



Town Hall opening hours: Monday to Friday 8.00 to 15.00 / Thursday from 17.00 to 19.00

The latest Sellardet – helping you to keep up with the main news from your Town Hall

Events and developments over the last few months.

- After months of waiting, the representations made to both the Diputación and the Generalitat (Valencia's government) have born fruit and at last the Altura path down to the Mill and the Alcantara road out at the Horta Lluny have been successfully repaired following the serious damage caused by the 2017 rains.
- The building work up at the Pool has been brought to a conclusion and the new installations will be opened in June. Down below the actual pool we now have new changing rooms with showers, toilet facilities and a gymnasium which will become operative in the summer.
- We invite Sella residents to take a walk up to the Ermita de Santa Bàrbera and check out the reinforcement work and the improvement to the pathway and the Ermita itself, all neglected for so many years and which presented serious problems of stability, especially after the 2017 rains. The work was carried out with the help of the Diputación and the Generalitat, through the agency of Servef.
- Just by the Ermita, the Prevention of Risks Brigade has done a good job of work cleaning up the “rastrellera”, taking away rubbish, rubble and removing dead trunks which were accumulating in the “aigüera”. It's worth pointing out also the work they have done to clean and clear the Sella river, from the bridge up to the Font Major – it's looking really good and we hope to be able to open up a new footpath linking in with the Ruta de l'Agua.
- The information panels along the Ruta de l'Agua, long rendered unreadable by the action of sun and rain, have now been replaced.
- To prevent further damage after rain, all the drainage-ways (aigüeras) along the principal paths and roads within the municipal boundaries are being cleared out. Rubbish accumulated alongside these routes has also been cleaned up.
- Throughout the winter there have been new trees planted in Valencia Street and other areas. Particularly worthy of note have been the improvements to the garden connecting Om Street and Xotxim Street as well as at the entrance to the school.

- The renovations to one of the old teachers' flats at the school have now been completed so the dwelling can be rented, preferably to young people who wish to come and live in Sella. We will shortly make known the mechanism for applying for said rental property.

Principal grants awarded and applied for

- Studies are being carried out for the construction of the footpath along the Carreter Nova (from the carparks back to the main road). The plan has been approved by Diputació and we hope it will soon become a reality.
- Likewise, in the summer work should start on improvements to the sports/playground at the school and all the surfaces in that area, which will be renewed, the grates over drains replaced and the children's park renovated.
- We have written the application for funds to completely renovate the doctors' surgery; important aspects of the plan include a new consulting room and new toilet facilities. It is to be hoped that the Generalitat will respond swiftly.
- We are still waiting for the Diputació to start work on the planned “ improvements to the Benimantell road” which was approved at the end of last year. Up to the present the provincial authority has been unable to give a date for the beginning of the work, in spite of many representations from this Town Hall.
- The old wet fish shop in the Old Town Hall basement is going to be temporarily re-launched as a small municipal workplace for those producers who wish to turn out agricultural foodstuffs with access to the appropriate hygiene facilities. The idea is part of an even more ambitious project to create, in the old Doctors' House, a small “ business hothouse” for agricultural producers, with a workshop and distribution centre for the Aitana area, aiming in this way to get a European Union grant for rural development. We hope to make progress with this scheme which could attract young people to Sella and help those already here to organise new businesses based on quality products from local agriculture.
- The Town Hall is constantly on the lookout for any grants or help which enables us to take on more workers. In the last few months we have been able to give work to 10 people from Sella and one from Villajoyosa, thanks to grants from the Generalitat via the SERVEF agency.

Did you know?

- From the Town Hall we would like to register our disapproval of the new **State Contracts Law**, according to which the Ministry of Finance requires a supervisory report on any contract made by Town Halls, from big contracts such as garbage collection, down to small repairs and building work. In small Town Halls like ours, with barely any staff or resources, this law presents a new administrative hindrance which is going to slow down any purchase or payment for services or work done, however small it is. It's a new obstacle to the smooth running of rural municipalities which will affect all of

