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# Sedgefield Snow Party

Saturday 30th November 2024

## Santa's Grotto

PARISH HALL 12-3:30PM

Tickets £3 include a gift. Must be pre-booked at Council Office. Plus free bouncy castle, face painter and Sedgefield Youth Club bake sale



## Craft Fayre

CEDDESFIELD HALL 1-3:45PM

Local craft stalls and SCA bran tub. Refreshments by Sedgefield District Uniformed Services Group. Ceddesfeld Hall Bar open 1-6pm

## Carol Service

ST EDMUND'S CHURCH 3:45PM

With ukulele group. Church open from 3:15pm



## Light Switch On

TURNING CIRCLE 4:25PM

Switched on by Mayor of Sedgefield and lucky glow-raffle winner, drawn on the night. Raffle tickets £1 available from local primary schools and Council Office



## BUTTERWICK ROAD CEMETERY EXPANSION: LATSEST UPDATE



Several years ago, the town council made a commitment to expand Butterwick Road Cemetery to ensure Sedgefield continued to have a burial facility. Since that commitment was made, a huge amount of work has taken place in terms of land purchase; project design and costings; submission of planning application; undertaking pre-commencement conditions which included groundwater testing and archaeological digs; preparing detailed work specifications; and performing a robust tendering exercise. A specialist contractor was commissioned to work with the town council throughout this project.

All planning matters have now been approved and a contractor appointed. Work on-site will commence in early Spring 2025 and should take around 4 months to complete. A new access road is being created with turning circle for funeral vehicles, new paths will be made and the shelter in the existing area of the cemetery will be redesigned to create a walk-way feature linking the existing and new areas. This project will ensure the town has a burial facility for several generations to come.

We will continue to keep you updated on this project.

## REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

This year's Remembrance Day service will be held at 10:00am in St Edmund's Church on Sunday 10th November 2024. It will be followed by a silence and laying of wreaths at the Sedgefield War Memorial.

## MAYOR'S CAROL SERVICE

Our Mayor's Carol Service will be held in St Edmund's Church at 7:00pm on Thursday 5th December 2024. All are welcome to come and enjoy the carols and performances by the joint schools choir.

## AUTUMN UPDATE FROM THE MAYOR: CLLR PETER HINDE

My last update was shared just before my first event took place, an amazing coffee morning in the Parish Hall with surprise guests, our local ukulele group. It was a great start to my year of fundraising and a pleasure to meet all who attended. It was quickly followed by my second event, a bingo night in Ceddesfeld Hall on 7th September 2024. It was very well supported, lots of fun with a great atmosphere.

Our Ceilidh, which took place on 12th October 2024, sold out very quickly. I really appreciate all the support and hope everyone had an incredible night of dancing and laughter. With each event held, I gain lots of knowledge and experience that will help make my next events even better!



Speaking of upcoming events, we have more sold-out fundraisers on the horizon. The Mayor's Quiz should be a fantastic night on 23rd November 2024 and the one we're all looking forward to, the Mayor's NYE Dance with Mamma Said, will close out the year nicely. You can still put your names on the waiting list for any late cancellations!

Looking into the new year, I've organised a coffee morning on 24th January 2025 and a Valentine's Dance in Sedgefield Parish Hall on 14th February 2025. Tickets £10, BYO food & drink. Look out for promotional material released before Christmas.

Alongside my fundraising events, I've enjoyed attending the many Friday coffee mornings held by community groups and local businesses. I'm looking forward to the upcoming festivities in Sedgefield, including judging the Halloween Howler Pumpkin Competition at the Fireworks Display on 1st November 2024 and switching the Christmas lights on with the lucky glow-raffle winner at the Snow Party on 30th November 2024. Jaime and I look forward to seeing you all over the next few months!

## COUNCIL OFFICE CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

Sedgefield Town Council Offices will close for Christmas at 12noon on Friday 20th December 2024 and re-open at 9am on Friday 3rd January 2025. We wish you a lovely Christmas and New Year!

## SEDGEFIELD YOUTH CLUB: SUMMER & THE YEAR AHEAD



Where to start... Our Summer holidays were so much fun. The trips proved as popular as ever, with one to Billingham Forum for ice-skating and the other to Hollywood Bowl – two of our favourites! The sessions became increasingly busy as we welcomed lots of new yr3 members to our juniors and moved our new yr6s to the seniors. Our fundraising coffee morning was an enormous success with a complete sell-out of our baked goods raising over £400. Thank you to everyone who came along to support us and special thanks to the ladies at Sedgefield WI for sharing your experience and advice!

As the end of the summer drew near, we started to feel a great sadness as our long-term member and Senior Volunteer George (who you may know as Young Citizen of the Year 2023) is leaving us to begin a new adventure at university in Leeds. We sent him off with everything he could possibly need to continue making his infamous brownies! Although the sessions won't be the same without George, we have 2 girls raring to fill his boots. We'll miss you!



We now look forward to the next term - we've started with lots of crafts, making autumn shadow boxes and Halloween decorations. This is always the best time of year for crafting, as we get closer to Christmas and Sedgefield Snow Party. We'll be serving more of our baked goods from the Parish Hall kitchen alongside Santa's Grotto, so we hope to see you there!

### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024. 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  
10<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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### CHRISTMAS COACH TRIP YORK CHRISTMAS MARKET

We kicked off our summer trips with our much-loved trip to Keswick in June, followed by a trip to Ripon in August. Our last remaining trip of the year, taking place on Thursday 21st November 2024, will see two coaches head off to York's vibrant Christmas market. At the time of writing, there are limited tickets still available, please get in touch for last-minute availability.

We'll let you know about our coach trip plans for 2025 in the new year, so keep your eye out! As always, suggestions on the locations of future trips are greatly appreciated.



### KEEPING UP WITH COUNCIL NEWS & EVENTS

Don't forget: for latest news and event updates, follow our X account @SedgefieldTC. You can also check the news page of our website at [sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/news](https://sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/news) in between editions of Sedgefield Extra for the latest info. Want something direct? Our residents' database email group delivers event news, council notices, scam warnings, road closure information, national campaigns and more straight to your inbox. Email us at [jane@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:jane@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk) for more details.



## HEADSTONE SAFETY TESTING 2024

Sedgefield Town Council is legally required to undertake headstone safety testing annually to ensure that headstones are stable and safe. Testing in Butterwick Road Cemetery, Beacon Lane Cemetery and Winterton Cemetery will take place soon. Any headstones found to be unstable will be marked with warning tape and we will, where such details are known, contact the next of kin as well as place advisory notices on the cemetery noticeboard.

## CONTACTING SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

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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	Living	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

### Fireworks Display

1<sup>st</sup> November 2024  
Ceddesfeld Hall Grounds  
**LIMITED TICKETS  
AVAILABLE ON GATE**

### York Coach Trip

21<sup>st</sup> November 2024  
**TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

### Mayor's Quiz

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024  
Ceddesfeld Hall  
**SOLD OUT**

### Remembrance Service

10<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
Turning Circle

### Snow Party

30<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
Various Locations

**SANTA & RAFFLE TICKETS  
ON SALE 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

### Mayor's Carol Service

5<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
St Edmund's Church

### Mayor's NYE Dance

31<sup>st</sup> December 2024  
Parish Hall  
**SOLD OUT**

### Mayor's Coffee Morning

24th January 2025  
Sedgefield Parish Hall

### Mayor's Valentine Dance

14th February 2025  
Sedgefield Parish Hall

