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Sedgefield Snow Party

Saturday 29th November 2025



Christmas Tree Festival

ST EDMUND'S CHURCH FROM 10AM

Christmas trees decorated by local businesses and organisations

Santa's Grotto

PARISH HALL 12-3:12PM

Ticket £5 includes a wrapped gift, must be pre-booked at Council Office. Plus free bouncy castle, face painter, games by Chi Taekwondo and Sedgefield Youth Club bake sale



Craft Fayre

CEDDESFELD HALL 1-3:45PM

Local craft stalls and tombola. Refreshments by Sedgefield District Uniformed Services Group. Bar open until 6pm

Carol Service

ST EDMUND'S CHURCH 3:45PM

Carols with Ukulele Smile Time

LIMITED CAPACITY



Light Switch On

TURNING CIRCLE 4:20PM

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: LATEST UPDATE

We are delighted to report excellent progress with the expansion of Butterwick Road Cemetery. The new junction, funeral access road, retractable bollards and all paths are now in place, plus the stone shelter has been removed to allow the new area to join to the existing pathway. New seating has been created using stone from the dismantled shelter. Levelling and grass seeding work is underway and tree planting will take place before the end of the year, with the ground then left to establish until Spring 2026. We hope this new area can be operational by Summer 2026. We'll continue to keep you updated on the remaining work as this project nears completion.

UNAUTHORISED WORK ON HEADSTONES:

We have become aware of several instances whereby persons unknown have undertaken unauthorised work on headstones in Butterwick Road Cemetery. There is a procedure that must be followed to authorise such work, ensuring health & safety and national standards are met, with all work carried out by insured and qualified contractors. The recent unauthorised works have not included measures to ensure that the headstones are stable. As this work has not been permitted, those headstones recently subjected to unauthorised work will now be laid flat to prevent further risk to all who visit the cemetery. Sedgefield Town Council cannot be held liable for any damage to such headstones when undertaking this necessary process.



REMEMBERING LEO MCCORMACK

Sedgefield Town Council were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of former Sedgefield Town Councillor and Mayor of Sedgefield 2019-2021 Leo McCormack. A minute's silence was held at the start of our October committee meetings to honour Leo, who is remembered fondly by all who had the pleasure to work alongside him.

SYC SEDGEFIELD YOUTH CLUB FESTIVE FUNDRAISING & FUTURE PLANS



Sedgefield Youth Club is proud to announce our involvement in two exciting community events hosted by Sedgefield Town Council this autumn and winter. Our involvement in these events helps raise funds for the club and gives our young people a chance to engage with the wider community in a lively, supportive setting.

A few of our members will be participating at the upcoming Fireworks Display, adding a splash of colour and fun by selling glow sticks and a range of sweet treats from the car park. We've been practising lots of recipes during this half term! Later in the season, we'll also be joining the much-loved Snow Party event once again with our festive bake sale. This is such a memorable experience for families and we're delighted to be part of it!

Beyond these seasonal events, the Youth Club is keen to improve attendance at our fundraising coffee mornings, which offer a relaxed and welcoming space for all ages to connect. These gatherings are a vital part of our fundraising efforts and a great way for residents to support the club while enjoying a warm drink and friendly conversation. We encourage everyone to keep an eye out for our upcoming activities and events and we look forward to welcoming even more of the community to our sessions. Whether you're a long-time supporter or a first-time visitor, your presence makes a difference.



LARGE-SCALE PLANNING APPLICATION: LAND TO THE EAST OF BEACON AVENUE, SEDGEFIELD (DM/25/01625/FPA)

Since the summer, the Town Council has been actively raising community awareness of a planning application submitted to Durham County Council by Barrett Homes (planning application number DM/25/01625/FPA) proposing to build 176 dwellings on land to the East of Beacon Avenue.

We would like to thank members of the public who attended information drop-in sessions in the town, the public meeting in the Parish Hall and took the time to submit their comments via Durham County Council's planning portal. The Town Council has objected to this planning application and sought the support of a planning consultant to submit a second, more detailed letter of objection. At the time of writing this article, it is unknown when this planning application will go before Durham County Council's Planning Committee for determination.

MAYOR'S UPDATE: CLLR PETER HINDE | SUMMER RECAP AND MY REMAINING EVENTS



It's been a busy summer of fundraising events for Jaime and me. We enjoyed an Afternoon Tea with plates full of delicious savouries and sweets. Our sincere thanks go to Wendy Rowley & the Pop In for bringing this event to life and to the Dun Cow for their support. Not long after, we held a fun evening of trivia and competitive spirit at my Mayor's Quiz in Ceddesfeld Hall and to end the month of August, John Wrightson Band and Pittington Brass provided a night of live music in the Parish Hall.

In September we organised another coffee morning with some light entertainment from local group Ukulele Smile Time. Thank you as always to all volunteers who helped prepare and man the kitchen for me. These events could never take place without you. By the time you're reading this we'll have just held (or be about to hold) our fashion show in the Parish Hall with the fantastic Betty's Boudoir – an event that has proven very popular!

Looking towards the end of the year we've got our Ceilidh which unfortunately had to be rearranged – the new date is 22nd November 2025 and we still have some tickets remaining at £12.50. We're holding a festive coffee morning on 12th December 2025 with Hardwick Primary School Choir. My last event of the year is the New Year's Eve Dance. It promises to be a fantastic evening of music from Mamma Said, helping us see in the New Year together! £12.50 - BYO Drinks & Nibbles and let's dance the year away!

So far in 2026, I'm planning a music night on 7th February and a coffee morning on 20th February. Please keep your eyes peeled for posters online and around the town! If you're interested in attending any of our fundraising events, tickets can be purchased from the Council Offices weekday mornings 9am-12pm. All funds raised are given back to the community through donations at the Annual Town Meeting next May. Thank you for your support.



SEDGEFIELD REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

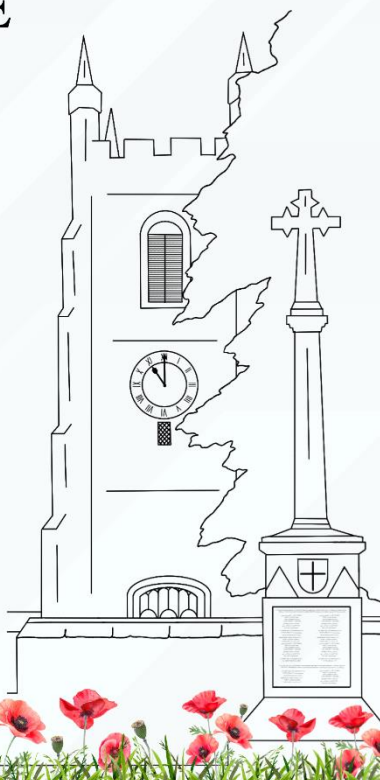
**SUNDAY 9TH
NOVEMBER 2025**

10am: St Edmund's Church
Service of Remembrance.
Church opens 9:30am.

10:50am: Turning Circle
Short outdoor service and
national 2 minute silence at 11am.
Dignitaries, veterans, uniformed
services and community groups
will then lay wreaths at the
War Memorial.

Lest We Forget

All are warmly welcome as the
town comes together to
commemorate.



Community Carol Service

7PM - 8:15PM | 4TH DEC 2025

ST EDMUND'S CHURCH, SEDGEFIELD

With timeless carols and festive performances by
pupils from Sedgefield Primary and Sedgefield
Hardwick Primary together in the joint schools choir.



HEADSTONE SAFETY TESTING 2025

Sedgefield Town Council is legally required to undertake headstone safety testing annually and it will take place in Butterwick Road Cemetery, Beacon Lane Cemetery and Winterton Cemetery 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.

NOTICE: Please be respectful and do not use the existing or newly expanded land in Butterwick Road Cemetery for dog walking.



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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	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

Remembrance Service

9th November 2025

St Edmund's Church & Turning Circle

York Coach Trip

20th November 2025

TICKETS REMAINING

Mayor's Ceilidh

22nd November 2025

Parish Hall

TICKETS REMAINING

Sedgefield Snow Party

29th November 2025

Various Locations

SANTA & RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE 3rd NOVEMBER

Community Carol Service

4th December 2025

St Edmund's Church

Mayor's Coffee Morning

12th December 2025

Parish Hall

Mayor's NYE Dance

31st December 2025

Parish Hall

LIMITED TICKETS LEFT

