

SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2020



Welcome to our Spring Newsletter and an invitation to attend the
2020 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting, held each year, gives us the opportunity to explain what the Parish Council has achieved over the last year and give you, the electors, the chance to have your say or ask questions about local issues. We use the meeting to learn about what residents think are the most important parish priorities and through this, the outcome of the meeting helps shape our agenda for the future.

Sedgwick
NO COLD CALLING ZONE

To report a Cold Caller; 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

SEDGWICK

Community Emergency Plan

Sedgwick has developed a Community Emergency Plan to help minimise the impact of a major local emergency on residents.

In event of a major emergency, contact our

Community Response Group

Coordinator Gerry Stoker - 4 Wakefield Meadow Tel 60939

Richard Gill - Old School House Tel 60116

Boyan Holmes - The Oaks Tel 61644

Our Emergency Control Point is Sedgwick Village Hall



www.sedgwickparishcouncil.org.uk

Find us on Facebook and Twitter too!

OUR ANNUAL PARISH REPORT

During the past twelve months, the Council have been busy working on your behalf to represent residents' interests and manage our amenities and assets.

As usual **Highways issues** continue to take up a significant amount of time. We ensure all faults are logged on the CCC system and this has contributed to repairs being made sooner than in previous years. Patching has taken place along Well Heads Lane, Crosscrake Lane, Cooper Hill and Riverside. We are currently campaigning for better signage at the Carex Farm Crossroads to improve the safety of vehicles pulling out of Wharfe Lane. Several near misses involving cyclists have occurred near Back Lane and the aqueduct and we have worked with the local police to highlight these dangers to local cycling groups who ride through the village. As part of a local group of Parishes we have supplemented Cumbria Highways Gritting Runs, by calling in local teams to grit in and around the aqueduct, Back Lane and to Force Bridge via the riverside.

In November, the old 552 **Bus Service** ceased to operate but following pressure from Parish Councils, residents and the County Council, a new 3 times a week service began and two new services are being added in March. We continue to campaign for a Saturday service. We have liaised closely with our PCSO about the petty vandalism along the canal and at the phone box and she has been very proactive in posting warning signs to deter irresponsible parking near the Brettargh Holt Roundabout. Much of the signage around the village has been replaced or improved this year; our new village signpost at the aqueduct is a great asset and "no cycling", "no dog fouling", tree label and defibrillator signs have all been replaced.

We continue to manage the **Sedgwick No Cold Calling Zone** to deter these unwanted visitors. Locally, there have been several incidents where cold callers have become aggressive when challenged - including one in this parish - so residents are recommended to put their own safety first at all times but continue to report callers to the Police on 101 and the Trading Standards office. The **Community Emergency Plan** has been updated and we continue to support Village Hall by covering the ongoing maintenance costs of the **Defibrillator** and by providing **free wi-fi**. We also continue to work to comply with all **General Data Protection Regulation, planning and financial** requirements and to maintain our popular **website**.

The **Millennium Field** continues to provide facilities for all ages. Equipment has been maintained and has been enjoyed by many users last year. A significant percentage (over 10%) of our income is spent on grass cutting throughout the Parish, so we can ensure that the Canal, Millennium Field, the Green and Back Lane continue to look well-kept and attractive.

The **Canal Wildlife Area** habitats continue to thrive but Ash Die-back disease which has spread much quicker than expected, poses a real threat, not just for our parish ash trees, but all those throughout the region. Our Canal Management Plan has been revised and our woodland management consultant will re-inspect the ash trees, in the Spring when the next growing cycle commences.

We continue to attend meetings of the **Lancaster Canal Regeneration Project** and their Heritage Lottery Funding Group as their work at Stainton Aqueduct has been completed and the new Crooklands to Kendal Cycle Path gets underway. It has been agreed that the Parish owned section of the Canal is too narrow for such a multi user path and will remain as a designated footpath, which is great news for the users of the path who value it as natural and peaceful haven away from all traffic. There have been several reports of cyclists using the footpath and such incidents should be reported to the police. There are many other cycle routes and bridle ways across the parish that offer safer and more accessible options for cyclists.

NOTICE OF THE SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

To be held in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1972

Wednesday 18th March 2020 at 7.30 pm at Sedgwick Village Hall

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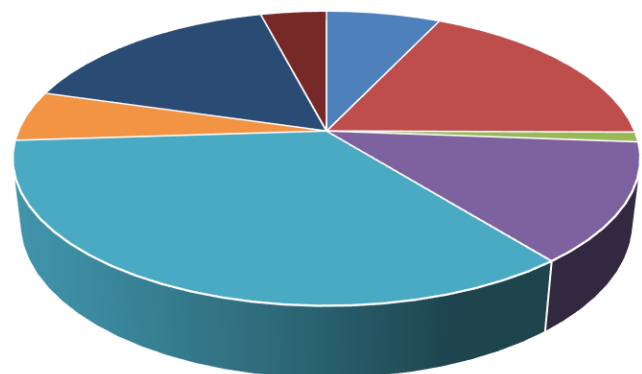
- 1. Welcome and Introduction**
 - 2. Apologies**
 - 3. Minutes of the 2019 Parish Meeting**
 - 4. Kendal Neighbourhood Policing Team
Information and presentation**
 - 5. Annual Reports**
Parish and Local Groups
District Councillors
County Councillor
 - 6. Council's Annual Review**
 - 7. Discussion and Consultation
on future initiatives**
 - 8. An opportunity for residents to ask
questions or raise other issues**
- Refreshments will be served*

Financial Report 2018-19

With well under 200 properties contributing to our Parish income via the Parish Precept component of the Council Tax, we have a small income to cover our running costs and maintain our amenities. The pie chart shows how we prioritised spending on our Parish Projects last year. It excluded ongoing running costs. We run a long-term contingency fund which safeguards the future of the Canal Wildlife Area and Millennium Field.

This year we have managed to earmark £2,000 to ensure we can cover the costs of any urgent action required in late spring, due to Ash Die Back, whilst at the same time continue other commitments such as grass cutting and road gritting throughout the next financial year. Draft accounts for the past year will be available at the Parish Meeting and past accounts and financial returns are available online on our website.

Parish Projects 2019/20



- Website
- Newsletters
- Defibrillator
- Canal
- Grass Cutting
- Millennium Field
- Signpost
- Signs

None of the Council's work would be possible without the contribution of our Councillors who give their time and expertise extremely generously, working very hard for the Parish. Special thanks go to Gerry Stoker and David Willacy for their incredibly work on the Canal and Millennium Field and to our dedicated and hard-working Parish Clerk.

Boyan Holmes Chairman Sedgwick Parish Council

BUS SERVICE NEWS

We have been contacted by the managers of Kirkby Lonsdale Coaches, who run the 552 service to notify us that they are providing Sedgwick with extra services. To avoid diluting the usage to Kendal, the services on Tuesday and Thursday will be to different destinations. On Tuesdays, there will be a new 550 service, to Morecambe market via Carnforth. It will start at Levens and run via Sedgwick, Hincaster and Arnside. On Thursdays, they will start a new 551 service, to Kirkby Lonsdale market, starting in Arnside and running via Milnthorpe, Levens and Sedgwick. The Kendal service 552, will be extended to also serve Morrisons and Sainsbury's. Times of the journey towards Kendal are unchanged, but the return trip will run 30 minutes later to allow extra shopping time in Kendal. These changes will come into effect from the start of March - for further details see <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/buses/lakes/default.asp>

HIGHWAYS FAULTS

We log all highway faults, but cannot stress highly enough that we need residents to add weight to our complaints. If you notice any problems, please report them using the following methods: The Cumbria County Council Highways "Report a fault" interactive map <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/highways-pavements/reporting-problem-on-highway/WDM/default.asp>
Or the HIGHWAYS HOTLINE 0300 303 2992

DOG FOULING

Tbc after meeting

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The Oaks, 61644

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Old School House, 60116

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60939

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Future Council Meetings

At Sedgwick Village Hall at 7.30pm Residents are always welcome 2nd Wednesday every month

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 which are published at least 3 days before each meeting