

Sedgefield Area Men's Social Notes of Steering Group

on Tuesday 23 June 2026, Sedgefield Social Club

1. **Attendees:** Graham Price, Mike Ashwell, Nigel Letts, Bob Fillary, Simon Gulliver, Malcolm Williams, Helen Cunningham
2. **Apologies:** David Warwick, Gary Martin, Andrew Swinbanak, Kevin MacMullan
3. **Purpose of meeting:** to agree and progress the next steps

Agreed the following job roles and members of Steering Group:

Chair: Graham Price

Treasurer: Mike Ashwell

Secretary: Helen Cunningham

Communications: (Publicity & Promotion): Gary Martin & Andrew Swinbank

Events Co-ordinator: Agreed that leaders for activities to come forward and be supported by others

Nigel Letts, Bob Fillary Simon Gulliver, Malcolm Williams, Kev MacMullan,

4. **Programme of activities:**
 - a. **Brewery Visit**, Hopper House – Andrew was leading on this awaiting update
Additional visit to Durham Brewery was suggested – awaiting further information
 - b. **Allotment** – Graham advised that an enquiry has been submitted to the Town Council but needs a formal application in due course when we are confident that there is sufficient interest to make this a practical proposition. Nigel and Bob to lead on this going forward
 - c. **Foot golf** – Nigel to arrange with Knotty Hill Golf course for Saturday 25 July, £20 per person, 18 holes? TBC
 - e. **Prostate Cancer Awareness** – Potential for visit and talk Dr Druce, Nigel to arrange for Thursday 7 Oct or alternative Thursday-
 - f. **Farm visit** –Booked for Friday 26 June at 7pm – to advertise
 - g. **Net Park Café Brew Club** – open 2 & 4th Thursdays of the month 10.30 – 12 noon - ongoing
 - h. **Music** – unsure what this would look like, to ask at next meeting what expectation of this group would be and a volunteer to lead on this
 - i. **Litter Picking** – Ploggers, Saturday 27 June at 10.30 – 12 from outside the Church
 - j. **Other suggestions:**
 - i. **Walking** – there are a number of walks organised by DCC – possible link to the website and suggestion to put on What's App if someone is planning on attending to encourage others to go.
 - ii. **Cycling** – further discussion and potential champion identified
 - iii. **Singing** – further discussion to take place
 - iv. **Star gazing** – further information required
 - v. **Coffee tasting** – further information
 - vi. **Art in the Park** – further discussion required
 - vii. **Visit to Yorkshire Air Ambulance** – further discussion required
 - viii. **Building Viking Ship/boat:** further information required
 - ix. **Farmers Market** – opportunity to advertise group – to discuss further and identify dates available
 - x. **Regular meetings** – it was agreed by the group that it would be useful to hold a monthly meeting, potentially to arrange speaker or an event/

activity. Accommodation to be identified with costings. Date agreed as the 2nd Thursday of each month initially for the main group. It was also felt that the steering group needed to continue as it was important to keep the focus going. Steering Group to meet every 4th Tuesday. ~~Next SG meeting to agree "officers" and responsibilities.~~

- xi. **Basic CPR Training** – Simon contacted Sedgefield Fire Service who may be able to provide some basic CPR training along with opportunities to see what equipment they carry with look around. Contact will confirm with main Officer for confirmation.
Option for St John's Ambulance to provide this training – awaiting further information.
- xii. **Suggestion to attend the Cricket at Chester le Street** – Bob to research further and advertise via What's App. Potential date Friday 10 July at Riverside Ground for Durham CC match.
- xiii. **Photography** – Simon advised the group that he has been in touch with Paul Saunders around making use of his material and teaching aids to put together a session for those who use a mobile phone for taking photo's. Simon to feedback at later date.
- xiv. **Quiz night** – 3rd Friday in the month in Social Club

- 5. Funding: Graham is aware of potential funding from the Butterwick Moor Windfarm, the Co-op and Banks Group and will work with Mike to apply for these.
Discussion took place regarding subscriptions for the club, agree that as the meetings are still in the development stage it is too early to consider this. May be an opportunity to charge a small charge for formal events (£1?). Fundraising use of football cards.
- 6. Communications: Discussion around what form of communication would be best to use and how this can be managed. There is currently a What's App group but not sure if this is the right tool to use. There is also a email address which has been set up by SDT for Graham to access – unfortunately due to other commitments has been unable to do this yet. Graham to discuss with Chri Lines who may be willing to assist with a communications strategy.

To try and have items in Sedgefield news – need to know deadline dates for information to be sent.

Basic website has been set up but further work required – Gary to develop this further with feedback from the group.

- 7. **Any other business:**
- 8. **Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 28th 2026 at 7.30, Social Club**