

CLERK'S REPORT OCTOBER 2024

Pension Credit Support – I am working with Stroud Citizens Advice Bureau to provide assistance in completing the paperwork required to apply for Pension Credit. I will be writing an article to be submitted in the next newsletter. Those eligible for Pension Credit also benefit from the Winter Fuel Allowance.

Neighbourhood Warden – Carol has leaflet dropped (information on Anti Social Behaviour) in the Mankley Road/Sandford Road areas and provided further advice on reporting issues.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES:

Remembrance Sunday – The application for the road closure for Sunday 10th November 2024, is going through the consultation stage, as per previous years I am not expecting any difficulties.

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.

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!

Planning Changes - The government has announced plans to overhaul the planning system and increase housebuilding. Plans include introducing mandatory planning targets to deliver 1.5 million new homes over the next five years, updating the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) to bring back mandatory housing targets, ensuring every area has a local plan and building the next generation of new towns. Among the proposals in the [eight week consultation on the NPPF](#) are restoring mandatory housing targets and updating the method used to calculate them, not implementing the Infrastructure Levy as introduced in the Levelling-up and

Regeneration Act 2023, introducing the concept of grey belt into green belt considerations, changing affordable housing and mix policy, refocusing design policy on good design rather than ‘beauty’, and no changes to neighbourhood planning. We will be responding to the NPPF consultation as well as seeking engagement with the [New Towns Taskforce](#).

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

STROUD FUNDING
crowdfunding for the Stroud District

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL & spacehive

Thrive Renewables Community Benefit Programme



<https://www.cse.org.uk/my-community/community-projects/thrive-renewables-community-benefit-programme/>



When a diagnosis changes everything, we're here



Longfield Community Hospice provides services to adults over the age of 18 in Gloucestershire living with a life-limiting condition as well as their family, loved ones/carers and those who are bereaved. We support people with a wide range of life-limiting conditions, such as, but not limited to some cancers, advanced lung diseases, organ failure (such as heart failure) and some neurological diseases (including Parkinson's, Motor Neurone Disease, Multiple Sclerosis, and early to mid-stage dementia) with a goal to provide support from the point of diagnosis through to bereavement.

The key services that Longfield Offers are **Hospice at Home**, **Wellbeing Centre**, **Counselling** and **Bereavement Support**.

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

Friday, 4th October, -..... Park Your Bottom And Scrub It!

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

Start point: Newark Park NT Car Park (fee applies) GL12 7PZ

Explore the beautiful Ozleworth Estate with its quiet rolling countryside and fabulous views. This walk is offered as part of Dursley Walking Festival on behalf of the Cotswold Wardens. Bring a drink and a snack. Sorry, no dogs are allowed.

Tuesday, 8th October, 2024 - Start: 10:00 am "Twin Trails"

Difficulty: **Moderate** Duration: **3.5 hours** Distance: **6.5 miles**

Start point: Haresfield Beacon NT car park, Shortwood GL6 6PP

This spectacular walk leads you along peaceful woodland tracks and out onto windswept hillsides with breath-taking views.

Wednesday, 9th October, -..... Leighterton, Westonbirt and Willesley

Start: 10:00 am Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **3.5 HOURS** Distance: **6.5 MILES**

Start point: St Andrew's Church, The Meads, Leighterton GL8 8UW. Please park considerately in the village.

This is a circular route following public footpaths through glorious Westonbirt Arboretum to the pretty hamlets of Willesley & Westonbirt. N.B. There are several high stiles to climb over. Please bring a packed lunch.

Wednesday, 16th October, 2024 - Start: 10:00 am

Difficulty: **Moderate** Duration: **2.5 hours** Distance: **4.5 miles**

Start point: **Prinknash Abbey car park**, signposted off the A46 between Brockworth and Cranham

A walk over the hills around Prinknash Abbey with glorious views over the Severn Vale. It takes in Buckholt Wood and Pope's Wood as well as Painswick Beacon. There is a café serving lunches at Prinknash adjacent to the car park.

Wednesday, 23rd October, -..... Coffee Morning Walk: 'Peaceful Isolation'

Start: 10:00 am Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **3.5 HOURS** Distance: **5.0 MILES**

Start point: at Prima Arts Centre, Uley. This is at South Street, Uley GL1 5SS, but parking is restricted at the café. Therefore, please park considerately in the village.

Uley lies on the B4066, about 2 miles from Dursley'

Meet for coffee at 10 am. The walk starts at 10:30, ascending to the iron age hill fort of Uley Bury. We then visit

atmospheric Downham Hill and return to the start via Rockstowes and Shadwell.

Meals are available after the walk at "the

Old Crown Inn' opposite the church and also at the Vestry café.

Thursday, 31st October, -..... Poles Apart And Tetra Paks

Start: 10:00 am, Difficulty: **strenuous** Duration: **5.0 HOURS** Distance: **11.0 MILES**

Start point: Chavenage Green 0.5 miles north west of Chavenage House. Chavenage House is signposted from the A46, 2.5 miles south of Nailsworth.

From the Green we wander along a variety of tracks giving extensive views over the surrounding countryside. Most of the walk is on the level with only one short sharp descent. Refreshments and a packed lunch are required.