

RESIDENTS' SURVEY 2011

Dear resident,

Your town councillors are keen to know what matters to you. Before the end of December, we will be setting our budget for next year. This means making choices about our priorities and so we're asking for your views before we make any decisions.

For instance, in the last survey in 2008, you made it clear that improvements to the toilets in Bedford Street and to facilities at the bus stops in Merrywalks were top priorities for you, so the Town Council, together with its partners at the District and County Councils, have addressed these issues.

We've listed the projects and priorities that are already underway or being considered so that you can tell us how important they are to you. In previous surveys, local residents have often come up with additional ideas and insights that we have been able to take forward, so do add your own comments.

We look forward to hearing from you. Please return your completed survey by **Friday 11th November**. Thank you for your help.

Sue Capener (Town Clerk)



5 = strongly agree 4 = agree 3 = neither agree nor disagree 2 = disagree 1 = strongly disagree

THINGS THE TOWN COUNCIL CURRENTLY DOES:

(please circle your choice)

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| 1. Green Spaces: We believe that one of Stroud's greatest assets is its network of urban green spaces. We take every opportunity to protect and expand such spaces for people and wildlife. | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 2. Allotments: With an increasing interest in home-grown food, our five allotment sites are nearly full. We have a plan to create new sites in the town. | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 3. Communications: We believe it is vital that councils communicate with local residents. We maintain a website, produce six annual newsletters, issue regular media releases, have street surgeries, and our town centre office is open every weekday. | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 4. Town Awards: We host an annual event to recognise the people who contribute to the town's well-being. | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 5. Support for Community Groups: We provide annual funding to help cover the basic running costs of a wide range of community and voluntary groups. | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 6. Community venue: We have purchased and are renovating Lansdown Hall and Gallery to make it a first class space for community use in the heart of the town. | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 7. Graffiti: We help fund the quick removal of offensive graffiti around the town. | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 8. CCTV: We feel it is important that people feel safe when out and about, and help fund the town's CCTV system. | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 9. Town Centre: We fund and organise floral displays and Christmas lights to enhance the town centre. | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 10. Play schemes: We fund the award winning Play Gloucestershire Play Rangers at two locations in the parish to provide creative, social outdoor play throughout the year. | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

THINGS THE TOWN COUNCIL CAN SEEK TO INFLUENCE:

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| 11. Footpaths: We work to ensure all the town's public rights of way are fully open and signposted. | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 12. Local Economy: We support efforts to enhance the local economy and develop alternatives to dependency on global financial systems. | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 13. Canal & Gateway to Stroud: We feel it is essential that the area around the new Stroud Brewery Bridge becomes part of a well-designed and accessible gateway into the town centre. | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 14. Cleanliness: We would like to see improvements to the cleaning regime for town centre streets, including weed removal. | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 15. Health services: We think it is important that Stroud continues to have broad NHS health provision in the town, including a hospital and maternity hospital, and that residents are fully consulted on any proposed changes. | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 16. Walkers and cyclists: We think it is important that safe and enjoyable routes into and around the town are provided for cyclists and pedestrians. | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 17. Re-cycling: We would like to see more facilities for re-cycling and community composting. | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

THINGS THE TOWN COUNCIL IS CONSIDERING DOING:

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| 18. Energy Efficiency: We would like to work with partners to develop projects to help people to reduce their fuel bills. | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 19. More Sports Pitches: Stroud has a recognised shortage of formal sports pitches for all ages. We'd like to acquire land to create new facilities. | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 20. Play Areas: One of our top priorities in recent years has been the improvement of the town's play areas for younger children. We'd like to continue to expand such provision on our sites. | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 21. Older Children: We would like to explore ways to provide more facilities for teenagers in the town. | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 22. Trees and orchards: We would like to enhance Stroud's green spaces by planting more trees, and support the Apple Town project to develop community orchards around the town. | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

Please use this space to give any other comments or suggestions – thank you

Your age: under 11 11-17 18-25 26-34 35-54 55-69 70+

The street in which you live _____

Postcode _____ **Male** **Female**

Please post your survey to:

Stroud Town Council, FREEPOST RLZY-TEAB-STUJ, 58 London Road, Stroud GL5 2AD
or you can drop it into our office if you are passing

We would love it if other members of your household (especially young people and children) would like to offer their views.
Download another form from our website www.stroudtown.gov.uk, or call into the office on a weekday morning.