



EXTRA SEDGEFIELD

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NEW MAYOR OF SEDGEFIELD 24/25 - PETER HINDE



Welcome to the new Mayor of Sedgefield 2024/25 – Cllr Peter Hinde. Cllr Hinde was elected as Mayor at our AGM on Monday 13th May 2024 and is looking forward to meeting many new faces throughout the town as his year of fundraising begins.

Peter is very proud to have been elected as Mayor of Sedgefield this year and had the following to say:

“Since moving here from Manchester in 1984, I have never stopped appreciating this wonderful town of ours, both the setting and our community. In the early days, I remember joining Sedgefield’s Badminton Club, then became a member of the SCA and went on to join the committee.

Over the years, the community welcomed me warmly and I participated in many community events and fundraising efforts, the biggest being the Mediaeval Fayre. I recall spending the week before the event going door to door and collecting items. I also played a part in organising the popular Proms in the Park concerts we used to hold each summer behind Ceddesfeld Hall.

When my wife Jaime and I returned to the UK after working in the Middle East for ten years, there was only one place we wanted to return to – Sedgefield. We love living in this community and will contribute to it in any way we can.

I am a great believer in ‘together, we are stronger’ and that you only get out of something what you put in, so for the next 12 months we will endeavour to raise funds for local causes and charities through various events and promotions. Thank you in advance!”

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

At our Annual General Meeting held on 13th May 2024, it was unanimously agreed that **Cllr Mel Carr** will be the Chair of Sedgefield Town Council and **Cllr Allan Blakemore** will be Vice-Chair. The Chair and Vice-Chair of our Committees are now as follows:

Policy & Resources:

Chair: Cllr Allan Blakemore
Vice-Chair: Cllr Jenny Haworth

Environment:

Chair: Cllr Mark Cant
Vice-Chair: Cllr John Finlayson

Community Development & Engagement:

Chair: Cllr Mavis Wayman
Vice-Chair: Cllr Ann Carr

Personnel Committee:

Chair: Cllr Allan Blakemore
Vice-Chair: Cllr Jenny Haworth

Sedgefield Extra:

Chair: Cllr John Finlayson
Vice-Chair: Cllr Mavis Wayman

Community Chest:

Chair: Cllr Julie Towler
Vice-Chair: Cllr Mavis Wayman

D-DAY 80

Thursday 6th June 2024

You are cordially invited to attend a short commemorative service at Sedgefield’s war memorial near to St Edmund’s Church at 10:50am led by Mr Michael King, then observe a 2-minute silence at 11am.



Sedgefield Area Churches Together

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Our 2023/24 Annual Report is now available on the 'Annual Reports, Accounts & Procedures' page at www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk. If you require a printed copy, you are welcome to get in touch via jane@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk.

PARISH HALL STAGE LIGHTING UPGRADE

Sedgefield Parish Hall is home to many regular performances, gigs and shows which benefit greatly from the fantastic sound and lighting facilities the venue has to offer. We're delighted that, thanks to Sedgefield Players and the East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership, the lighting facilities in the main hall have had a big upgrade to LED lights.

Not only will this have a positive impact on our hall users and their audiences, it will also help us continue with our goal of reducing our energy usage and promoting more energy efficient choices.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2023: IAN MASON



Our Citizen of the Year 2023 is... Ian Mason. Ian has lived in Sedgefield for 46 years, married to wife Anne, with 2 children and 3 grandchildren. Ian started his career in Durham Constabulary as a technician, moving on to become a lecturer in electrical engineering at Hartlepool College of FE. Working his way to senior lecturer and head of training, Ian finally retired after 50 years of hard work and dedication.

Many of us know Ian as the Chairman of Sedgefield Show and this year will mark his 18th year in the role, but did you know it was only originally a 2-year term? Ian has introduced many new ideas over the years, making the much-loved show even better. Alongside our own agricultural show, Ian has also just recently ended a 3-year term as Chairman of The Yorkshire Show Federation down in Harrogate.



Ian's keen interest in education continues after his retirement, providing much support to the young people of Sedgefield. He is currently one of the Directors of Sedgefield Fun Club and a Governor at Sedgefield Primary School.

Ian was absolutely delighted to win the award presented by Sedgefield Development Trust's Janette Savage; a surprise successfully executed under the guise of attending to collect one of the earlier donations. Congratulations!

YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2023: GEORGE NOTT

Congratulations to Sedgefield Youth Club's very own George Nott! At only 18 years old, George has made such an impact on our community already. Born and raised in the town, George expressed an interest in helping good causes from a young age, helping with coffee mornings, promotional material and even voice-overs for Durham Wildlife Trust.

George has been part of the Scouting movement from Beavers right through to Explorers, really enjoying the valuable skills and experiences learned. An avid member of Sedgefield SPYS, they have been acting in every pantomime and several plays since the age of 7. The excitement of being on stage has provided such a positive boost.

Now going through A-levels, George is balancing studies with giving back to the community that has provided so much. George often takes part in cleaning up the streets with Sedgefield Ploggers, delivers Sedgefield News every month and volunteers for Feeding Families. George has been an invaluable asset to Sedgefield Youth Club, joining at age 11 when the club first began in 2017. After graduating the senior sessions at 16, George has continued to support the members, earning a well-deserved staffing role and being a positive role model for the club's members.



George was presented with the award by County Councillor Chris Lines and, much like Ian, had been persuaded to attend the meeting for the youth club's Mayoral donation and had no idea what was coming their way. We wish you all the best with your exams and your next steps. Congratulations once again on all your achievements!

You can read the full write up of our Annual Town Meeting, including more information on the meeting itself and a full gallery of images over at www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/atm2024.

SEDGEFIELD YOUTH CLUB EASTER HOLIDAYS RECAP



We had a fantastic time over the Easter break. Our coffee morning raised £160, with lots of delicious tray bakes and cakes up for sale, baked by the members themselves. Thank you to everyone who came out to support us. We also had so much fun with a visit from Crazy Creatures. They brought lots of animals for us to meet - creepy crawlies, furry friends and a giant snake!



SEDGEFIELD PARISH HALL: A VERSATILE VENUE

Sedgefield Parish Hall has something for everyone - from exercise classes and coffee mornings to live music and wedding receptions. Have a look at the images in our online gallery showcasing the building in action www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/parish-hall-news/.

Don't hesitate to get in touch now on 01740 621273 to find a date that works for you.



Don't forget, if you're looking for something new to do in the town, you can also visit our Parish Hall Community page to explore some of the regular activities in the hall!

THANK YOU TO: MAYOR OF SEDGEFIELD 2023/24

Mayor of Sedgefield Cllr Dave Jasper and Consort Annette Lawson have had a remarkably busy year, travelling far and wide to promote our town and community. Attending well over 100 events (including his own highly successful music nights, coffee mornings, fashion show, civic ball and more), Dave has raised just over £13,300. This incredible 12 months of fundraising culminated in the Annual Town Meeting held on Tuesday 7th May 2024, where Dave proudly presented cheques to a whopping 32 causes.

Dave's headline charity was Red Sky Foundation, who have provided much support to his fundraising efforts, and together they have fitted 6 defibrillators in the town, raising awareness of their purpose and training. You can see the full list of causes which received donations from Dave this year, including images of the cheque presentations, on our website at www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/atm2024.

Over the course of Dave's two years as Mayor, an incredible £28,000 has been donated to charities and our local community. Thank you again for such incredible work. We hope you both now have some much deserved time to relax and put your feet up!



SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL COACH TRIP PROGRAMME 2024

This year's coach trip programme will see us journeying to Keswick on Thursday 20th June 2024, Ripon on Thursday 8th August 2024 and York on Thursday 21st November 2024. At the time of writing, we still have a few spaces on our coach to Ripon (£12) but we don't expect them to be available for long, so get in touch now to enquire about a seat.



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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 / www.durham.gov.uk/planning
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. 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

Keswick Coach Trip

20th June 2024

SOLD OUT

Tub Planting

27th June 2024

Village Green

Ripon Coach Trip

8th August 2024

ON SALE NOW

Mayor's Quiz

25th October 2024

Ceddesfeld Hall

Fireworks Display

1st November 2024

Ceddesfeld Hall Grounds

York Coach Trip

21st November 2024

Snow Party

30th November 2024

Various Locations

The new Mayor of Sedgefield, Cllr Peter Hinde, will be hosting many events over the next year to raise money for the local causes. You can find information on all his events as they are announced by checking the mayor's page at www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/mayor, following our X account @SedgefieldTC and reading future editions of Sedgefield Extra.

