

SEATON VALLEY FUTURES

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Message from our Chair



David Ferguson
Chair, Seaton Valley, Community Council

It is a real honour to be the newly elected Chair of Seaton Valley Council. I'm both proud and excited to take on this role and to continue building on the great work of my predecessors, with a strong focus on community, collaboration, and celebrating all that makes Seaton Valley such a wonderful place to live.

Following the elections on 1 May, I would like to welcome our four new councillors to the council. I know that they are all eager to serve and represent the residents in their Wards. I would also like to thank our three outgoing councillors for their years of dedicated service to the residents of Seaton Valley.

In this edition of our Futures magazine, we're proud to highlight some of the vibrant events and initiatives that bring our community together. One particularly special occasion was the lighting of the beacon in Seaton Sluice on Thursday 8 May, marking the 80th anniversary of VE Day. The event was very well attended, and we all enjoyed the singing of the songs from World War II by the choir prior to the lighting of our beacon. This moment of remembrance and unity will no doubt be a poignant and memorable event for many.

You'll also find the results of our annual photography competition—always a highlight! Once again, local talent has captured the beauty, spirit, and charm of our surroundings in stunning detail. Well done to everyone who entered.

We are also pleased to share our Annual Report, which reflects on the Council's work in 2024/25. From local improvements to supporting community projects, it has been a year of real progress and positive impact. We aim to build on these successes in the coming year.

Finally, we're delighted to launch our 2025 Gardening Competition. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting out, we hope you'll take part and help make our parish bloom!

I hope you enjoy this issue of our magazine. Please don't hesitate to contact the council with any comments that you may have about the articles.

If you would like to contact Seaton Valley Council, please use the details below:

Telephone: 0191 237 9870	Email: contact@seatonvalleycommunitycouncil.gov.uk	 Scan to go to Seaton Valley Council Website
Address: 20-22 Astley Road Seaton Delaval Northumberland NE25 0DG1	Open: Monday - Friday 09:00am - 3:00pm	

Seaton Valley Council Election Results – May 2025



On Saturday, 3 May 2025, Northumberland County Council confirmed the results of the Parish elections held on 1 May for the four wards in Seaton Valley.

Seaton Valley Council offers its congratulations to all our newly elected councillors; Sean Cassidy, Sandra Ferguson, Scott Lee and Mike Milbourne. We look forward to collaborating with you in fulfilling our shared commitment to the residents of Seaton Valley.

A heartfelt thank you to every candidate who participated and to the many members of the public who contributed to this vital democratic process. Your involvement helps our community to thrive.

To our outgoing councillors, Sue Bowman, Susan Dungworth and Ann Stanners, we extend our deepest gratitude. Your dedication, service and your contributions will have a lasting impact on life in our villages.

Come visit

Connecting Communities

Northumberland Line Photographic Journey

Explore exclusive photos showcasing the progress of the Northumberland Line, including completed stations. Discover the history, development, challenges, and milestones of this remarkable project.

Join us in celebrating this historic achievement which will help connect people, places and communities through innovation and responsible infrastructure.

Where: Astley Park Pavilion,
Astley Gardens,
Seaton Delaval,
NE25 0AE

When: 19th June – 24th
June 2025
(closed Sunday 22nd June)

Open: 10am – 4pm

Price: Free

Event: Party in the Park 2025

Join Morgan Sindall Infrastructure for family friendly Lego engineering challenges alongside the exhibition.

Timings: 12pm – 4pm



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INFRASTRUCTURE

Together with our partners

Seaton Valley Commemorates: 80th Anniversary of VE Day with Beacon Lighting Ceremony



On Thursday, 8 May, the community of Seaton Valley came together in remembrance and shared commemoration to mark the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day – a date which signifies the end of the Second World War in Europe and honours the courage and sacrifice of those who served.

A central feature of the evening's programme was the lighting of the Seaton Valley Beacon at precisely 21:30. This symbolic act was carried out in unison with other commemorative events taking place across the country, forming a nationwide tribute to a generation whose resilience and fortitude secured peace and freedom for future generations.

Ahead of the lighting, attendees were treated to a performance by the Cramlington Community Choir. Their repertoire included a selection of well-known wartime songs, evocative of the era and its collective spirit, including Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag and The White Cliffs of Dover. The performance resonated deeply with the assembled crowd, many of whom sang along, reflecting the enduring emotional power of these songs.

As the beacon was ignited, a Tribute was formally read aloud. This solemn reading paid homage to the immense sacrifices made during the war and recognised the enduring legacy of the men and women who contributed to the Allied victory. The ceremony concluded with the singing of the National Anthem, followed by the wartime classic We'll Meet Again.

The event was very well attended by residents and visitors to Seaton Valley and the surrounding areas, with participants of all ages coming together in a spirit of reflection, gratitude, and unity. The evening served as a commemoration of a pivotal moment in history and as a powerful reminder of the importance of community, remembrance, and the values for which so many gave so much.



Seaton Valley Gardening Competition 2025 – Enter Now!

Do you have the greenest fingers in Seaton Valley? Whether you're a proud home gardener, a dedicated allotment holder, or part of a thriving community project, the Seaton Valley Gardening Competition is your chance to shine!

This year, we're inviting entries across six categories:

- **Best Garden** – Show off your stunning outdoor space!
- **Best Single Container/Hanging Basket** – Small but mighty displays that pack a punch.
- **Best Business Display** – Bring colour and creativity to your storefront.
- **Best Community Garden Space** – Celebrating shared green spaces.

- **Best Allotment Plot** – A showcase of homegrown excellence.
- **Best School/Children's Group Display** – Inspiring the next generation of gardeners!

This is your opportunity to gain recognition for your hard work and love for gardening. Entries close on Friday, 6 July 2025, so don't miss out!

Get growing and get involved!

For more details and information on how to enter, visit our website:

www.seatonvalleycommunitycouncil.gov.uk

Seaton Valley Library



As the Seaton Valley Library settles into its new home in Astley Park Pavilion, now is the perfect time to explore all that it has to offer.

For those who may not be aware, our library in Seaton Delaval has recently relocated from the high school to its new location. You can now find us in the Pavilion building within Astley Park, conveniently situated next to the children's playground and the bowling green.

Membership at the Seaton Delaval Library is completely free, and once you join, borrowing books, accessing e-books, audio books, and e-magazines is also free of charge. Whether you are seeking to spark your child's love for reading, delve into a new hobby, or simply want to explore something different from your usual choices, there is something for everyone here.

During the summer holidays, the library is bustling with activities for children, including our popular Summer Reading Challenge. Organised by the Reading Agency, this challenge encourages children to read and rewards them

with stickers, certificates, and medals to celebrate their accomplishments.

In addition to the Summer Reading Challenge, we host various events for children during school holidays, such as crafting sessions and a Lego club. For adults, we offer a weekly social gathering and a monthly book group that meet year-round. Keep an eye out for our upcoming Bookworms sessions for preschool children and our crafting group.

If you are not yet a member but are interested in joining or simply wish to revisit the library, our opening hours and contact information are provided below. We eagerly anticipate your visit and look forward to welcoming you soon.

Library opening times

Monday & Friday: 9:30 – 12:30

Email: seatonvalley.library@northumberland.gov.uk

The Pavilion, Astley Park, Seaton Delaval

Call Cramlington library for enquiries: 01670 620394

MEET ON MONDAYS

10:30 – Midday. Come along to our super-friendly group for a free hot drink and a chat

PAGES IN THE PARK READING GROUP

10:30 – Midday. The last Friday of each month

Coming soon! Bookworms' Storytime and craft session starting on Monday, 19 May, every other week

Seaton Valley Photography Competition – Results

SEATON VALLEY PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2025

Seaton Valley's beauty, charm and diversity were on full display as the 2025 Seaton Valley Council Photography Competition winners were chosen.

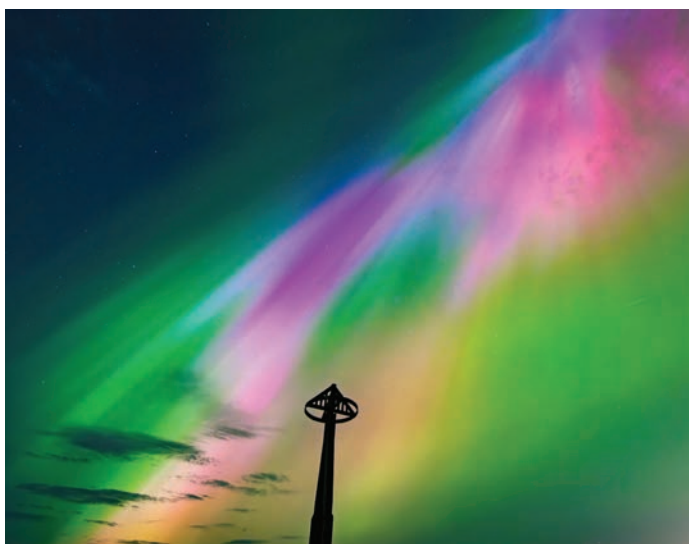
With this year's theme of "Pictures of Where I Live", residents, young and old, were invited to capture what makes their part of Seaton Valley so special. With over 240 entries submitted across five categories, judges had their work cut out for them.

From breathtaking landscapes to glimpses of everyday life, the submissions were a true testament to the creativity and pride that runs through the community. The competition attracted photographers of all ages and abilities, and the standard was exceptionally high.

THE WINNERS ARE:

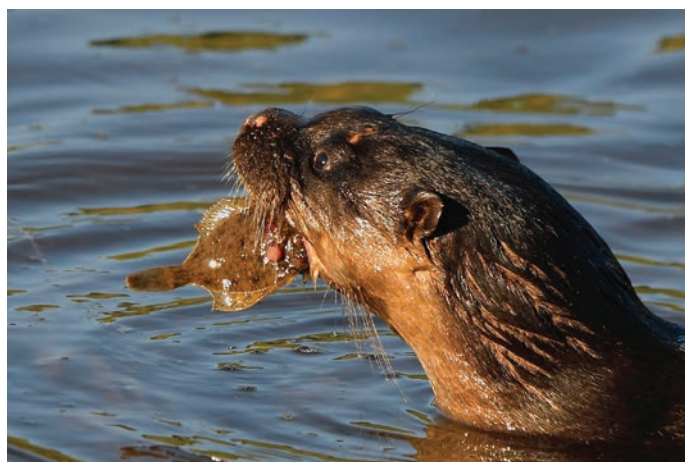
Landscape Winner: Mick Morrison

The top spot in the Landscape category was Mick Morrison, whose awe-inspiring shot of the Northern Lights left judges speechless. The vivid colours and beauty of the aurora were captured in perfect clarity—a wonderful moment caught on camera.



Wildlife Winner: Jo Richardson

In the Wildlife category, Jo Richardson's photograph of a Eurasian Otter enjoying a flat fish meal stood out for its perfect timing and detail. The image, both intimate and wild, showcased the often-unseen coastal life that thrives on our shores.



Village Life Winner: Paul Sproat

The rhythms of rural life were beautifully captured by Paul Sproat, who won the Village Life category with a photo of a farmer ploughing a field followed by a flock of hungry gulls. The image spoke of tradition, hard work, and the enduring connection between the land and nature.



Under 18 Winner: Ben Ashbridge

Among the younger photographers, Ben Ashbridge took the Under 18 title with a serene and atmospheric photo of the moonlight shimmering across the sea and reflecting through The Cut and Seaton Sluice Harbour. Judges praised the composition and maturity of the shot, saying it was quietly powerful.



Under 10 Winner: William Shepherd

Proving that age is no barrier to creativity, William Shepherd, winner of the Under 10 category, charmed everyone with his photo of a sandcastle proudly standing on the beach. His image captured the fun of childhood and the simple joys of seaside adventures.



The judges commended the quality of this year's entries, noting that the final decisions were incredibly difficult due to the overall standard.

Congratulations to all the winners and everyone who entered for helping to show off Seaton Valley in such a vivid and inspiring way.

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The judges said:

“We were truly delighted by the number and quality of entries submitted this year. The variety of landscape photos was impressive. The wildlife photographs were equally captivating—full of energy, patience, and a deep respect for the animals being photographed. We also appreciated the photos capturing village life. These images brought out the character, charm, and rhythm of community life.”

“A special mention goes to the under 18 and under 10 categories. The creativity and ability on display from these young photographers were beyond impressive. Their fresh perspectives and approach to subjects brought real energy to the competition.

“Overall, it was a joy to judge this year's entries, and we thank everyone who took part. You've made our job difficult—in the best possible way!”

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MAKE-UP OF THE COUNCIL

There have been no elections held during the period of the report. Our ward councillors during the period were:

- Hartley Ward – Susan Dungworth, David Ferguson, and Jill Henderson.
- Holywell Ward – Les Bowman, Eva Coulson, and Ann Stanners.
- Seghill with Seaton Delaval Ward – Sue Bowman, Eve Chicken and Rob Forsyth.

Councillor Eva Coulson stood down from her position in December 2024 and the council agreed not to fill the casual vacancy prior to the Elections in May 2025.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP WITH NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

The partnership agreement between the County Council and Seaton Valley Council continues to have a positive impact on the Seaton Valley area. The parish council pays for enhancements to grass cutting, weed spraying and rotational edging and hedging services that belong to the County, as well as funding additional street and bus shelter cleansing, and playpark inspections. These enhancements and additional services help to maintain the safety and appearance of villages year-round. In 2024-25, core grass cutting services have been sufficient due to variable weather conditions, allowing partnership hours to be used elsewhere in the Valley. With the contract up for renewal in April 2026, the council plans to review and renegotiate services that offer the best value and impact for Seaton Valley residents.



FLORAL PLANTING

The current floral planting contract is also delivered by Northumberland County Council. This year's planting efforts have been well received, and residents have shared positive feedback in relation to the design and colour. Going forward, the council will be focussed on biodiversity and sustainability, as well as the changing climate. As this contract is also due for renewal in April 2026, the council is

committed to negotiating the best value options for Seaton Valley residents whilst keeping the community vibrant, sustainable and beautiful.



PLAYPARKS

The council is dedicated to ensuring our playparks remain safe and inclusive for all. Throughout 2024-25, we've funded regular inspections and maintenance. Many playparks have been freshly repainted, and our two allotment assistants are now trained to perform basic repairs to safety standards. The annual ROSPA inspection confirmed consistently well-maintained parks and highlighted some equipment nearing the end of its lifespan, some of which we've already started to replace. Looking ahead, the council will address the remaining high priority replacements, aim for inclusive equipment and closely monitor the condition of equipment reaching the end of its lifespan to support financial planning.

SEATON VALLEY IN BLOOM

We proudly continued our support for local "In Bloom" groups with an annual budget, and support to help coordinate village activities and sharing best practice. Holywell In Bloom shone brightly this year, being the sole entrant in the 2024 Northumbria In Bloom competition. Their efforts earned them an invitation to represent Northumbria in the Large Village category at the National Britain In Bloom awards, where they achieved a prestigious Silver Gilt award!

GARDENING COMPETITION

Our 2024 Gardening Competition was a fantastic event this year. The diverse garden types made it captivating for both participants and judges alike. The exceptionally high standard of entries made judging tough but incredibly rewarding. The awards ceremony in October 2024 was a fitting celebration of everyone's hard work and creativity.

CHRISTMAS

This year's Christmas Light turn-on events were another success, filled with heartwarming community spirit and joy. The Christmas garland competition for the village first schools adds to the event, and having the winners turn on the lights created more magical moments for everyone. Planning for the 2025 Christmas events is already in motion, and with the community's enthusiasm and support, they're sure to be just as fantastic!



ALLOTMENTS

The council has been more proactive in managing allotments this year, increasing occupancy and maintaining an active waiting list. Splitting larger plots into manageable sizes has helped plot holders maintain their spaces better and plots are being used effectively. The reinvigoration of the council's allotment inspection protocol has seen a rise in plot tenancies being terminated, and whilst this is challenging in the short term, it sets a clear and consistent standard for long-term plot maintenance. This approach encourages plot holders to take better care of their allotments, reducing nuisances and costs for the council, and ensures that residents on the waiting list are afforded access to the vacated plots. The council has also increased its efforts to remove tenants who no longer live in the Seaton Valley area and continues to progress with the closure and clearance of Dene Top in collaboration with the Estate and Northumberland County Council.

BUS SHELTERS

We kicked off the year with a fantastic initiative to give Seaton Valley's bus shelters a fresh coat of paint, making the shelters more inviting for everyone. To keep them looking their best, we've introduced a rotational system for our General Maintenance Assistants, ensuring any graffiti or damage is swiftly addressed.

We're also eagerly awaiting the results of a grant application to the County Council that could help us

upgrade our stone bus shelters throughout the Valley with new roofs. Fingers crossed!

FOOD BANK PARCELS

Our food parcel service is still going strong, but the demand has remained steady. Interestingly, we distributed 34 more parcels in 2023/24 compared to 2024/25. This slight decrease is most likely due to changes in a few family situations rather than a decrease in overall need.

PROMOTING SEATON VALLEY

To enhance community engagement, we have actively used our website and social media accounts to share important updates and promote community events. Regular posts have kept residents informed of information and projects from around the valley, including play park refurbishments, updates from the Northumberland Line, public consultations, village events and community news from our village community associations and groups. We have also shared information in the council's Futures magazine that is delivered to every home in Seaton Valley.

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

We have reached out to local groups, clubs, and organisations and have invited them to be included in our Community Directory. Within the directory, each organisation has a detailed description along with contact information, website, and social media links. Additionally, information about meeting locations and times. Our Community Directory is easily accessible through our website. We have also created web pages for the village community centres, to help promote their facilities and the regular activities and groups they host.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Our Seaton Valley Photography Competition saw an impressive response, with over 240 entries capturing the beauty and character of the area. The competition featured five categories: Landscape, Wildlife, Village Life, Under 18, and Under 10, allowing photographers of all ages to showcase their talent. Submissions ranged from breathtaking scenic views and intimate glimpses of local wildlife to vibrant snapshots of daily village life. We proudly display a collection of the photographs submitted by residents on our website, including the five winning entries.

YOUTH AND ADULT LEISURE ACTIVITIES

The council, in partnership with the Northumberland County Council Sports Development Team, continues to run an exciting programme designed to support, promote and facilitate sport and physical activity in Seaton Valley. Valley



Moves, which is funded by the council, includes regular weekly activities which are free to residents during school holidays (except Christmas). These camps provide exciting activities to keep kids active and engaged while school is out. We are also providing a free 'snack pack' to everyone who takes part.

Following the success in summer 2023, the Sports Development Team, with Shred the North Skate School, delivered skateboarding taster sessions during the summer holidays in 2024. These sessions proved to be very popular, and we will be supporting more sessions during the summer in 2025.

Our funding also contributes to the Sports Development Team's assistance with the main village fairs during the summer.

New in 2025 is our Family Fun Session, held on a Monday in Astley Park, during the school holidays, delivered in partnership by the County Council Family Hubs and Sports Development Team. The whole family can enjoy an exciting session filled with games, crafts and activities for all ages.

YOUTH PROVISION

We have continued to fund and work in partnership with Children North East this year, continuing the delivery of youth services across Seaton Valley, with a weekly youth club running every week at Astley Park Pavilion. The youth club has proven to be popular, with around 120 young people currently registered and regular attendance reflecting local demand for safe, supportive spaces for young people to connect, learn and have fun.

The club has also benefited from a generous donation of furniture and equipment from construction company BAM, which has helped enhance the environment and make the space even more welcoming and functional for young people attending. This contribution has been gratefully received and is already making a positive impact on the delivery of activities.

In addition to the weekly youth club, Children North East has also run weekly outreach sessions in Seghill, Seaton Sluice, and New Hartley. These sessions, match funded by EDF, and with a donation from the Seaton Valley Community Partnership, were designed to engage young people in their local areas, build relationships, and provide support and activities tailored to local needs.

Together, these services have helped to create positive opportunities for young people across the area, helping to build confidence, foster friendships, and provide access to trusted adult support. Moving forward, the council hopes to ensure the activities become embedded in what Seaton Valley has to offer.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

During 2024-25, the council has awarded a series of community grants to support local organisations making a positive impact in the area. Beneficiaries of this funding include Loud Arts CIC, who delivered Makaton Taster Sessions; ESCAPE Family Support, which provides vital assistance to families affected by substance misuse; Blossoming Communities, a group focused on improving mental health and wellbeing through activities; and the Cramlington Red Squirrel Group, dedicated to the conservation of the region's native red squirrel population. These grants highlight the council's ongoing commitment to strengthening community connections and supporting grassroots initiatives that enrich local life.

We have also provided grants to support village events organised by our various community associations and community groups.

Desktop Analysis of the Council's Income and Expenditure —

WHERE DOES OUR MONEY COME FROM?

Similarly to 2023-24, approximately 91% of the council's total income of £681,785 in 2024-25 came from its annual precept which it served on Northumberland County Council. The council's precept was £622,320 which is collected via residents' Council Tax bills. Seaton Valley Community Council's Band D Equivalent Council Tax for 2024-25 was £128.51, which equated to approximately £2.47 per week.

Additionally, the council collected rent on the two flats it owns above its offices (£11,690 including electricity rates payable by the council) and on the allotment sites it manages throughout the Valley (£19,410 including repayable deposits). In total this income amounted to £31,100 in 2024-25.

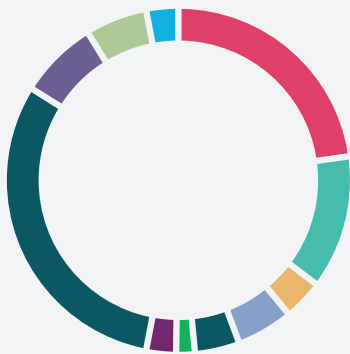
Miscellaneous income, including bank interest and advertising income, amounted to £24,165 and the council processed internal recharges to services of £4,200 giving total income for the year of £681,785.

WHERE DO WE SPEND OUR MONEY?

In 2024-25 the council spent £664,660 on a range of services, salaries and running costs. These costs are summarised in the Pie Chart below.

WHERE DO WE SPEND OUR MONEY?

In 2023/24 the Council spent **£594,045** on a range of services, salaries and running costs. These costs are summarised in the Pie Chart below.



- Staffing - £160,330
- Office Administration & Overheads - £75,550
- Allotments - £15,765
- Christmas Events - £38,875
- Floral Planting - £26,045
- Bus Shelters - £4,785
- Playparks - £23,155
- NCC Partnership - £206,260
- YouthLeisure & Youth Provisions - £61,810
- Engagement & Development - £39,845
- Other Services - £12,160

RESERVES

As at the 31 March 2025, the council's useable reserves totalled **£307,255** a breakdown of which is shown in the table below:

TYPE OF RESERVE	£
Playparks – repairs and renewals fund	86,300
Flats – building and maintenance fund	5,000
Unallocated reserves	215,755
TOTAL USEABLE RESERVES	307,055

CONCLUSION - As another busy but rewarding year comes to a close, Seaton Valley Council remains proud to work with and for the communities of Seaton Valley.

This year has brought its own challenges, yet as always, our dedicated staff have risen to the occasion with integrity and an unwavering commitment to finding solutions that serve the best interests of our residents and villages.

I would like to thank all the councillors and staff for their continued hard work and resourcefulness throughout the year.

Additionally, I would like to thank our community and statutory partners for their contributions, helping to improve the lives of our residents and businesses across Seaton Valley. **Cllr. Sue Bowman**

Should you require any further information relating to the Income and Expenditure of the Council then please contact the Clerk and RFO via telephone on 0191 2379870 or by emailing:

clerk@seatonvalleycommunitycouncil.gov.uk.

Seaton Delaval Hall



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The year is hurtling along, with much to enjoy at the hall over the next few months. Summer of Play will be here before you know it, packed full of activities for the whole family to enjoy over the summer holidays. Meet up with a group of friends or your family for a game from the sports chest on the South Lawn, badminton and table tennis in The Oval, the Delaval Dash races and traditional games like four-in-a-row and tower block building.

If sports isn't your thing, you can get musical with the Junk Orchestra, rummage for props and costumes and take to the Baroque-inspired stage in the West Wing or enjoy pop-up circus performances. In the Community Kitchen Garden, there's the weekly chance to plant, harvest and get crafty with nature in Young Gardeners.

Meanwhile, conservation work continues, with the ground and upper-level windows on the Central Hall repair and repainting project continuing while the bats have left for the summer. In the gardens, the rose garden revival project has completed, with the exterior yew hedging and roses now planted. The roses are a combination of new varieties alongside historic varieties favoured by the late Lady Hastings, including 'Ice Cream', 'Iceberg' and 'Gertrude Jekyll', and a mixture of shrubs and climbers. It's now time to watch as it beds in and matures!

Later in the summer, as the schools reopen for another academic year the gardens have a late burst of colour, with dahlias, hydrangeas and agapanthus popping up in the formal gardens.

In mid-August, enjoy soundscape from folk band Catch the Sparrow's Suze Terwisscha van Scheltinga, whose work *The Lost God Speaks*, inspired by stories of the Delavals can be heard in the Saloon. 6 September to 19 October you can enjoy seeing the exhibition from the finalists of the NE Emerging Artist Award and 12 and 13 September sees the return of the Heritage Open Day, with free admission for all to Seaton Delaval Hall. All this plus our regular tours and talks, including Potted History talks, daily at 12:30pm and 2:30pm, monthly garden tours, and monthly wider estate walks.

As ever, look out on our social media channels and website for more details about all of the above plus news of this year's Halloween activities, which will follow a little later in the summer.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/seatondelavalhall

You can also stay in touch via social media:

Facebook – National Trust Seaton Delaval Hall

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Seaton Valley Partnership Performance Report

1 January 2025 – 31 March 2025



Grounds Maintenance

GRASS CUTTING

Grass cutting operations commenced on 17 March 2025.

FLORAL BEAUTIFICATION

Summer bedding prep commenced.

WINTER WORKS PROGRAMME

Shrub bed maintenance was completed at various locations in Seaton Delaval, Holywell, Seghill, New Hartley and Seaton Sluice.

Footpath edging completed at West of Avenue Road in

Seaton Delaval, New Hartley, Astley Park and North of Bridge in Seaton Sluice.

This winter works programme is now complete.

OTHER

Football pitch and bowling green maintenance completed.

We have completed the first pass of footpath weed spraying throughout Seaton Valley and weed spraying of obstacles has commenced.



Street Cleaning

LITTER PICKING / CLEANSING

100% of Litter picks and bin emptying has been completed to schedule. Additional litter picking completed as requested.

Mechanical Sweeping completed to schedule.

Storm Eowyn works completed.

ENVIRONMENTAL

22,120 kg of litter was collected and 48 fly tips were removed during this period. 1 fly tip was also investigated by the Enforcement Team.

4 abandoned vehicles and 4 accumulations were actioned by Enforcement during this period.

1 warning letter and 1 Fixed Penalty Notice issued by Enforcement during this period.



Public Realm

Bus Shelter cleaning completed.

War Memorial cleansing completed to schedule.

Winter gritting works carried out when required during the winter period.



Customer Feedback

COMPLIMENTS

4 compliments received regarding Neighbourhood Services during this period.

COMPLAINTS

1 formal stage one complaint was received and actioned during this period.

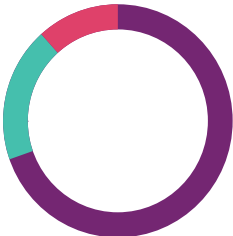


Customer
Quote

“Thank you to the street cleaner, they have been today and have done an excellent job. Much appreciated.”

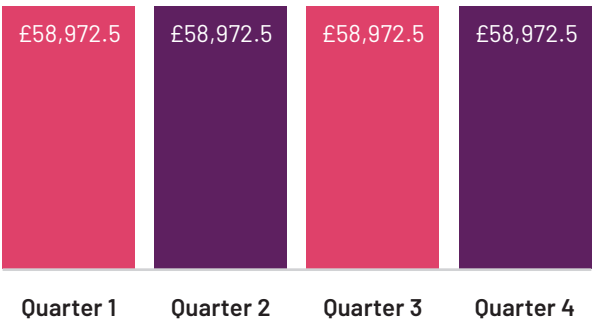
SEATON VALLEY PARTNERSHIP EXPENDITURE ALLOCATION 2024/25

- 70% Grounds Maintenance
- 10% Public Realm
- 20% Street Cleansing



Budget £235,890

BUDGET 2024/25



Councillor Information

Seaton Valley Council has four council wards:

Double Row, Holywell, Seaton Sluice & New Hartley and Seghill with Seaton Delaval.

Next Council Meeting Dates

Finance & General Purposes & Standing Committee

Thu 26 June, 6.00pm

Seaton Valley Council Offices - Seaton Delaval

Full Council

Wed 23 July, 7.00pm

Seaton Valley Council Offices - Seaton Delaval

Full Council

Wed 24 September, 7.00pm

Seaton Valley Council Offices - Seaton Delaval

 Planning Sub-Committees will be scheduled as and when required.

Please use the contact details if you wish to contact your Ward Councillor to discuss any issues.

Useful telephone numbers:

Northumberland County Council:	0345 6006400
Onecall:	01670 361668
Citizens Advice:	808 2787944
Report a non-emergency Crime:	101
NHS Direct:	111
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Report a power cut:	0800 6783 105 or 105
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SEATON VALLEY

Gardening Competition 2025



Closing date Friday 6 July 2025

Judging will commence from Wednesday 14 July 2025

Award Categories: Best Garden , Best Single

Container/Hanging Basket, Best Business Display, Best Community Garden/Space, Best Allotment Plot, Best School/Children's Group Display

Entry Forms and further information is available from our Council Offices, 20-22 Astley Road, Seaton Delaval, or on our website

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