



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. Our news begins by welcoming Val Macconnell of Orchard Close to the Council; we look forward to working with her in the future. We are also delighted that Sylvia Roberts has agreed to stay on as clerk for another 6 months. It has been a busy few months since our Summer Newsletter.....

Vaccination Clinic Sedgwick Parish Council were delighted to fund the Covid Vaccination Clinic that was held at Sedgwick Village Hall on Tuesday 16th October. Many thanks to all the healthcare professionals who made it possible; it was a great bonus for residents to be able to attend the clinic and get boosters without travelling to other more remote clinics. We were also pleased to fund the upgrades to maintain the Village defibrillator located at the Village Hall.



Bus Shelter Over the past few years, we have been asked by residents about whether a bus shelter could be provided in the village to help people waiting for school and service buses. Secondary school children who wait for their school bus each morning get very wet and spend the rest of the day either in wet blazers or carrying wet coats around. Some children were even choosing to wait for the bus under the aqueduct – a situation which is extremely hazardous. The site has been assessed by the County Council Bus Infrastructure Officer who would like to see a small shelter to be located near the signpost on the junction with Back Lane and she is endeavouring to access funding for such a shelter. The Council believes that the benefits to the whole community of such a shelter would be significant. It will encourage the use of service buses which will mean the service will be more viable. It will also reduce short car journeys which is environmentally beneficial and improve conditions for the school aged children and everyone else who were getting wet. The choice of the shelter has been very carefully thought through and the black version of the heritage style design photographed here has been recommended as it best suited to our rural location.



Sedgwick Canal After a delay of eighteen months, The Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership Project are expecting to install their art installations and information board soon which will mean the canal footpath will be closed while work is carried out. We will post on our Facebook page and website news section any updates.

Coronation Celebrations On May 6th next year, the Coronation of King Charles III will take place. We need volunteers to help organise and run local celebrations. If you would like to help and organise events, please contact the clerk. If you have any suggestions of ideas about how our Parish should mark the occasion, please let us know

Millennium Field Our long-term plan to replace the aging Tree Slide is taking shape and we have chosen a design which will offer children even better play activities. We are currently making applications for funding and will begin local fundraising in the new year. We need volunteers from the community to help us achieve this ambitious project; please contact us if you would like to be involved.

Planning Issues Our Planning Officer attended the recent meeting about the proposed 350 house development by Story Homes on the edge of Natland and we have submitted our concerns about the impact it will have on the volume of traffic on local roads and the extra burden it will place on the service infrastructure, especially the sewage system which is already at breaking point. The SLDC Local Plan Review being undertaken by SLDC, which will shape the development and planning decisions made in this area in the future, continues. The call for potential development sites made in 2020 and 2021 is complete and the draft plan is being formulated. Although there are no sites proposed in the Parish, the numerous sites put forward just beyond the Parish boundary, will impact Sedgwick in the same way as the Story Homes development and the Council have submitted their response. Residents are encouraged to become involved with the process . – please find more details about planning issues on <https://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/planning-and-building/south-lakeland-local-plan/local-plan-review/> and the SLDC Planning pages respectively.

Highways After a long delay, SLDC have finally replaced the missing sign on Back Lane and added a new one at the opposite end of the lane down by the river. This should assist visitors and delivery personnel find addresses there. Many thanks to Roger Bingham, our District Councillor, who has funded these signs from his Parish allowance.

Our campaign to improve safety throughout the Parish goes on. There have been several emergency pot hole repairs and we have been promised new pedestrian warning signs to replace the faded ones at the perimeter of the village. Our appeal against the decision not to recommend a 20mph speed limit in Sedgwick continues but the process is a slow one.

If you notice our local grit bins are running low on grit, please request a refill using the new Highways Hotline (see back page for the telephone number) which is where the Council log all highway faults in the Parish. The grit bin by the River Kent is unfortunately being used as a dog poo bin and it is making using the grit bin difficult and unsafe to use. We encourage all dog owners to dispose of their dog poo bags safely, as most of our residents do.

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2023 Council Meetings

Meetings are held at 7:30pm on the following dates at the Village Hall

11th January, 8th February, 10th May, 12th July, 13th September, 8th 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

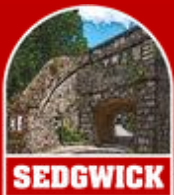
Annual Parish Meeting 7:30pm March 8th 2023

SEDGWICK VILLAGE HALL

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Sedgwick
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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



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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.