

Stroud Town Council Local Heritage Asset List

Wallbridge, Iron Kerbs, Stroud, GL5 3JS (North West side)	
Transport	Conservation Area: Stroud Industrial Heritage Stroud Town Centre NDP area
Iron kerbs	List entry number SLHA0041



Description

Iron rack and pinion rails in three foot long sections laid along the north west edge of Wallbridge (the road over Wallbridge Upper Lock).

There are no foundry marks to determine where these kerbs were made but it is likely that they were made by Douglas Company in Kingswood near Bristol (using metal left over from motorcycle manufacture) as almost identical kerbs are present in Bristol *ref* www.about-bristol.co.uk/eye-05/asp

The kerbs were placed to protect expensive paving stones from iron edged cart wheels. They were still being made and installed in the early 20th century. There may be less of them now because of the need for metal in both World Wars.

Would these have been placed here because of the heavy wagons from the Brewery?

The kerbs are around 4 inches high (vertical) and have a rounded angle to a right hand horizontal plate 12 inches deep over which the road surface was placed. *See Bristol iron kerbs images on Google.*

Rescued by local Stroud Preservation Trust Trustee when observing that the pavement

was to be repaired and the iron kerbs were being removed. They were replaced at her insistence.

Selection Criteria	
Age	Early 20th century?
Rarity	Unusual in Gloucestershire. Nearest similar in Bristol.
Architectural and aesthetic value	They make a good edge to pavements which are increasingly bland from by tarmac and concrete edging.
Group value	
Evidential value	
Historic association	
Archaeological interest	
Designed landscapes	
Landmark status	Forms part of the interesting, detailing around Wallbridge Upper Lock.
Social and communal value	
Degree of completeness	50 metre stretch.
Date of inclusion	June 2017

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