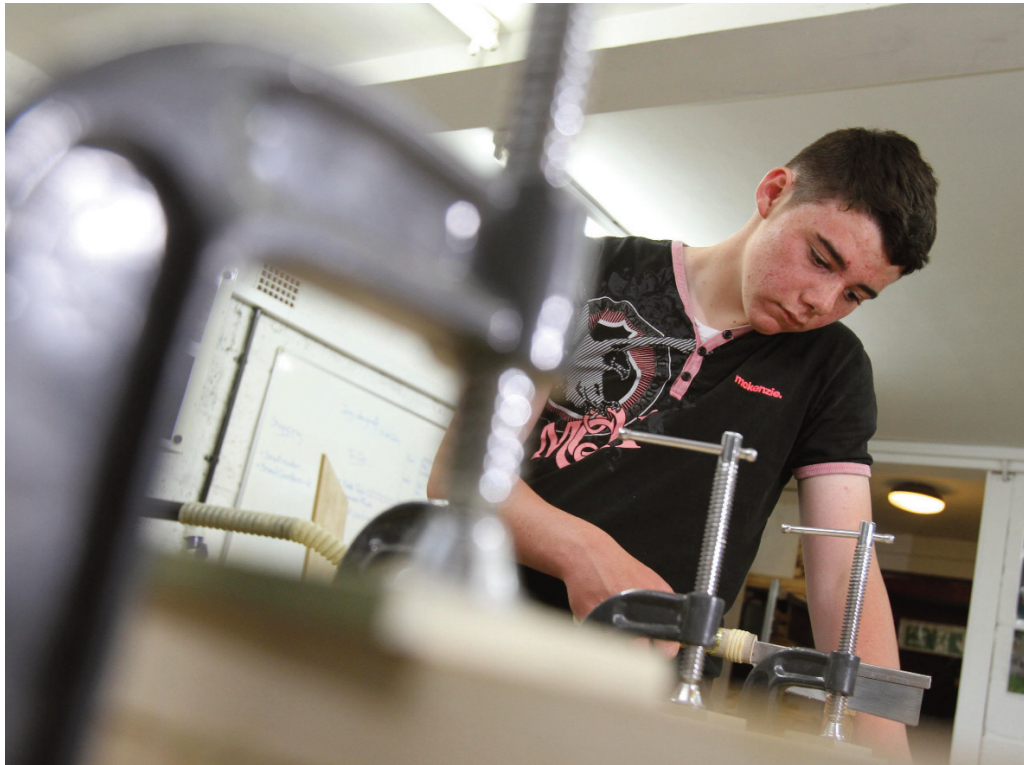


ABOUT TOWN

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Charley Loveridge takes part in the workshops at The Door, funded by the town council

Teenagers to enjoy a busy summertime

Young people in Stroud will be able to enjoy a great range of summer holiday activities thanks to Stroud Town Council.

The Door Youth Project received a £3,000 grant to support its summer programme.

Brendan Conboy, Chief Executive of The Door said the money will allow the charity to provide activities for up to 200 teenagers.

Other groups to receive grants were: Summer Street Allotment Association (£500) and Spaniel in the Works Theatre (£500).

The next deadline for grant applications is August 26.

We'll fight to protect our fields

Stroud Town Council will continue supporting the fight to stop developers building in Slad Valley.

Gladman Developments is appealing against a recent decision by Stroud District Council.

The district council refused outline permission for up to 140 homes to be built on a 15.5-acre site in Baxter's Fields off Summer Street.

The town council objected to the application on the grounds of: the impact on the character and appearance of the area, highway and stability issues and the principle of development outside the Stroud settlement boundary.

Town councillor Kevin Cranston, chairman of the consultations committee, said: "Stroud Town Council is working with Stroud Valley Action Group to oppose this unwelcome and inappropriate attack on our stunning countryside.

"The Slad Valley is just one of many beautiful places under threat from avaricious developers. There are plenty of

brown field sites available for building much needed houses but these sites don't offer such large profits for the builders. This is a simple fight between greed and natural beauty.

"The Government wants house building to help to kick start the economy, no bad thing in itself, but there is one immediate action that would help this - remove VAT from brownfield developments and put it on green field developments.

"That way the sites that should be reused would become more affordable than the sites that must be protected."

The town council has also vowed to continue its opposition to a proposal to build an incinerator at Javelin Park.

The county council has turned down the proposal but Urbaser Balfour Beatty, which is behind the proposal, is appealing against the decision.

The county council received more than 4,000 comments on the original application.

Picture perfect for Britain in Bloom judges

It was all hands to the hoe as Stroud got ready for the Britain in Bloom judging.

The town council's green spaces team (pictured) worked flat out to ensure the town was litter free and picture perfect.

The team of six are responsible for Park Gardens and other open spaces in the town.

For the first time the green



spaces team planted a pictorial meadow in Park Gardens rather than the traditional bedding plants.

Last year the town received a gold award in the Heart of England awards.

Join in the free play

Children in Stroud can enjoy free play sessions.

During the summer holidays the Play Rangers hold sessions every Thursday at Archway Gardens and every Tuesday at Mason Road. Both run from 10am-4pm and are free.

It is funded by the town council and Stroud District Council. Children enjoy den building, fires, arts and crafts, sports and a range of games.



Damaged trees receive vital care

Two trees damaged in the 2007 floods will receive some vital work in a bid to rescue them.

The European lime and the Turkish oak are in the Park Gardens in Slad Road.

In July 2007 the area was badly flooded and damaged the tree roots. Now they are fighting disease and in danger of dying if something is not done.

Jim Mathison, Green Spaces manager for Stroud Town Council, says the trees will be cut back - or pollarded - in the hopes of giving them a better chance to survive.

Mayor: we'll tackle the challenges

Stroud's returning mayor has pledged to tackle the challenges facing the town and make it a better place to live, visit and work in.

Amanda Moriarty was unanimously re-elected mayor of Stroud Town Council. John Marjoram returned as deputy mayor.

Amanda, a professional glass maker, during her first year as mayor was active in calling for improving resurfacing to the high street and has led the council in its campaigns against proposed changes to the NHS and the Javelin Park incinerator.

Now Amanda has pledged to tackle those issues that would make the town a better place to live.

They include the poor condition of the high street, restricted delivery times and disabled parking bays in the town centre, the "unsightly" bollards near Brewery Bridge and blocked drains.

"We want Stroud to be a thriving town and in order to be that, we must have a decent road network, be pedestrian friendly and have appropriate parking. They are all important," she said.

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