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Stroud shines for festive season



Stroud was aglow for Christmas thanks to the new lights paid for by the town council. The council also worked with traders, providing them with free Christmas trees and supported Stroud Goodwill evening

Picture: Simon Pizzey

Your town needs you

You can make a real difference to your community of Stroud by becoming a town councillor.

On May 5, residents will vote for representatives for all 18 seats on Stroud Town Council.

The town council is holding an open evening on March 1 so people can find out more about what the role involves.

"Being a town councillor takes just a few hours a month of your time but you can make a valuable impact on the life of this town," said Stroud Mayor Kevin Cranston.

"Town councillors can be anyone. What unites them is their interest and passion in local issues, their community and people and their willingness to get involved."

To stand as a candidate for the town council you must be at least 18 years old, be a British citizen and have lived and/or worked in the parish/community area for at least a year.

The town council is responsible for the green spaces in Stroud including the cemetery, Lansdown Hall and overseeing grants for community projects. Since 2011 it has awarded £255,000 to groups and organisations in the town.

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TOWN COUNCIL OPEN EVENING

Find out about what it means to be a town councillor at an open evening on March 1 from 7.30pm at the council offices in London Road.

Development plan handed in

The draft of an ambitious plan which will shape the development of Stroud for the next 20 years has been completed.

The town council has submitted the Neighbourhood Development Plan to Stroud District Council.

More than 2,500 people were consulted in the process.

There will be a consultation period and an independent examination of the plan organised by the district council. Residents will be able to vote on the plan in a referendum in August.

High Street to be resurfaced

The final sections of Stroud High Street will be resurfaced in the next year

The work follows three years of lobbying led by the town council. It has, along with Stroud District Council, contributed funds so that higher quality materials could be used and the section around Kendrick Street was resurfaced in 2013.

It has contributed £20,000 so far and will contribute a further £9,000.

Precept rises by 11p per week

The town council has increased its share of the council tax by 11p per week for the average Band D payer.

In 2016-2011, an average Band D council tax payer will pay £124, just £11 more per year.



Stroud Town Council offices are at Thanet House in London Road
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