



SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM SEDGWICK

SEDGWICK SNOW BY RICHARD GILL



SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH NEWSLETTER

CHRISTMAS 2017

December sees the end of a very busy year for us; our Christmas Newsletter gives us not only the opportunity to update you with our news, but also to wish all our residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Farewell and thank you to JOHN GOODLAND In October, John Goodland retired from the Parish Council; he has served residents twice as a Councillor and contributed a great deal to village life during this time. On behalf of all residents, we wish him well and thank him sincerely for all he has done.

Thank you The Council would like to thank Mr and Mrs Fishman for their generous donation which will be earmarked for a special project in the new year.

Sedgwick Emergency Plan Our Community Emergency Plan, which aims to increase our community's resilience and response to a wide range of unforeseen circumstances, is now fully in place. Our Community Response Group is headed by Councillor Stoker and our Emergency Control and Rest Point is the Village Hall, where our comprehensive range of emergency resources are located. In event of an emergency, the plan will be triggered and the Response Group will meet to coordinate support. If you wish to know more, the plan can be viewed on <http://s3.spanglefish.com/s/9541/documents/sedgwick-parish-emergency-plan-sept-2017.pdf> We continue to recommend residents to create their own Household Emergency Plans. There is more advice on www.cumbria.gov.uk/emergencyplanning/household.asp

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Community Response Group
Coordinator Gerry Stoker - 4 Wakefield Meadow Tel 60939
Richard Gill - Old School House Tel 60116
Boyan Holmes - The Oaks Tel 61644
Emergency Control Point is Sedgwick Village Hall

Canal Wildlife Area Since the clearance of the rogue goat willow and ash trees along the old canal bed, the meadow and marsh habitats are recovering fast. Spring orchids and primroses gave way to summer flowers and now we are already anticipating the progression of snowdrops, daffodils and bluebells. The fence along part of the eastern boundary has been repaired and relocated to its original position.

Highways We continue to campaign for repairs to the roads in the Parish. At long last, the verge collapse by the river caused by Storm Desmond two years ago, has been repaired. The pavements on Hill Close have been partly replaced and temporary repairs have been between Carex Farm and Crosscrake. However, there are still many potholes, verge collapses and blocked drains causing concern and we are extremely dissatisfied with how these faults are being assessed and prioritised. Supported by our County Councillor Brenda Gray and our MP, Tim Farron, we have registered a complaint. We log all faults with Cumbria County Council Highways Department; every month we



review the status of each fault and list them (and their postcodes) in the minutes of our meetings. If you notice any problems, please report them using the following methods:

- The Cumbria County Council Highways “Report a fault” interactive map www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/highways-pavements/reporting-problem-on-highway/WDM/iframe.asp?cg=CDH
- Use the HIGHWAYS HOTLINE 0300 303 2992 (postcode of fault location required – refer to council minutes)
- Use the www.fillthathole.org.uk website

We continue to be part of a group of parishes that operate extra road gritting to supplement the County Council’s gritting routes and we also provide grit boxes at locations throughout the village- we do check them regularly but if you notice they are running low please use the HIGHWAYS HOTLINE 0300 303 2992 or E-mail: highways@cumbria.gov.uk to request a refill!

Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership As many of you will already know, this group’s aim is to create a continuous combined footpath and cycle path along the line of the former Lancaster-Kendal Canal and develop it into a major regional visitor, activity & tourist destination. Their vision continues to rapidly gain momentum and in October, the first draft of their “Access Strategy” was published. This document proposes what could result in significant development in this area, including, in the short-term “improvement of the towpath to (cycle) trail standards of the section from Natland to Sedgwick” and then a repeat of this “southwards from Sedgwick.” Currently, only access on foot is permitted. Sedgwick is also identified as a “possible development site”. The Parish Council had been led to believe that the section that runs through the village would not be included as part of the cycleway; the land (with the exception of the aqueduct) is privately owned (some of it by the Council) and the towpath is narrow, but this document appears to change the agenda significantly. There are no details about how permissive access will be acquired or how sections of path will be widened. During public consultation at Roadshow and Focus Group events and in other contacts, feedback to the proposals has been very negative; residents expressed “very little support for tourism development” and there is strong opposition to cyclists being able to share the towpath with people on foot. Concern was also expressed about problems caused by the inevitable increase in vehicles on the roads and demand for parking by visitors, and the impact of increased noise, litter and the cost of maintenance. The proposed urbanisation of what is currently a protected corridor for nature, where residents can walk and enjoy peace and tranquillity represents a significant change to the village environment; The Council have responded to the draft document reflecting the feedback residents have given us and we will continue to seek more clarity and transparency about the proposal.



Thank you from the village

The frame of the painting that illustrates the landmarks from the canal viewpoint has been restored by local resident Mr Sealby and the ‘Simpson Bench’ has been repaired on behalf of the landowner by Mr Willacy. Thanks go to both for giving up their time.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all residents from Sedgwick Parish Council

SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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Future Council Meetings

2nd Wednesday of every Month:

Village Hall; 7.30pm

10th January 2018, 14th February 2018,

14th March 2018, 11th April 2018

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.

Residents are always welcome at meetings

Notice of the Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 21st March 2017

(Please note new date)

All residents welcome



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helpline for older people

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