

# SEDGWICK PARISH

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2023



## Welcome to our Summer Newsletter

This is our brand new village bus shelter which we have installed at the centre of the village to benefit service bus and school bus users.

It was funded by a grant from Cumbria County Council's Bus Infrastructure team.

Thank you for all the positive feedback we have received.

**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



Our nearest defibrillator is located at the entrance to the Village Hall LA8 0JU  
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## SEDGWICK

### 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 60939

### 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

## WELCOME

We start our newsletter by paying tribute to Sylvia Roberts, our outgoing Parish Clerk who has retired after serving the Parish as Clerk for 8 years. In this time, in addition to expertly guiding the council, managing Parish affairs, and keeping us on the straight and narrow, she has driven many projects and supported many initiatives. Since she started, we have installed the outdoor gym, toddler slide, benches and picnic tables, acquired grants to deal with ash die back and just recently, to install our new bus shelter using funding from Cumbria County Council. During the pandemic, she also coordinated our much-appreciated community support. We thank her for her dedicated work, wish her well in her retirement and feel sure she will keep in touch with the many friends she has made in the Parish.

We have successfully recruited a new clerk, Rachel Harrison, who has taken on the role with great enthusiasm and is already very much part of the team. We warmly welcome her to Sedgwick and look forward to working with her.

Our **Annual Parish Meeting** was well attended. The Parish Council, District and County Councillors and Village Organisations gave their annual reports and The Clean River Kent Campaign delivered a presentation about the vital work they are doing to monitor the river and campaign to make it clean and safe. Our new Unitary Authority, Westmorland and Furness have replaced SLDC and CCC which covers from Alston in northeast, to Walney Island in the southwest and includes the towns of Barrow, Kendal and Penrith. Sedgwick is in the South Kendal Ward. Their focus has been on making sure that essential services such as collecting bins and recycling, planning, highways, schools and social care have continued. For information and updates see [www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk](http://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk)

**Canal Wildlife Area:** We are very sorry to have to report that the vandalism along the canal towpath has increased. Our signs are being regularly uprooted and hidden and recently one was removed and replaced upside down. In May, the Stoker Seat was damaged and when repairs were made, they were unscrewed and removed, presumably by the person causing the damage. The damage is now so bad that we are having to replace the chair. Repairs have also been required to mend a broken fence rail and a section of stone wall has been pushed over. The Local Police are involved and have recommended we install CCTV cameras to help identify who is causing damage. In this current year, this pointless vandalism has already cost 10% of our annual budget (excluding repairs to the wall) and consequently we are facing difficult decisions about other areas of the budget.

The **Millennium Field:** Unfortunately, there have also been incidents of vandalism at the Millennium Field. The goalposts have been wrecked and parts stolen, and some of the signage has been uprooted and taken. Again, the expenditure required to replace these items, means we have even less to spend on other things. Otherwise, the field is very busy and much appreciated. Our Free Compost Scheme is in full flow – please continue to use the compost in the concrete bunker in the corner.

**Please help us by reporting any damage you find and if you have any information about this vandalism, please contact us.**

**Coronation Weekend** Many residents celebrated the Coronation with street parties and the Millennium Field was used by Crosscrake Church for a well-attended outdoor service and Jacob's Join Lunch.

***More news on the back page.***



# MILLENNIUM FIELD FUNDRAISING

Our £30,000 fundraising project to replace our aging slide is up and running. Our ambition is to buy a multi-play tower which will increase the play value of the space by encouraging all round agility play and physical development and will offer sliding, speed and rotation, sensory stimulation climbing skills, balance and coordination activities.



## JULY FAMILY FUN DAY



Thanks to the amazing efforts of a group of residents, including Cllr Macconnell, Lindsay Cartwright and Marie and Alistair Clay, our fundraising campaign was kicked off on Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup> with a Family Fun Day and Coffee morning on the Millennium Field. The weather was kind and many young families and our Local Councillor Doug Rathbone attended. The field was laid out with a series of challenges, including a scavenger hunt which were enjoyed by a steady stream of children. Thank you to the residents that supported us, especially those who baked delicious cakes and brought rhubarb, which were all sold and added to our takings. Thanks also to the Lakeland Maze farm Park and James Cropper PLC for their donations. Around £200 was raised.



## NEXT EVENT: 5K RUN 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023 2PM

We have an amazing opportunity to partner with T2 Events based in Staveley to organise a major fundraiser for the Millennium Field - a professionally organised 5k run or walk. The run would start at the Cricket Club, who are offering us the use of their facilities, and go to Hincaster and back and there will also be a "lap round the cricket field" run for younger people and those who want a gentler activity. There will be prizes for runner categories and as it's the weekend marking the end of British Summer Time, a prize for the best 'Clocks Back' Fancy dress.

We need your help to make this event possible....it can only go ahead if we have enough volunteers. There will be a short meeting in the village for those willing to support us on 23<sup>rd</sup> August - please come along and help us make this happen. Please contact Val Macconnell email [mozergh@ndo.co.uk](mailto:mozergh@ndo.co.uk), or ring 61644 if you are able to attend or can offer support.

- We need volunteers on the day to marshal the route, help on the field or sell raffle tickets.
- Are you a qualified First Aider and can you donate 2 hours of your time?
- Do you have any prizes you could donate, or could you ask a local business you work for to donate a prize?
- We also need a big audience to come along to clap and encourage runners along the route on the day.

## News Continued....

**Local Government Issues** On April 1st, Westmorland and Furness, became our unitary council – please note the new contact details. April also saw the retirement of Cllr Roger Bingham who has performed many different district and county roles for many decades. He is thanked for his long and much appreciated contributions to our community.

**Highways Issues** Many of the faults we have reported have been repaired recently throughout the village, including the repair of verges along Natland Rd and Back Lane. The condition of roads in our Parish compare favourably with others in our area. The damaged sign at the Carex Farm Crossroad has been reported and we await its replacement along with the damaged pedestrian warning signage first reported in 2020. Please report any necessary repairs **using the online reporting system** [www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk](http://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk) or call 0300 373 3306.

**We look forward to seeing residents at our next fundraiser event. Please consider joining us on August 23<sup>rd</sup> to help organise our October Fun Run – it is a fantastic opportunity for the community and we really need your help.**

**Boyan Holmes Chairman**

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# COUNCIL MEETINGS 2023

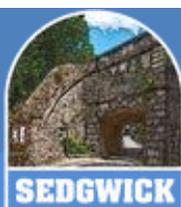
**@ 7.30pm Sedgwick Village Hall**

13th September and 8th November

**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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