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EVENT CANCELLED.



Bring your carved pumpkin along to the Fireworks Display!
Entries can be submitted in Ceddesfeld Hall car park before the display starts. No naked flames - LED tealights only.
This year sees the return of our popular adult category, so the Mayor of Sedgefield will select one adult winner and two children's winners during the display.
Prizes and pumpkins can be collected from the car park.

MORNING AFTER FIREWORKS PLOG Join Sedgefield Ploggers in the grounds of Ceddesfeld Hall for a litter pick in the daylight on the morning after the display. Gloves/bags/ grabbers will be provided.

Everyone is welcome! Saturday 1st November 2025 10:30-11:15am.

# BUTTERWICK ROAD CEMETERY EXPANSION UPDATE

The Town Council made commitment several years ago to expand Butterwick Road Cemetery to ensure Sedgefield has an operational burial site for generations to come. The process for purchasing additional and obtaining planning permission has been lengthy but in Spring 2025 works started on-site. The works include joining the existing and new areas of the cemetery, installing footpaths, funeral car turning area and access road from an additional entrance near Butterwick Road allotments. Here are a series of images to give you an idea of the scale of this project. We will keep you updated on this matter through future editions of the Sedgefield Extra as well as our website Sedgefield Cemetery - Sedgefield Town Council.







Images supplied by Mr Neil Jewell, CS2 Ltd

#### **MAYOR'S UPDATE - COUNCILLOR PETER HINDE:**



I was deeply honoured to be elected for a second term of office as Mayor of our wonderful town. Along with my Consort, wife Jaime, we've thrown ourselves into things and been busy. Among my highlights were attending the fun day organised by Sedgefield Rugby Club held at Sedgefield Cricket Club. The heavens opened but that

didn't stop a large attendance of all ages having a great time. I was pleased to be presented with a Sedgefield Rugby Club tie which I will try (excuse the pun (3)) to wear when representing the town. The Friends of Hardwick Park invited me to attend the unveiling of the historic Hardwick Park gate at what was the original entrance to the Park. It is wonderful to see Sedgefield's heritage being kept alive. The Town Council's tub planting event is always a pleasure to be a part of and the young people who attended this year were a joy. Thanks guys! It is always an honour to be invited to attend and judge at Sedgefield Show. This year was the Show's 170th and another amazing array of activities and talents on display were enjoyed by residents and visitors. Thanks to all who supported our Mayor's first fund raising coffee morning where we had a wonderful treat in entertainment provided by the Smile Time ukelele band - so popular that they will be back at our next coffee morning on Friday 12th September 2025 so why not pop in if you can? We are blessed with a wonderful team of

helpers for our coffee mornings and I want to say a huge THANK YOU to them all - so another reason to call in to our next coffee morning! For information about my forthcoming fund raising events, please see the Save The Dates on the back page. We hope you will be able to support them.





#### **SEDGEFIELD HERITAGE BOARDS** UPDATE

The Town has two Heritage Boards which are located at the bottom of the church steps near Cross Street and on the central village green. These boards were installed in the early 2000s and link to the Town's heritage trails. You may have noticed the boards are looking in need of refurbishment and we want to reassure you we are looking at grant funding options to (hopefully) get these replaced.



# PONDS IN CEDDESFELD HALL GROUNDS AND WYKES CLOSE UPDATE

The Town Council, both local ward County Councillors, Durham County Council officers and Livin are in discussions regarding the ponds in the grounds of Ceddesfeld Hall and nearby Wykes Close to find out what work can be done to improve them. Once this is known then we will work together to try to find funding. We will keep you updated and we appreciate the comments we have received regarding these areas.

#### **TUB PLANTING 2025**

This year's tub planting took place in June and we were delighted that 43 young people from Sedgefield Primary School, Sedgefield Hardwick Primary, Sedgefield Community College's Student Voice, 2nd Sedgefield Brownies, 1st Sedgefield Beavers & Rangers took part. All tubs were planted and watered in no time at all! A big thank you to all staff/group leaders for your assistance on the day, members of Sedgefield In Bloom for your support and to the budding gardeners for their superb knowledge of plants and a morning of hard work!

#### **SEDGEFIELD YOUTH CLUB** UPDATE

We've had a busy Summer term preparing for our carnival fundraiser with members putting lots of effort into creating signs, games and lots of other things. We also had great support from some local businesses from cash donations to raffle prizes and many more. Thank you all, your support meant a lot. By the time you read this we'll also have run a busy Summer school holiday programme, which included our usual Monday night sessions, additional Wednesday sessions, family coffee morning and Summer disco. We are now looking forward to the Autumn term where a delicious baking project will give us a chance to get to know our new starters. For more information about the Youth Club see Sedgefield Youth Club - Sedgefield Town Council. Victoria, Kerry and the Team!

# NEWLY CO-OPTED TOWN COUNCILLOR - TONY STUBBS

We are delighted to announce that Tony Stubbs has recently been coopted to join Sedgefield Town Council. Tony says "I'm proud to represent the residents of Sedgefield as one of your Town Councillors. Born and raised in County Durham, I've lived in Sedgefield



and the surrounding area for over 20 years. I'm a Royal Navy Submarine veteran, a former County Councillor, and now a company director in the industrial water treatment sector. I'm married with two sons who were both educated in our excellent local schools. Sedgefield is more than just my home - it's my community. I'm committed to using my passion, professional experience, and local government knowledge to protect its unique character and ensure it remains a great place to live". More information regarding Tony and all of our councillors can be found at our website:

www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/town-council-councillors

#### **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 <a href="sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/news">sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/news</a> in between editions of Sedgefield Extra for the latest info. Want something direct? Why not join our residents' database email group? Through this database we deliver event news, council notices (including public statements about things such as planning developments), scam warnings, road closure information, national campaigns and more straight to your inbox. Email us at <a href="mailto:jane@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk">jane@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk</a> for more details.

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#### **SAVE THE DATE**

#### **Mayor's Coffee Morning**

12th September 2025 Sedgefield Parish Hall

#### Mayor's Ceilidh with Band Blind Panic

20th September 2025 Sedgefield Parish Hall

#### Mayor's Quiz

25th October 2025 Ceddesfeld Hall

### **Mayor's Fashion Show**

30th October 2025 Sedgefield Parish Hall

#### **Fireworks Display**

31st October 2025 Grounds of Ceddesfeld Hall

#### **Remembrance Sunday**

9th November 2025 St Edmund's Church and War Memorial

#### **York Coach Trip**

20th November 2025

#### **Snow Party**

29th November 2025 Various Locations

## Mayor's Coffee Morning

12th December 2025 Sedgefield Parish Hall

#### Mayor's New Year's Eve Dance with Mamma Said

31st December 2025 Sedgefield Parish Hall

For more upcoming events visit the 'What's On' page on our website



#### 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	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 <a href="www.doitonline.gov.uk">www.doitonline.gov.uk</a>. 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!