ClIr Julie Towler  
ClIr Mavis Wayman

## CORONATION CELEBRATIONS: A THANK YOU

We would like to express a huge thank you to all involved in organising and overseeing the town's coronation celebrations across the Bank Holiday weekend. Special thanks go to the 700+ Committee for putting together the programme of events, Sedgefield Area Churches Together, Sarah Guest and all SCA volunteers for overseeing the celebration event at Ceddesfeld Hall and to Sew Easy for creating the lovely bunting that lined the walls of St Edmund's Churchyard and the Parish Hall. We hope you all enjoyed the celebrations, despite the groggy weather! To see all the photos from the weekend, check the news page of our website.



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW OFFICE STAFF MEMBER:

**ADAM HEATH**



We're sure many of our regular Parish Hall users have already got to know Adam through his role as Parish Hall Security Officer over recent years, however, we are delighted to welcome him as the latest member of our office team in his new role as Receptionist & Parish Hall Support Assistant.

Adam is now the friendly face operating our front desk during weekday mornings and continues to carry out opening and closing duties in the Parish Hall Monday-Thursday.

## SEDGEFIELD IN BLOOM BEACON UPDATE

For many years now we have all enjoyed the stunning Sedgefield in Bloom Beacon which has been a key feature in the flower bed near to the bus shelter on the central village green.

Unfortunately, the beacon has now come to the end of its life and is beyond repair. As a result, the beacon has been removed. We are looking at other options for a feature on the central village green area and will provide future updates through the Sedgefield Extra.

## CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2023

We are pleased to announce that the 2022 Citizen of the Year Award was presented to... Wendy Rowley! Wendy moved to Sedgefield with husband Jack in 1987, where they have raised children Hannah and Matthew. Although a recognisable face for many while working in the Nags Head and Social Club, it was in September of 2009 that Wendy's incredible impact on the community began.



(L-R) Mel Carr (Sedgefield Rotary Club), Wendy Rowley, Mayor of Sedgefield Cllr Dave Jasper and Roger Clubley (Sedgefield Development Trust)

With both children soon to be at university, Wendy started working at the Pop In, a friendly group for older people which recently celebrated their 25th anniversary. Wendy's dedication to sourcing and providing varied entertainment and activities, with support from her essential volunteers, has led to the group becoming such an important network for many elderly residents. The club also regularly takes part in community events, providing some of the best baked goods we have ever tasted!



2022 Citizen of the Year Wendy Rowley celebrating her accolade with family and friends

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Wendy went out of her way to contact the club's many members regularly (and our source says the family even had to upgrade their BT plan!) until the club could be safely re-opened. We are incredibly proud and lucky to have Wendy play such a large role in caring for our community. Congratulations!

These annual awards are organised through a partnership

between Sedgefield Town Council, Sedgefield Rotary Club and Sedgefield Development Trust. At the beginning of each year, residents are invited to nominate candidates through a form included in the Sedgefield News and then a panel of judges (including the immediate previous holder of the award) select the winner.

For the full write-up on our winner and the rest of the Annual Town Meeting, including the Mayor of Sedgefield Cllr Dave Jasper's donations, visit the news page of our website.

## THE QUEENS TREE – COMMEMORATIVE TREE UPDATE

The Town Council has purchased, on behalf of the Parish's residents, a black walnut tree to commemorate HM Queen Elizabeth II. The tree has been planted at the old Beacon Lane cemetery site using compost generated from the floral tributes placed at the War Memorial by residents. This site was chosen to ensure it has every chance of growing into a veteran tree which can be enjoyed for many generations to come. Work is now underway to fit a suitable commemorative plaque near to this tree.



## WELCOME TO THE MAYOR 2023/24: COUNCILLOR DAVE JASPER



Mayor of Sedgefield Cllr Dave Jasper with Consort Annette Lawson

It was a great honour to be entrusted with the role of Mayor during the last year and I am incredibly proud to have raised over £13,000 which was donated to Cancer Research UK and a wide variety of local groups and organisations at the Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

To be elected to continue as Mayor for a further year is a real

privilege and an undoubted pleasure. Once again, I will endeavour to give 100% commitment to the position, representing Sedgefield across the North East and promoting the fact that it is a fabulous place to live and bring up a family.

A large part of the role is to raise funds for charity so watch out for me shaking my collection bucket at various events during the next year. My headline charity for the year ahead is the Red Sky Foundation, which raises funds for defibrillators in the North East, together with local community organisations. Some of these defibrillators will be heading to Sedgefield. So please get behind me and show your support once more.

### A WORD FROM THE CHAIR: COUNCILLOR MEL CAR

I am pleased and honoured to be elected chairman of Sedgefield Town Council again this year. There have been some changes to the councillors in the form of resignations and additions and I look forward to working with all, also with council staff to achieve the best in all matters for the residents of Sedgefield.



### NOTICE OF CASUAL VACANCY: COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION

Notice is hereby given that by reason of councillor resignation one vacancy has occurred among the members of the Town Council. Any persons willing to fill this vacancy should request from the Clerk an application form and return this on or before noon on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023. The applicant's name must appear on the current register of the Voters List or the applicant should during the whole of the twelve months preceding the relevant date resided in or within three miles of the parish or the applicant's only place of work during the whole of the twelve months preceding the relevant date is in the parish. The applicant must not be debarred from standing as a councillor.

PUBLIC elections cannot be held until the year 2025 but for the interim period election to the aforesaid council will be voted for by the present sitting number of councillors.

*T. J. Ayre*  
Dr Jane Ayre  
Town Clerk  
14<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

The Town Council's 2022/23 Annual Report is now available on our website. If you require a printed copy, you are welcome to get in touch with us via email on [jane@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:jane@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk).

### ACTIVE TRAVEL PROJECT JUNE UPDATE

Work began on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 to upgrade a crucial pedestrian link between Sedgefield and Hardwick Park. The pathway, which follows a route from the western end of Station Road to the existing underpass beneath the A177, will be widened and resurfaced to provide a more suitable route for all residents. A full write-up on this work can be found on the news page of our website. By the time this edition of Sedgefield Extra is released, the work should be complete, and we hope many of you will be able to utilise this path in the near future.

Funding has now also been secured through the Area Action Partnership's Towns and Villages Fund to refurbish the bus shelter on the central village green area and to install bike racks nearby. The bus shelter is nearly complete, and we are awaiting the nearby groundworks to begin.

Durham County Council are analysing the findings from the Active Travel public consultation held earlier in the year and we will provide updates on those findings and how these will influence other active travel work in the area through future editions of the Extra, our website and Twitter account.



## NEWLY CO-OPTED COUNCILLOR: ELIZABETH FLANAGAN



I was born in Sedgefield and have lived here for most of my life, most recently moving into Hamminkeln Place last year with the 19yr old son. I work for Durham County Council and have a background in Housing. I was a member of Sedgefield Young Farmers for many years and am a current member of the Sedgefield Players. I feel it is important for people to be involved in area where they live and am looking forward to helping with community development and improving our green spaces and quality of life. I hope to bring a new perspective to the council and looking forward to working with the rest of the council members.

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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 / <a href="http://www.durham.gov.uk/planning">www.durham.gov.uk/planning</a>
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 via [www.doitonline.gov.uk](http://www.doitonline.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!

#### SAVE THE DATE

##### Tub Planting

29<sup>th</sup> June 2023

##### Keswick Coach Trip

29<sup>th</sup> June 2023

##### Skipton Coach Trip

23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023

##### Mayor's Quiz

20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

##### Fireworks Display

27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

##### Snow Party

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

##### York Coach Trip

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

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