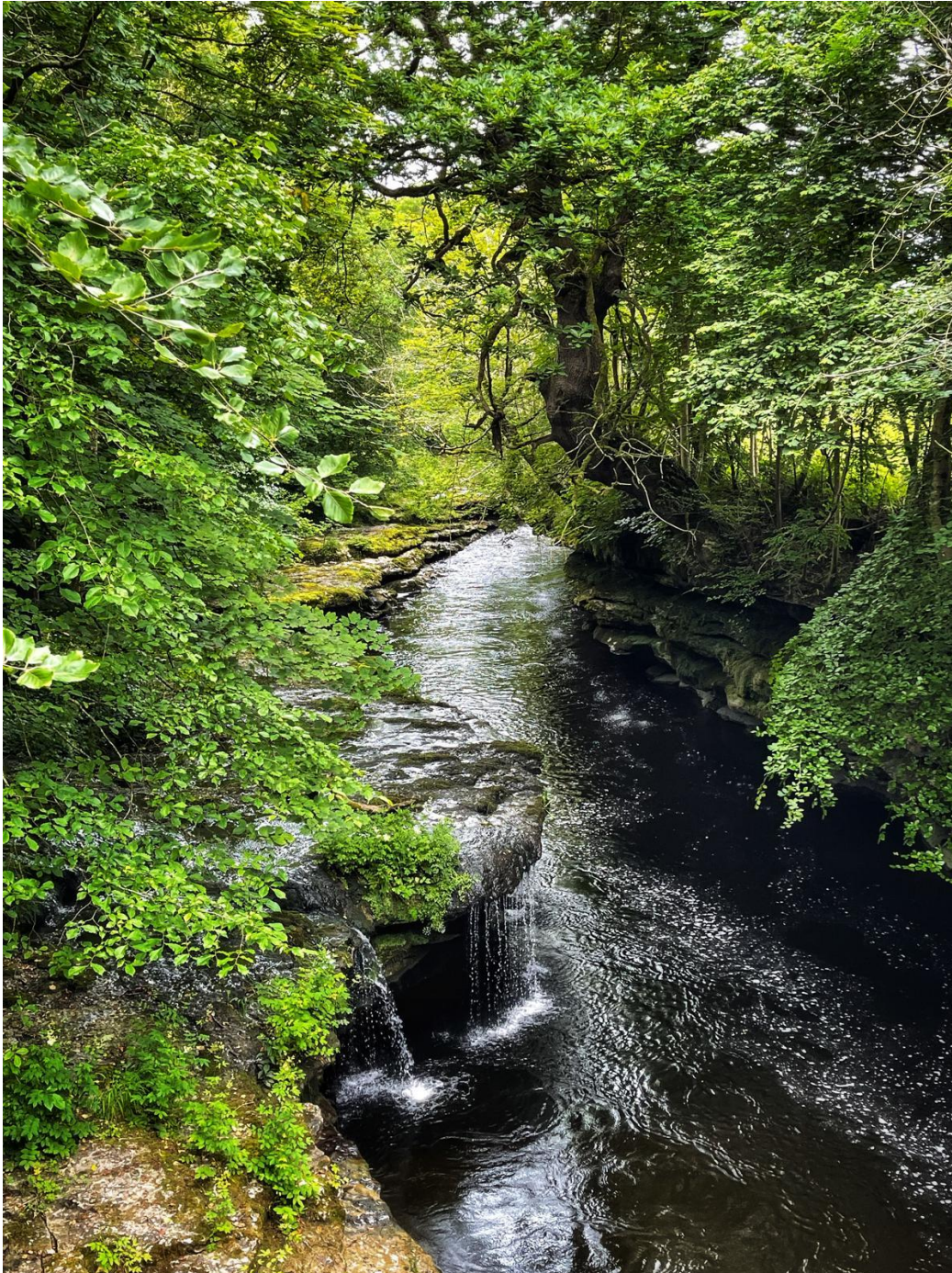


**SEDGWICK
PARISH
COUNCIL**

Summer Newsletter

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter



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Photograph by Steve Tanham



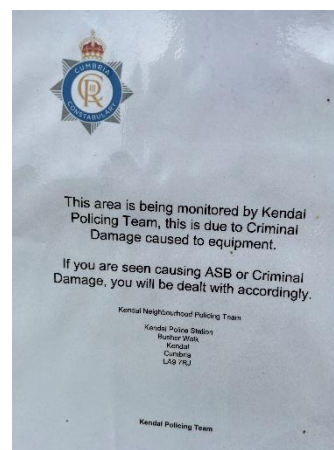
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It is very sad to start this newsletter by reporting on the continued anti-social and criminal behaviour that is distressing so many residents and proving very costly to the Council.



On 9th May at around 11 pm, a group of youths was seen carrying books, taken from the Telephone Box Lending Library, through the village. The books were then used to start a fire beneath the toddler slide in Millennium Field. Although the Fire Brigade attended, the slide was completely destroyed and will cost more than £8,000 to replace. The Police have investigated and, as this is the latest in a series of reported incidents involving vandalism and trespass, the



Council is seeking an Anti-social Behaviour Review. We are also taking advice on how the Council and residents can improve security and keep people safe, including the possible use of CCTV cameras. If you have any views on this, please contact us. Since then, our PCSO patrol has visited the village and posted this notice. However, there has been a further incident reported to them when 4 youths were involved in a loud drinking session in the playground.

Unfortunately, this incident came just a week after the Council successfully replaced the junior slide and installed a new intermediate slide in the Millennium Field, a project that has taken many years of fundraising to achieve, so it has obviously come as a major blow. It also resulted in a temporary closure of the playground.

The Council would like to thank the residents who called the Fire Brigade that night and those who have offered support since. We will be holding a work party on Saturday 18 July (see opposite) and would be very grateful if residents could spare a few hours to help with routine maintenance tasks. Please come along and support the Millennium Field.

Parish Council News

Since our Spring newsletter, there have been several changes to the Council.

In March, we said farewell to our Parish Clerk Rachel Harrison. We thank her for her work with the Council over the past 3 years and wish her well in the future. We have been incredibly lucky to recruit Christine Davidson who also serves as Parish Clerk to several other local parishes and look forward to working with her.

We have also recruited two new Councillors: Adrian Heffernan and James Nunn, who are already working incredibly hard for the Parish. There is still one vacancy that we need to fill as soon as possible. Please consider joining us – contact the Clerk for more details.

Annual Parish Meeting

At our Annual Parish Meeting in March, the Council presented its annual report and we heard from different village organisations. Thank you to the residents and visitors who attended. We have since completed our annual financial audit and our **Annual Governance and Accountability Return** (which is a mandatory, end-of-year financial and governance report that every parish and town council in England must complete and publish) is available online.

Village Noticeboard

In addition to having replaced the aging Junior Slide in the Millennium Field, the Council have replaced the Village Noticeboard, which was beyond repair. We were pleased to be able to save the carved wooden sign which we have managed to install above the new board.



Canal Wildlife Area

The Canal Wildlife Area is thriving. The show of spring bulbs was its traditional annual treat and, with the trees in full leaf, the yellow Irises look like they will be as impressive. The abundance of May blossom, bramble flowers and elderflowers point towards another year of bumper berry crops. The birds and animals along the canal will be well fed this autumn!

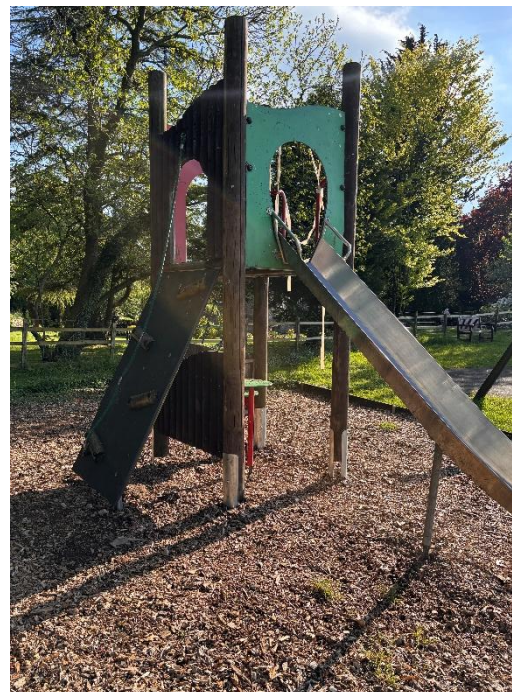


Highways Matters

The section of road at the south of the Parish from Force Bridge out towards Hincaster has been completely resurfaced and minor repairs carried out on Crosscrake Road. We continue our lobbying to get Castle View to the A65 section resurfaced, as the repairs being carried out are short term and deteriorate almost immediately and the state of the road there is not satisfactory.

Millennium Field

Obviously dealing with the arson attack at the Millennium Field has taken priority, but as mentioned, we have installed two slides for older children. Thanks especially to Cllr Nunn for his hard work in making this project happen.



WORK PARTY



The Millennium Field, Sedgwick

10am Saturday 18th July 2026

Come along and lend a hand — everyone welcome!

Please support our efforts keeping the Millennium Field a great place to visit and come along to our work party at 10am on Saturday July 18th.

THANK YOU

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Sedgwick Parish Council Meetings

@ 7.30pm **Sedgwick Village Hall**

July 8th September 9th November 11th

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.

There is a
**BOOK
SHARING
SCHEME**

in the Old
Phone Box.
Please borrow
a book and
swap it with
one to share



**COLD CALLERS
ARE NOT
ALLOWED IN
SEDGWICK**

We are a NO
COLD CALLING
ZONE. If they call,
contact Cumbria
Police
immediately on
101 and report
them to
trading.standards@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

**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



Our
defibrillator
is at the
Village Hall
LA80JU
What3
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[///mutual.ambulance.bleaker](http://mutual.ambulance.bleaker)

**SEDGWICK
Community
Emergency
Plan**

Sedgwick Parish
Council has a
Community
Emergency Plan
to help minimise
the impact of a
major local
emergency on
residents.

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