

# SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL



## Manages

The Millennium Field Playground and outdoor gym



## Provided and maintains

5 benches and 2 picnic tables for residents and visitors

## Campaigns

For highway repairs and improvements

## Created and runs

the Community Website



## Runs

the Community facebook page

## Supports

local organisations such as the Village Hall

## Successfully won the

20mph Speed Limit through Sedgwick

## Created

The Community Orchard

## Provided

The village bus shelter



## Manages

The Canal Wildlife Area



## Works with

Our District and County Councillors to represent residents

With the Village Hall, provided and maintains

the Village Defibrillator

## Coordinates

the Community Emergency Plan

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Community Emergency Plan

## Runs the

Sedgwick

**NO COLD CALLING ZONE**

Is consulted by

Westmorland and Furness Council on all local planning matters

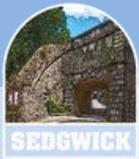
# SUPPORTS RESIDENTS

## Publishes and distributes

3 newsletters a year

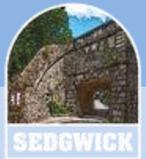


**None of this is possible without YOUR support and involvement**



# SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2025



### Welcome to our Summer Newsletter



Firstly, we would like to thank all those who supported our Fundraising concert in Kendal Parish Church Village Hall. In particular, we are extremely grateful to former Councillor Val Macconnell and the Fellside Singers. We raised £760 towards the Millennium Field Equipment Fund. The concert was a showcase of amazing local talent and music and was enjoyed by all who attended.

We would also like to thank all those who took time to come to the Annual Parish meeting in March. However, with only 7 residents attending out of over 400, coupled with fact that two vacant positions on the Council have been left unfilled for over a year, we are questioning why there is such a low level of interest in and support for what the Parish Council does. We will find it very difficult to continue our work if we cannot fill these positions soon and if we

were to lose another Councillor, we are at risk of becoming inquorate which means that we may not be able to continue to provide any of our current services at all. The role of a Councillor is vital if the Parishioners in our community are to be supported and represented well. By becoming a Councillor, you would become a community leader with the opportunity to influence decisions for the benefit of the people in your Parish. Seeing your community change for the better, because of decisions you have helped make, is something that can give you a real sense of achievement and your work will foster a true connection with where you live. We meet just 7 times a year so the task is not an onerous one. We urge you to consider joining us; it is very important that we fill the two vacancies as soon as possible. If you would like to know more, please talk to a Councillor or go to <https://www.sedgwickparishcouncil.org.uk/becoming-a-councillor.html>.

### NEWS:

**VE DAY:** Many villagers decorated their homes to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day and with the Aqueduct sporting a flag and bunting, the village stood out from others!

**HIGHWAYS:** Since our last newsletter, the road from Natland, through Sedgwick and along Back Lane has been repaired and surface dressed. All road markings have been replaced. The surface along this section is now much improved but the sections of more badly worn road along Cooper Hill and past Raines Hall fell outside the scope of the work schedule, so we continue campaign for long term repairs to these sections.

Following the completion of the statutory consultation period in April, our 20mph speed limit is now a reality! After the installation there will be further speed monitoring exercises and we expect that this will demonstrate that the roads have been made safer not just for pedestrians in the village, but for all users.



In late April, we learned that our Grass Cutting Contractor had left the area without notifying us; the contractor let many Councils down and finding a viable alternative has proved difficult for all involved. Costs have risen steeply. We have used this opportunity to review our grass cutting regime and we have used recent advice about more eco-friendly mowing practises. Grass that is left to



grow longer or not cut at all, is better able to absorb carbon dioxide from the air and promote the growth of wildflowers, which in turn attract pollinators such as bees and butterflies. This means the area's carbon footprint is reduced and biodiversity is increased. We have therefore established no-mowing wild areas in the Millennium Field along the boundaries and around the new community orchard. We have also been informed that the cutting of the Back Lane verge is the responsibility of Westmorland and Furness and that it will be cut according to their schedule. The Parish Council will continue to fund the extra cutting of the area around the Bus Shelter, each month during the growing season.

**CANAL WILDLIFE AREA:** In March, the Kent Estuary Young Farmers repaired the stonewall along the Canal Wildlife Area – we are very grateful for their support.

**MILLENNIUM FIELD:** In June, everyone was shocked to discover that the slide and basketball post had been badly vandalised. In addition to painting graffiti, parts of the slide were damaged beyond repair, and it was left in a hazardous condition. In addition to the unnecessary costs of repairs, such mindless damage takes up valuable time to put right. Children should be accompanied and supervised at all times when visiting the Millennium Field. We are also having to clear up dog poo from the play area- please can dog owners keep dogs away. The newly planted hedge and orchard are doing well and will be an asset in the future.

**EMERGENCY PLANNING:** The Council has recently updated our Emergency Plan which is designed to support the community during emergencies. Further to our discussions at the Annual Parish Meeting regarding the digitization of phone lines and concern over making emergency calls during power cuts, residents may wish to investigate whether their mobile phones can make satellite emergency calls. The government is retesting the national emergency alert system by sending test emergency alerts to mobile phones nationwide at around 15:00 on **7th September 2025**.

**EASY FUNDRAISING – AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR THE MILLENNIUM FIELD:** As part of our continued fundraising drive, we are asking all residents who

shop online, to sign up to a simple and clever fundraising scheme. If you register, whenever you shop at one of the 8000 partner retailers, (Amazon, airport parking, Tui, Currys, Argos, M&S, Admiral, Aviva, Apple, Dell, B&Q, Tesco, Booking.com etc), those retailers donate up to 10% of your spend, to our funds. Once you sign up, simply follow the instructions and when you check out with your retailer, a donation will be made. You can even set up automatic pop-up reminders to appear on check out for you to click and complete your transaction through the easyfundraiser route – or use the app. It makes no difference to the purchaser and takes seconds to do, but if enough residents sign up, it will make a huge impact on our fundraising. PLEASE SIGN UP AND GET YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO JOIN – simply scan the QR code or visit [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=391636&invite=lzccv&referral-campaign=c2s&utm\\_campaign=web-referral](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=391636&invite=lzccv&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_campaign=web-referral)

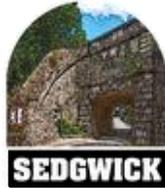


**STOP PRESS – Not everyone borrowing books from the telephone book box is replacing them; if you have any to donate, please do.**

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# SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

@ 7.30pm **Sedgwick Village Hall** **September 10th November 12th**

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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**Sedgwick**  
**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](mailto:trading_standards@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk)

**SEDGWICK  
BOOK BOX**



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



Our nearest  
defibrillator  
is located  
at the  
Village Hall  
LA8 0JU

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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

Bookings: Joyce Benson  
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## 552 BUS SERVICE

There are Bus Stops at the  
village noticeboard and  
Wharfe Lane – The  
timetable is available by  
scanning this qr code

