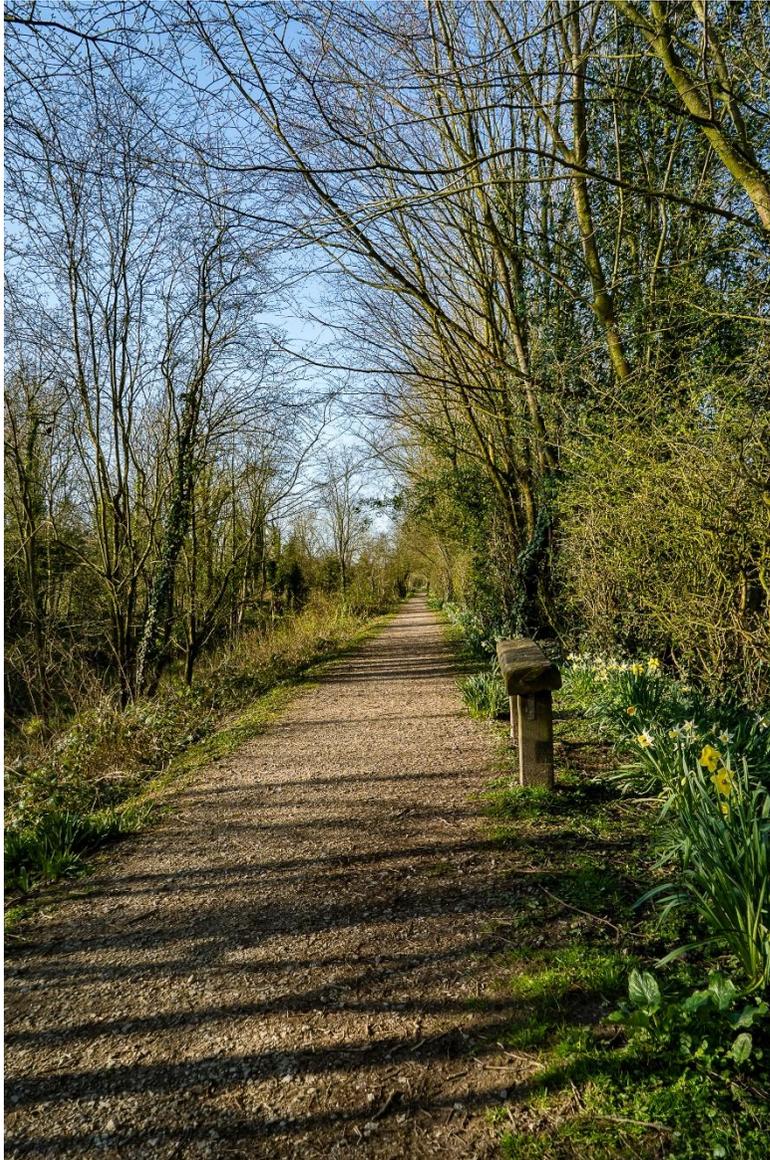
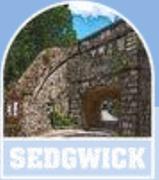


SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH NEWSLETTER SPRING 2025



Photograph by Richard Gill

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter and your invitation to attend our Annual Parish Meeting

Our Annual Parish Meeting gives the Parish Council the opportunity to explain what it has achieved over the last year and gives you, the electors, the chance to have your say or ask questions about local issues. We also invite local organisations to present reports. We use the meeting to learn about what you think are the most important agenda for the future.

This year, the Council will also present information about the BT Digital Voice Switchover and the progress of our bid for a 20mph Speed limit

NOTICE OF THE SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL'S **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

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

Wednesday 19th March 2025 at 7.30pm

A G E N D A

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. BT Digital Voice Switch over
3. 20mph Speed Limit Update
4. Apologies
5. Minutes of the 2024 Parish Meeting
6. Sedgwick Parish Annual Report
7. Reports from Village Organisations
8. Playground Fundraiser and Raffle
9. Questions

Light refreshments will be served
Please submit questions in advance to the Parish Clerk before Friday 14th March to help us be able to provide a response on the evening.

We have had a very busy and successful year which has seen us achieve significant progress with long term and short-term projects. Will Burrow and Val Maconnell have retired as councillors during the year and we thank them for their hard work during their time on the council. We have yet to recruit replacements and we are asking residents to again consider whether they would like to join the council. We have just 6 two-hour meetings a year and an Annual Parish Meeting so the role is not too onerous and as our current Councillors will confirm, it is a rewarding job. Please consider whether you can support the community by joining us, we would like to fill these roles as soon as possible.

Highways issues have dominated once again. We are delighted to confirm that our application for a 20mph Zone was successful and the outcome of the first consultation was overwhelmingly positive, The scheme has been delayed due to the July election but is currently undergoing the final design phase which includes an extension to include more of Back Lane. After final approval and the statutory notice periods we anticipate that it will be installed during the second half of the year. This year has seen significant repairs being carried out; firstly, the road adjacent to the River Kent was resurfaced and is much improved. Then, in December, the road through the village and Back Lane has been patched and prepared for a re-dressing that we understand will take place in the summer. We are campaigning to ensure Cooper Hill which has been omitted from that scheme is included and that all road markings, including the red safety surface under the aqueduct is re-instated. **Please continue to report faults on the Westmorland and Furness Hotline to increase the pressure on the Highways Department to make these necessary repairs.**

The **Millennium Field** has seen several changes and repairs. In December, we planted a community orchard and boundary hedge using a £2000 grant from Westmorland and Furness Council. As the trees mature, they will provide local varieties of apples for the whole community. The equipment on the Millennium Field is aging and we are having to make more and more repairs. Several components of the fitness trail have had to be removed and other sections repaired. The baby swing seat and goalposts have been replaced. Running repairs have been made to the swings and slide. We are indebted to the wonderful residents who have carried out these repairs on a voluntary basis – we could not continue to provide such a wide range of equipment if it wasn't for them.

Our long-term fundraising project to replace the Tree Slide, which is nearly 50 years old and coming to end of its lifespan, continues, with increased urgency. We need to fundraise to buy and install our chosen replacement. So far, we have raised £2384. Getting enough volunteers from the community to organise fundraisers is proving very challenging. Val Maconnell, our ex-councillor has very kindly organised a joint fundraising event with Levens. (see poster opposite) We are organising a raffle and tickets will be on pre- sale at the Annual Parish Meeting. Please support this event and help us raise the much-needed funds to reach our target.

**AN EVENING OF A CAPELLA SINGING WITH
FELLSIDE SINGERS,
CLOSE QUARTERS & PIPER BILL LLOYD**



**FUNDRAISING CONCERT
FOR
SEDGWICK & LEVENS
PLAYGROUNDS**

REFRESHMENTS
RAFFLE



**SATURDAY
22.03.2025**

KENDAL PARISH HALL
DOORS OPEN 7PM
STARTS 7.30PM

TICKETS £10
CHILDREN UNDER 16 FREE OR A DONATION
WWW.SNAPPYTICKETS.CO.UK

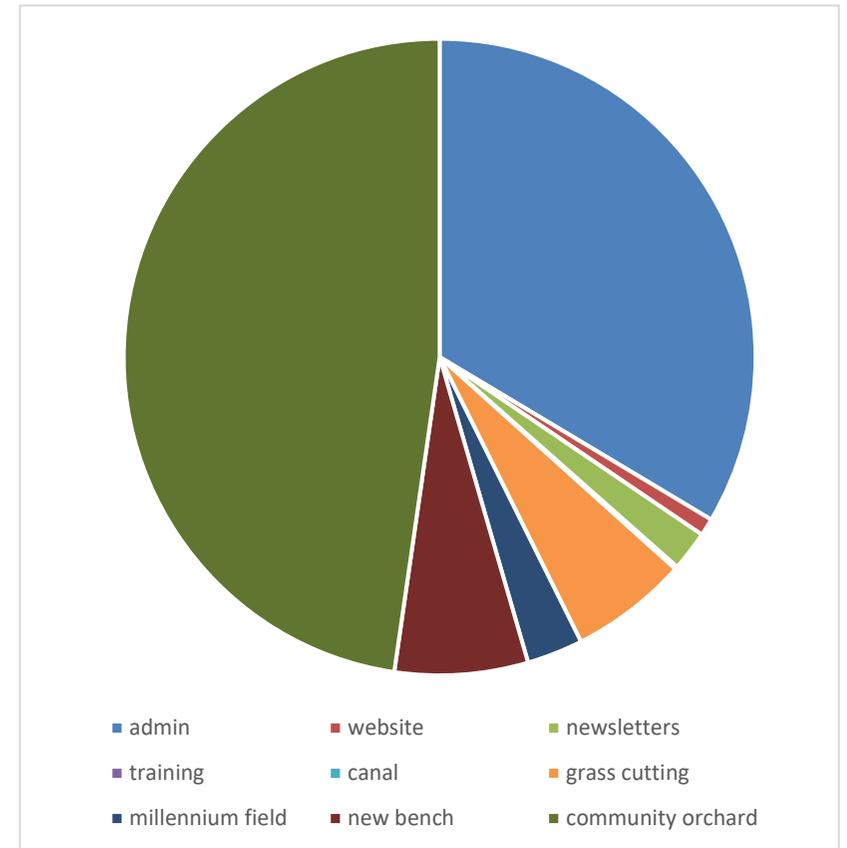
The **Canal Wildlife Area** continues to provide a peaceful place to walk and enjoy nature. Our woodland management consultant has continued to carry out our safety checks and the Ash Die Back and Dutch Elm Disease is being carefully monitored. We have been assisted in stonewall repairs by the neighbouring landowner and we thank him for his all his work.

By the time of the meeting, we hope that we will have replaced the old bench next to the bus shelter with a maintenance free seat and hope that walkers and bus service users will find it useful.

The council continue to fund **grass cutting**, not just on the Millennium Field but also along Back Lane and on the Green. Costs have increased over 20% and take up an increasing proportion of our budget. Our 3 newsletters each year keep residents informed about local issues and the work of the Council. We continue to work to comply with all **Data Protection Regulations, and financial** requirements and maintain our popular **website**. We have attended a range of online **training and consultation events** and have represented residents at many external meetings. Finally, the **Sedgwick No Cold Calling Zone** which deters unwanted visitors and the **Community Emergency Plan** which would help the community respond to a local crisis, have both been updated.

With less than 200 properties in Sedgwick that pay Parish Precept via the Council Tax, which provides our income, our finances are tight. Despite costs increasing some by 10%, last year's increase in the precept enabled us to complete our parish projects (play equipment repair, bench, grass cutting etc). This year, our income from W&F will not include the parish grant and we have requested a 2% increase in the precept so that we can continue to manage the Millennium Field (including making arrangements to replace the slide) and continue to manage Wildlife Area, in addition to continuing our annual ongoing tasks.

The chart shows how we prioritised expenditure over the last year. Our reserve fund which safeguards the long-term future of the Millennium Field and Canal Wildlife Area remains intact. Our financial year does not end until the end of March but our draft accounts for the year are available if required.



I would like to thank all councillors for their hard work throughout the year and express our gratitude to the residents who have worked so tirelessly to help us maintain the Millennium Field. We are one of the smallest parishes in the county but the projects we undertake and the amenities we manage make a significant contribution to the community.

Boyan Holmes Chairman of Sedgwick Parish Council

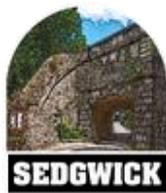
Please remember to your flags, bunting, fairy lights and lanterns to light up Sedgwick for VE and VJ Day!



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SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

@ 7.30pm **Sedgwick Village Hall** March 12th, May 14th, July 9th September 10th November 12th

Annual Parish Meeting: March 19th 2025



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Residents are always welcome at meetings. 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 is welcomed, so that they can be answered more fully. Matters raised that are not included on that agenda will be considered for subsequent agendas.



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NO COLD CALLING ZONE

COLD CALLERS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN SEDGWICK!
If they call on you, contact
Cumbria Police on 101
immediately and report them to
01539713583
trading.standards@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

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There is a Book Sharing
Box in the old phone box.
Please feel free to use to
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share with the village
TAKE A BOOK-LEAVE A BOOK



Our nearest
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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
Coordinator
Gerry Stoker -Tel 07368 366411

IMPORTANT EMERGENCY ADVICE

Remember if you have to call the Emergency Services, 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 diversion is long.

SEDGWICK VILLAGE HALL

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