


## Stroud Town Council Local Heritage Asset List

<b>Lansdown, 8, Chedworth House, GL5 1BB</b>	
<b>Historic building</b>	<b>Conservation Area: Stroud Town Centre Stroud Town Centre NDP area</b>
<b>Office</b>	<b>List entry number SLHA0025</b>
	
<p><b>Description</b></p> <p>Victorian three-storey, three bay house built principally of brick, but with decorative rounded stone arches above the windows on the ground and first floors. “Chedworth House” engraved in stone either side of central first floor window. Original scraper to left of front door. Part of the first phase of development of the north side of Lansdown (from the Greyhound to Locking Hill), which started in 1867 (architect: William Clissold). Although Chedworth House is a handsome Victorian building in its own right, it is of social interest as a diary exists of a 14-year- old boy whose family, the Randells, were the first inhabitants of the house. ‘A Cotswold Diary’ by Alfred Luke Randell, aged 14, describes life in Stroud at that time – he was already working. Alfred’s father was Geoffrey Randall, the High Bailiff of Stroud County Court, an accountant and a Methodist preacher.</p> <p><b>Sources</b></p> <p>Stroud District Council, Conservation Area Statement -Conservation Area No. 18 Stroud Town Centre, 2008, (p20-21)  <a href="https://www.stroud.gov.uk/media/1972/17-18-stroud-town-centre-cas-april-2008.pdf">https://www.stroud.gov.uk/media/1972/17-18-stroud-town-centre-cas-april-2008.pdf</a>  viewed 3 July 2017.  ‘Time Flies’ booklet (2006), containing research on Lansdown for a local history play</p>	
<b>Selection Criteria</b>	
<b>Architectural and aesthetic value</b>	<b>Handsome 19<sup>th</sup> century building, part of William Clissold’s development of Lansdown from 1867.</b>
<b>Evidential value</b>	<b>Associated with Alfred Randell, one of the first inhabitants of Chedworth House. He wrote a diary, <i>A Cotswold Diary. A transcription of the diary of Alfred Luke Randell, of Lansdown, Stroud, in the County of Gloucestershire, master cabinetmaker, linguist and European traveller, 1869-1876, by his grandson, Alfred Hollis Randell.</i></b>

<b>Degree of completeness</b>	<b>Façade complete.</b>
<b>Date of inclusion</b>	<b>June 2017</b>

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