NEWSLETTER

Autumn, 2025

We are looking for a new logo for the village







Please let us know what you think

Following various discussions over recent months it has been suggested that we should develop an identity/logo for the village. So, with some great creative work and energy from Steve Causon, we've put together a few ideas based on our history and the meaning of the village name.

Please flick to page 4 and 5 inside to see how you can get involved with choosing an identity for the village.

Sedgeberrow Parish Council

Update Autumn 2025

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A few headlines from the recent meetings of the parish council.

- Andy White has been liaising with Mike Parker on the transfer of the oil buying club to the parish council. Big thank you to Mike for all his work over the years and also to Andy for picking-up this valuable village resource. The October call for orders appeared the same as usual demonstrating a seamless transfer of responsibilities.

- Sue Morris has been leading the working group looking at crime and security in the village, following a perceived increase in thefts and burglary. Thanks to all those members of the community who have come forward with ideas. A more detailed update is provided elsewhere in the newsletter.

- On-going liaison with our District and County Councillors over issues raised by residents e.g. a proposed new more visible 'village only' sign at the Main Street and Cheltenham Road junction, planning enforcement over perceived infringements, and school parking challenges. Additionally, we are trying to keep abreast of the future shape of local government given the proposed reorganisation, and its potential impact upon the village.

- Subject to finalisation, agreed in principle that the Parish Council will take over the management of Glebe Meadow from the Village Hall Committee. This will allow the village hall committee to focus upon the hall moving forward.

- Unfortunately, WCC have lost several members of the Public Rights of Way team and have advised a backlog of c6000 reports so we will probably have to undertake any urgent works to keep footpaths safe ourselves in the immediate future. Fellow parish councillors have offered help but any additional volunteers welcome – please contact Clive direct on 07772 366278

New Community Hall

- We discussed the village consultation relating to the Springfield Nursery site which included an area for a New Community Hall. The purpose of the consultation by Living Spaces was to gauge opinion and obtain feedback from the village, and it was pleasing to note that c200 attended the event. Please note that this is just an initial consultation and no planning application has been filed with Wychavon District Council. A copy of the current but not finalised plan for the new community hall is below; this is based upon the draft specification drafted through the village consultation event in 2024.



A New Logo for Sedgeberrow? – Your Thoughts Needed

Over the past year, we've achieved some fantastic things together – from getting our new pétanque piste up and running to raising money for myeloma charities through community events. Both are brilliant examples of how Sedgeberrow works best: people pulling together, sharing ideas, and making things happen for the good of the whole village. With that same spirit in mind, we've been looking at creating something new – a village logo.

Why a logo?
The idea is simple: to have a clear, recognisable emblem that represents Sedgeberrow on newsletters, posters, fundraising events, online, and regional activities like the parish games. A logo won't change who we are, but it can give us a consistent "look" that shows our village pride.

The first draft design
The draft logo we've come up with features the sedge plant, a nod to the origin of our name. "Sedge" refers to the plant itself, which grows along our rivers, and "berrow" comes from an old word for a hill or mound. Together they gave us "Sedgeberrow."

Beneath the plant, we've added "Est. 777", the year Offa, King of Mercia, gave *SEDGEBERROW* to the under-king Aldred, ealdorman of the Hwiccas, who bestowed it on the Bishop of Worcester. – a reminder that we are part of a history stretching back more than 1,200 years.







The colours are drawn from our surroundings:

- Green leaves for the countryside,
- Golden-brown seed heads for warmth and heritage,
- Navy lettering for strength and clarity,
- All on a clean white background for simplicity.

It's intended to be both traditional and fresh – a reflection of who we are today.

How we might use it

If the village agrees to adopt a logo, we could use it across lots of places:

- Newsletters and notices
- Fundraising events (like our work for myeloma charities)
- Village signage
- Club activities (such as the pétanque piste).

We're also thinking longer-term: developing a shared design language – using the wreath, strong lettering, and plants – so other groups can adapt the style to create their own logos while still feeling part of the bigger Sedgeberrow family.

But this is just the start. Nothing has been decided yet. This is just a first idea to get people talking.

- Do you like it as it is?
- Would you suggest changes?
- Do you have a better idea?

We want the logo to be something everyone feels proud of, so your thoughts are essential.

Your chance to shape it

Just like the village hall, Glebe Meadow playground, the pétanque piste or many fundraising efforts through the years, this should be a whole village project. When people bring their ideas and energy together, we all benefit.

Please share your thoughts on the logo please visit www.sedgeberrow.org.uk/our-new-logo

A village with heart

Sedgeberrow has always been a place where neighbours pull together. This logo is simply one more way of showing that spirit and, with your input, we can make sure it reflects all of us.



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Council Update

I am delighted to be able to send you my first report. I was a little surprised when Sedgeberrow was added into the Bredon division in the Boundary Review. But it showed the power of one elector's views. I cannot claim to know the village well. I did spend some time in the Queens in my youth.

I think it's appropriate that I pay tribute to your previous county councillor who I know worked extremely hard for the village. I would like to be able to claim the work that has been done on the pavements around the school as my own, but thanks go to Elizabeth Eyre.

I have managed to attend one of your parish council meetings so far. I will try to make as many as I can. But I was impressed by your parish council and the way that it operated. Parish Councils are a key component of the village community.

As you know the Conservatives lost control at the County Council. We have a minority Reform administration which is turning out to be amusing and very destructive at the same time. They don't seem to understand strategic finance and that the County Council is the strategic authority. Reform are extremely bothered about the amount of debt that the County Council has. We would all like it to be lower. It is difficult to commit to new schools, roads and infrastructure if you do not undertake long term borrowing because you would never be able to fund them out of revenue. I will be opposing the cut to the road's maintenance budget of some £12 million. I am heartbroken to see the new school in Worcester abandoned and children bused to Malvern.

But moving on to local things; I'm pleased to see that the demand responsive transport is now up and running and hopefully will be a useful compliment to the 540-bus service by giving you more choice. So please have a look online and download the app. I will be interested in seeing if the government sticks to its plans for Local Government Reform having changed the whole of the local government ministerial team.

I took part in the Baton of Hope which is a series of repays in towns around England to promote suicide prevention. So please. Talk to someone. There is help, and it made me sad to think of all those I knew who took such a final step.

County Councillor Adrian Hardman. Worcestershire County Council report.

4th Birthday Bash

The older generation of residents will recall, with humour and pain, the various attempts at establishing a viable village pub over the last 35 plus years. Whether it be Charlie (he knew the Krays, you know!), choir singing Bob, Val and Barry, 'Lock-in' Rod, John and Olive, Ian and Siobhan, Claire and Neil, Adam and Charlotte or Matt.



It's now been 4 years since Shah, Ali and the team saved and regenerated our pub into a thriving village asset with a growing reputation across South Worcestershire and parts of Gloucestershire. They quickly established themselves as 'locals', with instant recall of names and families, happily embracing and supporting village events.



It's been an incredible evolution which, by way of a big 'thank you", they celebrated on Sunday, September 28th, with a fantastic day of special offers for both dine-in and takeaway customers.

We look forward to celebrating many more years together!









Wychavon Parish Games

Sedgeberrow has continued to plough a steady path in this year's Wychavon Parish Games with excellent results in the 5-A-side Football and the Bowls. So far we have achieved:

Rounders 6th
Cross Country 6th
5-a-side Football 3rd
Bowls 3rd
Bell Boating 6th
Pétanque 14th
Angling 12th

This year we've seen more parishioners enter events for the first time including, in the Angling, where Tessa Lewiston joined Terry Neal and Richard Hunt on the banks of the Avon in Evesham on Saturday 13 September.
Tessa was the only female competitor in the whole competition this year. Well done girl!

Angling - Tessa Lewiston





Bowls

Bell Boating





Cross Country

Rounders





Five-a-Side Football

Come on Sedgeberrow!

Shankar's at the QUEEN'S HEAD



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Next dates

Sunday , October 5th & 26th & November 30th

7.30pm for 8pm start

Teams of up to six.

£1 per person entry and winning team takes all.

Everyone welcome and why not try a meal before the quiz - we are open from 5pm.









St Mary the Virgin - Sedgeberrow

Calendar of Events for Oct - Dec

Sunday 12th October 10am Morning Praise at Sedgeberrow
Sunday 19th October 10am Holy Communion at Sedgeberrow
Sunday 26th October 10am Harvest Festival at Sedgeberrow

Sunday 2nd November 9 --30am Holy Communion at Sedgeberrow
Sunday 9th November 10am Act of Remembrance at Sedgeberrow
Sunday 16th November 9--30am Holy Communion at Sedgeberrow
Sunday 23rd November 11am Morning Praise at Sedgeberrow
Sunday 30th Nov 11am Holy Communion Benefice Service at St Michael's Broadway
Sunday 7th December 9--30 Holy Communion at Sedgeberrow

PLEASE NOTE SERVICE TIMES HAVE CHANGED FROM NOVEMBER
Coffee Morning's Oct 23rd at 10am, Nov 27th at 10am, Dec 13th at 10 am
Dec 19th, Carol's and Curry evening at 6pm in Church

We are looking to raise money for Church Funds as we have various works to be done inside and outside the Church.
If you are interested in joining and helping your village church we have a Parish Giving Scheme, so please contact Ann Banks on 01386 881623.

We also still have a very big problem with bees!
If you know of an inexpensive solution please contact Ann to offer help/advice.

SEDGEBERROW PETANQUE

Village Sunday Mornings

Every Sunday starting October 5th from 11am

Everyone is welcome to our new "good weather" Village get togethers to continue the enthusiasm for trying out the new Pétanque pistes on Glebe Meadow.

The mornings are also an opportunity to learn the game and to play in an informal round robin fun competition .

The village owns equipment for all ages to use but if you own your own boules then please feel free bring them

We look forward to seeing everyone who would like to continue to try out this great new facility

Regular updates are provided through the Village Pétanque Whats App group. If anyone would like to join please send a message to 07761 921106

Everyone welcome

George Michael Concert

The Pétanque group is delighted to report that the George Michael concert was an amazing success with a packed village hall and loads of 'George' followers having a great night.

The event has so far raised £940 almost all of which will go to the Myeloma UK charity and donations are still coming in.



Woody, Sue and Steve would particularly like to thank Adrian and son Owen for their wonderful performance on the night.

It really was a great night. Many villagers have asked us to organise another similar event so please let us know what sort of tribute act to book next time?



A Summer of Village Pétanque

Sedgeberrow took full advantage of the wonderful weather this summer with villagers (and returning villagers) turning out each Friday night to play Petanque. Some evenings over 50 folk playing. All ages, all abilities were represented.



And what a difference it has made! On warm Friday evenings throughout the summer, the piste has been alive with the clink of boules, laughter, and good-natured competition. Neighbours have become teammates, new friendships have been forged, and the sense of community spirit has been stronger than ever. People who had never played before soon discovered the simple joy of pétanque — easy to learn, but endlessly entertaining.

Terrific stuff and the Village Singles and Doubles competitions are now progressing nicely with two cracking finals in prospect.





It has been great fun. So much so that we plan to continue through the autumn months and will begin a Sunday morning 11am game starting on Sunday 5 October. Everyone is welcome - see you all on Glebe Meadow.

What's on at Sedgeberrow Village Hall

Dancemix Class

Ibby runs a Dancemix Cardio class from The Village Hall every Monday at 6.30pm.
If you like Zumba, you will love Dancemix.
Kids are welcome from age 10.
For enquiries and to book your space please contact Ibby: ibbyfitness@gmail.com

Yoga Class

Mila runs a yoga class from The Village Hall twice a week, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:30pm.
New classes added on Sundays 5th & 26th October at 9.30am
For enquiries and to book your space please contact Mila: jam@yogajam.co.uk
Telephone: 07790 663 803

Baby and Toddler Group

Weekly stay and play session suitable from birth up to pre school age (4y). Open every Thursday 9am-10:30am (term time only) in The Village Hall. **Visit their Facebook page for upcoming special events:** Sedgeberrow Baby and Toddler Group | Facebook
Contact: sarahelizabethnott@gmail.com

Sedgeberrow Pre-School

Sedgeberrow CofE Preschool runs during term time from 8am to 6pm.
Please see their website for costs and to enquire on availability: Telephone: 01386 881391
Sedgeberrow CofE First School - Preschool Information: office@sedgeberrow.worcs.sch.uk

Sedgeberrow Parish Council

The Council will meet at 7:15pm on the 3rd Wednesday of November. Villagers are invited to have their say during the first 20 minutes of the meeting.
Visit their website for the next meeting date and agenda, and previous meeting minutes: Sedgeberrow Parish Council – Serving the people of Sedgeberrow (sedgeberrowpc.org.uk)
Contact the Clerk: clerk@sedgeberrowpc.org.uk

Christmas Market by Create Cheltenham

The Create Cheltenham is back with their Christmas Market. Please come and join them on 15th November from 11am- 3pm.

SEDGEBERROW WI

Sedgeberrow WI would really like to see more folk come along to our meetings. We are a friendly bunch. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at the Village Hall Betteridge Room). Meetings start at 7:30. Just turn up.

At our September meeting we had a very informative presentation by Sue Abblett, a co-founder of Evesham Festival of Words. She described the early days and the growing success of the Festival.

On 21st October our talk is an Amazing Art demo by Rupert Aker.

Please email our President Pam Hewett (pamhewitt53@gmail.com) for more information if needed.

The village hall need a secretary

Main responsibilities would be to type up agenda and minutes for our quarterly meetings and to liaise with the chair and treasurer to arrange some repairs/ electrical testing in the village hall. If you are interested in the secretary role please email: enquiries@sedgeberrowvillagehall.co.uk

Other Village Events:

NSPCC Christmas coffee morning, Sat 6th December10 til 12. at The Croft, 27 Winchcombe Rd.

NSPCC Christmas Quiz at Queen's Head. Sunday 14th December. 7:30pm

CRIME STOPPERS

Sedgeberrow Security Working Group

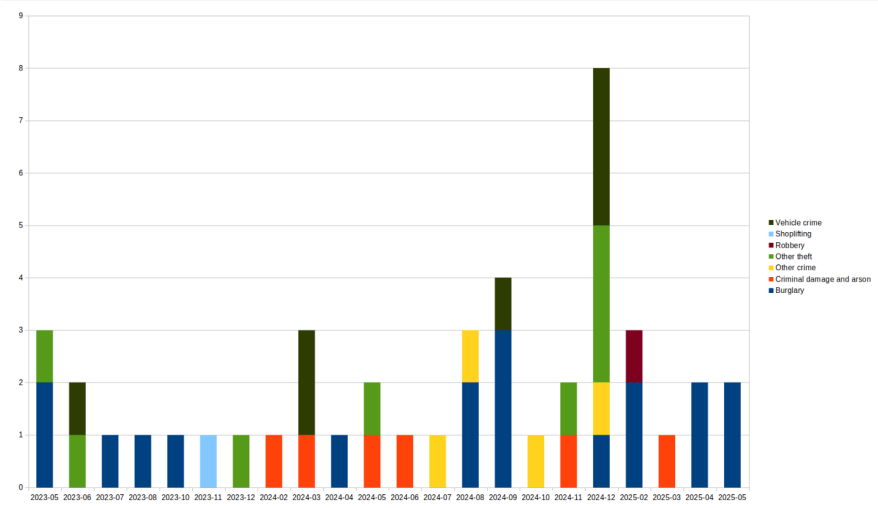
The group was established by the Parish Council in the spring following concerns expressed by parishioners about a rise in criminality in the Sedgeberrow area.

One of the group's original aims was to determine if the ANPR car registration number camera system might provide a good deterrent to car theft in the village. No agreement has yet been reached as we weigh up the costs of installation, the lack of enthusiasm for such a system by the local police and our ongoing failure to discover if villages that have ANPR systems can specifically point at an attributable reduction in thefts in their area.

One of our biggest concerns is linked to the lack of police resources in South Worcestershire. We therefore engaged with our MP Dame Harriett Baldwin and she then raised with both the Worcestershire Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner.

One thing that Dame Harriett found most useful in her engagement with these Police seniors was an excellent chart by one of our working group shown below.

It was based on West Mercia data and refined to show criminal events in Sedgeberrow in the past 18 months. As can be seen there has been a significant rise in reported incidents.



Above results have been extrapolated from publicly available crime data (https://data.police.uk/data/).
Data pertaining to West Mercia Police force was utilised.
Data restricted solely to criminal activities which are recorded as having taken place within the boundaries of the Sedgeberrow parish.

So far there has been a partial response from the West Mercia Police. The response acknowledges that there has been a growth in crime rates, mostly connected to car theft, across Wychavon District. It states that this is the impact of regionally and nationally operating organised criminals. It aims to reassure us that some successful prosecutions have taken place and to correct our understanding about a reduction in police resourcing.

Needless to say our working group will continue to research and examine data. Our aim is to produce a village wide strategy which identifies what individuals can do to make their premises more secure, what we can influence across our region and more widely on police enforcement. We will engage again with the Neighbourhood policing team and try to agree a common understanding.

Meanwhile anyone in Sedgeberrow who would like to join the working group or share thoughts and ideas is more than welcome to do so.
Please contact clerk@sedgeberrowpc.org.uk.

November 2025 SeSaME OBClub Order Request

Oil Buying Order for Sunday, 3 November 2025 Deadline

The next order cut-off date will be Sunday, 2 November.
The final deadline for 2025 will be Sunday 30 November, to avoid a December delivery time getting too near the Festive break.
Don't miss out.

Unsure about delivery times?
You should hear details of the successful tender on Wednesday the 5th November 2025, with delivery likely to start week commencing Monday 9thNovember 2025, or just possibly before that first weekend.



If you mark your order urgent we would expect your delivery to be given priority at the start. If you need to be present at delivery, you can ring the successful supplier - contact details will be included in the news of the successful tender.



Worcestershire on Demand

Worcestershire on Demand (WoD) is an alternative transport option to fixed route public transport. It helps people make local journeys within a defined area, and offers residents and visitors transport in a zoned area and to specific places of interest outside of the zone. The service can also provide journeys to connecting transport services, such as other local buses or to local train stations.

Worcestershire on Demand allows you to book on to the service from an app. Passengers can request transport for a specific time or to arrive at their destination at a specific time and this will give a selection of boarding times available. Transport will collect the passenger from a designated pick-up point and drop off at the required location. Unlike fixed route bus services, the service is flexible depending on the destinations and collection points.

Download the app via Google Play or Apple App store. Once registered, you can book journeys via the app. A branded vehicle picks you up at your request, changing its route as needed so that all passengers who are travelling on the vehicle can get to where they need to go.

How far in advance should I book?

Prebooked journeys can be made up to 5 days in advance. Services can get very busy so it's always advisable to book ahead. Services can also be booked for the same day or to travel 'now'. We'd recommend ensuring that you book your return journey before departing to ensure availability and avoid disappointment.

When do services operate?

Services operate Monday to Saturday, 7:00am to 7:00pm. Services do not operate on Sundays or bank holidays.

Shukur's AT THE QUEEN'S HEAD

The Queens Head – open every day from 5pm for award winning food in Shukur's restaurant and fantastic family takeaways as well. Great real ales, beers, wines & cocktails. The village meeting place for all !

Autumn/Winter

Monthly Quiz Nights

Join us for our popular monthly pub quiz at 7.30pm for an 8pm start. £1pp entry and winning team takes all ! Everyone welcome

Sundays, October 26th & November 30th

'Dine in' Happy Wednesdays'.

Our award winning a la carte menu available at a special price. Choose a Starter, a Main and a rice or Nan for a special price of £19.95* per person.* Some supplements may apply

Wednesdays, October 29th & November 29th

Sunday, December 14th – NSPCC Christmas Quiz

The villages big charity fundraiser. Bookings only for this one !

Christmas at the Queens

Book your Christmas Party. Parties of 8 people or more enjoy 2 complimentary bottles of our fantastic house wines(£19.95).A la carte menu or fixed price festive menu (£29.95) available

Christmas Eve – Children's Christmas Tombola 4.30pm

Don't miss this one. A popular event every year. 60 prizes with the compliments of Ali and the team !

Christmas Day Special Lunch .This exclusive meal is just one sitting at 2pm so places are limited. A fixed price of £79.95 for 4 courses including a welcome drink (under 10's £29.95)

We are open every day for our full Take Away service
Call us or order on line to order your family takeaway. 10% discount on all orders over £15. Visit our website for our full menus.