

Stroud Town Council Local Heritage Asset List

Lansdown, 6, Stroud News & Journal Office, GL5 1BB	
Historic building	Conservation Area: Stroud Town Centre
Office	List entry number SLHA0024



Description

A three-storey Victorian building made principally of brick with stone details. The top storey features four four-paned sash windows with stone arched heads, the middle floor has two four-paned sash windows with decorative stone arched heads with a blank middle window with decorative surround. The ground floor three three-paned sash windows with decorative stone arches and cills. The front door also has a decorative stone arch above it.

Purpose-built for the Stroud Journal, as stated on the stone plaque on the façade: 'Stroud Journal Office AD 1868'.

The building was part of the first phase of development of the north side of Lansdown (from the Greyhound to Locking Hill), starting in 1867 and mainly concentrated within the following five or six years (architect: William Clissold).

Sources:

Stroud District Council, Conservation Area Statement -Conservation Area No. 18 Stroud Town Centre, 2008, (p21-22)

<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/media/1972/17-18-stroud-town-centre-cas-april-2008.pdf> viewed 11 June 2017.

'Time Flies' booklet (2006), containing research on Lansdown for a local history play

Selection Criteria	
Age	Constructed in 1868
Architectural and aesthetic value	An ornate, handsome Victorian building. The buildings on the north side of Lansdown (built mainly 1867-73 by William Clissold) are all predominantly three storeys high

	and terraced, although the ranks were not created to a uniform degree. They have two or three bays of four- or two-paned sash windows, many of which have arched heads. Window reveals often have elaborate stone or brick decoration.
Historic association	A purpose-built building for Stroud's longest-standing local newspaper (originally set up in 1854) and thus of historical and social value
Social and communal value	Editing, typesetting and printing were done on these premises until the late 1930s. The Stroud News was set up ten years later than the Journal and merged with it in 1957. The Stroud News & Journal, as it is now, still operates from these premises, though it is now printed and sub-edited elsewhere.
Degree of completeness	Façade complete
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