

# SEDGEFIELD NEWS

Produced by volunteers for the people of Sedgefield, Bradbury, Mordon and Fishburn

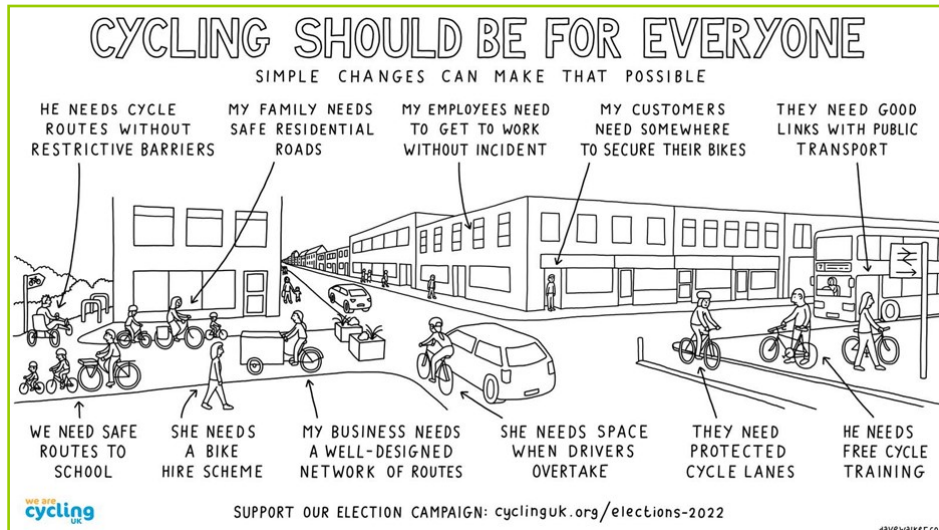
August 2022 Edition

Deadline for September - Monday 15 August

## What do you need to support your active travel?

Bikes and Active Travel is a Sedgefield Development Trust project. With our Facebook "[Sedgefield Bicycle and Active Travel Project](#)" group membership now over 200 members, the project continues to grow!

This is an update of what is happening in Active Travel at the moment and a chance to mention what will be coming up in the coming months.



new Active Travel England agency headed by Chris Boardman, we find ourselves at a point in time where there is an acknowledgement that people want to travel by bike and on foot for local journeys. In the past, our area has often felt like a poor relation when improvements are being allocated; we now believe that we have an excellent opportunity to push for investment in our area and make getting around healthier, cheaper and stress-free!

The questions to the left and many others will be the subject of a public consultation in the next few months. It is vitally important that we get as many people in the area to give their opinions of which improvements we want and why we need them.

Changes will only happen with public support and we need to know what all travellers in the area want.

Without engagement we are stuck with the status quo, so this is your big chance to get the changes you want.

Please watch out for details of the consultation in the various town social media streams and as a paper-based version available at various locations around the town.

Your voice is important and we look forward to hearing from you!

**Read an interesting letter on the topic at [www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk](http://www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk)**

We have been working very hard with Durham County Council and Sedgefield Town Council to find out what the people of the Sedgefield area want from Active Travel in the area. If we know what to focus on, we can provide the facilities and infrastructure that will make it easy for you to get around without the car. Of course, when we find ways for people to get around whilst leaving the car at home we will free up road space for people who really need to drive into the village. Some of the things we have asked about on the Facebook page include:

### Pavement Parking

What can be done to help pedestrians and especially pushchair and wheelchair users to get along the pavements and past parked cars without having to go into the road? Are there areas where alternative or improved parking are needed to help people park off the pavement, or do we need alternative enforcement to make pavements safe?

### 20mph Limits

As lots of people have commented on the speed of many vehicles through the village, and as several of the new estates have or have considered 20mph limits, many people feel that a wider 20mph limit around the village might improve safety in the centre, and may also encourage people to avoid taking a short cut rather than using the bypass.

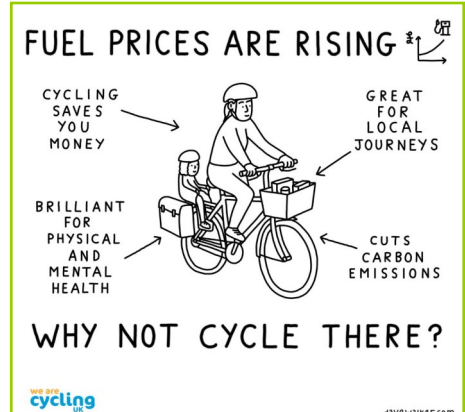
### Improved pedestrian crossings

Where do you want to cross the road? If we had extra crossings, where would be most convenient to help you get to the shops or to get the children to school?

### Increasing Parking

Could the diagonal road near the bus shelter be closed off to provide more parking spaces for visitors to the town?

We are lucky that since Lockdown and with the formation of the government's



## Community College remains "Outstanding"

**Sedgefield Community College (SCC), part of the Laidlaw Schools Trust, received an Outstanding Ofsted grade following a two-day visit in May.**

This was the school's first inspection since being judged to be 'Outstanding' in all respects in March 2017, with the new report confirming that it 'continues to be an outstanding school'.

The report adds: "Pupils and staff feel that this is a place where they are safe, happy and valued [...] behaviour around school is impeccable".

Paul Fleming, Headteacher, commented: "We are delighted that Ofsted have recognised the fantastic work of our students, staff, governors and wider community over recent years. "It is a tremendous achievement for everyone who is part of SCC and the Laidlaw Schools Trust that we continue to be an 'outstanding' school. "We look forward to continuing to develop and providing the best possible education for all of our young people."

Ian Simpson, CEO of the Laidlaw Schools Trust commented: "We are incredibly proud of our staff, pupils, and families at Sedgefield Community College for their well-deserved Outstanding grade. "SCC perfectly embody our mission to transform lives through inspirational education with their highly ambitious curriculum and fantastic support for pupils' broader personal development."

## Sedgefield Primary Eco-warriors to the rescue



Sedgefield Primary School Eco-Warriors have been busy over the last few months. They have planted wildflowers in the school grounds, had meetings with Sedgefield in Bloom and visited areas in Sedgefield that are contributing to protecting our environment.

This group were keen to visit the Sedgefield Community bench and learn about the trees planted to remember local people who had suffered from Covid.



The Eco-Warriors have delivered a whole school assembly about how the school can save energy and protect the environment. This assembly was insightful as to how we can all save energy.

To learn about the impact of the environment Eco-Warriors have met with the environmental company OASES. Brodie aged 9 from Class 4 was keen to give Sedgefield in Bloom members a tour of the school. He commented "It is great trying to support the environment for the next generation".

Alice, also aged 9, and another Class 4 Eco-Warrior Ambassador commented, "It is so important we learn about the environment and how it is connected to Sedgefield."

## Sustainability at Sainsburys

Class 5 pupils at Sedgefield Primary School strengthened community links with Sainsburys recently through a whole class visit where they were given an informative tour of the store.



Pupils were impressed by the sustainability focus of Sainsburys and its commitment to supporting the environment through various ways. Theo aged 10, commented, "The local store really cared for the environment by their use of recycled rain water to support their plumbing and their use of bio-fuel for energy."

Monty aged 10 was impressed that nothing went to waste and landfill was avoided wherever possible. The manager stated that none of their food goes to landfill. The local community was supported through the purchasing of products from local farms, through recycling and food given to local food banks. Fresh meat is UK sourced.

Pupils who visited were gifted a food package to make soup with ingredients and a recipe card. In a further act of generosity from the store, pupils were given a tub with seeds to plant at home.

This visit was a huge success and pupils at Sedgefield Primary are very grateful to local Sainsburys for their kindness and support.

## Our summer events



**Sedgefield Hardwick enjoyed their very first Sports Day and Summer Carnival since 2019 on Friday 8 July.**

The sun had his hat on and we had an incredible day. After lots of Sports Day practice throughout the week, we were ready to race our friends and have fun in lots of different races.

Our first race was the assault course and what a race it was! Lucas, from Year 2 explained that, he loved the maze because crawling through the tape was a challenge but very fun. Bridie who is also from Year 2 said "Crawling through the parachute was very exciting because I didn't know when it was going to end!"

Our final race was the 60 metre sprint. Joshua from Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed the final race, stating "I just love running with my friends so I really enjoyed it!" It was a close call during the awards ceremony, with Team Oak winning Sports Day 2022.



We were delighted that the weather was on our side and remained glorious for our long awaited Summer Carnival. There was so much to do and we had a great time! A main event at the Summer Carnival was Hardwick's Got Talent, organised by Year 6 and it was a fantastic event.

Chloe, from Year 2, who made it to the final, said "I was nervous at the start because there were lots of people looking at me. But, when I heard my music and the crowd cheering my confidence grew and I danced my heart out."

Chuckling wet sponges in Mr Taylor's face was Lewie from Year 2's personal favourite, explaining that "I liked it when Mr Taylor was soaking wet!"

It was a memorable day enjoyed by all and ended the academic year perfectly! A huge thank you to our fantastic PTA for making this possible and to those people and staff who helped run the event. We cannot wait to do it all again next year!



## SEDGEFIELD DEVELOPMENT TRUST *PROJECT NEWS*



If you would like to help shape  
the future of our market

**JOIN THE TEAM!**

Talk to Roger at the SDT tent  
during the market, or call

**07803 269 956**

**August Farmers Market**  
Sunday 7 August 8.30 – 12.30



Homework Help is taking a break  
over the school holidays (although if  
anyone would like any support  
during this time, do get in touch).

We'll be ready to start again in  
September, when existing and new  
students and helpers will be  
welcome to get stuck in to the new  
term's work.

Please email  
[homework@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk](mailto:homework@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk)  
or find us on Facebook.



### A place to enjoy nature

The Woodland & Wildlife Project site, located North of Sedgefield at NETPark, is not only a place of work, but also a beautiful spot to take time out and enjoy nature.

While out for a stroll take time to notice the flora and fauna. Recent interesting sightings have included kestrels, dingy skipper butterflies, orchids, yellow hammers, greater and lesser white throat to name only a few!



*Dingy Skipper*  
(Photo: Robert Tomys)

You could even record what you see on the iNaturalist app ([www.inaturalist.org](http://www.inaturalist.org)). The data collected on the app is important for natural scientists to enable them to get a clear picture of biodiversity trends around the country. You don't need to know the name of what you are looking at, as the app comes up with suggestions which are then verified by other users. It's quite addictive! The Woodland & Wildlife Project will soon be having an online information session about recording wildlife followed by an in-person event on the W&W site. If you are interested, please look out for dates on our Facebook page.

If you would like to know more about the project or volunteer with us, please contact Melissa – [woodland@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk](mailto:woodland@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk) or join our Facebook page – [Woodland & Wildlife -Sedgefield](https://www.facebook.com/Woodland-Wildlife-Sedgefield).

### Sew Easy

Due to lowering of number restrictions in Parish Hall there are now places in Monday night and Wednesday afternoon sewing groups.

For more information contact Dorothy Anderson on 07773 286743.



## Why advertise in the *SEDGEFIELD NEWS*?

Sedgefield News is written and distributed by volunteers - five of whom edit and/or provide regular contributions and over sixty others who distribute and deliver over 3,200 copies to every letterbox we can find in our area. Deliverers often send back lovely feedback, telling us that people look forward to receiving their monthly copy of the News.

**Producing the paper is made possible by the income from our advertising**, which not only covers our printing costs, but also provides a small surplus income. This is put into Sedgefield Development Trust to support community projects across Sedgefield, Fishburn, Mordon and Bradbury. The range and scope of these projects has grown over the years and we now run:

### Bees at Hardwick

Beekeeping group supporting and managing an apiary whilst extending the knowledge of our beekeepers.

### Bike and Active Travel

Set up to promote cycling and active travel in and around Sedgefield.

### Days In Days Out (DIDO)

A programme of entertainment, educational talks and social interaction for older residents.

### Farmers Market

Organising and developing the market, held every first Sunday of the month on the Village Green.

### Homework Help

Homework Help volunteers help students and pupils with their homework, to gain understanding and confidence so that they can do more on their own.

When we set up Sedgefield Development Trust, an important part of our remit was to support local business to grow and thrive. That's why we try to keep prices low. Even the smallest business can be encouraged to test the market for their services.

The pandemic years showed us that where they could, our regular advertisers have done their bit to return that support, for which we are very thankful, so advertising in Sedgefield News doesn't only put out your message to everyone in our local area. It supports community projects as well as all the other organisations who need to get their message out to readers through the News.

**To enquire about advertising, email [news@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk](mailto:news@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk)**

### Repair Café

Our latest project, working to set up a friendly, local repair café.

### Sew Easy

Sewing sessions for all ages and abilities.

### Sedgefieldweb.co.uk

Website providing information about Trust projects and the online version of the Sedgefield News.

### Sedgefield Energy Switch

Working together with iChoosr, we have tried to help Sedgefield residents to save money on their domestic gas and electricity bills.

### Woodland & Wildlife

A community conservation project which relies on volunteers who donate their time to the upkeep and development of the woodland site near NETPark.

### Sedgefield Development Trust Contact Details

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email: [secretary@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk](mailto:secretary@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk) website: [www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk](http://www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk)

## Sedgefield Show launch for popular church calendar

Six local photographers are to have their work featured in the 2023 calendar which is produced by the Friends of St Edmund's Church in Sedgefield – but their identities will not be revealed until the official launch in August.

"We had multiple entries from a number of people this year and some of them were just too good to ignore", said a member of the judging panel this week.

The judges admit that some contributors will be disappointed that their work was not selected but say that a number featured children and it was not known if parental consent had been obtained.

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The Friends of  
ST. EDMUND'S  
CHURCH  
SEDGEFIELD COUNTY DURHAM

The calendar will go on sale at Sedgefield Show where the Friends of St Edmund's will have a stall. Despite increased materials and production costs, the price of the calendar will remain the same as in previous years at £8 plus 50p for anyone wanting a substantial protective envelope for safe posting.

Calendars can be pre-ordered from any member of the Friends' committee or from Friends' membership secretary Brian Mutch. Telephone, 01740 622302, email [b.mutch@btconnect.com](mailto:b.mutch@btconnect.com) or at 6 Hasledon Grove, Sedgefield.

For local people unable to purchase copies from traditional sources, when the Calendars become available, Brian and his wife, Christine will deliver to their homes by arrangement and take payment via the group's hand-held card machine.

## STEVE'S NATURE DIARY AUGUST 2022

One of the best things about summer is that when you get home from work there is enough light to go for an evening walk. Recently such a trip was very rewarding, not only because the weather was good, that I managed to get my 10,000 steps in, that we saw lots of seals, terns, curlews and redshank but we also managed to catch up with a rarity. We got good views of a Caspian Tern, which is a very rare vagrant to the UK with around, on average, five records per year. Although distant it was easy to pick up the Caspian Tern. It is the world's largest tern with a large coral red bill, and it really stood out amongst the smaller terns. It normally breeds in scattered colonies in Eurasia, Africa, and North America and its preferred habitats include sandy or pebbly shores of lakes and large rivers and along coasts. The conservation status for this species is 'Amber' in the UK because it is a species of concern in Europe.

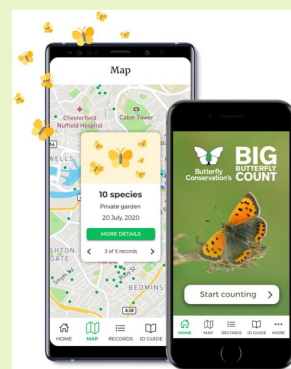
We were at Seal Sands and after the seeing the tern we had a walk along Greatham Creek where there was lots to see including the Grayling butterfly, a relative rarity in the North but locally common on Teesside with excellent cryptic camouflage. This makes it difficult to see when at rest on bare ground, tree trunks, or stones. The wings are kept closed when not in flight and the forewings are usually tucked behind the hind wings, concealing the eyespots, and making the butterfly appear smaller. In flight it is a distinctive, large butterfly with a looping and gliding flight, during which the paler bands on the upper wings are visible. It was a little windy but once you got your eye in you soon picked them up and we managed to see quite a few individuals.

August can be a good time to see butterflies and that is why Butterfly Conservation have organised their Big Butterfly Count and you have until 7 August to take part. The Big Butterfly Count is a nationwide citizen science survey aimed at helping to assess the health of our environment. It was launched in 2010 and has rapidly become the world's biggest survey of butterflies. Over 107,000 citizen scientists took part in 2021, submitting 152,039 counts of butterflies and day-flying moths from across the UK.

You can take part by visiting [bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org](http://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org) and download a handy butterfly ID chart or free app to identify and record the butterflies you spot.

Choose a place to spot butterflies and moths and watch for 15 minutes then record which species you see. You can do it in your garden, park or on a walk. It is useful to count butterflies because not only are they beautiful creatures to be around, but they are also extremely important as vital parts of the ecosystem as both pollinators and components of the food chain. However, they are under threat. Numbers of butterflies and moths in the UK have decreased significantly since the 1970s. This is a warning that cannot be ignored. Butterfly declines are also an early warning for other wildlife losses. They are key biodiversity indicators for scientists as they react very quickly to changes in their environment. Therefore, if their numbers are falling, then nature is in trouble.

So, tracking numbers of butterflies is crucial in the fight to conserve our natural world. That's why taking part in this massive citizen science enterprise is of great importance not just for our butterflies but for the wider environment and biodiversity in general. Don't forget you have until August 7th to take part so get counting.



### Sedgefield Charities: Education grants for students

The Sedgefield Charities' Trustees make awards each year to help students from lower income families who are taking up full time education beyond A level or its equivalent. Students of any age may apply.

Applicants must live in **Bishop Middleham, Bradbury, Cornforth, Fishburn, Mordon, Sedgefield or Trimdon.**

For further information and an application form please contact the Clerk,  
Anne Gladwin

Post: 46 Whitehouse Drive, Sedgefield, TS21 3BU.

Telephone: 01740 620811

e-mail: [sedgefieldcharities@gmail.com](mailto:sedgefieldcharities@gmail.com)

**The closing date for applications is 30 September 2022.**



## Your LETTERS

### Tribute to Jenny 1927 - 2022

It is with much sadness to say Sedgefield has lost one of its oldest senior citizens.

Jenny Moyle, who recently turned 95 years old, was really proud to live in Sedgefield a village she lived in almost her entire life.

Jenny was born in a village called East Hetton, near Kelloe and moved here in her early childhood years. The family ran a paper shop North End and later moved to Maple Grove. Jenny met her future husband Stan in Maple Grove and they were married in 1950 and they moved into Elm Avenue when they were newly built in 1957, she lived there ever since.

Jenny had many friends in the village and loved going to the 'Pop In' at Ceddesfield Hall and the 'Days In, Days Out' club.

Jenny enjoyed her nursing career which included working at Sedgefield General Hospital. We will all miss her. God bless.

Geoff Moyle



### Thank you

A really big 'thank you' to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning on Friday 17 June in particular the line dancing group members and all the people who helped make it happen – especially Ron Bannister, who is our faithful No1 fan!

As many of you know Angela Bannister arranged this fund raising event to supplement the money we had already raised in aid of this dreadful humanitarian disaster, which sadly is still on-going, and unfortunately will be for many years to come.

The Coffee Morning raised an amazing £432 which included donations. This, together with the Dance for Ukraine gave a massive total of £1,142 after rental costs for the use of the Parish Hall.

This has been shared equally between British Red Cross UK and UNICEF UK i.e. £571 to each charity.

Our sincere thank for the generosity of Sedgefield people and friends from surrounding villages. We could not have done this without you!

Gloria Wills

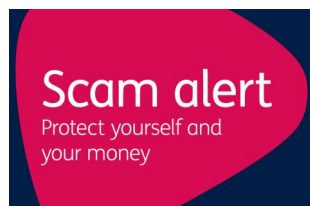
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## SEDFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



### Humanitarian scams

Fraudsters often use global events or tragedies as an opportunity to prey on your compassion and willingness to help others in need. They may use the situation in Ukraine as a cover story to get you to divulge personal details, move money out of your account, or ask for donations to fake relief efforts. Please be careful and check you're donating to an accredited, legitimate charity.



### Romance scams

The coronavirus situation has meant lots of us are using dating sites and social media to meet others. Not everyone is who they say they are and scammers can pose as others online. Always do your background research on the person you're speaking to and don't transfer money to someone you haven't met in person – especially if they say they're overseas and need the money for some kind of emergency or crisis. Speak to someone you trust first.

### Cost of living scams

Fraudsters will try to take advantage of the cost of living crisis and might get in contact about a range of issues affecting us all. They might pretend to represent local councils offering financial support, energy companies, or retailers offering too-good-to-be-true discounts, or direct you to fake loan websites or offers. The government has recently announced a range of measures to help families with the rising cost of living. If someone calls you pretending to be from the council and asks for your bank details so they can give you a refund, hang up. If they text or email you, don't click on any links. Councils will never call or email asking for your bank details. The gov.uk website has more information about the rebates the government is offering, where you can see if you're eligible and find out how to claim them.

The rising cost of energy is also leading to scammers contacting consumers about energy price offers and refunds. If someone gets in touch about an offer for a great energy price deal or a refund, don't click on any links or give them any personal information over the phone. Genuine companies will understand

if you want to look into the offer, or call back on a number you can find on their website.

If you're looking for retail offers and discounts, be wary of offers that seem too good to be true. Use reputable discount websites rather than using a search engine, or go directly to the retailer.

Scammers could set up fake loan websites. The interest rate may seem low, but they'll say you need to pay an admin fee before they can release the money – this will be a scam. Always check a company offering loans is fully regulated by checking the FCA website. If you're struggling financially, talk to your bank and see what support they can offer. Remember – if an offer seems too good to be true, it probably is.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE

Our Committee currently has a vacancy. If you are interested in being actively involved in helping to protect our Community please let us know. Come to our next meeting on Wednesday 10th August at 7pm in the Social Club to find out more or leave your contact details on our Facebook page or at the Council Office.

### To report anything suspicious in your area call Durham Constabulary on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

To report concerns, seek advice or pass on information call 101. Keep notes, ask for an incident number. Information received will be developed and acted on.

### Confidential email address:

[amy.jorgeson@durham.police.uk](mailto:amy.jorgeson@durham.police.uk)



By the time you are reading this, Northumberland in Bloom summer judging will have taken place for Sedgefield on 27 July. Fingers crossed for a brilliant result.

The Sedgefield in Bloom group works hard (with your valued support) to raise funds to buy the plants which help make our town beautiful.

Sadly we have to advise you that recently some have gone missing from Ceddesfeld Gardens and Church wall areas, along with plants being deliberately pulled out and left to die.

These beds are planted for the enjoyment of all and we would request that they be left alone for everyone to appreciate.

Marie Etherington, Sedgefield in Bloom

## ARTS UPDATE with Geoff Millichap

email: [sedgefieldartsandevents@outlook.com](mailto:sedgefieldartsandevents@outlook.com)

### SIRF in Stockton

The Stockton International Riverside Festival crashes onto Stockton high street from the 4th August to the 7th. This year's event, as usual, showcases a packed calendar of outdoor arts, performers, music, theatre, acrobatics and a lot more, all free of charge.

The festival is now a longstanding favourite on Teesside. It arrived in 1988, inspired by the popularity of similar street festivals operating across Europe, and this year will be the 35th staging. As usual, no holds will be barred.

If you have never attended the event it is difficult to envisage how dramatic & visually arresting it can be to witness acrobatics performed in an everyday setting. Think smoke, confetti cannons, high-wire hijinks; a giant mobile adorned with real people, with explosions of colour and stunning music. The festival opens with a bang on Thursday 4th with *Tawa*, brought to you by Gratte Ciel, one many international troupes to have travelled from overseas to participate in 35 shows staged over the four-day programme of events.

There is a lot more to the festival than circus skills, however. The schedule is packed with acts to beguile and intrigue as well as to astonish & it is the variety of events that make it a firm favourite with young and old. From comics, clowns, synchronised swimmers, art installations, acrobats, kite puppets, augmented reality dancers, performance parkour, stilt walkers, dancers, pottery, brass music... there is truly something for everyone.

Consistently creative and endlessly imaginative, SIRF has been described by the chief executive of the Arts Council England as the "world's best international festival of outdoor art" & it all takes place just a few miles from Sedgefield. All events are free but some are ticketed - Visit <https://www.enjoyteesvalley.com/event/stockton-international-riverside-festival-sirf> for details.



### Hardwick Festival 2022

Certainly the highest-profile live music event of the year for the village, Hardwick Festival has become a highlight in the cultural calendar of the north-east, with seemingly an ever more prestigious line-up each year.

Hardwick Festival '22 features global headliners such as Stereophonics, The Specials, Jake Bugg, Seasick Steve, and The Proclaimers to name just a few, as well as an extensive DJ line up, a soul tent and an 'introducing' stage showcasing up-and-coming voices from the north-east like Hayley Mckay, Kieran Bowe & The Volunteers.

One of a number of festivals to have sprung up in recent years with families firmly in mind, Hardwick Live is the perfect setting for seeing live bands while also catering to children's needs, with a dedicated arena for kids in the woods, face painting, food stalls & children's entertainers. Each year crowds flock to the site but tickets are still available for both days, visit <https://hardwickfestival.ticketline.co.uk/> for tickets & times.

### BAMS '22 Concert Series

Bishop Auckland Music Society rounds out the 2022 concert series by welcoming the multi award-winning *Mithras Trio*.



Formed in 2017 at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, the trio comprises cellist, pianist & violinist, all accomplished & experienced performers. They took first prize at Trondheim International Chamber Music competition with extensive repertoire including Shostakovich, Beethoven, & Tchaikovsky. Tickets: <https://bvemv.orpheusweb.co.uk/BAMSWeb/bams.html> Friday 2nd September 2022, 7.30pm Bishop Auckland Methodist Church.

## More Local Events through August & September

### Kynren - An Epic Tale of England - Bishop Auckland

A mighty potted history of England's past re-enacted in a stunning setting Every Saturday from 6th August to 10th September 2022. <https://www.11arches.com/kynren>

### Seaham Food Festival 2022 - Terrace Green, Seaham

Outdoor food stalls & appearances from celebrity chefs including Jean-Christophe Novelli Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th August <https://seahamfoodfestival.co.uk>

### Stone Valley Festival North - Ushaw Historic House Gardens

Live music featuring huge names over 3 days with camping. See below - detail more easily read on our partner website, [www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk](http://www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk). Friday 5th, Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th August 2022 <https://www.stonevalleyfestival.co.uk/stone-valley-north-line-ups/>



### Unity is Strength: Durham Miners' Gala - Bishop Auckland

A celebration of Durham's 'Big Meet' in mining art at the Mining Art Gallery Each Wednesday to Sunday 11:00 - 16:00 until December <https://aucklandproject.org/whats-on/unity-is-strength-durham-miners-gala/>

### Awful Auntie - Raby Castle

Outdoor staging of David Walliams' hit *Awful Auntie* for children aged 7+ Friday 12th August 6.30pm <https://www.raby.co.uk/events/open-air-theatre-awful-auntie>

### Superworm Walk - Raby Castle

Guided castle walk with emphasis on creatures from Julia Donaldson's *Superworm* 10.30am & 1.30pm Monday 8th August 2022 <https://www.raby.co.uk/events/superworm-book-walk-bright-woods-forest-school-cic/>



## DIARY & EVENTS

Please send information to [diary.sedgefieldnews@gmail.com](mailto:diary.sedgefieldnews@gmail.com)

### August 2022

- Wednesday 3** **Sedgefield WI**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7:15pm. Sarah Steel talks about "Modern Textiles". Members competition: a pretty scarf. Visitors are always welcome £4.
- Thursday 4** **Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club**, "Summer Sizzle", in the garden at 7 Hurworth Place, Hurworth DL2 2DG. Afternoon will include: flower demonstration; cake and tea; and raffle. £5 per person. Tickets from Sandra 07533 752870.
- Sunday 7** **Sedgefield Farmers Market**, Village Green, 8:30am-12:30pm.
- Monday 8** **DIDO**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 1pm until 3:30pm. Celebrating the 60s (60s fancy dress optional). Call 07597 116847 or 01740 629574 for details.
- Wednesday 10** **Sedgefield Neighbourhood Watch**, Sedgefield Social Club at 7pm.
- Saturday 13** **167th Sedgefield Show**, The Robert Brown Show Field, open to the public from 9:30am. Everyone welcome.
- Thursday 18** **Sedgefield Memory Café**, Sedgefield Fire Station, 10:30am-12pm. For those living with dementia and their carers.
- Sunday 21** **Family Fun Afternoon**, Ceddesfeld Hall, 1pm to 4 pm. See Page 8 for more details.
- Friday 26** **Sedgefield Village Veterans**, coffee morning, Sedgefield Parish Hall, from 10am
- Sunday 28** **Cricket Club Charity Day in aid of prostate cancer**. Hosted by Gary Philipson of Radio Tees. Events inc cricket, tug of war, welly hoy, 60s band. Families welcome. Free entry.

### Local Agricultural Show continues to grow as it hits its 167th Year

The 167th Sedgefield and District Agricultural Show on Saturday 13 August 2022 and has already attracted a large amount of interest and support.

The Show, which takes place in the Robert Brown Show Field, West Park, Sedgefield promotes the talents of local community as well as showcasing rural life with exhibits of the best local produce, livestock and wares.

Gates open at 10am and car parking is free. Tickets are available on the gate with Adults £8, children over 5 and concessions £6, family tickets are £20 for 2 adults and up to 3 children. The exhibition marquees open at 12 noon and attendees will be able to enjoy watching a variety of activities including a full range of competitions and displays comprising of agricultural classes for horses, ponies, vintage tractors, horticulture and a "Crufts Qualifier" dog show. The cattle and sheep classes once again make a return this year, along with the heavy horses. The show offers something for all the family to enjoy.

There will also be several marquees with craft stalls, horticultural displays, home produce and handicrafts. The popular food hall makes a return this year where there will be a vast range of local and regional delicacies on offer.

In the horticulture marquee visitors can view the prize vegetables, home and farm produce that will be on display, along with outstanding floral arrangements. In the craft tent, there will be a vast array of baked goods and crafts exhibits showcasing lots of local talent. A wide range of stalls offering designer individual products will also be present in our shopping marquee. The Funfair will be present along with many other fun activities. Food and a wide range of refreshments are available on site.



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**Book Circle**, 3rd Friday of the month from 2pm.

**Summer Reading Challenge** has started, it's all about Gadeteers.

### Sedgefield Baby & Toddler Group

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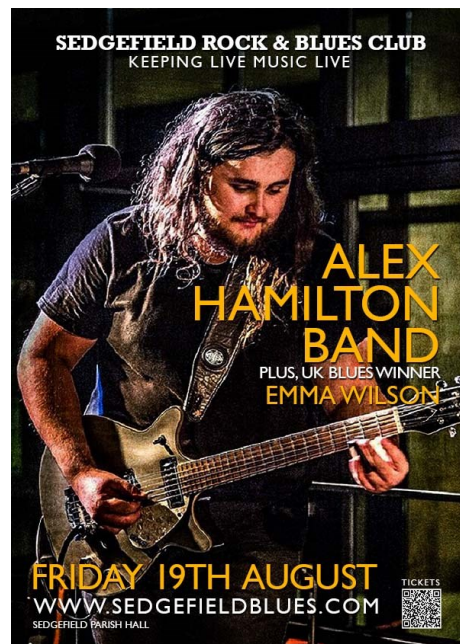
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Elaine (01740 629070) for details.

### Female Hormone Deficiency Support Group

Sedgefield Social Club every Thursday from 7:00-8:30pm  
See update on page 8

### Twinnings celebrate. See page 8

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## CEDDESFELD HALL

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### Ceddesfeld Hall Beer Festival – Good to be Back!

SCA was delighted to see the return of this very popular event. Huge thanks must go to the volunteers who helped in the run up and throughout a very busy weekend. Visitors certainly enjoyed the beers, ciders (which sold out) and of course the entertainment provided by Lol & Maxine Crallan, and Mamma Said. Looking forward to next year already!

### Family Fun Afternoon – Sunday 21st August – 1pm to 4 pm

A fun afternoon for families with younger children (up to 12 yrs). There will be a range of garden games and sports equipment available for children to play with and the bar will be open. Bring along a family picnic.

### Sedgefield Folk Festival – 2 to 4 September 2022

It is wonderful to see the return of this very popular event. There is a great programme to look forward to. Do make sure to get the necessary tickets, as places at Ceddesfeld Hall and the Parish Hall are limited for this busy festival! The bar will be open for all events at Ceddesfeld Hall.

#### Friday 2 September

Ceddesfeld Hall - More Ukes, Maxine & Lol Crallan & Sedgefield Ukulele Smile Time, 7.30 pm to 11 pm. A splendid evening of popular songs and music. Tickets (£6) available from Lol & Maxine on 07785 281471.

Ceddesfeld Hall – Music Play Around (any instrument/all abilities, dots available. Oldham Room - 8 pm to 10.30 pm. Led by Su Childs & Raggle Taggle. Free.

Sedgefield Social Club – Sing Around with Pot & Glass Folk Club. 7.30 pm to 11 pm. Free

#### Saturday 3 September

Ceddesfeld Hall – Afternoon Concert, featuring Bernard Wrigley, Lirica, Pete Ivatts - 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm. £10. Call Joan on 01740 721347 to reserve tickets

Sedgefield Parish Hall – Evening Concert, featuring The Hayley Sisters, Chris Bannister, John Wrightson Band and John Weighell – 7pm to 11pm - £17 – Tickets must be reserved by calling Joan Edmundson on 01740 621347

Ceddesfeld Hall – Open Mic Night, featuring The Old Age Travellers (as well as much more local talent). 7.30 pm to 11 pm, Free. Raffle proceeds to go to Sedgefield Folk Festival.

Ceddesfeld Hall – Music Play Around (any instrument/all abilities, dots available), led by Su Childs & Raggle Taggle. In the Oldham Room - 8 pm to 10.30 pm. Free.

Sunday 4th September at Ceddesfeld Hall – Sing Around with the John Wrightson Band. Free Buffet. 11 am to 3 pm

For more information on Ceddesfeld Hall events, regular activities, room hire and bar opening times, contact Wendy on 01740 620206, Pat on 01740 620607, John on 01740 620042, Sarah on 01740 622185 or visit our website on [www.sedgefieldsca.org.uk](http://www.sedgefieldsca.org.uk). Follow us on [facebook.com/Ceddesfeld](https://facebook.com/Ceddesfeld).

### Cause for celebration

On 26 June, Sedgefield Twinning Association held its first social 'Strawberries and Fizz' afternoon in three years. It was very well attended by the Mayor of Sedgefield and his wife, twinners, non-twinners, and a resident from the new Hamminkeln Place development.

Everybody seemed happy to be back and celebrated with prosecco (or nosecco for those who preferred a non-alcoholic option), fresh local strawberries and cream and a quiz-with-a-twist which brought out some friendly competitiveness!

It was great to see everybody again so keep your eye out for the next twinning event which is planned for 24 September! It should be another good one!

Alda Houghton, STA Chair



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### Female Hormone Deficiency

The Female Hormone Deficiency Support group is growing and blossoming. Our new venue is Sedgefield Social Club; we have been warmly welcomed by the club, staff and members.

We kindly received a donation from the Sedgefield Town Council Community Chest, which has helped us buy some equipment to facilitate the presentations from our guest speakers and also enabled us to upload the presentations to our new YouTube Channel; this ensures everyone has access to the information.

At our meeting on 30 June, we had a visit from the MP for Sedgefield, Paul Howell. The group wanted to raise the concerns over HRT prescription costs and the postcode availability of Testosterone. Paul, admitted this area was not his strong point, but listened to the many views and took away a book to read (On the train to Westminster!) to improve his understanding. He kindly committed to return to learn more and continue the conversation.



By the time this goes to print, the group will have had several presentations from a Professor of Urology, Mental Health Nurse Practitioner and a Nurse Practitioner, who specialises in HRT. We have many more exciting speakers and plans for the group. This is a very, very friendly group that welcomes anyone to come along. Please check out the Social Media Channels and/or send Kathrine Winter an email and arrange a chat.

Meetings: Sedgefield Social Club - Thursdays 7pm (Check Social Media for confirmation)

Facebook: [Female Hormone Deficiency support group](https://facebook.com/FemaleHormoneDeficiencySupportGroup)

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**SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2022**

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## SPORTS UPDATE

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We're in the midst of another big summer of sport. As I type this, the Open Championship is underway at St. Andrew's, British cyclist Tom Pidcock has just celebrated his first stage win at the Tour de France, the Lionesses have started the Euro 2022 Championships with three wins, England's men's and women's cricket teams are in the middle of a busy schedule, the home nations are on rugby union tours to the southern hemisphere, and the athletics World Championships are about to get underway. Deep breath. And of course, the 2022 Commonwealth Games will begin in Birmingham at the end of July, and dare I mention that the regular men's football season returns in early August.

Despite the potential for all of the above to distract people from actually participating in sport themselves, I'm pleased to report that the people of Sedgefield appear to be as active as ever!

### Cricket

After last year's excellent season, Sedgefield Cricket Club's successful U17 men's team has so far marched through 2022 in familiar fashion. In June, in front of an enthusiastic home crowd, they retained the NYSD Junior Cup North by beating Hartlepool. In the 20 overs a side format, Sedgefield batted first and posted a total of 99. Ben Wright top scored with 42, with useful contributions from Ben Keating (26) and Harrison Lower (17). Ben Wright also starred with the ball, taking two top order wickets, while William Hampson also claimed two, plus three vital run outs, including the last two batters. Sedgefield completed the win with the penultimate ball of the game, bowling out Hartlepool for 83.



*Sedgefield Cricket Club's U17s after winning the NYSD Premier Cricket League Junior Cup*

Less than a month later, the U17s were crowned NYSD North League champions, again retaining a trophy that they won in 2021. Then a few days later, just beating the deadline for this edition of the News, Sedgefield repeated the treble they achieved in 2021 by also retaining the NYSD Junior Cup, beating Marton CC in the final. What an amazing run of success. Well done to everyone involved!

Meanwhile, Sedgefield's U15 Boys are unbeaten this season (at the time of writing), having won 12 out of 12 matches so far. One of the latest victories was over a very strong Richmondshire team, securing a win in the very last over of the semi-final of the Chester Cup. Sedgefield will take on Norton in the final.



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Anyone who has passed by Sedgefield Cricket Club at around tea-time on a Friday recently will have seen the large number of boys and girls playing cricket, including many taking part in the All Stars scheme. There are plenty of enthusiastic and talented players following in the steps of the U17s and U15s, who themselves are already finding opportunities to represent the club at a senior level. The cricketing present and future are both very bright here in Sedgefield.

### Wheelchair rugby

This edition of the News should be delivered to most households just ahead of a special event to celebrate Sedgefield based Bulls Wheelchair Rugby Club's 20th anniversary. The club will mark the occasion with a competition on 30th & 31st July at the community college. Five teams from around the UK will compete over the two days and at least three Team GB squad members, including two Paralympic gold medal winners (Jack Smith & Kylie Grimes), will be playing. Everyone is welcome to go along and watch the action - admission will be free. As I mentioned last month, the Bulls are keen to recruit new players and the event will be a great showcase for this exciting sport.

## Athletics

Members of Sedgefield Harriers have been extremely busy so far this summer, participating in a wide range of events both near and far. Some of those are included in the club's Grand Prix, with runners competing against each other in a series of races during the year. More popular than ever in 2022, there are six leagues in the Grand Prix and competition in all of them is fierce. Look out for more news on that and other notable events involving Harriers in the coming months.

The club is also making preparations for its next big event, the annual Sedgefield Serpentine on Sunday 18th September. This popular and scenic off-road race follows a route of approximately 10km on beautiful paths and trails around Hardwick Park and Bishop Middleham, starting and finishing in East Park next to the cricket club.

There are prizes up for grabs in multiple categories and the event is open to runners of all abilities. Places can be booked online through event supporter Muddy Roads at <https://www.muddyroads.co.uk/event/sedgefield-serpentine-10km-2022>.

*Below: Sedgefield Harrier Mark Chapman enjoys the downhill finish at the Durham City 10k*



## Bowls

Fishburn Bowls Club welcomes membership from all ages and abilities. You are invited to try the sport without any commitment. Informal free tuition is available. New members have free use of club bowls and unlimited use of the bowling green throughout the season subject to Greenkeeper's works. For further details contact Carol on 07446 032450 or Ian on 01740 621952.



That's all for this month. As always, if you have any sports news, send it to [chrisjlines@aol.com](mailto:chrisjlines@aol.com).