



ABOUT TOWN

The Town Newsletter

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Our Annual Town Awards celebrate Stroud's 'unsung heroes' Walker's voted best shop front in town

Walker's Bakery was the winner of our public poll to find Stroud's best shop front when more than 60 residents and traders attended our Annual Awards Evening.

The shop has undergone a major facelift in the past year. It was one of five nominated by Stroud Civic Society for the annual Design Award. Around 250 people took part in the public poll which marked the launch of our new Shop Front Guide.

It was a very good night for Kendrick Street traders, with nearby Kanes Records (*below right*) running-off with the Trader of the Year award. Elsewhere, the Stroud Civic Award went to Sheila MacBeth from Summer Street who runs the Morning Glories Community Singing Group.

The Community Award went to Lizzi Walton who has tirelessly directed the Stroud International Textile Festival. The Young Person of the Year Award was shared between Marcus Jaques and Sam Clarke.

FESTIVAL FORTNIGHT

Our planning for the Stroud Walking and the Stroud Food and Drink Festivals are at an advanced stage. More than 75 events have been booked, meaning both festivals will be bigger than last year's.

Events take place between 4-20th September alongside the annual Fringe Festival to which we recently agreed a £5,000 grant. An Open Eco Homes Event will also be held the middle weekend.

Keep an eye on our website and the local media for full details due to be released in July.



Pix Andy Read

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UPLANDS: PUPILS LAUNCH NEW PLAY AREA

Pupils from two Stroud schools officially 'kicked-off' the town's newest play area. Two teams from Uplands and Stroud Valley primary schools officially 'opened' the new multi-use games area on Uplands Playing Field by battling it out in a six-a-side football match.

Stroud Valleys came away winners with a 4-2 scoreline under the watchful eye of referee and former Forest Green Rovers player Wayne Hams. All received a certificate and a bag of goodies for their efforts from Stroud Mayor John Marjoram.

The new area meets a need for facilities for older children identified by us in a residents' survey. A modern play compound for younger children was opened by the Town Council on the popular playing field last year.

The latest addition, is a £40,000 Multi-use Games Area consisting of a hard surface court with football and basket ball facilities aimed at 11-16 year olds.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

EXPENSES: After finalising our annual accounts, we are able to publish a list of all the expenses claimed by your councillors in the last financial year. The 18 volunteers claimed a total of £251 last year. Full details are available from our website or office.

ATHLETICS: Plans to create Stroud's first-ever athletics track have taken a significant step forward after our major feasibility study placed a £1.2 million price tag on the project.

WALKING: An agreement has been reached with Gloucestershire County Council that will hopefully bring a wide range of improvements to Stroud's public rights of way network in the next three years.

ANNUAL REPORT: Our involvement in saving two local greenspaces and a Post Office, are just some of the issues mentioned in our new Annual Report. It is available to everyone from our website and council offices.

ANOTHER GREENSPACE PROTECTED

The signing of an historic deal between town councillors and church leaders has brought a double boost to community facilities.

More than two years of negotiations have resulted in us securing the freehold of the popular Trinity Pocket Park opposite the town's maternity hospital in Field Road.

Now the site will be preserved forever, after it became the 23rd public open space to be run by Stroud Town Council. However the sale will bring a double boost to the community.

In accepting an £18,000 payment for the land, the vicar and church wardens can now carry out the second phase of a major scheme to improve the inside of their building as a community facility.



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CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLORS

The town is split into six areas, known as wards, with three councillors serving each ward. Below you can find a list of all 18 town councillors - more details including addresses and emails are available from our website or by calling our office on 762817.

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NEW MAYOR-ON-A-BENCH: Andy Read is Stroud's new Mayor. After two years as deputy to our long-standing civic leader John Marjoram, Andy from Uplands Road, was unanimously selected to the post at the annual meeting of councillors on Monday May 11th. He is to continue our popular Mayor-on-a-Bench sessions, sitting outside Tony's Butchers in Kendrick Street every Monday from 10.30-11.30am - sometimes with his dog Suki pictured above.