

Wendy Thomas, County Councillor, Dursley Division
Report for Leonard Stanley Parish Council, October 2024

Highways

I have no highways update for this month; do let me know if there are issues I can support on.

Transport

The Robin: Please do continue to promote the Robin's Berkeley Vale service. You can see the list of locations here: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/transport/the-robin/where-can-i-travel/berkeley-vale/> Full info is here: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/transport/the-robin/>

GCC news

Handing back mobility equipment: The county council, in partnership with the NHS, provides the Gloucestershire Equipment Loan Service, which lends free equipment to people for as long as they need it, for example, after a hospital visit or to maintain their independence. Equipment ranges from hospital grade beds and wheelchairs, to crutches and perching stools.

Gloucestershire residents return around £500,000 worth of equipment each month, freeing up council funding to help more people get back on their feet. However, the Gloucestershire Equipment Loan Service thinks there could be even more equipment and daily living aids in people's homes that aren't being used. Equipment handed back to the council is cleaned and fully refurbished before being loaned to anyone else, and anything damaged beyond repair is recycled.

Residents can return equipment at multiple locations around the county, or they can arrange a free collection from their home. Call 01452 520438 or fill out a short form on our website www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/return-equipment

Streetlight replacement project: The council have completed an LED replacement project after working in partnership with Milestone Infrastructure for the last nine years. The modernisation has resulted in a more reliable service, reducing lighting outages by 50%. It has also significantly reduced energy consumption and carbon emissions by up to 70%.

Support for people affected by historic forced adoption: Gloucestershire County Council is working in partnership with Adoption West to ensure any mothers, or children who are now adults, impacted by forced adoption practices have access to readily available support:

[Adopted Adults - Adoption West](#) or telephone 03303 550 333.

Links:

GCC Highways Fix My Street: www.fixmystreet.gloucestershire.gov.uk

Highways info on planned road works, planned resurfacing, patching and pothole repairs: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/>

Watch Council meetings: [Home - Gloucestershire County Council Webcasting \(public-i.tv\)](#)

Submit questions to County Council meetings: stephen.bace@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Members of the public may submit written questions about matters within GCC's powers and duties. The deadline for this is usually 10 days before the meeting date.