

Stroud Town Council Local List of Heritage Asset List

Station Road, Imperial Hotel	
Historic building	Conservation Area: Stroud Town Centre Stroud Town Centre NDP area
Hotel	List entry number SLHA0033
	
<p>Description</p> <p>Large hotel in stone, around 1870, thought to be by Benjamin Bucknall, an important local architect whose work included nearby Woodchester Mansion. Fourteen bays to the south, pleasing sturdy Gothic arcade to the West, the only arcade in Stroud. There are short iron poles of uncertain purpose fixed in pairs, and singly, on the wall above the arcade. The sash windows look mainly original. There are impressive chimney stacks and the roof tiles are laid in a polychromatic design. Stone rainwater goods supported on corbels are typical of Bucknall's work. A landmark building at one of the gateways to the town. Owned from 1885 by Mrs Frances Wade, then her daughter Mrs Frances Tealor Lawson (wife of local architect V A Lawson). Base for Stroud's Liberal Party (the Tories always used the Royal George, now demolished) Setting off point for carriers. Major renovation in 1950 by Orchard and Peer. Berni Inn in the 1980s; now an independently owned hotel and restaurant.</p> <p>Sources</p> <p>Stroud District Council, Conservation Area Statement -Conservation Area No. 18 Stroud Town Centre, 2008, (p.19) https://www.stroud.gov.uk/media/1972/17-18-stroud-town-centre-cas-april-2008.pdf viewed 11 June 2017</p> <p>Verey, D and Brooks, A (2002), The Buildings of England, Gloucestershire 1: The Cotswolds, New Haven and London, Yale University Press (p.656)</p>	
Selection Criteria	NB just include the specific criteria from below with information.
Architectural and aesthetic value	Handsome building thought to be by prominent local architect. Good details such as arcade, chimneys, gutters and roof tiles
Historic association	Formerly a base for Stroud's Liberal party.

Landmark status	A highly visible building in the station area, one of Stroud's gateways.
Degree of completeness	Exterior largely complete.
Date of inclusion	June 2017

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