

# ABOUT TOWN

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## Stroud's shining stars

**The stars of the community were honoured at the Stroud Town Council Annual Awards.**

More than 100 people attended the special ceremony and annual town meeting at the Subscription Rooms. Stroud mayor John Marjoram praised all those who were nominated and thanked them for making Stroud unique. Carole Garfield, chair of Stroud Chamber of Commerce, and Tim Mars, vice chair of Stroud Civic Society, were guest speakers.



**Mayor's award:** Cotswold Green bus drivers



**Community award:** Sue Sutton



**Sports:** Chris and Sally Brown



**Sports under 25:** Abbi Furley

### News in brief

#### Bid for part of £50,000 fund

Community groups can bid for a slice of the £50,000 Community Support Fund on offer from Stroud Town Council. Groups can apply for grants of between £500 and £3,000. The project must primarily benefit residents of Stroud parish.

The first deadline for applications is June 18. The council is working with Gloucestershire Association for Voluntary & Community Action to ensure the Community Fund is promoted to all eligible organisations. Grant application forms are available from the town council offices or [www.stroudtown.gov.uk](http://www.stroudtown.gov.uk).

#### Wallbridge wins national award

The restoration of the canal at Wallbridge, Stroud, has won a national award for its outstanding team work. The Cotswold Canal Partnership received the top honour in the partnership category at the 2012 Waterway Renaissance Awards. The Partnership includes Gloucestershire County Council, Stroud District Council, Stroud Town Council and the Cotswolds Canals Trust.

#### Environmental Champion

Winners Under 25: Canal Trust Volunteer Team  
25+: Canal Trust Volunteer Team.  
Other nominations: Trish Dickinson, ecological campaigner and activist

#### Trader of the Year

Winner: Wendy Townsend, Lockkeeper's Cafe  
Other nominations: Jeanette Bond, Bond Secretarial; Ray Hill, Sunshine Health Foods; Charles Tongue and his team at Stroud Bookshop; Lesley Lewis, Yards Ahead

#### Local Enterprise

Winner: Ron Cree, R&R Books and Stroud Chamber of Commerce  
Other nominations: Stroud Valleys Project Eco-Shop; Imperial Hotel

#### Sports and Culture

Winner 25+: Chris and Sally Brown, Stroud Junior Athletics Club  
Under 25 winner: Abbi Furley, Cotswold Rangers

#### Community Awards

Winner: Sue Sutton, Maypole Village Hall fundraiser  
Nominations: Sabrina Pace-Humphreys, Vice Chair of Chamber of Commerce; Deborah Hewitt, Wood U Waste and fundraiser for Up-lands Care Centre

#### Mayor's Special Award

Cotswolds Green Bus Drivers

#### Design Award

(Chosen by the Stroud Civic Society)  
Winners: Stroud Brewery Bridge



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## News in brief

### Get ready for Bloom judges

Stroud Town Council's Green Spaces team are working flat out in preparation for the Heart of England in Bloom awards.

Judges will visit the town on July 10. The Chamber of Commerce, schools and a host of others will ensure the town looks its best.

### Time stands still

Time will stand still while repairs are carried out on our landmark clock.

Sims Clock, known as the Four Clocks, in Russell Street, will be covered with scaffolding for a week in June so that the repairs can be carried out on the exterior.

Then work needs to be done to the interior to make sure that the team that keep it running can wind and set it safely.

### Ward vacancy

Stroud Town Council is looking for a new councillor for Valley Ward.

Councillor Cathy Beeching has stepped down due to other commitments.

## Rob keeps our parks litter free

Rob Lloyd has been keeping Park Gardens and Bank Gardens in Stroud litter-free for 20 years.

He feels that the two town centre parks are his personal domain and even picks up litter when he is not on duty.

"I do think of them as my parks. I love my job and love getting out and meeting people," he said.

Rob is part of Stroud Town Council's Green Spaces team.

Stroud Town mayor Amanda Moriarty said: "Rob is always

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professional and friendly and goes that extra mile to make Stroud a nicer place to live. To mark 20 years is a tremendous achievement.

## Meet Stroud's new mayor

Stroud's new town mayor, Amanda Moriarty, has pledged to give her all to improve the town.

"We are a dynamic council with a mix of young and older councillors, both men and women, and I look forward to carrying on the good work that has already been started," said Amanda.

The professional glass maker and teacher joined the council five years ago.

Amanda has pledged to be vigilant about the proposed

changes to NHS services in Stroud, to develop the town's green spaces and to protect footpaths.



She believes her education in politics and economics will help her focus on financially sound objectives for Stroud. "I want to encourage people to not just come to our fantastic farmers' market, but to explore our town to discover its unique shops and businesses, to make use of Lansdown Hall and to see how much we have to offer."

## News in brief

### Lansdown Hall receives grant

Lansdown Hall and Gallery has been awarded £30,000 for the next stage of renovations.

The work is due to begin in July.

The £30,000 grant is funded by Gloucestershire Environmental Trust with landfill tax contributions donated by Cory Environmental.

Stroud Town Council owns Lansdown Hall.

### Let's slow down

Stroud could become a 20mph town as talks are under way about a new speed restriction.

Town councillors have set up a task group to look at the details of introducing a 20mph restriction.

### Paving review

Stroud Town Council is working closely with Gloucestershire Highways to replace resurfacing done in the High Street following complaints about the poor quality of workmanship.

## Meet your town councillors



### Uplands Ward

Julian Carlyon  
01453 767120

**Tim Seager**  
**01453 755359**

Lucas Schoemaker  
01453 840039

### Central Ward

**Kevin Cranston**  
**01453 755483**

Rachel Lyons  
01453 750268

**Ben Spencer**  
**01453 753355**

### Trinity Ward

Steve Hurrell  
01453 767127

**John Marjoram**  
**01453 750962**

Amanda Moriarty  
01453 759102

### Valley Ward

**Steven Naumann**  
**01453 767977**

Vacancy for  
councillor

**Margaret Poulton**  
**07989 361457**

### Farmhill & Paganhill Ward

**Haydn Sutton**  
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Doug Janke  
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**Kevin Ellis**  
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### Slade Ward

Gillian Winstone  
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Rob Green  
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