

# SEDGWICK PARISH

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2024



### Welcome to our Summer Newsletter Read about

**Sedgwick's proposed 20 mph limit and what you need to do to help make it happen!**

Sedgwick's Community Coronation Orchard

River Kent Footbridge

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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 if possible, report them to Cumbria Trading Standards via the Citizens Advice Helpline on 03454 04 05 06

SEDGWICK BOOK BOX

Dear All,

There is a new Book Box placed in the old phone box.

Please feel free to use to swap in or out and share with all in the village.

Thank you.

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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 Co-ordinator **Gerry Stoker**  
Tel 07368 366411



Our nearest defibrillator is located at the entrance to the Village Hall **LA8**

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### 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

Firstly, apologies for the two week's delay in sending out our "summer" newsletter: we have published it now, to coincide with the start date of the formal consultation about the 20mph Speed Limit; please see opposite and act now to help us succeed.

Our **Annual Parish Meeting** was held in March. Presentations about the future plans of Crosscrake Church and the 20mph speed limit campaign were followed by annual reports from the Parish Council, District and County Councillors and Village Organisations. Thank you to all who attended. Cllr Will Burrow has retired from the Council due to work commitments and we thank him for his work during his time on the Council. In the May local elections, there were fewer nominations than places available so all our existing Parish Councillors were returned to office. The July General Election, saw Sedgwick becoming part of the Morecambe and Lunesdale Constituency which returned the Labour Party Candidate, Lizzi Collinge who is our new MP. Her contact details are [lizzi.collinge.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:lizzi.collinge.mp@parliament.uk)

**Community Orchard** We have been successful in winning a grant from the Westmorland and Furness Coronation Community Orchard Fund to establish a community orchard in the corner of the Millennium Field. We will be planting 8 apple and 2 pear trees and a native species hedge around two sides of the field. In addition to the environmental and aesthetic benefits, in years to come residents will be able to harvest a range of local Cumbrian varieties of apples, russet and pears.

**Highways Issues** The state of the road along the River Kent continued to deteriorate over the wet spring and despite many faults being logged, no repairs were carried out. However, at the start of May, it was eventually resurfaced after Rupert Audland and Tim Farron added their weight to our calls for repairs – thanks to them both for their support. There has also been minor patching and at various locations in the village but there are still some needed – most notably at Carex Farm crossroads, the road to Natland and under the aqueduct.

Please help us get these done by reporting them **using the online reporting system [www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk](http://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk) or call 0300 373 3306 – The more reports made, the greater the chance repairs will be made.**

**Canal Wildlife Area:** After a wet spring when the canal almost re-watered itself, the daffodils, gave way to bluebells and now the summer species are thriving. There has been a litter of 3 fox cubs born to a vixen living in a den by the icehouse on the northern bank. We continue to monitor the effects of Ash Die Back. There are repairs required to the stone wall. The Canal and River Trust have at last installed their way markers and artwork along the canal at Sedgwick Hill Bridge and the Aqueduct. We have had several complaints about excessive dog poo along the path – please could we remind owners to clear up after their dogs.

The **Millennium Field:** It has been a busy summer on the Millennium Field. Thank you to all those who attended our workday in March when we laid 8 tonnes of bark chippings under the slide. Thanks also to Sedgwick Cubs who are helping with maintenance tasks in the field as they work towards their skills badges. We have had to make repairs to the fitness trail and unfortunately part of it has had to be removed, as it had become rotten. A huge vote of thanks goes to the residents who have carried out this work.

## 20 mph Limit for Sedgwick; We need you to act now

**Sedgwick Parish Council has provisionally secured funding from Westmorland and Furness Council to reduce the speed limit in the village to 20mph.**

We have campaigned for this for over a decade and believe a 20mph limit will:

- Significantly reduce the risk of accidents and make our roads safer for everyone.
- Result in quieter neighbourhoods: lower speeds mean less noise from traffic, creating a more peaceful community.
- Create a greener environment: encouraging walking and cycling helps reduce carbon emissions and promotes a healthier lifestyle.

With Natland also successful in their bid, we hope that the prospect of the two 20mph zones, will mean fewer vehicle drivers will use Sedgwick as a rat run.

The proposed scheme has been designed by the team at W&F The extent of the 20-mph limit is carefully balanced with the need to ensure it is targeted for maximum impact and is therefore most effective

**The speed limit will only be reduced to 20mph if our wider community supports the scheme and therefore, we need your input.**

The public consultation runs from Wednesday 4th September until Friday 18th October. You can find details and provide feedback to the consultation by:

- Visiting [www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/20mph](http://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/20mph) or scanning the QR Code using your phone camera

- Checking the details at your local library or local link

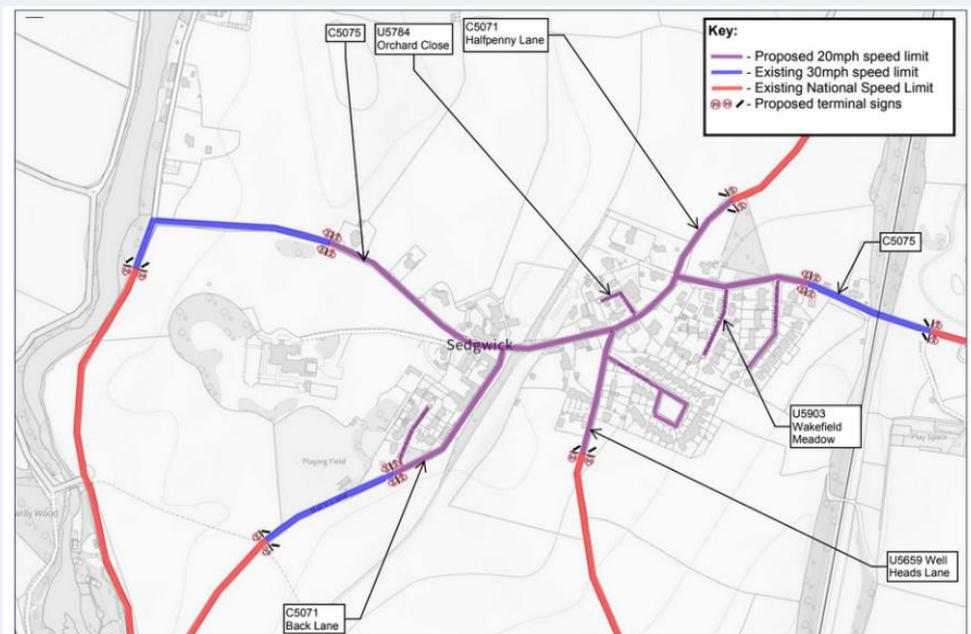
You can also attend sessions at:

- Urswick Parish Rooms on Thursday 19 September 4-7pm
- Coniston Reading Room on Monday 23 September 4-7pm
- Kendal Town Hall on Tuesday 8 October 4-7pm
- Ambleside Parish Centre on Thursday 10 October 4-7pm



**Please make sure we do not lose this chance to get the 20mph speed limit: if you approve of the 20mph zone, say so in your feedback**

The consultation will be followed by the analysis of feedback, the final design phase and preparation for the legal formalities that must be gone through. After a final approval to go ahead, the statutory notices will be published and signs will hopefully start going up in the summer of 2025.



The **River Kent Footbridge** During Storm Isha, the footbridge sustained critical damage to one of its structural links. Repairs are taking much longer than expected because extra structural supports are having to be designed and made. The National Trust who own the bridge have created a webpage to announce updates <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk> – Project Sizergh Suspension Bridge. We have requested that the diversion for walkers is signposted and drivers warned of increased numbers of pedestrians along the lanes either side of the River Kent

Westmorland and Furness Council have begun the initial consultation for their new **Local Development Plan**. This is a hugely significant plan that will shape development in the area until 2045, as well as define short term development. The recently formulated **SLDC Local Development Plan** is now invalid, because the whole of the new W&F Council area has to be treated consistently. A general “conversation” with residents has begun and details are on their dedicated website <https://consult.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/localplan/> This includes the all-important new “call for sites” which will close in September that will identify locations where development will be permitted in the future. Once allocated it will be difficult to oppose development of those sites, so please take time to have your say when the consultation begins.

Our **Local Resilience Forum** is there for our community if there is an emergency such as flooding, power cut or water emergency. They organise food hubs, water supplies and other support and would like to be able to prioritise support more quickly. If you are in a household that includes any elderly, disabled, children or do not have access to a car or mobile phone and would like priority to this service, please let the Parish Clerk know and we will contact their Resilience Officer. If you have medical or additional support needs in the event of a power cut, join Electricity North West’s free extra care register. Go to [www.enwl.co.uk/extracare](http://www.enwl.co.uk/extracare) or call 105.

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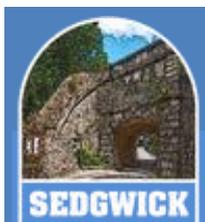
## COUNCIL MEETINGS

@ 7.30pm **Sedgwick Village Hall** 12th September/ 14th 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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