

ABOUT TOWN



Stroud shines for festive season

Stroud was aglow for Christmas during the Goodwill Evening. The Town Council provides a grant for the event and pays for the festive street lights. It also works in partnership with traders, providing them with free Christmas trees to ensure the town looks its very best.

Sub Rooms remain in public ownership

The Town Council has welcomed the decision to ensure the Subscription Rooms remains in public ownership.

At a meeting of Stroud District Council's Strategy and Resources meeting district councillors agreed that the District Council will seek bids for a 30-year lease on the venue only.

The Town Council has been campaigning on behalf of the community to ensure the venue remains in public ownership.

"In all public consultations so far, the community has overwhelmingly backed the Sub Rooms remaining in public ownership, and we the Town Council are committed to achieving that," said Town Mayor Kevin Cranston.

"We are delighted that the District Council has listened to the public and agreed to see that this valuable venue remains a community asset.

"We recognise the enormous financial pressures that the District Council faces. We

now look forward to working with the District Council and all other interested parties to broker a viable solution which best serves our community and safeguards the Sub Rooms as the jewel in Stroud's cultural crown.

"We will continue to support the Stroud Trust to refine their plans to meet the criteria in the revised motion. We have already carried out extensive consultation with the community and will continue to do so as this process evolves."

Briefs

Give Mother Nature a helping hand

Volunteers are needed to help preserve Stroud unique nature reserve.

The town's old cemetery in Old Bisley Road is one of only a handful in the country that is classified as a nature reserve.

The Town Council's Rangers run a Friends group to give nature a helping hand. No experience is necessary and it will involve gentle physical exercise in the fresh air plus the opportunity to meet new people.

For more information about the nature reserve voluntary work please email council@stroudtown.gov.uk with your contact details.

Tributes paid to former mayor

Tributes have been paid to former Stroud Town Mayor and professional glass maker Amanda Moriarty who died at the age of 61.

She served as deputy mayor for a year and then three years as Town Mayor. Passionate about the town Amanda was keen to see it develop into a prosperous community while retaining its special personality.

Of her achievements with the Town Council Amanda was most proud of the repaving of the High Street.

"Amanda had the ability to get people around a table and to find a solution. The repaving of the High Street is the perfect example. Thanks to her, the Town, the county council and the contractors worked together for the benefit of Stroud," said Town Mayor Kevin Cranston.

Grotto results

A grotto, complete with Father Christmas and Elves, was held in the Town Council offices during Goodwill Evening. It raised £125 for Stroud Foodbank. It included a £10 donation and £15 made from the face painting. John Conoley's Funfair donated toys for Santa's sack.



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We love our play area

Children are enjoying new play equipment, thanks to the teamwork of parents and the Town Council.

The latest addition to the play area at Daisy Bank include a roundabout and new flat swings.

It is the result of a long-term consultation process between parents, children and the Town Council.

“Everything we have done the Town Council has fully supported us. It’s a

great dialogue and the play area is really popular with the children,” said Hayley Shortt, chairperson of the Friends of Daisy Bank.

Monty Roberts has given the new roundabout his seal of approval. “The roundabout is great and quite a lot of people come here when the weather is good,” said the eight-year-old.

Regulars at the Crown and Sceptre are also raising money for a defibrillator which will be housed on the outside of the pub in Horns Road.

Making the most of arts & culture

Performing arts, festivals, theatres, museums and libraries in Stroud are being evaluated as part of a new strategy to ensure they are improving the lives of all members of the community.

Two consultants have been brought in by Stroud Town Council to develop a cultural strategy for the town. The public had the opportunity to air their views during a series of workshops.

The aim is to ensure that the contribution made by Stroud’s arts and cultural offerings is both valued and adequately supported.

Kim Cowan, project officer at the council, said: “While arts and cultural activity in the town is widely appreciated and enjoyed, the council

is keen to see its contribution to social, community and economic development as well as cultural life is fully valued and supported into the future.”

Alongside an audit of cultural and community spaces, the consultants will review local, district and countywide plans and national evidence on the benefits of culture.

The work, which is being undertaken with Arts Council funding and the support of Create Gloucestershire, will continue until January.

It will include consulting a range of people who are linked with creative industries, either in employment or as volunteers, about their experience and opinions and appraising opportunities for collaboration and development. From there a 10-year strategy will be developed, including an initial action plan.

Friends of Park Gardens

Make your mark on Stroud’s Park Gardens by joining the Friends group. Volunteers help Joe the Green Spaces Ranger with park-related tasks. No

experience is necessary and it will involve gentle physical exercise in the fresh air plus the opportunity to meet new people.

For more information about the Park Gardens voluntary work please email council@stroutdown.gov.uk with your contact details.

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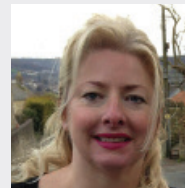


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