

## CLERK'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2024

**Vehicle Recording Camera** – I had a site meeting with the new Community Speed Watch Liaison Officer and the Community Highways Safety Officer. The location previously identified for the VRC was deemed unsuitable, due to device requiring solar panels and the proximity of the dwellings that would shadow the sensor.

A new site location was accessed near the boundary of the school playing field. This may be possible but I raised concern about the likelihood of development in the field adjacent to the school' which would then make this camera obsolete. No alternative location was deemed suitable.

**Build Back Better Funding** – I am delighted to announce the funding has been agreed, and my sincere thanks to County Cllr Wendy Thomas for supporting the grant application. The funding will be used to provide audio/video equipment, wifi and film licences, for the Village Hall. I am working with the Village Hall to ensure this project is successfully delivered and hope that events to tackle social isolation and cost of living can be held soon.



**Bench – Outside the Pavilion**, in memory of Oliver Besent, has been installed.



**Bench for War Memorial** – the DDay 80<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Bench has also been installed.

**Replacing Stile** – I am meeting with the Cotswold Warden with regard to replacing the old squeeze stile, that adjoins Saxon Gate and Dyehouse Lane estates. The replacement will improve accessibility. It is hoped that a location can be found to retain the squeeze stile for 'show only'.

**Dog Waste Bin, Gipsy Lane.** Cllr Chris Connett reported the bin was in an unsafe condition, so I have ordered a new replacement bin. The old bin and installation of the new bin is kindly being carried out by Ubico.

#### **TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES:**

**Remembrance Sunday** – I have applied for the road closure for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The Church Wardens will provide the risk assessment required.

#### **Downton Road between the Triangle and the turn off to the Sewage Works**

This road will be closed from 0930 to 1530 17/10/2024 to allow for pole replacement works by BT.

#### **Bath Road between The Scout Hall and Brockley Road**

This road will be closed from 0930 to 1530 11/10/2024 to allow for pole replacement works by BT.

#### **Bath Road between Church Road and The Street**

This road will be closed from 0930 to 1530 01/11/2024 to allow for pole replacement works by BT.

**Defibrillator Training** – South West Ambulance Foundation Trust are offering a free defibrillator training session. I am trying to organise a date for the Spring, which I hope to hold in the Pavilion, to encourage both Senior and Youth Footballers to attend, although the session will be open to everyone.

#### **LS Village Hall AGM** – is being held on TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 7.30PM. **Events for the diary at the Village Hall**

16 November 7.30pm Auction: a really fun evening event jointly arranged by Social Club Committee and VH Committee.

30 November Christmas Fayre: Stalls inside and outside the front – a sparkling daytime event for you and yours!

**Biodiversity Group** –The Group have received their habitat and species record from the Gloucestershire Centre for Environment. A few of the group members have attended a training session from Rebecca, Stroud District Council Biodiversity.

**Neighbourhood Warden** – Carol has offered an opportunity to go on a walk about with her around the Parish. If anyone is interested, please let me know and I will organise and date and time (Monday to Thursday before 3pm).



<https://www.cpreglos.org.uk/photo-competition/>

Don't miss your chance to enter our 2024 photo competition and win £100!

Our theme this year is "A Rural View," and we encourage you to interpret it in your own unique way...

Whether it's capturing the beauty of farmland, the intricacies of wildlife, the charm of nature up close, or people enjoying or working in the countryside - we want to see your photos!

We have two categories: one for budding enthusiasts (under 18) and another for more experienced photographers (over-18). Each category winner will receive a cash prize of £100!

Entry is free, and you can submit up to 3 photographs.

**Stroud Valleys Project.** We have a group of volunteers that look after the Walled Garden at Prinknash Abbey and we are looking for new members to join them on Wednesdays. It would be great to have some people from the neighbouring area join our team. Happy to provide further details [sharon@stroudvalleysproject.org](mailto:sharon@stroudvalleysproject.org)

## STONEHOUSE WALKING FESTIVAL



Most walks start and end in central Stonehouse unless otherwise stated. Exact locations given. Please use public transport if possible. If coming by car please be aware that the free public car park may be full. Toilets including a disabled toilet are available in the public car park. Dogs are only welcome where stated in the walk descriptions. Please register for walks on our website to be kept informed, and for us to know how many are coming. Some walks require booking as numbers are limited. These are clearly marked on the schedule. For all other walks you can just turn up on the day.

<https://stonehousewalkfest.wixsite.com/walkstonehouse>

**Do you have a good idea to improve your community?**

Join Stroud District Council & Spacehive at the launch of  
**Stroud Funding: Crowdfunding**  
**for the Stroud District**

**Join the launch events:**

**Dursley Tabernacle**  
 Wednesday 11 September  
 11am-1pm

**or**

**Stroud Brewery**  
 Thursday 12 September  
 11am-1pm

**Find out:**

- What funding is available
- How it works
- How to apply

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 crowdfunding for the Stroud District

### Guided walks with Cotswold Wardens near Stroud, Tetbury, & Malmesbury for September 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.

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**Wednesday, 4th September**, 2024 – Start: 10:00 am

Coffee and a side trip.

Difficulty: **Moderate** Duration: **3 hours** Distance: **5.5 miles**

Start point: **Car park of Knead Eatery, Elkstone Studios, Elkstone, GL53 9PQ.**

This is opposite "The Huntsman" Inn.

Optionally, turn up at 9:30 and have a coffee and fantastic cake before starting the walk at 10:00.

We will walk under the A417 and along to Syde, before a loop around and under the the road again at Granny's pumps. Then through Elkstone to the valley behind it.

**Tuesday, 10th September, 2024 – Start: 10:00 am**

[Not going to Grove after all!](#)

Difficulty: **Moderate** Duration: **3 hours** Distance: **5 miles**

Start point: From the A436 Andoversford to Bourton road, take the turn for Notgrove. Follow this road until you come to a building on the left called “The Lodge”. Look for a sign for “The Gloucestershire way” and follow a minor road for about 200 metres for carparking at “Kiteshill Barn”.

This is a scenic circular walk to the enchanting Cotswold village of Hazleton. There are no stiles and elevation changes are gradual in most places.

**Wednesday, 11th September, 2024 – Start: 9:30 am**

[Selsey Common and Canal](#)

Difficulty: **Moderate** Duration: **3.5 hours** Distance: **7 miles**

Start point: **Stonehouse Town Car Park GL10 2NG**

Once out of the town we climb to follow the Cotswold Way National Trail for much of the walk. From sheltered beech woodlands and over the rich open grassland of Selsey common, we guide you around remnants of an industrial past that shaped the landscape.

**Tuesday, 17th September, 2024 – Start: 9:30 am**

[A walk in the Churn Valley.](#)

Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **4 HOURS** Distance: **8 MILES**

Start point: **NORTH CERNEY’ GL7 7BZ.**

Walk starting points are near to the “The Bathurst Arms” in North Cerney, A walk in the Churn Valley. A Summer re-run of the popular figure of 8 walk along the Churn Valley; centered on North Cerney we visit Rendcomb to the North on a 4 mile loop and then historic Bagendon to the south for a further 4 miles; giving walkers the option of going long or short.

Friday, 20th September, 2024 – Start: 10:00 am

[Shorter and Steadier No 8 Crickley Hill](#)

Difficulty: **Moderate** Duration: **2 hours** Distance: **3 miles**

Start point: **Crickley Hill Country Park Café GL4 8JY There is a £2.00 car parking charge.**

Another of our quarterly walks around Crickley Hill Country Park, taking in the magnificent views and searching out the wildlife.