

SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2019



Many thanks to Richard Gill for this picture

If you have a photograph you would like to showcase in our next newsletter, please send it to us

Sedgwick
NO COLD CALLING ZONE

COLD CALLERS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN SEDGWICK!
If they call on you, contact 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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Community Emergency Plan

Sedgwick Parish Council has 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

Website; www.sedgwickparishcouncil.org.uk

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Welcome to our Summer Newsletter



News

District Council Elections In the local elections in May, Cllr Tom Harvey was re-elected to represent this ward.

Highways and Footpaths

Residents have expressed concern about the unsafe parking near Brettargh Holt Roundabout; some have even witnessed near misses. We have reported this to PC Boak our PCSO, who has explained he can only take the matter further if specific vehicles are parked dangerously, so please help us by reporting any vehicle you see on 101.

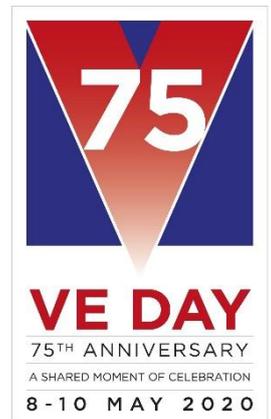
We continue to lobby Cumbria County Council to get highways faults in and around the Parish assessed and corrected. We have seen recent repairs along the Riverside, at Raines Hall and at the aqueduct. We continue to log all highway faults, but if we are to continue to be heard, we need residents to add weight to our complaints, to get our roads repaired.

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/default.asp
- Use the **HIGHWAYS HOTLINE 0300 303 2992**

VE Day Commemorations May 2020.

The early May bank holiday in 2020 will move from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day to enable people across the nation to pay tribute to those who served in one of the most significant events in our country's history. Communities are being asked to join in by organising events over the VE Day Bank Holiday Weekend. If you are interested in becoming involved please contact the Parish Clerk.



Anti-social behaviour



We have had several reports of incidents involving young adult cyclists using the canal footpath and acting aggressively when challenged. These incidents have been reported to the police- if there are further problems please contact us so we can report them too. The Council have erected No Cycling Signs along the canal to deter cyclists from using the footpath. There has also been some minor vandalism along the canal, so please be vigilant and report any damage to us. Repairing damage uses up our valuable resources.

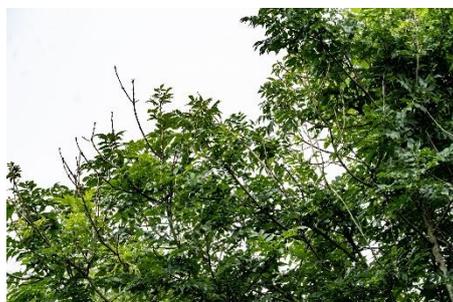
Cold Calling

We have also received reports of serious incidents involving Cold Callers in Levens. One resident was physically assaulted when he challenged a cold caller and a property was burgled shortly after a visit. Callers have been very aggressive and persistent. Residents are reminded that we are a No Cold Calling Zone. If one calls on you, contact Cumbria Police immediately on 101 and report them to Cumbria Trading Standards via the Citizens' Advice Helpline on 03454 04 05 06. Please try and report vehicle registration numbers and descriptions, but remember to put your own safety first at all times. Residents are strongly recommended not to engage in conversations with these callers or make any purchases from them.

Millennium Field, The Green and Canal Wildlife Area



Our parish amenities seem to be at their best during summer especially when the sun shines! Thanks go to the members of the council who give up so much of their time to monitor and maintain these much used and appreciated areas. The benches in the Millennium Field and canal have been spruced up and are being well used. We have replaced the signposts along Back Lane and the de-fibrillator at the Village Hall is now clearly signposted. The Canal Wildlife Area habitats are thriving and it was good to see so many irises blooming in the wetland area. (cover photo)



Unfortunately, many ash trees along the canal are showing signs of Ash Die Back, the highly destructive disease effecting so many ash trees, all over the country. The disease (which cannot be prevented) causes leaf loss and crown dieback and is almost always fatal. It is the most significant tree disease to affect the UK since Dutch elm disease and has the potential to effect more than two billion trees, leading to the death of the majority of ash trees in Britain. This will have serious implications for

our nation's woodland biodiversity and ecology. Parish Council Woodland is inspected regularly and our ash trees are being closely monitored. We are following advice from our Woodland Consultant and the Forestry Commission. Because the disease is cyclical and trees are re-infected each year, it can progress relatively slowly, especially in medium and large specimens; even an infected tree adds value to the habitat and can do for years. In addition, infected trees may be able to develop tolerance if left, which could increase the chances of the species' long-term survival. For these reasons, felling is only recommended if safety is compromised or when the tree has completely died. Our Parish Woodland Management Strategy has been amended to include a planned response to Ash Die Back - if you have ash trees on your property and/or would like to know more, please contact us.

Dog Fouling

Dog Fouling has once again become a problem along the canal and even along lanes and paths. We want to remain a dog-friendly community but do ask the very small minority of owners who do not clear up after their dogs to start doing so. SLDC have reminded us that their Public Spaces Protection Order applies to all our Parish owned amenities and imposes penalties (fines up to £1000) regarding dog fouling, dogs on leads, and the number of dogs that can be walked at one time. See the full order on

<https://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/media/4882/public-spaces-protection-order-south-lakeland-district-2018.pdf>

The Council have updated the signage throughout the Parish to help promote this message.



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FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS

At Sedgwick Village Hall at 7.30pm - Residents are always welcome
11th September, 9th October and 13th November 2019

Each meeting includes a Public Forum for residents to ask questions, raise items of concern or simply comment on issues. Comments regarding agenda items are noted and then discussed later in the meeting. Comments that are not regarding agenda items are considered for subsequent agendas which are published at least 3 days before each meeting on the noticeboard and website.

Submission of questions in advance of the meeting are welcomed,
so that they can be answered more fully.



CUMBRIA COMMUNITY MESSAGING (CCM)

is a web-based network of community safety information managed by the Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch Association which enables individuals and groups across Cumbria to sign up to receive important and up to date information from a range of agencies and organisations.

Registration is quick, simple and completely free and you can tailor the information you receive to suit you e.g. from Farm/Caravan/Boat/Neighbourhood Watch, Environment Agency, Age UK, CCC etc. If you would like to join Cumbria Community Messaging then visit:
www.cumbriacommunitymessaging.co.uk

999 CALLS - IMPORTANT ADVICE

If you have to call the Emergency Services, remember to make sure they know which side of the aqueduct a vehicle is needed, because many modern appliances cannot pass under the aqueduct and the detour required is long.