



Season's Greetings from Sedgwick

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

CHRISTMAS 2019

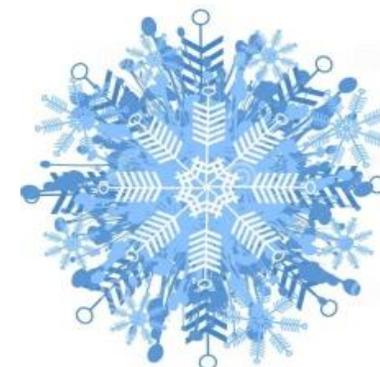
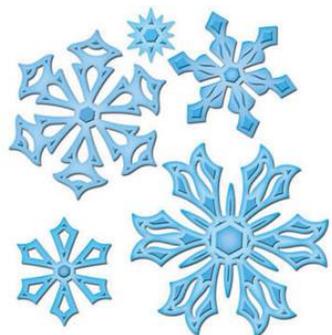
As the year draws to a close, the Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, as we keep you updated about council news:

552 BUS SERVICE The 552 Service was due to be withdrawn completely in November, but a last-minute change of plan has seen a new 552 Service begin - running Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please see the Parish Noticeboard and website for more details and the timetable.

NO COLD CALLING ZONE Our Sedgwick No Cold Calling Zone is entering its fourth year and has been very successful in deterring callers. However, recently, there have been unwanted visitors calling and trying to collect personal information from residents. When challenged they have become aggressive, so we strongly recommend residents to not engage with these people and report them as soon as possible using the contact details overleaf.

HIGHWAYS Faults and problems continue to be logged by the Council and 2019 has seen a number of improvements and repairs being made to roads in and around the parish. Please help us keep on top of things by reporting any required repairs using the CCC Hotline. We have been successful in getting the local Police involved in trying to reduce the dangerous parking on the approaches to Brettargh Holt Roundabout. They are monitoring the situation and placing notices on dangerously parked cars. We have requested improved signage at the Carex Farm Crossroads to improve the safety of vehicles approaching from the minor roads. Comments from concerned residents about the speed of cycles being ridden through the village - especially along Back Lane and through the aqueduct have been acted on too. In addition to pedestrians being put at risk, the Council is very concerned for the safety of the cyclists themselves at these accident hotspots. We have worked with the Police to raise awareness of the problem among local cycle clubs and groups, and we have requested new signs to warn of the hazards. We continue to be part of a group of parishes that operate extra road gritting to supplement the County Council's gritting routes and we also provide grit boxes at locations throughout the village- we do check them regularly but please notify us if you notice they need refilling.

MILLENNIUM FIELD The Millennium Field has been very busy all year round. Please make sure all young children are supervised and that safety notices are observed. Thanks go to Gerry and David for their continued work keeping the Millennium Field safe and tidy.





CANAL WILDLIFE AREA We continue to maintain this area as an amenity for walkers to enjoy being away from traffic and enjoy the wildlife areas amongst the towpath habitats. Unfortunately, we have received numerous complaints about cyclists using the footpath; there has also been anti-social behaviour towards residents when they have been challenged. Residents are reminded that the towpath is a footpath and is neither safe nor suitable for use by cyclists. The “No Cycling” signage that was stolen and/or defaced has been replaced to make this clear.

LOCAL HISTORY PROJECT The National Lottery Heritage Funding Project, which has funded repairs at Stainton Aqueduct and improvements at Hincaster Tunnel, is hoping to work with the University of Central Lancashire on a series of community history projects along the canal. They are exploring the possibility of creating an online exhibition about the canal and the local gunpowder trade. If any residents have relevant information or would be willing to take part in oral history interviews which would contribute to the resource, please see further information on our Parish website and contact Carrie House carrie.house@canalrivertrust.org.uk

WHAT3WORDS Residents might be interested in this revolutionary phone app that has already saved lives.....every 3m square in the world has been issued with a unique 3 word “address” that communicates location as accurately but far more easily than other methods. It enables users to navigate to exact locations (tents in fields, landmarks, houses etc) and also call emergency services to remote or difficult to find locations. 3word addresses are easy to say and share, and are as accurate as GPS coordinates. Just google “What 3 Words” for details.



VE DAY MAY 2020 Residents interested in becoming involved in organising Parish celebrations are asked to contact the Clerk.

IMPORTANT EMERGENCY ADVICE

With dark nights and winter weather, it is a good time to review your security and emergency arrangements. There continues to be numerous burglaries especially of out buildings so please check locks. We have more Household Emergency Plan Booklets for those wishing to make or update your contingency plans - they are full of practical advice. The Community Emergency Plan has been updated - for details please see our website.

REMEMBER If you have to call the Emergency Services, make sure they know which side of the aqueduct a vehicle is needed, because many appliances cannot pass under the aqueduct and the detour required is long.



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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
Community Response Group
 Coordinator Gerry Stoker - 4 Wakefield Meadow Tel 60939
 Richard Gill - Old School House Tel 60116
 Boyan Holmes - The Oaks Tel 61644
 Our Emergency Control Point is Sedgwick Village Hall

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CONTACT DETAILS 2020

Clerk; Sylvia Roberts
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Councillors:

Chair: Boyan Holmes;
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Richard Gill;
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John Oscroft;
15, Castle View, 60517

Robert Smith;
Stable Cottage, 60314

Gerry Stoker;
4, Wakefield Meadow, 60939

David Willacy;
Top O'th Hill, 61858

Future Council Meetings

2nd Wednesday of every Month:

Village Hall; 7.30pm
8th January 2020, 12th February 2020,
11th March 2020, 8th April 2020

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.

Residents are always welcome at meetings

Notice of the Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 18th March 2020

All residents welcome

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The Silver Line is a free, confidential, 24-hour helpline offering information, friendship and advice for lonely or isolated older people, available at any time day and night, every day of the year.

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NO COLD CALLING ZONE

To report a Cold Caller; Call Cumbria Police on 101 immediately
and if possible, report them to Cumbria Trading Standards
via the Citizens Advice Helpline on 03454 04 05 06