



EXTRA *SEDGEFIELD*

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MAYOR OF SEDGEFIELD 25/26 – CLLR PETER HINDE



Congratulations to our returning Mayor, Cllr Peter Hinde on being elected for a second year at our recent AGM held on Monday 19th May 2025. Peter is delighted to be re-elected, with his wife Jaime by his side as Consort once again and already has plans for an even bigger year of fundraising!

Peter says, "As with last year, we have decided that all funds we raise this year will be distributed to the local groups and organisations that make Sedgefield and surrounding area such a delightful place to live. We would like to thank everyone who attended our events last year. We are incredibly grateful for our small but perfectly formed group of volunteers, without whose help, we truly could not have achieved what we did."

"We're hoping to hold several coffee mornings, music nights, quizzes and various other forms of entertainment to raise funds again this year. Take a look at the Save The Dates on the back page of this edition and visit www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/mayor/ to see my upcoming events!"

COMMUNITY CHEST FUND ALLOCATION INCREASE

From 1st April 2025, we've increased our annual Community Chest allocation to £750, meaning more donations can be made to the local community. Several groups have already benefited from this year's pot so visit www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/community-chest/ to view the guidance and criteria to see if your group can apply now!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

At our Annual General Meeting held on 19th May 2025, 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 Ann Carr
Vice-Chair: Cllr Mavis Wayman

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW COUNCILLORS: MYLES MANTRIPP & HELEN CUNNINGHAM



Myles moved to Sedgefield with his wife in 2022 and after welcoming their first child last year, is now keen to become an active member in the community. Myles is passionate about supporting local businesses and is committed to helping preserve and enhance the natural beauty and essential services that make our area so special.

Having moved back to Sedgefield in 2021, Helen quickly threw herself into Sedgefield life by joining various community groups through involvement, support and volunteering. Helen is looking forward to working with her fellow councillors, building long term relationships with local businesses and community organisations.



BUTTERWICK ROAD CEMETERY EXPANSION

Lots of work has taken place on site at Butterwick Road Cemetery as our expansion project comes to fruition. The two images below show the site before work began and the current progress at the time of writing.

The pace of work will continue to be maintained over the coming weeks as the paths, vehicle turning point and access road are completed and work to join the existing area begins. More images from the last few weeks and further updates can be found at www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/sedgefield-cemetery/ as well as the next edition of Sedgefield Extra.



Images supplied by Mr Paul Heasman with sincere thanks from Sedgefield Town Council

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS!

We're delighted to share that our gardener Kate swapped her usual hi-viz jacket for a beautiful bridal gown as she walked down the aisle on Friday 4th April 2025.



Congratulations to Kate and Adam. We wish you a lifetime of happiness!

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2024: TONY GUEST

Your Citizen of the Year 2024 is... Tony Guest. Tony moved up north in 1976 to attend Bingley Teacher Training College and it was there that he met his wife, Sarah (our 2018 winner!). Tony and Sarah moved to Sedgefield 43 years ago and, as they say, the rest is history.

Tony began working locally with Sedgefield District Council, managing Ferryhill Leisure Centre. He moved on to run several other local leisure centres before transitioning to a more strategic role. In the final 15 years of his career, Tony worked for the NHS, retiring in 2021.



Soon after arriving in Sedgefield, Tony immersed himself in community life. He was an active member of the Sedgefield and District Round Table until he 'aged out' at 45 and helped establish PMT – Past Members of Table – where the camaraderie continued. Tony has also been a member of Sedgefield Community Association (SCA) for roughly 30 years, serving as a Trustee for half of it.

We couldn't be more thrilled to shine a light on his incredible service and commitment to our community – a truly worthy winner. Congratulations!

YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2024: IONA DARNTON

We're delighted to present our Young Citizen of the Year award to yet another member of our community setting a fantastic example – Iona Darnton.



Iona has been involved in our community from a very young age. Many recognise her through Sedgefield Lyrics Youth Choir (SLYC). If not, you may recognise her as a range of different characters! Iona has graced the Parish Hall stage as a member of Sedgefield Players' Youth Section (SPY)

for years and even took on a role of SPY committee member last year. Iona is also a valued member of Sedgefield Youth Club and has recently taken over as Senior Youth Leader from last year's winner George!

Iona has also earned significant praise and recognition throughout her academic life and continues to do so now at college, where she fulfils the role of Head Student. When available, she still returns to her primary school to help in the Early Years' Department. Congratulations on all your achievements Iona!

You can read more in the full recap of our Annual Town Meeting including Mayor's Charity donations at www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/ATM25.

STATION ROAD PLAYING FIELD: GOALPOSTS UPDATE

In 2024, Sedgefield Town Council and County Councillor Chris Lines were approached by local resident Lisa Kilner, who advocated for a local facility for young people to have a kickabout. With funding provided by County Councillor Chris Lines and former County Councillor David Brown, 7-a-side sized goalposts have now been installed on an unmarked 5-a-side pitch for informal use at Station Road Playing Field.



SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCILLORS: UNCONTESTED ELECTION MAY 2025

An uncontested election was held in May 2025, meaning that because the number of electors standing as a nominee for the role of Councillor was less than the number of our Councillor seats available (15), all those standing were automatically elected to the post, with the remaining position to be filled by co-option. You can see the co-option notice, which details the eligibility criteria, below. For more information on each Councillor including the committees, working groups and external bodies they sit on, plus a short introductory profile written by each Councillor, visit www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/town-council-councillors/. You can also find their public contact details on the back page of this publication - our Councillors are waiting to hear from you!



Cllr Allan Blakemore
Independent



Cllr Ciaran Butterworth
Independent



Cllr Mark Cant
Independent



Cllr Ann Carr
Independent



Cllr Mel Carr
Independent



Cllr Helen Cunningham
Independent



Cllr Kelly Dickerson
Independent



Cllr John Finlayson
Independent



Cllr Jenny Haworth
Independent



Cllr Peter Hinde
Independent



Cllr Dave Jasper
Independent



Cllr Myles Mantripp
Independent



Cllr Julie Towler
Independent



Cllr Mavis Wayman
Independent

NOTICE OF CASUAL VACANCY: COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION

Notice is hereby given that by reason of uncontested election, 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 Monday 14th July 2025. 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, have 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 2029 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
20th May 2025

Sedgefield Town Council Offices
13 Front Street
Sedgefield, TS21 3AT

COUNCIL OFFICE: DOG BAG PRICES 25/26

We are happy to confirm that we've been able to keep our much-loved dog bags on sale at the same price as last year: 80p for a pack of 50 strong bags. You can get yours between 9am-12pm weekdays (with the exception of 9am-1pm Wednesday) at the Town Council Office just to the left of the Doctor's Surgery. This remains a non-profit making service.



CONTACTING SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL COUNCILLORS:

	Addresses (all Sedgefield)	Tel. no.
Cllr Allan Blakemore	32 Beacon Avenue TS21 3AB	01740 621820
Cllr Ciaran Butterworth	Via Town Council Office	07837 647158
Cllr Mark Cant	Mordon Moor Farm TS21 2HN	07818 243774
Cllr Ann Carr	3 The Square TS21 2AB	01740 629070
Cllr Melvyn Carr	3 The Square TS21 2AB	629070 / 07530 315331
Cllr Helen Cunningham	5 Eden Drive, TS21 2DX	07932 074981
Cllr Kelly Dickerson	30 Beaumont Court TS21 3AH	07720 080497
Cllr John Finlayson	5 Pine Ridge Avenue TS21 3EF	01740 622313
Cllr Jenny Haworth	27 Station Rd TS21 2BY	07946 569178
Cllr Peter Hinde	44 West End TS21 2BT	01740 621709
Cllr Dave Jasper	The Mews, 1 Rosedale Close TS21 3EQ	07791 030886
Cllr Myles Mantripp	15 Mitford Court, TS21 2JE	07593 326925
Cllr Julie Towler	6 Mitford Court TS21 2JE	07979 376997
Cllr Mavis Wayman	32 White House Drive TS21 3BX	01740 620337

We currently have a councillor vacancy. See the co-option notice on page 3 for more details.

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Ian Catchpole	39 Front Street, Sedgefield TS21 3AT ian.catchpole@durham.gov.uk	07469 355600
Cllr Chris Lines	41 Whitehouse Drive, TS21 3BX chris.lines@durham.gov.uk	07971868329

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

Alan Strickland MP	alan.strickland.mp@parliament.uk
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Support Assistant:		

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	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. 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

Mayor's Quiz

16th August 2025

Ceddesfeld Hall

Knaresborough & Wetherby Coach Trip

20th August 2025

Mayor's Band Night

23rd August 2025

Parish Hall

Mayor's Coffee Morning

12th September 2025

Parish Hall

Mayor's Ceilidh

20th September 2025

Parish Hall

Mayor's Quiz

25th October 2025

Ceddesfeld Hall

Fireworks Display

31st October 2025

Ceddesfeld Hall Grounds

Remembrance Service

9th November 2025

War Memorial

York Coach Trip

TBC Late November 2025

Snow Party

29th November 2025

Various Locations

Mayor's NYE Dance

31st December 2025

Parish Hall

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

