



SEASON'S GREETINGS  
FROM SEDGWICK



*Photograph by Stephen Tanham*



## Merry Christmas from Sedgwick Parish Council

We would like to wish all residents and friends a very Merry Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year. As the year ends, here is our news:

**Thank you to Cllr Bob Smith** In October, Bob resigned from the Council. On behalf of all residents, we wish him well and thank him sincerely for his wisdom and work as a councillor. Following Bob's resignation, we have a casual vacancy on the Council. If you are interested in becoming a councillor please contact our Clerk or any Councillor - there is also some relevant information on our Parish Website which you can find on <https://www.sedgwickparishcouncil.org.uk/becoming-a-councillor.html>

**Sedgwick Canal** The annual survey of the Parish-owned section of the canal path has identified how well the wooded areas are recovering from the loss of the ash trees that had succumbed to Ash Die Back Disease. The infection is still evident in the remaining ash stock but is progressing at a slower rate and so there is no further felling required this season. There has been a huge increase in the amount of dog fouling along the towpath. We know that there are several residents who clean up twice daily whilst out on their walks - we should not have to rely on these kind "Sedgwick Dog Poo Fairies" so please help us to keep the area clean by cleaning up after your own dog.

The Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership National Heritage Lottery Fund Project, which has funded the restoration of the aqueduct at Stainton following the damage caused by Storm Desmond, has come to an end. The art installations between Lancaster and Kendal which will act as way markers and celebrate the heritage of the canal, have been delayed until next year. They will include an interpretation and new information board at the Aqueduct, subject to planning. The old, broken information table is no longer wanted by The Canal and River Trust, so the Parish Council are renovating it to add to our footpath information board.

**Adverse Weather** The wonderful dry summer weather was followed by an extremely wet autumn. Since Storm Desmond in 2015, the local authorities have restructured the way they monitor the river levels and manage potential flooding. During the very wettest period in late October, they were meeting every 2 hours and their communication with Parish Councils was excellent. This bodes well for the future. We post important information like weather warnings and road closures on our Parish Facebook Page so please keep an eye on those posts.



**Fireworks** The management team at “The Villa” at Brettargh Holt, are giving us prior warning of the firework displays they organise, which we also post on our Facebook page, to forewarn residents who might be affected. If residents planning private displays would like us to do similar, please contact us.

**Platinum Jubilee Celebrations** In June, the nation will mark the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. The Council are working with Stainton Parish to plan the event - hopefully with a beacon and celebration for local residents. If you would like to be involved or can help, please contact our Parish Clerk. We are also encouraging everyone to join in with “**The Queen’s Green Canopy – Plant a Tree for the Jubilee**” project by planting trees from now until March – to find out more go to [www.queensgreencanopy.org](http://www.queensgreencanopy.org).

**Post Office Services** Since the closure of Natland Post Office, the Council have supported Tim Farron MP’s campaign for a mobile replacement service and there will be one available at Oxenholme Station. If numbers are sufficient this scheme may be extended to Sedgwick or Natland, so please use it!

**Sedgwick Emergency Plan** Our Sedgwick Community Emergency Plan, which is designed to increase our community’s resilience and response to a range of emergency or unforeseen circumstances, has been reviewed and is in place in case it is needed.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SEDGWICK</b> <b>Community Response Group</b> Coordinator Gerry Stoker - 4 Wakefield Meadow Tel 60939 <b>Emergency Control Point is Sedgwick Village Hall</b></p>
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**Highways** Our campaign to improve safety throughout the Parish goes on. After we joined forces with Hincaster and Stainton Parishes to meet with their management team, Cumbria County Council agreed to monitor the speed of traffic at three locations in the village. That data will inform whether a reduced speed limit is feasible or whether other measures can be considered. A number of blocked drains have been cleared and emergency pothole repairs have been made but we still wait for long-promised pavement repairs and re-surfacing at Raines Hall. We are also still waiting for the installation of a new “give way to pedestrians” sign at the aqueduct and for the “Welcome to Sedgwick” sign to be replaced along the river. We continue to be part of a group of parishes that operate extra road gritting to supplement the County Council’s gritting routes and grit boxes are sited at locations throughout the village- we do check them regularly but if you notice they are running low please request a refill using the new County Council Highways Hotline (see back for the telephone number) which is where the Council log all highway faults in the Parish.

**Future Plans** The Council would like to begin work on a new Action Plan to help inform our decision-making in the future. However, we cannot do this alone; wider community involvement is essential. There are various options from complex Neighbourhood Plans (suitable for areas where development is an issue) to simple surveys and consultations. We are looking for residents to become involved; if you are interested, please contact our Parish Clerk.

# SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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## 2022 Council Meetings

**Meetings are held at 7:30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of every Month at the Village Hall - 12th January, 9th February, 9th March, 13th April, 11th May, 8th June, 13th July, 14th September, 12th October and 9th November**

**Each meeting includes a Public Forum as part of the agenda for residents to ask questions, raise items of concern or simply comment on issues**

*Submission of questions in advance of the meeting are welcomed, so that they can be answered more fully. Matters raised that are not included on this agenda will be considered for subsequent agendas*

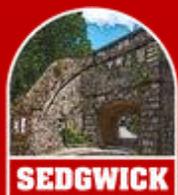
## Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### SEDGWICK VILLAGE HALL

**Bookings** Joyce Benson Tel: 015395 60715 Email: [joycebenson2@gmail.com](mailto:joycebenson2@gmail.com)

 Sedgwick  
NO COLD CALLING ZONE

**If a Cold Caller visits the area, please report it;**  
Call Cumbria Police on 101 immediately and if possible,  
report them to Cumbria Trading Standards via the  
Citizens Advice Helpline on 03454 04 05 06



### Our website

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**IMPORTANT SAFETY ADVICE** PLEASE REMEMBER if you have to call the Emergency Services, make sure they know which side of the aqueduct a vehicle is needed, because many appliances cannot pass under the aqueduct and the detour required is long.