



ABOUT TOWN

The Town Newsletter

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Summer Street: Residents celebrate new play area £500,000 revamp of 15 public open spaces

Our ambitious 12-year project to improve recreation facilities for families across fifteen public spaces in Stroud reached its conclusion when residents in Summer Street celebrated the opening of a £39,000 new play area.

Stroud Town Council began the project in 1999 following research showing Stroud had less than half of the recreational facilities recommended for a town of its size, and that many of its valued urban greenspaces could be lost to housing.

Since then the council has acquired nine new public open spaces including The Long Ground, Trinity Pocket Park, The Chur, Swifts Hill Triangle and land off Lower Street and the small play area at the top of the High St.

In addition, major improvements have been made to existing children's play areas at Uplands Playing Field, Park Gardens, Archway Gardens, Daisy Bank and The Leazes.

In April the final new play area was officially opened. Local residents have spent the past two years developing plans to revamp an ageing play area off Summer Crescent. The £39,000 facility has been built thanks to funding from the national Playbuilder project along with Stroud District Council and Stroud Town Council.



ANNUAL STROUD CIVIC AWARDS

The work of some of Stroud's unsung heroes was recognised when the town's Annual Civic Awards Evening took place at recently refurbished Maypole Hall in Paganhill. More than 150 years of community involvement had been given by the seven award winners. Local PCSO Gary Lynch (rt) was one of three local people to receive The Mayor's Award.



"It goes to show what can be achieved when a community joins together. After two years of hard work and dedication, I'm relieved and pleased that our community has finally got the play equipment local children have needed for so long."

Michelle Miles: chair Summer Street Area Residents' Association

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£10k bid to shelter bus passengers

The first stage of a project to improve facilities for bus passengers in Stroud has been completed after full sides were installed onto all eight shelters at the Merrywalks 'bus station'.

The £10,432 cost for the works has been paid by Stroud Town Council after Stroud District Council and Gloucestershire County Council shelved plans for an integrated bus rail interchange at Cheapside.

A survey of every household in Stroud uncovered a string of complaints about the 'temporary' bus station at Merrywalks. A follow-up survey showed nine out of ten bus users had had enough of getting cold and wet due to the open shelters.



NEWS IN BRIEF

MERRYWALKS: One of the biggest construction projects that the town centre has seen for many years is attracting growing attention as it nears completion. Stroud Brewery Bridge has been chosen as the name for the new crossing at Wallbridge as part of the multi-million pound re-opening of the canal. The new bridge is due to open at the end of July.



DOG SURGERY: We will be hosting another surgery by Stroud District Council's Dog Wardens this year. Following one in April, the second will take place on Tuesday 11th October from 11.30am-1.30pm. If you have any dog-related concerns please feel free to drop into our office in London Road.

PLAY: A pilot project offering free outdoor play sessions to youngsters in Stroud has been judged such a success that a year-long programme is now to be rolled out on two sites in the town. Keep an eye on our website or local press for details.

GARDEN ASSISTANCE SCHEME: A long-running scheme which assists older people to stay in their own homes by providing them with help to maintain their gardens will continue for around 30 pensioners in Stroud after town councillors agreed to plug a funding gap.

EDIBLE OPEN GARDENS: Over 35 edible gardens and allotments will open to the public on July 9/10th to encourage people to grow and learn more about food. The gardeners will be available to share their knowledge and passion for growing.

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W.G. GRACE TO GET HIS OWN STREET

One of Gloucestershire's most famous sportsmen is to be remembered in the naming of a new housing estate. Developers Newland Homes have just started work at Farmhill, for more than a century the home of Stroud Cricket Club. They wanted to call the new estate Pavilion Gardens. However we have said it should be called Grace's

Field after famous Gloucestershire and England cricketer W.G Grace who played on the pitch several times. We consider the name gives a better sense of the site's history and a better local identity. It is also next door to Jack Russell Close, named after the Stroud-born England and Gloucestershire wicket keeper.

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 17 town councillors - more details including addresses and emails are available from our website or by calling our office.



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