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# Parish Council Chairman's Introduction

After two years, where it has been very difficult to proceed with any of our major projects, I am really pleased to announce that this year we will be able to start on three important projects.

The first and largest is the Highways project which was stalled during Covid as no reliable traffic measurements could be taken. Inside please read the consultation which explains the traffic calming proposed for the village and Stream Lane. This project was a direct result of a consultation completed three years ago where the majority of the village voted in support of a number of traffic slowing features to help reduce the volume and speed of traffic in the village.

The second is the renewal of all the equipment at the children's play area beside the MUGA. I would like to thank Beverly Coupar who with colleagues has both raised significant funds and grants to cover a large portion of the costs for this project. In July there will be a circus on the sportsfield as a fundraiser for this project and I'd like to encourage everyone to attend as all the profits will go towards this project.

Lastly, is the resurfacing of the kickabout area at East View Terrace and repainting the MUGA. Both are in need of updating.

You'll be pleased to know that all these projects will be funded without any increase in our precept as the Parish Council has been saving money each year in reserve to complete these projects. The highways work will be funded through the increased rate we receive for infrastructure from all new housing developments because we have a neighbourhood plan in place (the first in Rother! Something we can all be proud of).

Despite Covid our Parish Councillors have all been very active over the past two years and I'd like to take time to thank them for all their hard work. Roy Chapman continues to manage all our maintenance and now chairs the Sports Field committee. The Parish Council has taken back control of the sportsfield and pavilion and is currently undertaking maintenance to get both back up to standard.

Pauline Glew our Vice Chair and chair of Finance has been extremely active in making sure all new residents get our welcome pack so they can feel part of our community. She is also heading arrangements for the Queens Jubilee event on the Green which I hope everyone will participate in. David Caney has moved the highways project forward despite all the problems and as mentioned above Beverly Coupar with support from our new councillor Jackie Saull-Hunt have made brilliant progress on our children's playground fundraising. Thank you to Peter Anson for all his advice on many and varied matters. Also, can I offer our warm welcome to Nicola Moore who has joined us and worked very hard in dealing with the Pestalozzi site issue.

Lastly but never least can I thank our clerk Jackie Scarff who works quietly and tirelessly to get a wide variety of jobs done behind the scenes.

We are glad that our Annual Assembly can be run this year having missed the last two years. Please do join us on the Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

We have a great community in Sedlescombe and I'd like to thank all those residents who have helped during the last two years in so many ways.



**Jonathan Vine-Hall**

**Chairman Sedlescombe Parish Council**

[Cllr.vine-hall@sedlescombe.org.uk](mailto:Cllr.vine-hall@sedlescombe.org.uk)

**March 2022**

## Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)

This area is managed by the Parish Council on behalf of the Sedlescombe Public Playing Field and Recreation Ground Trust.

Any ball game can be played on the MUGA and the general public use will remain free. Group bookings or commercial use should be booked through the Parish Clerk.

The cost for 2022 is £12 per hour.

Please note there is no parking on the site.

Please park in the road or in the public car park a short distance away in Brede Lane. (Public toilets are also available here).

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## **The 2022 Sedlescombe Annual Parish Assembly will take place Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in Sedlescombe Village Hall**

The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting of all the local government electors for the Parish which the public can participate in. It is NOT a Meeting of the Parish Council.

Anyone may attend but only registered electors of the Parish may speak.

The purpose of the meeting is so that the Parish Council can explain what it has been doing over the last year and it enables the electors to have their say on anything they consider is important to the people of the Parish.

### **Doors open at 6.30pm**

You will have an opportunity to view tables displayed by local businesses and organisations

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**There will be a free prize draw for those attending  
and for Parish Council volunteers.**

## **Agenda for the business part of the meeting, starting at 7pm**

1. Chairman's welcome and to receive any apologies for absence
2. Approval of Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019
3. Reports from the groups and organisations of Sedlescombe
4. Report of the Parish Council Chairman
5. Electors' question and answer session with County & District Cllr. Carl Maynard, District & Parish Council Chairman Cllr. Jonathan Vine-Hall

Signed

Jonathan Vine-Hall

Chairman of Sedlescombe Parish Council

***At the end of the business part of the meeting you are invited to circulate  
around the hall to meet Parish Councillors, District and County Councillors  
and local organisations and businesses.***

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# Meet Your Councillors.

**Jonathan Vine-Hall - Chairman of the Parish Council and Independent Rother District Councillor.**

**Contact: ☎: 07973 129505    Hurst House, Hurst Lane, Sedlescombe TN33 0PE**



Jonathan joined the Parish Council in August 2010, has been its Chairman since May 2012. Jonathan is an ex-officio member of every committee and is actively involved in all aspects of the Parish Council's work representing the Council on a number of related bodies. Jonathan has lived in Sedlescombe since 2003 and farms Hurst Estate between Brede Lane and Cripps Corner. He is also Chairman of Raystede Centre for Animal Welfare and has 3 rescue dogs and 3 rescue horses and 1 rescue cat. Jonathan is also the Independent District Councillor for Sedlescombe, Westfield and Three Oaks sits on the Rother District Council Cabinet as lead member for planning and is Chairman of the Rother District Planning Committee.

**Pauline Glew - Vice-Chairman of Parish Council,**

**Chairman of Finance Committee and Chair of Red Barn Working Group**

**Contact: ☎: 01424 870258    Kagiso, 36 Park Shaw, Sedlescombe TN33 0PP**



Pauline joined the Parish Council in 2003 and is an ex-officio member of all Committees. She is Vice Chair of the Council and Chair of the Finance Committee. She is the Parish Council's representative on RALC and runs the Sedlescombe Lift Scheme and is chair of the Red Barn Field working Group, the Spring Fayre Committee and is Treasurer of the Friendship Club.

Her leisure time is taken up working voluntary for the National Trust for 23 years and trying to keep pace with 4 daughters, 13 grandchildren aged between 23 and 34 and 3 great grandchildren.

**Roy Chapman - Councillor**

**Contact: ☎: 01424 870520    Ashdown Cottage, Cottage Lane, Sedlescombe TN33 0RR**



Roy was elected to the Parish Council in May 2011. He is a member of the Planning, Finance, Emergency Planning Advisory and Red Barn Working Group Committees. Roy coordinates all the village volunteers and ensures that the village is well maintained. Roy has lived in and been associated with Sedlescombe and its surrounding areas for more than 40 years and ran his own building business here. He is Chairman of Battle Writers Group. His interests include photography, the arts and conservation.

**Peter Anson - Councillor**

**Contact: ☎: 01424 870862    Durhamford, Stream Lane, Sedlescombe TN33 0PB**



Peter joined the Parish Council in 2012. He is a Member of the Finance Committees. He is Council's representative on the Sedlescombe Sports Association Committee, Peter is a retired Chartered Surveyor and spent almost 50 years in the property business specialising in property investment, development and planning. He has lived in Sedlescombe for over 20 years and is Chairman of the Restholme Trust. Peter enjoys gardening, fishing, cricket watching & entertaining grandchildren, the latter for limited periods!



**Sallyann Sidgwick - Councillor**

**Contact: ☎: 01424 871081** Stream Farm, Stream Lane, Sedlescombe TN33 0PB  
Sally was co-opted to the Parish Council in November 2017. She is Secretary of Sedlescombe Restholme Trust, and works locally as a self-employed bookkeeper. Sally moved to Sedlescombe in 1998 and in her spare time enjoys country walks with her dog .



**David Caney - Councillor**

**Contact: ☎: 07831 663321** Summer Cottage The Street, Sedlescombe TN33 0QQ  
David joined the Parish Council in September 2018. He has lived in Sedlescombe for 4 years. David served as a governor at Saleshurst Primary school. He is an active member of the Traffic Advisory Committee.



**Beverley Coupar - Councillor**

**Contact: ☎: 01424** Voles, Moat Lane, Sedlescombe TN33 0ZR  
Beverley was co-opted to the Parish Council in December 2019. She moved to Sedlescombe with her husband and 2 young children in 2016. She is a member of Sedlescombe Traffic Advisory Group and the Sedlescombe Community Speedwatch Group. She also plays an active role in Sedlescombe Primary School PTA. Her interests include gardening and cooking.



**Jackie Saull-Hunt - Councillor**

**Contact: ☎: 07531 065 469** Hurst Cottage, Hurst Lane, Sedlescombe, TNN33 0PE  
Jackie was co-opted on to the Parish Council in June 2020 She has lived in Sedlescombe for almost 20 years and has been an active part of village life including mother and toddler groups, the preschool as well as the local primary school. Her main interests include running around the local footpaths especially with various kids in tow, and swimming in the local rivers as well as a lifelong interest in plants



**Nicola Moore- Councillor**

**Contact: ☎: 01424 870970** 1 Oaklands Park , Sedlescombe TN33 0FB  
Nicola has lived in Sedlescombe for the last 8 years she was co-opted onto the Parish Council in March 2021. She is a Chartered Accountant and is looking forward to the opportunity of getting more involved in village life. As a keen environmentalist, Nicola is passionate about the AONB and is a strong believer in the conservation and protection of both the natural and historic conservation sites which the village is fortunate enough to have been awarded.



**Jackie Scarff - Parish Clerk / Financial Officer**

**Contact: ☎: 07531 065 469** The Red House, Lower ST Ninfield TN33 9ED.  
Jackie joined as Parish Clerk/RFO to Sedlescombe PC in October 2018. She is currently employed by the Parish Council for 15 hours per week. Jackie lives in Ninfield with her husband and 3 children aged 20, 19 and 13.



**Carl Maynard -Rother District and East Sussex County Councillor**

**Contact: ☎: 07500 224869** Dines Wood, 22 Baldslow Down, Westfield, TN37 7NH  
Carl was elected councillor for Brede Valley and Marsham in 2005 has been a ward councillor on Rother District Council since 1999. His current Committee Membership is: Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health, Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health, Cabinet, East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board, ESBT Strategic Commissioning Board and Full Council.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2020-21, DRAFT 2021-22 & BUDGET 2022-23**

	All amounts are GBP	Final 2020-21	Draft 2021-22*	Budget 2022-23
<b>I N C O M E</b>	Precept on District Council	57,184	57,184	58,613
	Interest and investment income	23	4	
	Grant Income	7,724	9,939	
	Hire Fees		5,110	
	CIL	0	0	
	Other Income	2139	6,778	7900
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>67,070</b>	<b>79,015</b>	<b>66,513</b>
<b>E X P E N D I T U R E</b>	Allowance	200	200	200
	Printing	331	1269	1,500
	Audit	152	784	800
	Computer and Software	817	1304	1500
	Website	0	0	500
	Election Expenses	0	0	400
	Hall Hire	26	160	280
	Insurances	1,827	1,544	1,400
	Professional Fees	77	147	300
	Bank Charges	54	72	72
	Phone & Broadband	342	180	100
	Postage	25	20	250
	Stationery	350	57	400
	Subscriptions	566	559	650
	Training	60	248	300
	Travel	0	0	100
	Clerk Employment	15,662	15,802	16,000
	Grants and Prizes	787	0	150
	Loans and Repayments	4,643	4,643	4,650
	Grounds Maintenance	2,951	2,708	4,000
	Trees	0	520	1000
	Section 137 payment	20	0	20
	Dog Bins	390	390	410
	Traffic Calming	0	3,924	2000
	Speed Watch	0	0	1,000
	Prof Playground Inspections	65	68	80
	Maintenance of Assets	763	1728	4,000
	Red Barn Field	450	450	500
	East View Kickabout Area	0	0	0
	Village Green Assets	0	0	0
	Sportsfield Car Park	0	0	0
	Equipment			0
	Bus Shelter	0	0	0
Brede Lane Car Park	0	0	0	
Riverside Playing Area	0	0	0	
Multi-Use Games Area	0	0	0	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>35,197</b>	<b>40,444</b>	<b>42,562</b>	

	All amounts are GBP	Final 2020-21	Draft 2021-22*
R	Contingency Reserves	25,686.63	30,000
	Earmarked Reserves		
E	Maintenance of Assets	7,000	7,000
	MUGA	9,500	9,500
S	Red Barn Field	4,550	4,550
	Red Barn Field Grant Income	1,309	1,309
E	Riverside Playground	13,700	23,212
	Traffic Calming	4,967.67	4,967.67
V	Speedwatch	2000	2,000
	Street Farm	11,000	11,000
E	CIL	11,700	11,700
	Brede Lane Carpark	900	1,200
S	Legal Fees	3,300	3,300
	Bus Shelter	2,100	3,100
	Sportsfield Pavilion	0	0
	Sportsfield Carpark	400	700
	EVT Kickabout.	10,000	10,000
	Youth Funding	6,813.97	6,813.97
	Trees	1,000	2,000
	Sports Pavilion	0	20,000
	Recreation	0	10,000
	<b>Reserves Balances as at 31st March</b>	<b>120,240.64</b>	<b>162,352.64</b>

\*NB. These are Draft figures are to the end of March 2022 and may change for the year end.

## Responsible Financial Officer's (RFO) report.....

The Parish Council applies for funding (precept) from Rother District Council on an annual basis following agreement of the budget and is the Parish Council's main source of funding.

### Income

- The Council has received a grant from Rother District Council to buy a disability roundabout for the playpark. They have also offered further funding if the Trust can match the amount to enable an extensive refurbishment of the children's playpark.
- The Parish Council are receiving income from sports clubs for hiring the pavilion and sportsfield.

### Expenditure

Every year there are some one-off costs to contend with, some of the planned activities were curtailed due to the health pandemic and some of the planned budget was to be placed in Ear Marked Reserves to ensure that we have monies available to look after our assets.

The Parish Council has taken back responsibility for the Sports Pavilion and there is a new committee of councillors responsible for managing this.

If you have any questions regarding the financial statement for the Parish Council, please feel free to contact The Parish Clerk/RFO [clerk@sedlescombe.org.uk](mailto:clerk@sedlescombe.org.uk)



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### **Mrs Julia Chapman**

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Author of the following books about Sedlescombe.....

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### Sedlescombe Jobs Network

The Sedlescombe Jobs Network has been active since 2014 and has publicised many job opportunities. The network also offers a platform for organisations who are seeking volunteers. Village news and events are also being promoted. Contact: Michelle Brister ☎: 01424 870589 ✉: [michelle.brister@btinternet.com](mailto:michelle.brister@btinternet.com) Facebook users search for 'Sedlescombe Jobs Network' page and 'Like' to receive information and post updates.

### Litter Pickers

The Parish Council have been asked to provide litter pickers for volunteers to borrow. If you would like to do some litter picking contact Pauline Glew for more details. ☎: 01424 870258

### Lift Scheme

The Parish Council runs an informal lift scheme to help Sedlescombe residents who find it difficult to attend hospital/surgery appointments because of lack of transport. A list of names of drivers willing to provide lifts can be found at the Doctors Surgery on Brede Lane. Those wanting lifts should simply telephone anyone on the list and pay the driver. Contact Pauline Glew ☎: 01424 870258 if you would like to become a lift scheme driver.

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✉: [customerservices@rother.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@rother.gov.uk); 📄: Rother District Council. Town Hall, Bexhill on Sea, TN39 3JX

### East Sussex Highways

East Sussex Highways is a partnership between CH2M, Costain and East Sussex County Council. They maintain over 2,000 miles of highway in East Sussex and look after roads, pavements, streetlights, grass and winter maintenance. Problems from Potholes to Overhanging Trees can be reported via: 🌐: [www.eastsussexhighways.com](http://www.eastsussexhighways.com) Customer contact centre ✉: [customer@eastsussexhighways.com](mailto:customer@eastsussexhighways.com)

☎: 0345 608 0193

### Rother Member of Parliament

The Member of Parliament for Bexhill and Battle is **Huw Merriman MP**

**Constituency Office contact:** 29-31 Sea Road, Bexhill on Sea, E. Sussex, TN40 1EE

☎: 01424 736861 ✉: [huw.merriman.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:huw.merriman.mp@parliament.uk)

House of Commons contact: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

☎: 0207 219 1852 ✉: [huw.merriman.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:huw.merriman.mp@parliament.uk)

### Battle Library

**Battle Library** at 7 Market Square, Battle offers Books, audio books and DVDs.

Free computers with Internet access. Opening times as follows

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Free Wi-Fi. Local history material. Photocopier. Bus pass forms for older people. Bus travel discounts for young people. Disabled access. Display facilities. Computer help from volunteers Wednesday 10.30am to 12 noon. Thursdays 12 noon to 2pm – available in library or book in advance. **Contact: ☎: 0345 60 80 196**



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## Clubs and societies news and contacts.

### Allotments

Private allotments at rear of Bulmer Lodge, The Green.

Contact ☎: 01424

### Sedlescombe and District Garden Society

Where: Events held at Sedlescombe Village Hall

Contact: Chairman Rosemary Farley ☎: 01424 870533  
Secretary Brenda Page ☎: 01424 870455

Website: [www.sedlescombegardensociety.org.uk](http://www.sedlescombegardensociety.org.uk)

Shows, outings, plant exchange and social events throughout the year. Contact as above or see Shop Notice Board for dates/times.

Anyone with an interest in any aspects of gardening is welcome to join at only £9 per person per year (£12 for Family membership).

### Badminton

Where : Sedlescombe Village Hall

When: Tuesdays Time: 7.30pm

Contact: Shirley Davies ☎: 01424 870475

### The Chapel on the Hill (*The United Reformed Church*)

Where: Chapel Hill Sedlescombe TN33 0QX

When: Sundays Time: 3pm

Contact: Marie Jackson Pastor ☎: 01424 870512 or ☎: 07842 145341

The CHAPEL and Manse Garden can be opened at other times for visits, contemplation, and quiet times. Everyone is welcome to draw near in Faith. We are a friendly bunch who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour, do come along and find out more.

Other events during the year such as Christmas, Easter, Harvest, Chapel Anniversary celebrations, Bible Study and Coffee mornings are held at various times; Please keep an eye on the 'Sedlescombe Village News' for more information.

The chapel is well heated and ventilated and comfortably seats 45 people, there is a small side room with seating for around 12.

We have a coffee bar, modern kitchen facilities with a fully accessible WC. Wheelchairs and mobility scooters have full access to the Chapel and Garden.

We now have a children's Garden built during the 'Lockdown.' This has around 20 activities, it is ideally suited to children individually or groups under 11 years of age. (Groups should have their own insurance)

The premises are for hire to village groups under certain conditions.

Contact the **Church Secretary Peter Jackson on 07543 955065** or

email [thechapelonthehill2020@outlook.com](mailto:thechapelonthehill2020@outlook.com) for details on Marriages, Baptism, Funerals, and other bookings.

### Sedlescombe Church Bellringers

Where: Parish Church

When: Every Wednesday Time: 7.30pm

Contact: Jane Blanford ☎: 01424 751298

## Clubs and societies news and contacts.

### Sedlescombe Book Club

If you enjoy reading, sharing your enthusiasm for a good read and the idea of a monthly meet up over a cup of tea with a small informal and friendly group, then please get in touch with Glynis on ✉: gds01620@gmail.com or ☎: 01424 870804

### Sedlescombe Dance Club

Where : Northiam Village Hall  
When: Most Fridays throughout the year Time: 7.30-10.00pm  
Contact: Les Gordon ☎: 01424 424763

New members from the experienced to the novice, are given warm welcome & established members are always happy to help newcomers to settle in.

### Friends of Sedlescombe Parish Church Heritage Trust

Contact: Judy Torrance ☎: 01424 870344 to become a friend.

This charitable trust was established by the late Beryl Lucey for the purpose of assisting in maintenance and restoration of our beautiful 13th century Parish Church and churchyard. It provides a means for anyone in the community to contribute to ensuring the long-term survival of this historic building. Several fund-raising events are organised throughout the year.

### Sedlescombe Friendship Club

Established in 2007, the club was founded with the aim to advance the welfare of the older people and, in particular, to endeavour to counteract loneliness and isolation. Several events will be planned each year including visits to interesting places often with lunch. Our programme also includes computer lessons which take place on a Monday. Dates and times of these and other events will be published in the Sedlescombe News and elsewhere that is appropriate.

Committee: Valerie Wright, Ron Sunderland, Shirley Coleman, Maureen Hayes, Pauline Glew, Fay Rose, Andrea Hogwood, Jennifer Mitchell.

### Sedlescombe Guides

1st Sedlescombe Guides is for all girls aged 10 to 14years. We meet weekly during term time for 2 hours. Contact Jo Mozley on ☎: 07739 352148 or ✉: jomozley@hotmail.co.uk

### Lions Club – Battle and Villages

When: 2nd Monday of each month Time: 8.00pm  
Contact: ☎: 0845 8335826. Visit the website for Battle & Villages Lions Club

Lions Clubs are an international network of men and women who work together to answer the needs that challenge communities across the world - it is the largest voluntary service organisation in the world. Battle and Villages Lions Club serves the area of Battle and surrounding villages.

## Sedlescombe Neighbourhood Watch

Contact: Danny Blay ☎: 01424 871669  
Sedlescombe Neighbourhood Watch: Offers home security advice. Loans an engraving appliance free of charge. Will pay the installation charge and first month's rent for Lifeline for Sedlescombe residents.

## Parish Church - St John The Baptist

What: Family Friendly Service without Eucharist - 1st Sunday in the month\*  
Parish Eucharist - 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday in month  
Joint Benefice Service with Whatlington -5th Sunday in the month.  
When: 10.30 am. (\* Eucharist available at Whatlington at 9.30am 1st Sunday in month)  
Contact: Churchwarden Trevor Palmer ☎: 01424 870830  
Churchwarden Jane Wallis ☎: 01424 870240

## Sedlescombe Players

Contact: Chairman Tara Buchanan ☎: 01424 870694  
Email ✉: sedlescombeplayers@hotmail.co.uk  
Website 🌐: www.sedlescombeplayers.co.uk

The Players are a friendly, welcoming group, with a strong membership of all ages and a core production crew. We tackle a wide variety of productions, aiming for 2 a year, and rehearse in the hall on Monday nights. Actors come and go, and return, depending on the genre of show and newcomers are always welcome both onstage and backstage. At the moment, we are **actively looking for** an additional set designer and builder.

## Sedlescombe Rangers Football Club

Contacts: Chairman Nick Gardner ☎: 07809 562448  
Secretary Matt Noonan  
Charter Standard Coordinator – Chas Tibbutt on ☎: 07855 374886  
Email: ✉: info@sedlescomberangersfc.co.uk  
Website: 🌐: www.sedlescomberangersfc.co.uk

Based at Oaklands Park, Sedlescombe, our football club offers football for all age groups from U6s to U18s within the youth section and tiered senior and veteran teams. All teams have fully certified coaches and are supported by a committee that includes a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Charter Standard Coordinator and two Club Welfare Officers.

Matches take place on both Saturdays and Sundays throughout the season, along with our own tournament that is held each year in July.

Training is spread across a number of venues and days each week, with the winter period utilising all weather surfaces at various schools in the area before moving to Oaklands during the spring.

We always welcome new players and volunteers across the club, particularly at entry age, so please contact us for further information.

## Rother Seniors Forum

The Rother Seniors' Forum (RSF) was established 2006 as an independent organisation giving a collective voice to the over fifties of Rother District. RSF is strictly no part-political and will work with all bodies to the benefit of all Rother Seniors.

Contact: Ron Sunderland ☎: 01424 870801

## Royal British Legion, Sedlescombe Branch

The local branch of the British Legion is active in supporting the welfare of ex-service personnel and their families in the area and runs the annual Poppy Appeal. Membership is open to all who wish to support this noble and important cause irrespective of age and whether supporters have served in the forces or not. The annual subscription is £18.50. If you would like to join, help with the Poppy Appeal or know of someone who might need RBL help please contact the Secretary.

When: The first Wednesday in most months at 10:30

Where: The Queens Head Sedlescombe.

Contact: Chairman: John Page. ✉: rbl.sedlescombe@gmail.com ☎: 01424 870455  
Secretary: Peter Jackson. ✉: shernold@hotmail.com ☎: 01424 870512

## Sedlescombe Brownies

1st Sedlescombe Brownies is for all girls aged 7 to 10 years

For more information please contact Andrea Hunneman ☎: 01424 424112

## Sedlescombe Short Mat Bowls Club

.....established June 2006

Where: Sedlescombe Village Hall (3 bowling mats)

When: Meets each Tuesday and Thursday. Time: 2.00-4.30pm

Contacts: Chairman Trevor Palmer ☎: 01424 870830  
Vice-Chairman Bea Morris ☎: 01424 777048  
Secretary Chris Escott ☎: 07753 252449

Contact any of the above for further information.

## The Breakaways

Where: Sedlescombe Village Hall Committee Room

When: Every 3rd Thursday in the month Time: 10.00 until 12.00

We are a new group of ladies from the village who meet once a month and we will be having demonstrations and talks by local villagers as well as other speakers.

Refreshments will also be available and new members/visitors will always be welcomed.

For further information please contact Mrs. Rosemary Farley ☎ 0142 870533.

## Sedlescombe Theatre Club

New members always welcome.

For information please contact:

Shirley Davies ☎: 01424 870475 or Jenny Mainwood ☎: 01424 871445

## Thursday Club

Where: Committee Room, Sedlescombe Village Hall

When: 1st Thursday in every month except August. Time: 10:00 to 12:00

Contacts: Ken Western ☎: 01424 870824. Brenda Page ☎: 01424 870455

Speakers on a variety of interesting topics. Meetings are open to all and refreshments are available.

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Check availability on the website Diary page and full details of this fantastic Community Venue.

Book Now, ✉: [sedlescombevillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:sedlescombevillagehall@gmail.com)

Website: [www.Sedlescombevillagehall.org.uk](http://www.Sedlescombevillagehall.org.uk) on Facebook @sedlescombevillagehall

## Community Cinema

Community Cinema at Sedlescombe Village Hall.

A film every month on a Thursday evening, £5 entry on the night. See some all-time favourite films on out big screen.

Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm, licenced bar, snacks and drinks, free parking.

Sedlescombe Village Hall, Church Hill, Sedlescombe, TN33 0QP

[www.sedlescombevillagehall.org.uk](http://www.sedlescombevillagehall.org.uk)

## Sedlescombe Wine Club

We are a very friendly group of wine lovers who meet once a month for great wine tastings and talks mostly in the village hall. Become a member, annual subscription is £35 per person. Major event and outside visits extra. All events at 7.30pm on a Friday of each month, unless otherwise stated.

Guest members are welcome and can pay a fee of £7.50 for each event attended.

Contact: Anne Capon ☎: 01424 870836

## Sedlescombe & Westfield Patient Involvement Group

The Patient Involvement Group(PIG) is a small group of volunteers who meet every 6 weeks to talk about key issues regarding the Practice. There is a virtual group through which members can keep in touch. If you would like to know more about the Patient Involvement Group or are interested in joining

Email: ✉: [sedwest.ppg@nhs.net](mailto:sedwest.ppg@nhs.net) or check the website

<https://www.sedlescombeandwestfieldsurgeries.co.uk/patient-group/about-our-pig/>

## Sedlescombe and Westfield GP Surgeries

Part of the Rural Rother Primary Care Network Sedlescombe Surgery is a partnership of GPs working from two sites, in the villages of Sedlescombe and Westfield in rural East Sussex. Our aim is to provide a friendly, welcoming and safe environment for all our patients whilst also providing high levels of up-to-date clinical care across a wide range of services. The Surgery has an open list and welcomes requests for registration from patients living in or moving to the practice area. On registration patients are given a named GP but you are free to consult whoever you feel can help you best at the time.

☎: 01424 87022

## Tennis Coaching

Nick Montague provides Adult and Junior Tennis Coaching for Sedlescombe and the surrounding areas. Group and individual sessions available at the MUGA.

Contact: Nick on 07824 799 632 / 01424 848 572 or [montaguenick@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:montaguenick@hotmail.co.uk)

## Sedlescombe Pre-School

Where Sedlescombe Village Hall- TN33 0QA  
When Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays  
Time 8.30am-3.00pm, term time only. (Early start also available from 8.30am).  
Contacts ☎: 01424 871455 (07577 644179 – out of hours)  
✉: [sedlescombepreschool@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sedlescombepreschool@yahoo.co.uk)  
f Sedlescombe Pre- School

We offer a full range of exciting activities for children aged 2-5 years that encourage their early years development. We accept 2, 3 & 4 year old funding. Contact us to arrange a visit to this wonderful pre-school or pop by to collect a welcome pack.

## Katie Bourne's Office



As your elected Police and Crime Commissioner, one of my responsibilities is to set the budget for policing in Sussex and ensure that, what local people tell me matters most to them, is reflected in the delivery of policing.

**Police recruitment and training:** In October 2019, the Home Office announced “Operation Uplift” funding to recruit 20,000 police officers in England and Wales by March 2023.

Mrs Bourne said: “I know that residents want to see a more visible policing presence in their communities and Operation Uplift will contribute to this, complementing the additional officers and staff already made possible from the increase to the precept element of council tax.”

“At my live streamed meeting I will be asking the Chief Constable if Sussex is on track to deliver those extra officers by March 2023, as well as clarifying the financial picture and how any extra costs which aren't included with the uplift grant are being met. ”

Sussex Police's Rural Crime Team is marking its two year anniversary 1 June 2021 after it was launched a year ago with the aim of cracking down on unlawful behaviour in isolated and rural communities. The team has made great progress in tackling rural crime offences and building direct engagement with rural communities in Sussex.

The team has a specialist focus on agricultural, equine, wildlife and heritage issues and it was formed to serve the rural community, increase confidence and encourage reporting through preventing crime and carrying out more proactive investigations.

Made up of two sergeants, eight constables and six PCSOs, the team operates out of bases at Midhurst and Heathfield and takes a targeted approach to tackling rural crime based on the needs of each of the three policing divisions of Brighton and Hove, East Sussex and West Sussex.

In an update on the force's intervention programmes that can divert young people away from crime and serious violence. These programmes include REBOOT established by my office.

I was delighted to hear that 813 young people had been referred to the programme with 293 of those eligible being dealt with at Stage one, 72, reaching Stage two of intervention, only one reaching Stage three and none reaching the most serious level Stage four.

We discussed how the force had adopted the public health approach to reducing violence and that it was working well in Sussex. We heard that data sharing combined with local intelligence and reduced barriers between organisations was helping identify hot spots and trends that can be tackled early.

DCC Chapman said that Sussex Police’s knife crime reduction campaign Op Safety had seen 2,500 police interactions with young people and 2,800 knives surrendered in this last year alone, with a 24% overall reduction of knife-enabled crime in Sussex compared to a 10% reduction nationally.

To sign up to my weekly newsletter, visit: : [www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/about/pcc-newsletter/](http://www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/about/pcc-newsletter/)

## RED BARN FIELD NATURE PARK

**Red Barn Field Nature Park** is managed by Sedlescombe Parish Council as a quiet and peaceful wildlife area. The land was previously used for grazing which has not only given the field its local name "The Donkey Field", but has also encouraged colonisation of a wide variety of species and the formation of a valuable meadow habitat.

To maintain this ancient man-made landscape requires the meadow to be mown, ideally three times a year, including the end of July hay cut. This will ensure that the field remains species-rich and not overrun with fast-growing grasses.

You are welcome to visit this area for picnics and quiet recreational use, however, we request no ball games or dogs due to the sensitivity of the wildlife. For your own safety please keep away from the pond.

Designated in the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, a historic countryside of small fields and scattered woodlands among wooded ridges and other valleys.

**High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty**  
Part of the Downsland Office

**Greater Stitchwort** *Stellaria holostea*  
Not as obvious with flowering, but a cure for pains in the side.

**Field Wood-rush** *Luzula campestris*

**Red Barn Field Nature Park**  
The farm

**Cocksfoot** *Dactylis glomerata*  
An important grass for the Large skipper butterfly.

**Common sorrel** *Rumex acetosa*  
An important plant for the Small copper butterfly.

**Buttle** *Asya reptans*

**Hebane** *Pulsatilla hibernica*  
As its name suggests, this plant is said to repel midges and flies.

**Ponds** are a very valuable habitat whether they are clean water, purely or fully vegetated, nearby or a combination of these features. Headlands of ponds have disappeared from the high weald almost over the last 50 years, leaving even small ponds special.

**The Pondskater** scoops insects from the water's surface for food, using its long legs.

**Pond snails** clean the water by feeding on algae.

**The Slow-worm** is a legless lizard and, unlike a snake, it has eyelids, trails on its underside and is able to drop its tail to escape predators.

**Common spotted orchid** *Dactylorhiza fuchsii*  
Flowers vary in colour from pink-purple to white.

**Silverweed** *Potentilla anserina*  
The dewy leaves of silverweed were once believed to ease itching feet, so swimmers would put them inside their shoes.

**Bird's-foot-trefoil** *Lotus corniculatus*  
The egg laying plant of the common Blue-bottle fly. In the evening adult small flies congregate in groups where they roost head downwards.

**On-eye daisy** *Leucanthemum vulgare*  
Also known as the Dogfish Head of several plants of 1674 recommends this daisy for curing "all Obstacles" that are occasioned by drinking cold Beer when the Body is hot."

**The Drone fly** makes the male honey bee.

**Tormentil** *Potentilla erecta*

**The Meadow grasshopper** is flightless and distinctive for having short wings.

**Oldfinch**

**Black knapweed** *Centaurea nigra*  
Girls would put the unopened flower heads inside their blouses. If the heads opened after an hour, love would come their way.

**Yarrow** *Achillea millefolium*

**The Single oak** trees within the nature park provide a fantastic habitat for **Pipistrellus bats**. Look out for the blue bat which encourage these nocturnal mammals to roost.

**The heathens that are attracted to the meadow plants and the pond provide an excellent source of food for the bats and birds of Sedlescombe.**

**For more information about Red Barn Field Nature Reserve  
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At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

**Walking in Sussex** <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/sussex>

has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Sussex (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy

## Sedlescombe CE Primary School

Where: Gammons Way, Sedlescombe, Battle, East Sussex. TN33 0RQ  
Contact: Mrs. Caroline Harvey – Head Teacher ☎: 01424 870585  
Email: ✉: [office@sedlescombecep.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@sedlescombecep.e-sussex.sch.uk)  
Website: 🌐: [www.sedlescombecep.e-sussex.sch.uk](http://www.sedlescombecep.e-sussex.sch.uk)

### Welcome from the Head Teacher – Mrs. Caroline Harvey

I would like to offer you a very warm welcome to Sedlescombe Church of England Primary School. The school was originally founded in 1723 but has been on the existing site since September 1980.

We are a happy and successful, small primary school at the heart of the picturesque village of Sedlescombe. We have a strong ethos of learning built on Christian Values and have good links with St John the Baptist Church in Sedlescombe. We make the most of our rural location with weekly Forest School sessions.

The School has an active Parent Teacher Association providing fun activities for the children while fundraising for the school. The PTA provides essential support in providing resources, treats for the children and equipment for the school.

I hope you will find the information on our website helpful. The best way to find out more is to come and look around. Please feel free to make an appointment and we will be delighted to show you around.



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## Summary of County Council achievements 2020/21

This summary sets out some of the key achievements of East Sussex County Council (ESCC) in 2021/22 (up to February 2022) under the four strategic priorities of the Council:

[www.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/about/keydocuments/councilplan/default.htm](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/about/keydocuments/councilplan/default.htm)

The Council Plan for 2022/23 will be on our website from 1st April 2022.

### Driving sustainable economic growth

The Council was successful in securing funding for East Sussex through two major national schemes – the **UK Community Renewal Fund** (CRF) and the **Levelling Up Fund**. ESCC will receive over £2.5m from the UK CRF to go towards five projects, including £730,000 for two projects in Hastings and a £700,00 grant to reboot tourism in Lewes district. Some of the target outcomes across East Sussex include the safeguarding of 300 full time jobs and 470 participants engaged in skills and employment support. Our Levelling Up Fund bid to replace the single lane crossing at Exceat with a new two-lane bridge was successful in securing nearly £8m. Overall, around £170m is being invested into East Sussex because of the **East Sussex Economy Recovery Plan**. Through our business support programmes over 170 jobs have been created or safeguarded in the first three-quarters of 2021/22, against a target of 140 jobs.

The **East Sussex Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan**, which proposes an ambitious network of preferred cycling and walking routes across the county was agreed in September 2021. This first plan focuses on areas where there is the greatest opportunity to increase levels of cycling and walking and to attract external funding, such as the coastal strip and larger market towns. In July 2021, the new Newhaven Port Access Road opened to cyclists and pedestrians, providing access to Tide Mills and the beach, and linking with existing footpaths to create new circular walking and biking routes.

Over 60 **carriageway asset improvement schemes** were delivered in the first three-quarters of 2021/22, to maintain and improve the county's roads. Over 17,000 potholes were also repaired. In autumn 2021, the Council committed a further £5.8m for highways including funding for extra patching work, improving pavements, refreshing lines and road markings, and replacing and updating road signs. Three bidders have been shortlisted to provide highway maintenance and infrastructure services in East Sussex from May 2023 onwards and have been asked to submit detailed tenders.

In October, the Careers hub delivered a live virtual **careers** event 'What's Next Sussex' with over 1,100 students, parents and teachers attending. Over 3,400 pupils are expected to go on work experience placements in this academic year, including through our Virtual Work Experience package developed in response to Covid-19. At the end of 2020/21 ESCC were 9th nationally for yearly outturn figures and joint 7th for cumulative targets for the percentage of **apprentices** employed in the Council, with 1.2% of our workforce being apprentices. In summer 2021 funding of up to £615,000 was agreed for a Supported Apprenticeship programme to create opportunities for some of the county's most vulnerable residents, including those in supported and temporary accommodation and those at risk of homelessness. 94.8% of academic age 16 pupils were participating in **education, training, or employment with training** in December 2021, against a target of 93%. 83% of Looked After Children in the same age group were also participating in education, training, or employment with training, against a target of 80%.

## Keeping vulnerable people safe

In November 2020, the Government announced funding to provide **holiday activities and food** (HAF) to young people eligible for free school meals over the Easter, summer, and Christmas holidays in 2021. 34 providers ran provision during Easter with 1,378 young people attending. The summer programme included 71 providers in 85 locations across the county, with places arranged for 3,612 young people. In October 2021, the Government announced the household support fund providing support to **vulnerable households** with the cost of food, energy, and other bills. During the October half-term and Christmas holidays we allocated approximately 36,000 food vouchers. Residents facing financial pressure because of Covid-19 restrictions were supported with funding of £500,000, announced in June 2021 with one off grants being provided to 11 voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations that offer **financial advice**, support, and practical help. The Council has been delivering a package of support to all secondary and some special schools focusing on **gangs, peer influence and coercion**, including county lines. A number of workshops and assemblies have also been delivered by kNOWknives and by the Safer East Sussex Team on the risks of knife carrying. An East Sussex **Violence Reduction Action Plan** has also been developed, covering current and planned projects to identify local issues and address them through multi-agency action. The East Sussex Local Offer website was launched in January 2022, providing a comprehensive range of information and resources aimed at supporting children and young people with **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities**. The site was designed in collaboration with parents, carers, and professionals. A new Flagship School in Hastings, a special school for children with autism opened in September 2021. The school, opened to meet a recognised gap in provision, initially opened for 24 pupils and will grow to 72 pupils in future years.

The Domestic Abuse Act came into force in 2021, setting out new obligations for the Council and a Pan-Sussex Domestic Abuse Partnership Board has been established. A new Community Development Officer is working across Sussex to set up a Lived Experience Board to ensure the voices of victims are amplified at a strategic level. Clarion Housing Association was awarded the contract for the provision of refuge services across East Sussex from November 2021 and are providing specialist support in 47 units of safe accommodation across the county for women experiencing **domestic abuse** and violence and their children. This will increase to 56 units over time.

ESCC were successful in securing funding from the national social care recovery grant enabling us to extend our Foundations Services, which works with couples/women who have had children removed and to establish Lifelong Links for **children in our care**, putting them back in touch with adults who have previously been close to them.

**Trading Standards** were involved in 133 interventions over the first three-quarters of 2021-22 to protect vulnerable people, including installing call blockers to try to prevent people from falling victim to telephone scams. The team also participated in the national Scams Awareness Fortnight in June 2021 highlighting the risks of financial scams.

## Helping people help themselves

**Reablement services** are provided to help people to regain mobility and daily living skills, especially after a hospital stay. Between April and September 2021 91.5% of older people discharged from hospital to reablement or rehabilitation services were at home 91 days after discharge. Frail adults across East Sussex can also receive Technology Enabled Care Services (TECS), to help manage risks and maintain **independence at home**. TECS includes Telecare, which offers a range of products, such as wearable alert buttons, fall detectors or medication dispensers. At the end of 2021, 8,274 people were receiving TECS. In July 2021, the Council's three year Being Digital strategy was launched setting out how 30 **digital solutions** projects will be used to improve and deliver care and support to adults, making it easier for clients and carers to find support and to manage their care online.

Work continued on the further **integration of health and social care**. Work is underway to establish a new Integrated Care System (ICS) made up of the Integrated Care Board (ICB) and an Integrated Care Partnership. The ICB for Sussex will be responsible for a health budget of over £2bn and will oversee the commissioning, performance, financial management and transformation of the local NHS. The current focus is on setting out the arrangements between local NHS organisations, Local Authorities and wider partners covering the ICS vision, principles, and governance arrangements. The intention is to complete the governance arrangements and key recruitment campaigns so that the ICB starts operating in shadow form no later than 1 April 2022.

Thirteen **road safety** schemes were completed during the first three-quarters of 2021/22 to improve road safety infrastructure, with a further 13 schemes scheduled for completion before the end of the financial year.

A partnership between Public Health and Hastings Borough Council was successful in securing £2.2m from the Government's Sustainable Warmth Competition. The funding will boost the ESCC Warm Home Check service until March 2023, offering **home energy efficiency improvements** to at least 150 low-income, fuel poor households.

### Making the best use of our resources

The Council's **budget and Council Plan** for 2022/23 were approved at the meeting of Full Council on 8 February 2022. ESCC approved a £453m budget for 2022/23 for the day-to-day provision of services and £753m for capital investment, which includes a commitment to spend an additional £6m to help combat climate change and £31m to maintain and improve roads and pavements over the next decade. The 2022/23 budget also cancels almost £900,000 of savings due to be made from the early help service.

In autumn 2021, Councillors reaffirmed their commitment to become a carbon-neutral authority, setting aside £3.055m (additional to the £6m highlighted above) to be spent on reducing **climate change**. The Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan includes reducing corporate carbon emissions by 13 per cent a year and the additional funding agreed will be spent on replacing ageing boilers, installing solar panels and low energy lighting.

The Council spent £288m with 928 **local suppliers** over 2021, equating to 68.3% of total spend. In addition, during the first three-quarters of the year, 21 contracts which qualified for the **Social Value** Measurement Charter were awarded with a total value of just under £50m with over £3.5 million of social value commitments included.

Strategic Property Asset Collaboration in East Sussex (SPACES) is a partnership of public bodies and other organisations to improve sharing of the property estate, to save property costs and release capital receipts. The SPACES strategy was approved in May 2021 and the programme has now developed an Implementation Plan, including activities around Electric Vehicle infrastructure. The **Property** team were awarded the Outstanding Customer Satisfaction SECBE award for the building of Ropemakers' Academy in Hailsham; a £12.5m build creating a new 80 place social, emotional, and mental health facility for children.

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**Rother District Councillor  
Jonathan Vine-Hall**

**Annual Report 2021/22**

This last year has seen some significant changes at the District Council. Following the change in Administration in 2019 when the Council went from being led by Conservative Councillors to an Alliance made up of a majority of Independent Councillors combined with Liberal Democrat and Labour and Green Party Councillors, the management structure was changed to reinstate a sole Chief Executive Officer to ensure the Council had a single point of responsibility and to ensure best practice (Previously the Council had two parallel senior executives).

The first major task following this restructure was to completely review the Council's Planning function which had fallen behind in its customer service and, combined with Covid, had resulted in a serious backlog of planning applications and enforcement complaints. At the time of writing, the backlog of both has been reduced by about one third under the management of an Interim Development Manager brought in to resolve these long-standing problems. In addition to this, the whole planning service was reviewed, and a major project is underway to make the service more 'user friendly' and generally more efficient.

Bexhill Town Council has come into being and this will ultimately be a very good thing for our rural community who have been bearing the majority of the cost of managing Bexhill since the formation of the Council.

Turning to democracy and transparency of decision making, the new Administration has now had a high-quality audio-visual system installed so all public meetings can be watched or seen at a later date. This replaces the temporary system installed during Covid.

As part of my role, I am responsible for recommending how the money received from developers through the Community Infra Structure Levy is allocated. Under the previous Administration the large majority of this money paid by developers on developments in Sedlescombe and all Rural areas was due to be spent on projects in Bexhill. I am pleased to be able to say that the approach has now been changed so levies raised on developments in Sedlescombe (and all rural areas) will be spent on infra structure in those areas where houses have been or are due to be built. A much fairer system.

The Council owned development at Blackfriars in Battle is moving ahead and has already won an award for its high quality. Part of the purpose of this development is to set a higher standard in Rother for new housing.

I was really pleased to be able to support the grant for the updated children's playground at the MUGA and for the grant for the Queens' Jubilee event.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any assistance on District Council matters

Jonathan Vine-Hall

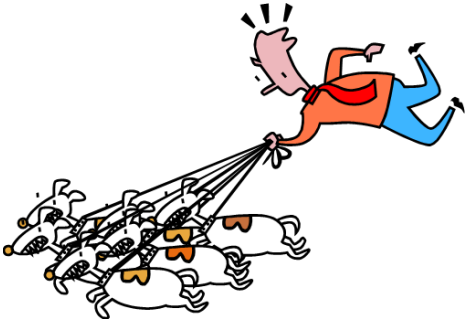
Independent Member for Sedlescombe, Westfield and Three Oaks  
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*You are invited to join us in celebrating  
The Queen's Platinum Jubilee  
On the Village Green, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June from  
Midday.*

*Please bring along a picnic.  
Competition for the best dressed  
Man  
Woman &  
Child  
With prizes for each*





## What you need to know as a dog walker in Sedlescombe.

### DOG BINS

Sedlescombe has three dog bins provided and maintained by the Parish Council.

1. at the entrance to the Sportsfield next to the bridge;
2. in the Brede Lane Car Park;
3. in the Riverside Playing Field.

The emptying is arranged by Rother District Council on a weekly basis and paid for by the Parish Council from Council Tax.

**Rother District Council have advised that you can also dispose of dog waste in the litter bins around the village and it will be sorted by the waste collection company.**

**The Public Spaces protection order (NO.1A) Rother District Council 2020 states that dogs must be kept on leads at Sedlescombe Sportsfield.**

**Dogs are prohibited from the following areas all year round.**

The two fenced off children's play areas Riverside Recreation Ground (including the tennis courts) and at East View Terrace, (the East View Kickabout Area)

Red Barn Field Nature Park.

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# Supporting the Riverside Playground Project



## *Some Benefits of Playgrounds*

*Fun... Fun... Fun and.....more*

*-emotional, social, mental health and physical Benefits.*

*-increased self-esteem, improved collaboration skills, enhanced critical thinking skills, and a strengthened immune system*

*all this when having fun on a mixture of playground equipment.*

**SEDLSCOMBE**

# CIRCUS

Saturday 9th July 2022  
Sedlescombe Sports Field  
2-4pm

Gates open at 12.30pm  
Food and drink available

Free Parking in field

All money raised is going towards  
the Sedlescombe Playground  
Redevelopment  
(Charity No: 305305)

**SCAN ME**

To purchase tickets visit  
[www.pta-events.co.uk/sedlescombeplayground](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/sedlescombeplayground)  
or find us on Facebook

*We are still raising money for the project as prices have increased.*

*If you would like to donate, sponsor a piece of equipment or get involved contact [clerk@sedlescombe.org.uk](mailto:clerk@sedlescombe.org.uk)*

*Come to the circus, all proceeds to the fundraiser for the playground*

*With thanks to Rother District Council for grants awarded toward the project.*

*Sedlescombe Parish Council are the sole trustees of the Public Playing Field and Recreation Ground Trust Charity Reg: 305305 for the provision and maintenance of a recreation ground.*