

## CLERK'S REPORT JUNE 2024

**Downton Road** – I have asked Gloucestershire Highways to ensure that the encroaching vegetation on the path running up Downton Road is cut back as priority.

**Footpaths exited onto Dozule Close** – Gloucestershire Public Rights of Way Officer, are kindly paying for the paths to be extended (up to the Kissing Gate) using type 1 stone and Leonard Stanley Parish Council have agreed to pay an additional cost so that they paths are topped with crushed stone. The work should be carried out the first week of June. The hoop of the kissing gate is to be removed and overgrown vegetation cut back.

**Youth Football** – held a successful end of year event, and after consultation with the Chairman, it was agreed to permit them to park on the Bath Road end of the Playing Field, strict conditions were imposed.

**Bin outside St Swithuns Church bus stop** – I have formally asked for this to be removed or relocated to next to the dog waste bin in Gypsy Lane. I am awaiting a response.

**Beards Mill** – I have asked the PCSO and Neighbourhood Warden to carry out patrols in the area, especially on nice days; as the good weather brings out groups who leave their litter, and there is evidence of drug use.

**Biodiversity Group** – have had an initial meeting. The group were invited along to Kings Stanley Annual Parish Meeting, where group member Nicola was giving a joint presentation with Stroud District Councils Biodiversity Officer Rebecca Charley. The Group is requesting a habitat and species record from the Gloucestershire Centre for Environment. A further meeting is being arranged for this month.

**Bee a budding botanist this summer and enter the Joint Parishes - Young Botanist Competition for 2024, and see if you can Bee a winner"**

King's Stanley & Leonard Stanley Parish Council's, in a parish partnership, are pleased to announce the trial introduction of a new online competition for budding young botanist, living within the above parishes. For reasons of safety and safeguarding entrants should be supervised whilst undertaking field studies, with a degree of assistance from parents.



Each month a photograph of a wild flower, i.e. grass, herb, shrub or tree, growing within the parish boundaries, will be posted in parish magazines, notice boards and on Parish Council websites. Other media may be considered and used at a later date.

On registration, name & contact details, entrants will be invited to identify the particular plant etc; by its common name, location, preferred habitat type, and whether or not it is good for pollinating insects. Answers may be submitted by hand at the Parish Hub, King's Stanley Village Hall, on Mondays between 09.30 – 11.00, or emailed to the [clerk@kingsstanleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kingsstanleyparishcouncil.gov.uk).

Two points will be awarded for each correct answer, with an additional two bonus points for entrants who answer all four questions correctly, making a possible maximum score of ten points per month. The answers for each round will be given and displayed the following month, as above.

A quarterly table of the top scores will be posted in all Parish Council noticeboards, Parish Magazines, and on Parish websites.

Monthly scores will be totalled after approximately ten months, with the winner and two runners up being declared in March 2025. The winner and two runners-up will be invited to attend a prize giving ceremony at the Parish Council AGM, T.B.A, to celebrate their participation and achievements in this competition.

Both Council's wish to invite and encourage all those eligible, to participate, to register their interest ASAP at [clerk@kingsstanleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kingsstanleyparishcouncil.gov.uk). so that we may commence this competition at the earliest opportunity, now forecast to be late May.

What better way to celebrate the arrival of Spring, out in the fresh air exploring our wonderful countryside, finding and seeing some of nature's spectacular biodiversity, and enjoying the fun of this competition.

Finally, parents please be aware, under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, "it is unlawful to intentionally uproot, pick, or destroy the wild plant, or any seed or spore attached to the wild plant". Instead, please take home a photograph for a lasting memory. ( [www.bsbi.org](http://www.bsbi.org) ) Botanical Society of Britain & Ireland.

We'd like to wish everyone the very best of luck, and a most enjoyable time!!

**Leonard Stanley Councillors**, May elections were uncontested. There is 1 vacancy, for full information on becoming a Councillor please contact [clerk@leonardstanley-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@leonardstanley-pc.gov.uk)

The Members of Leonard Stanley Parish Council have all now got official .gov. email addresses which can be found online at <https://www.leonardstanley-pc.gov.uk/councillors>

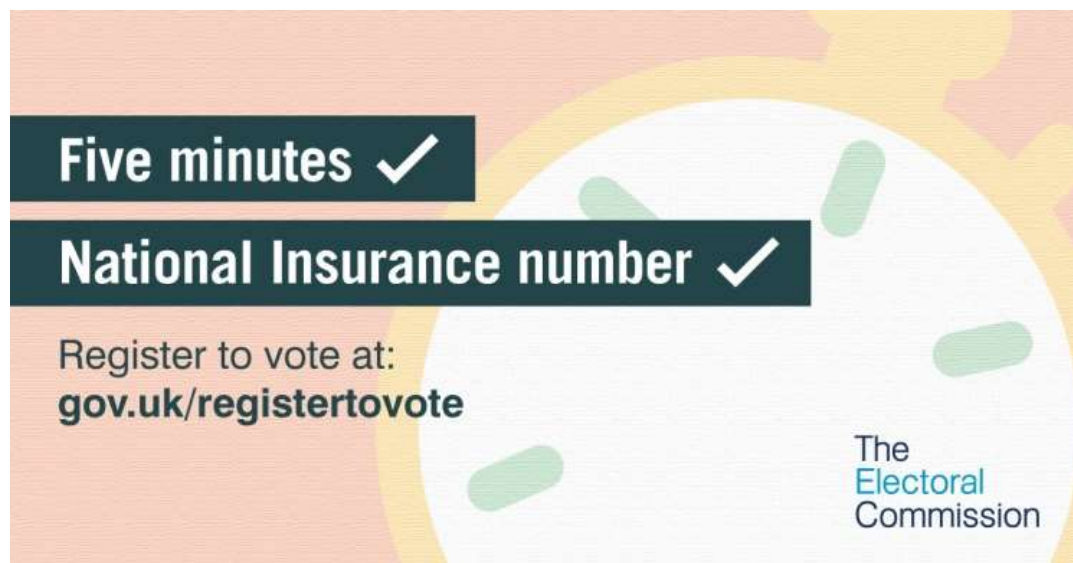
- Welfare Trustees – Cllrs Chris Connett and Jan Bogdiukiewicz
- Village Hall Representative – Cllr Chris Connett
- Other Local Government Organisations – Cllr Rob Bayliss

- Highways Representative – Cllr Pam Fawkes
- Pavilion / Playing Fields / Football Club – Cllrs Rob Bayliss and Phil Herbert
- Financial Overseer – Cllr Kate Aldridge
- Financial Management/Budgets – Cllrs Rob Bayliss and Steve Lydon
- Biodiversity Working Group – Cllrs Kate Aldridge and Pam Fawkes
- Playing Field and Pavilion Licence Agreements Working Group – Cllrs Rob Bayliss, Chris Connett and Steve Lydon
- Liaison Group (Football Clubs, Village Hall and Parish Council) – Cllrs Rob Bayliss and Steve Lydon

### **STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL ROLES, FOLLOWING THE MAY ELECTIONS:**

- Chair of Council: Kate Kay. Vice Chair of Council: Matthew Sargeant.
- Leader, and Chair of Strategy and Resources Committee: Catherine Braun.
- Deputy Leader and Vice Chair of Strategy and Resources Committee: Pete Kennedy.
- Community Services and Licensing Committee: Chair - Beki Aldam, Vice-Chair Marisa Godfrey.
- Environment Committee: Chair - Chloe Turner, Vice-Chair Martin Brown.
- Housing Committee: Chair: Gary Luff, Vice-Chair Lucas Schoemaker.
- Development Control Committee: Chair - Martin Baxendale, Vice-Chair - Helen Fenton.
- Audit and Standards Committee: Chair - Bob Hughes, Vice-Chair Martin Percy.

For more information, visit [www.stroud.gov.uk/council-and-democracy](http://www.stroud.gov.uk/council-and-democracy)



## **Annual General Meeting of the Gloucestershire Association of Local Councils Saturday 20 July**

Registration from 9.45am Proceedings to commence 10.30am, Highnam  
Community Centre

Guest Speaker: Jonathan Owen, Chief Executive NALC (National Association of Local Councils) on the association's relationship with GAPTC, it's advocacy work and the national agenda.

## **Guided walks with Cotswold Wardens near Stroud, Tetbury, & Malmesbury for June & July, 2024**

There are a number of warden-led walks coming up within easy reach of these towns. There is no need to book and there is no charge for joining the walks, 'though there is a box for a voluntary contribution towards materials for our work on footpath maintenance. Walks start usually at 10.00 am. & will return to the starting point. A packed lunch is advisable. Additional details are on the Cotswold National Landscape (formerly AONB) website.

### **June, 2024**

**Saturday, 1st June, 2024-**..... Prospecting For Tufa

**Start: 10:00 am** Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **2.5 HOURS** Distance: **5.5 MILES**

**Start point:** VILLAGE HALL, HAWKESBURY UPTON. NOTE RE A VOLUNTARY DONATION IF USING THE VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK.

A morning's walk down two coombes to Curtis Mill and on to the Midger nature reserve. Our return journey takes us through the Kilcott Valley and along the Cotswold Way.

Lunch available locally after the walk, if required.

**Monday, 17th June, 2024-**..... Coffee Morning Walk No. 2: 'An Introduction to Trig Point Bagging'

**Start: 10:30 am**, Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **3.5 HOURS** Distance: **5.5 MILES**

**Start point:** HUNTERS' HALL INN, KINGSCOTE, TETBURY. GL8 8XZ. KINGSCOTE LIES ON THE A4153 DURSLEY TO TETBURY ROAD WHICH CROSSES THE A46 ABOUT ONE MILE EAST OF KINGSCOTE.

Meet for coffee at 10 am, the walk starts at 10:30. From the pub we walk through secluded Hay Bottom to Bagpath then to Hazlecote and Hartley Bridge, passing by the Trig-point at 204 m. We return to the start via Kingscote wood.

Lunch available at the pub after the walk, if required.

**Tuesday, 18th June, 2024 -** Start: 9:30 am

Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **3 HOURS** Distance: **6 MILES**

**Start point: MEET ALONG THE ROAD EAST OF BIRDLIP SCHOOL.**

From Birdlip village, downhill to Great Witcombe, following a part of Roman Ermin Street to the church, reservoir and the site of a Roman Villa. We use 2 sections of the Cotswold Way.

**Friday, 21st June, 2024-**..... A Summer's Evening Stroll

**Start: 6:30 pm**, Difficulty: **EASY** Duration: **1.5 HOURS** Distance: **3.5 MILES**

**Start point:** HUNTERS' HALL INN, KINGSCOTE, TETBURY. GL8 8XZ. KINGSCOTE LIES ON THE A4153 DURSLEY TO TETBURY ROAD WHICH CROSSES THE A46 ABOUT ONE MILE EAST OF KINGSCOTE.

Enjoy a summer evening stroll in the beautiful countryside near Kingscote. An easy walk, families welcome, but not suitable for pushchairs. Enjoy a drink afterwards!

**Wednesday, 26th June, 2024**----- Leighterton, Anzacs and Arboretum

**Start: 10:00 am**, Difficulty: **EASY** Duration: **3.5 HOURS** Distance: **6.0 MILES**

Start point: ON THE STREET BY THE CHURCH OF ST ANDREW LEIGHTERTON.

PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY IN THE VILLAGE.

Leaving historic Leighterton we pass the pond and head for the hamlet of Saddlewood. From Saddlewood Manor we take quiet lanes and footpaths to the Macmillan Way through Westonbirt Arboretum. On our return to Leighterton we will view the Anzac memorial and graves. Bring a drink and snack.

**Wednesday, 26th June, 2024** – Start: 10:00 am

Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **3 HOURS** Distance: **6 MILES**

Start point: **MISERDEN TREE SHELTER. MISERDEN IS SIGNPOSTED FROM THE B4070 BIRDLIP TO STROUD ROAD.**

A walk from Miserden mainly along country lanes with wide ranging views to Duntisbourne Abbots. We return along lanes and country roads through Winstone and through the Miserden estate.

## **July, 2024**

**Wednesday, 17th July, 2024**----- Shipton's Grave

**Start: 10:00 am**, Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **3.5 HOURS** Distance: **5.5 MILES**

Start point: KING GEORGE V (KGV) PLAYING FIELD CAR PARK OFF PARK RD AND WOOD LA, NAILSWORTH.

Starting gently but then descending before a wooded climb but easing to a more gentle stroll before returning to pass the alleged grave of one Mr Shipton then descending the delightful bridleway back to the start.

**Thursday, 18th July, 2024**----- Finding Water and Nanny Farmer's Bottom!

**Start: 10:00 am** Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **4.0 HOURS** Distance: **7.5 MILES**

Start point: NEWARK PARK NATIONAL TRUST CAR PARK.

PLEASE NOTE THAT A PARKING CHARGE WILL APPLY FOR NON MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL TRUST.

Explore the local delights of both the Monarch's and Cotswold Ways through the villages of Tresham and Alderley, returning to the spectacular estate of Newark Park and maybe a peek at Nanny Farmer's Bottom! Bring lunch.

**Tuesday, 23rd July, 2024**----- Minchinhampton Meander

**Start: 10:00 am**, Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **3.0 HOURS** Distance: **6.0 MILES**

Start point: MINCHINHAMPTON BELL LANE CAR PARK GL6 9BP. ADJACENT TO THE CHURCH.

Lovely walk around Minchinhampton & Rodborough Commons with great views!

A few short descents & ascents, which could be slippery if wet. Bring a drink and snack.

**Wednesday, 31st July, 2024**----- Luckington and Longbourn

**Start: 10:00 am**, Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **3.5 HOURS** Distance: **6.0 MILES**

Start point: THE OLD SHIP INN, LUCKINGTON. PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY NEARBY.

The walk passes through Luckington Court, featured as Longbourn in the film 'Pride and Prejudice', then heads towards Sherston. We visit the lovely village of Sopworth and return across farmland to Luckington around 1:30pm. Bring a packed lunch.

**Please Note ;** The above information only covers the Cotswolds South District Guided Walks.

For further details of these walks and other districts see :

<https://www.cotswolds-nl.org.uk/visiting-and-exploring/guided-walks/>