

Mayor of Sedgfield 2024-2026 Peter Hinde

During his two years as Mayor of Sedgfield, Peter Hinde raised over £7,500 for the community, donating it all to local groups, organisations and events at the Annual Town Meetings in 2025 and 2026. Peter is eternally grateful for the support received from residents, his wonderful team of helpers and council staff.

February 2026:



It's been a busy couple of months for us. We held a Christmas Coffee Morning on Friday 12th December, with one of the highlights of our festive period: a performance by the choir of Hardwick Primary School, led and accompanied by Sarah Guest. We all had a lovely singalong as we warmed up with a cuppa and some treats.

Christmas in Sedgfield is always a magical experience. Between Sedgfield Snow Party, St Edmund's Church Christmas Tree Festival, the carols on the green and all the events, lunches and festivities held by local groups, we really do feel a sense of warmth and community even on the coldest of days. It's been a privilege to attend many of these events in both my capacity as Mayor and as a resident. Unfortunately, my Christmas Tree didn't win any awards at the tree festival, but what a great effort from pupils at Sedgfield Primary and Hardwick Primary schools for creating the fantastic decorations for me (more details on our website).



My final event of the year was the sell-out NYE Dance. It was an amazing night of entertainment by Mamma Said covering a range of styles and eras. We celebrated until the year was over and of course rounded off the night dancing to Auld Lang Syne.



Looking ahead to the last stretch of my Mayoral term, I'm holding my final coffee morning on Friday 20th February and planning a St Patrick's Dance on Saturday 21st March, both in Sedgefield Parish Hall. My St Patrick's Dance will be £12 a ticket and feature music once again (by popular demand) from the incredible Mamma Said. Keep an eye on the council's website and town noticeboard for more details.

As the end of this Mayoral year draws to a close, I'd like to offer my sincere thanks to all who have helped Jaime and I by assisting, planning, baking, performing or attending the events to help us fundraise for the community. I also share my thanks to the team of council staff who pull it all together.

November 2025:



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.

September 2025:

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) 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!

May 2025:

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!"

February 2025:

It was an honour to set off the Fireworks back in November. I had a great night judging all the Halloween Howler competition entries – you can see the recap of the whole event and all images on the council's website. The Snow Party quickly followed, another fantastic event drawing in a large crowd that I had the pleasure of talking to prior to the light switch on.

December was a very busy month with carol services up and down the county. It was very sad that we had to cancel my New Year's Eve Dance with such short notice, due to the hospitalisation of one of the band members who thankfully is now home and recovering. We appreciate your understanding, and we wish Lol well.

2025 is already looking busy. By the time you read this, I will have held a coffee morning and look forward to holding another Ceilidh on 1st March. This time we are aware of the constraints and limited numbers to make sure we can all be up dancing together. We hope to see you there!



November 2024:

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 Sedgfield 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 Sedgfield, 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!

September 2024:

After the honour of being elected Mayor in May, with my wife Jaime as my consort, we started to plan a programme of events which we hope is varied enough to appeal to all.

We've organised an event each month between August and December and by the time you're reading this, our first event will have already passed. Our coffee morning on 16th August saw a surprise performance which we hope you all enjoyed alongside your cuppa and cake. Thank you to Wendy and the Pop In group for catering and all our helpers for your support.



On 7th September we've got our eyes down for a night of bingo at Ceddesfeld Hall. Tickets are £3 and include entry into the jackpot game at the end of the night. With the bar open and cash prizes up for grabs, it's going to be a great night. In October, we're holding a Ceilidh in the Parish Hall with 5-piece Ceilidh band Angels of the North leading the way. Bring your own nibbles & drinks and join us on 12th October for a night of dancing, for £10 per person.

November's fundraiser comes in the form of the annual Mayor's Quiz in Ceddesfeld Hall on 23rd November. Get your team names organised – teams of 6 or less at £5 per person. Cash prizes and Ceddesfeld Hall bar open. In December, we've got local stars Mamma Said bringing the year to a close with our New Year's Eve Dance in the Parish Hall. Tickets are £12.50 and going fast, so book now to join us in welcoming the New Year.

Tickets for all of these events can be purchased from the council office now – get yours quickly. All money raised for my Mayor's Charity will be donated back to the community next May.



As well as planning our events, we've been busy supporting Sedgefield and the local area. We took part in the VE DAY 80 service on the Turning Circle on a windy Thursday 6th June. It was great to be joined by pupils from Sedgefield Primary School and residents commemorating this important moment in history. I then represented Sedgefield at the flag raising ceremony in Stockton-on-Tees as guests of the Mayor of Stockton to start Armed Forces Week.



We had a really enjoyable day helping the school children, who are the future of our town, taking care and planting new blooms in the tubs around the village green. Thanks to all involved, particularly those in the drinks and crisps department!

We were invited to the installation of the new vicar at St Edmund's Church and what a lovely service it was. The church was packed, all welcoming Revd David Lucas and his family, followed by an excellent buffet and reception. At the much-loved Sedgefield Show just a couple of weeks ago, I judged Best Trade Stand, Children's Equine Fancy Dress and the Scarecrow Competition – great to see so many families enjoying the day.

We're looking forward to many fantastic evenings of entertainment, all in the name of raising funds for our local groups and organisations.

May 2024:



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!”