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About SDC News

SDC News is delivered to every household in the district to provide information on the services available from Stroud District Council.

We hope that it will keep you informed of developments and initiatives that affect you.

If you, or anyone you know, would prefer to receive this newsletter in large print or another format, please email: info@stroud.gov.uk or call **01453 766321**. This newsletter costs 26p per copy to publish and deliver to you.



■ **Cover photo:** *The Pulse, Dursley. Gym member Yusuf Tuzun, from Cam with Senior Fitness Instructor Nicky Cull in the new gym.*



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Welcome *by David Hagg, Chief Executive*



We are delighted that, whether you are a resident or a business, your satisfaction with the council is higher than ever before. The council is kick-starting more investment in jobs and housing. Brimscombe Port in the Stroud Valleys will see a £3 million investment. At Littlecombe, Dursley, Gloucestershire's largest regeneration site, a £1.7 million project to provide 20,000 sq ft of flexible business units, will take shape. Our 'jobs and growth' agenda also focuses on the talents and skills of local people. The £70 million investment in our 5,000 council homes is progressing well, with over 100 new homes already and another 100 to come. The programme also provides jobs and business for local building and supply companies.

November 1st will see the biggest shake up to our refuse and recycling service for almost 15 years. We are already the UK's first 'carbon neutral' council and the changes will certainly boost our recycling rates with the introduction of food waste collections.

We are working hard to offer quality services and value for money within a very challenging financial climate.

Businesses praised for work experience programmes



Stroud Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets with Fiona Hammond Learning and Development Officer, SDC. INSET: Caroline Saturley from The Hog at Horsley with Fiona Hammond.

The success of the Skills for Stroud Employability Charter has been celebrated, with awards given to businesses and schools that have supported young people through work experience.

Local companies and schools are being encouraged to sign up to the Employability Charter; a trail-blazing project that has been piloted in the district for the last 18 months. By signing up firms will receive support from the Skills for Stroud team at Stroud District Council in running high quality work based placements for local young people.

The scheme is the first of its kind in

Gloucestershire, building a bridge 'between the world of work and the world of education'.

Caroline Saturley, who picked up an award on behalf of her business The Hog at Horsley, said: "The benefits of running work experience far outweigh any work you have to put in. The early experiences of work are so important for young people. It is up to us as adults and businesses to give young people the experiences and opportunities to get on the career ladder."

If you are looking for work experience for yourself, your child or your pupils, please visit skillsforstroud.org

MAJOR INVESTMENT IN SHELTERED HOUSING

We're spending £5 million over the next 10 years on our 28 sheltered housing schemes many of which either need modernising or are no longer fit for purpose. A decision has been made on the first 6 schemes which will be either upgraded, re-built or the sites sold with the proceeds being spent on the others.

Selsley resident Mandy Vernon-Smith trying out the new kitchen caddy with her son Stanley



COMING SOON

Food waste recycling

Food waste collections begin this November as part of major improvements to the district's waste and recycling service.

Deliveries of bins, bags and kitchen caddies are already underway, and residents will have received leaflets introducing the new service and how it will work. From November, recycling and waste collections in the district will look like this:

- Food waste will be collected **weekly**
- Rubbish, in new grey-wheelie bins (or beige bags for a small proportion of homes) will be collected **fortnightly**
- Your current recycling will still be collected **fortnightly**, on alternate weeks to rubbish collections.

Moving to fortnightly rubbish collections might sound worrying to some people, but it shouldn't because food waste currently takes up a third of the space in rubbish bags, but this will be collected separately each week, so your rubbish bin won't be full of 'smelly stuff'. Plus, you can recycle a huge range of items in your green wheelie-bin or bag and recycling box, so there shouldn't be much left to throw into your rubbish bin.

Benefits of the improved service:

- All food waste in the district will be turned into energy to power homes and businesses, whilst the waste product will be made into fertiliser for farmers' fields.
- Evidence shows that moving to fortnightly rubbish collections significantly reduces the amount of waste that goes to landfill.
- Rubbish in wheelie-bins will help combat the problem of wildlife attacking black bags and causing a mess in the district.

For more information visit stroud.gov.uk/recycling or refer to your leaflet.



What's happening and when?

Sept-Oct 19
2016

Now, until October 19

Some residents may have received their new bins or bags already, the remaining bins are being delivered between now and October 19. If you haven't received yours by October 20 please get in touch by emailing recycling@stroud.gov.uk or call 01453 754424. When your bin is delivered your food waste bin and kitchen caddy will be inside. An instruction leaflet will be placed inside the food waste bin. For those receiving bags, three rolls of them will be left with your food waste bin. Please don't use the bins and bags until the new service starts in November.

Oct
2016

October 10 - 14

New recycling calendars will arrive in the post accompanied by a letter from the council. Just over half of the district's residents will see their collection day change, so check your letter and calendar carefully. The calendar will also show which week to put out rubbish and which to put out recycling for collection (don't forget food waste will be collected every week!)

Nov
2016

November 1 onwards

The new service starts. You can start placing your new food waste bin out for collection on your first collection day in November. Check your calendar to find out whether your first week is a recycling or rubbish collection. Please ensure your bins and bags are placed out ready for collection by 6am as collection rounds and times will change in November.



New homes and jobs for Dursley

The Littlecombe development is providing new homes, jobs, community facilities, open spaces and even a new river environment.

Once complete the 92-acre former Lister Petter site, which was taken on by the council in 2011 with development partners St Modwen, will include over 450 properties, a business park and a new community hospital.

Much work has been done this year on opening up the River Cam. Particular attention was paid to the design of the river and the materials used, and the local fish population has already moved in.

The next stage this year is to close the old culvert that ran through the land, creating a new river environment that hasn't been seen for more than 150 years, with cycle and footpaths running alongside it.

What's been happening?

- The final 4 acres of redundant industrial factory buildings were demolished this year and ground clear-up has begun.
- Permission was given for 258 homes in April and work has begun on the first 57 of those.



When finished in 2018 Littlecombe will include:

- 450 new homes
- 200,000 sq ft of employment space
- 700 new jobs
- A community hospital (already complete)
- 40 acres of green open space for local residents to enjoy

- Planning permission for the next phase of housing is expected in early 2017.
- Stroud District Council has committed to buying a further 20,000 sq ft of small and medium sized business units on the site to rent and sell.
- The development will provide a village green in Long Street.

BRIMSCOMBE PORT WORK TO START NEXT YEAR

Work will begin next year on the first phase of a multi-million-pound redevelopment project at Brimscombe Port.

Engineers are creating an 'infrastructure blueprint' for the historic inland port, including a flood alleviation plan.

The ambitious project has now received £3million towards the total it needs to get off the ground, made up of funding from the government and Stroud District Council.

The redevelopment will see the removal of manufacturing buildings from the site, the restoration of the canal and port and creation of around 200 properties along the waterway with cafés, bars and shops to attract tourism and jobs.

Once the engineers' report is adopted an initial phase of work could start as early as next spring.

Residents move into new affordable homes

Work continues on a large scale council building project to create over 200 new affordable homes for district residents.

In the last year Stroud District Council has completed four new housing schemes in Minchinhampton, Littlecombe, Cam and Berkeley which have provided 67 new homes – 20 for shared ownership and 47 for rent.

A further 22 new homes were finished at the Top of Town in Stroud, at Target Close and Mason Road, and the new

residents are settling into their new homes already. We've also purchased 18 properties and created 9 more through conversions.

Work on 100 further properties is underway and due for completion in the next 12 months.

Stroud is one of a very few local authorities across the country building new council homes, and the £19.5 million programme will provide over 200 new properties for rent or shared ownership across the district by early 2018.



Stroud district set to feature in tourism film



Crews filming on Selsley Common

Stroud, in all its glory, is set to feature in a short film made by Stroud Tourism. The film is being produced to promote tourism in the area and show potential visitors to the district what it has to offer.

Sara Chardin, Regeneration Officer at Stroud District Council, said: "We can't say for definite what will feature in the film yet, there is so much going on in Stroud and so many beautiful places it's going to be hard

to fit them all in."

Some things that are likely to make the cut include Art Couture in Painswick, Stroud Fringe Festival, Randwick Wap, walkers enjoying Selsley, Minchinhampton or Rodborough Commons and cyclists riding along the canals.

When it's finished the film will be promoted via YouTube, social media and the Stroud Tourism website visitthecotswolds.org.uk

Your new warden team



Four new wardens have joined the council's neighbourhood team and already they've been very busy!

Your neighbourhood wardens work to create a safer, greener and cleaner district. So far this year they have already organised and run 10 'clear-up' events at various locations from Dursley to Cashes Green, clearing overgrown shrubs and weeds from paths and public spaces, litter-picking and removing graffiti.

The wardens also run the popular Paws on Patrol scheme, in which dog walkers are encouraged to report environmental crime while they are out and about.

To contact your neighbourhood wardens email neighbourhood.warden@stroud.gov.uk or you can follow them on Twitter [@sdc_wardens](https://twitter.com/sdc_wardens)

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

In order to vote in any election you must be on the Electoral Register.

All households should have received a Household Enquiry Form asking residents to check whether the information that appears on the electoral register for those living at their address is correct.

The aim of the form is to ensure that the electoral register is up to date and to identify any residents who are not registered to vote, so that they can be encouraged to do so.

YOUR VOTE MATTERS

DON'T LOSE IT



Householders must respond to this form as soon as possible to confirm or change their details. You can respond by using a secure internet based household update service or by completing and returning the form by post. Alternatively a telephone or text response is available for households with no changes to make.

- If you do not respond, you may receive a visit from one of our canvassers.
- Don't forget that **16 and 17 year olds** can register too. This means that when they turn eighteen they will automatically be able to vote.

If you are not on the register it will not only affect your right to vote, it may also affect your ability to open a bank account, get credit, a loan or a mortgage as the full register is checked by authorised credit reference agencies. The County Council elections will take place on **May 4th 2017**.

For more information please visit stroud.gov.uk/elections

STAMP OUT HATE CRIME

Hate crime is a criminal offence and the council is committed to tackling it across the district.

A hate crime is any offence that you believe is motivated by prejudice or hatred of someone's age, disability, race, gender, religion or sexual orientation. To report an incident call the dedicated Gloucestershire Hate Crime Action Line on **0800 077 8460**. If it is an emergency call 999. To find out more visit stroud.gov.uk/hatecrime



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phone number. Please make the
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Closing date
September 30th

The Pulse, Dursley's new state-of-the-art gym and pool facility, opened its doors in July after a major redevelopment programme.

With £1.7 million invested by Stroud District Council, Dursley Pool has been transformed into The Pulse with a brand new gym full of high-tech equipment and a fitness studio for an updated list of classes. This is in addition to the already popular swimming pool, with its regular lessons, parties and public swimming.



Angela Gillingham, General Manager of The Pulse, said: "We are so pleased with the new facilities, it's a fantastic place for local residents of all ages and not just people in Cam and Dursley, but all around the local area."

She added: "Whether you're looking to get fit, shape up or just enjoy a healthier lifestyle, The Pulse is now the place to go."

For further information, call 01453 546441 or visit: pulsedursley.co.uk



Other Sports Centres

Whilst The Pulse in Dursley and Stratford Park Leisure Centre in Stroud are open every day of the week, we also run three part-time sports centres which are open at weekends and in the evenings:

Dursley Sports Centre

01453 543832 or
01453 546441

Monday and Thursday:
6pm – 9pm
Tuesday and Wednesday:
5pm – 9pm
Friday: 5.30pm – 8.30pm
Sunday: 5pm – 10.30pm

STONEHOUSE

Maidenhill Sports and
Dance Centre:

01453 824366

Monday – Friday: 6pm – 10pm
Sunday: 10am – 2pm

EASTCOMBE

Thomas Keble
Sports Centre

01452 770617

Monday – Thursday:
6pm – 10pm
Friday: 6pm – 9pm
Sunday: 10am – 2pm



Sports centres	Badminton	Table tennis	Squash	Netball	Outdoor area	Dance studio	Gym/Fitness Suite	Sports hall	Cricket nets	Exercise classes
Dursley	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eastcombe	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stonehouse	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



New Gym includes:

- Personal Training
- Small Group Training
- Cardio Facilities
- Assisted Weight Machines
- Free Weights
- Indoor cycling studio

Classes include:

- Cardio & Interval Training
- Strength & Tone
- Cardio & Choreographed Workouts
- Unwind & Re-energise
- Speciality Classes



The council's Sport & Health Development Team works with local health professionals and leisure centres across the district to promote and aid a healthy lifestyle for all residents. Initiatives include:

- GP Exercise on Referral
- Cardiac Rehab Phase IV
- Respiratory Rehab
- Health Walks
- Inclusive Fitness
- Falls Prevention

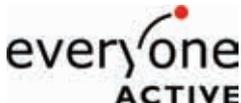
Contact the Sport & Health Development Team on 01453 754508 or email: gp.referral@stroud.gov.uk

Stratford Park Leisure Centre

Open 7 days a week, this centre in Stroud offers:

- Swimming pool
- Gym
- Indoor sports hall and outdoor pitch
- Large range of fitness classes
- Two fitness studios
- Squash and tennis courts

For more details call 01453 766771





WHAT'S ON IN STROUD DISTRICT...



This autumn brings another packed programme of quality music, dance, theatre and

comedy to the **Subscription Rooms** in Stroud. Highlights include:

SEPTEMBER

Folklaw and Friends

24th, 8pm
Making a name for themselves nationally, this trio from The Cotswolds bring their own brand of exhilarating new-age folk music that will get your feet tapping and your mind thinking. £10 (£8 concs)

OCTOBER

Everest the Hard Way: A talk by Doug Scott CBE

9th, 7pm
Legendary mountaineer, Doug Scott, will be telling his audience the story of his first ascent of the world's highest mountain in 1975. £12 (£10 concs) £5 children



Lullaby Concert by Orchestras Live and the City of London Sinfonia

23rd, 2.30pm
A unique interactive introduction to orchestral music specially devised for children between 2 and 7 years old. With the theme 'a day at the fair' it promises lots of audience participation. £5 adults, £2.50 child (£12 family)

For full listings and to buy tickets visit subscriptionrooms.org.uk call 01453 760900 or pop into Stroud Tourist Information Centre.

[facebook.com/subrooms](https://www.facebook.com/subrooms)

@SubRoomsStroud

Dracula – A Terrifying Comedy

30th, 7.30pm
Bram Stoker's classic Gothic horror, adapted for the stage in this brilliant comedy by international theatre company The Last Baguette. £9 adv/£11 door

NOVEMBER

An Evening with Murray Lachlan Young

20th, 8pm
A fun and flamboyant evening with one of the best-known performance poetry voices in Britain. £14 (£12 concs)



Flamenco with Adrian Brenes

26th, 8pm
An evening of passion and charisma with one of flamenco's rising stars and some of the best young talent from Cadiz. £15 (or show and flamenco workshop £22)

Stroud Book Festival, 11th-20th November

The Subscription Rooms and Museum in the Park are two of a few key venues in the town hosting the Stroud Book Festival. It will showcase some of Stroud's best-selling authors and illustrators. Ian McEwan, Katie Forde, Sue Limb, Hannah Shaw and John Dougherty are among those taking part in the fortnight extravaganza.

More details at stroudfestival.org



WALLED GARDEN TO OPEN

The Museum in the Park's Walled Garden will be fully open from the weekend of October 8th and 9th. It is thanks to the huge support and involvement from the local community and funders. The 'Bring the Garden to life' project includes the new pavilion building which is already in use for school visits and workshops. Those involved hope the garden will become a place for learning, relaxation and enjoyment.



Some dates for your diary!

SEPTEMBER

Schools Photography Exhibition: Wild Wonder Gloucestershire

29th Sept – 2nd October, 11am – 5pm
A stunning exhibition by school students of Gloucestershire's wild diversity, from adders and bees to orchids and water voles

OCTOBER

Big Draw Weekend in Stroud's Secret Garden

8th and 9th, 11am – 4pm (drop-in)
Come and help celebrate the long-awaited opening of Stroud's own Secret Garden and take part in creative activities. Free event facilitated by local artists



The Museum at Night

28th, 7 – 9pm
Enter if you dare! On Halloween weekend bring a torch and discover the museum by night with spooky experiences. Free event

Apple Day in Stroud's Secret Garden

30th, 11am – 4pm
Celebrate our local apple trees and orchards with delicious heritage apples varieties, and try pressing your own apple juice. Free event



NOVEMBER

Longfield's Big Heart Secret Art Exhibition

5th and 6th, 11am – 4pm
The Big Heart exhibition aims to raise vital funds to support local care hospice, Longfield, with its community health programme. See the artwork before it is auctioned on 22nd November.

Stroud Children's Book Festival: Make your own stand up creatures

12th, 11am – 1pm (drop-in)
A simple snappy workshop for ages 5 plus. Make wonderful cut out characters to do your very own storytelling. £2 per child

For full listing, prices, booking details and more events and exhibitions see museuminthepark.org.uk

[facebook.com/themuseuminthepark](https://www.facebook.com/themuseuminthepark)

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To book in to museum events call 01453 763394

CANAL UPDATE



Work on transforming the Cotswold Canals between Stonehouse and Bowbridge continues and should be complete around the end of this year. The project is led by Stroud District Council and mainly funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Progress over the last year includes:

- Opening up of 400m of canal at Cheapside, despite past problems with landslips
- A new lifting bridge at Lodgemore with its unique design created by a company based in Frampton on Severn
- Work well underway on the bridge at Bowbridge, including removing a long-standing obstruction
- 10 new towpath finger posts, all in a style distinctive to the Cotswold Canals
- Wallbridge Lower Lock almost completely restored by volunteers

A Success

As well as bringing over £100 million inward investment, the restored canal and towpath are perfect for leisure, commuting and wildlife. The water is a favourite for canoeists and a new charity, Cotswold Boatmobility, offers boating to those with disabilities.

Award Winning

The canal restoration through Stroud won the Restoration & Historic Environment category of the 2015 Living Waterways Awards. Alongside previous awards, this confirms the Cotswold Canals as the leading restoration project in the country. The judges said "This project has transformed a massive swathe of derelict and contaminated land back into a pleasant waterway environment which supports diverse flora and fauna."

BOAT TRIPS

Take a trip on the restored canal! Trips from Ebley Wharf 12pm – 4.30pm until 1st October. Charters available all year round. Details at cotswoldcanals.com

THE NEXT STEP

With the support of Stroud District Council, the Cotswold Canals Trust will be submitting a further bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund late next year. This would connect the already restored section through to Saul Junction and the national waterway network.

In the meantime, the council plans to begin volunteer-led restoration during 2017.

BE A PART OF IT!

Without volunteers, there would be no canal project. To be a part of the team, call **01453 754287** or email canals@stroud.gov.uk

Get involved in youth action

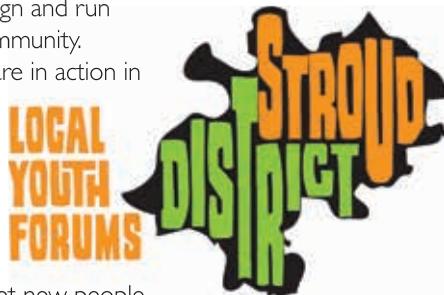
Young people are being encouraged to join lively Local Youth Forums to campaign and run events in their community.

Local Youth Forums are in action in nine towns and villages across the district from Berkeley to Chalford and everywhere in between.

The forums are a great opportunity to meet new people, build confidence and make improvements to where you live.

They are being run as part of Stroud District Council's Youth Participation Service, which includes Stroud District Youth Council.

Oli King, Leader of Stroud District Youth Council, said: "Being a member of a youth forum, I've gained important skills such as leadership and communication. It's helped me gain new confidence talking to people, including decision makers."



Why join your Local Youth Forum?

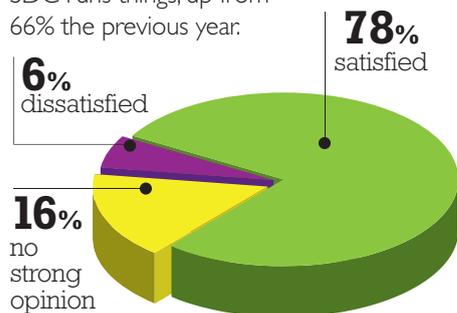
- It's **FUN!**
- **FREE** food and a hoodie
- Meet new people
- Accredited training in leadership, communications and confidence
- It looks great on your CV
- Change things for the better in your local community

If you're interested text 'Stroud' with your name and postcode to **07921 907210**



RECORD SATISFACTION RATING

The council has received its best satisfaction results on record. Our latest annual independent residents' survey results show that 78% of people were either satisfied or very satisfied with how SDC runs things, up from 66% the previous year.



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07851 729229.

OPENING HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 8.45am - 5pm,

Friday, 8.45am - 4.30pm

For out of hours emergencies call

01453 222104

OTHER SITES

Visit us at the following locations:

Dursley Library

May Lane, Dursley GL11 4JH

Fortnightly on Tuesdays, 1pm - 3pm

(Dates displayed at site)

Wotton One Stop Shop

Civic Centre, 2 Gloucester Street,
Wotton-under-Edge GL12 7DN

Fortnightly on Tuesdays, 10am - 12pm

(Dates displayed at site)

YOUR COUNCIL

Fifty-one district councillors represent their communities, here's the current make-up of the council:



Life can be hectic, so you don't want to spend ages on the phone paying your bills or filling out forms just to sign-up for a new service. That's why we've completely updated the Stroud District Council website to make it easier to find information and pay for services online.

Not only that but the website has

mobile and tablet friendly versions, making it simpler to view on your smartphone.

The website re-design has been an important project for the council. The site gets over 700,000 unique visitors per year and around 300,000 page views per month, so we know how important it is to residents.

Here are a few things you can do on the website

- ✓ Find your bin collection day
- ✓ Apply for a job
- ✓ Get local planning information and make comments
- ✓ Join and pay for our garden waste collection service
- ✓ E-billing - now you can save time, hassle and paper by managing your council tax or business rates securely online for free visit stroud.gov.uk/pay
- ✓ Request a repair to a council house
- ✓ Give feedback and tell us what you want us to do
- ✓ Find out and apply for housing benefit
- ✓ Report environmental issues such as fly tipping
- ✓ Find out what's on and add your event to our listings
- ✓ Contact your councillor
- ✓ Set up a direct debit. It takes less than 3 minutes online!

Useful STUFF

SELF BUILD REGISTER



Are you thinking about building your own home in the district? If so, you'll need to sign up to the new Self Build Register.

This is a new statutory requirement and will help the council find out more about people and groups interested in self build and help shape future policy. Visit: stroud.gov.uk/housing/self-build-housing

GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION



A fortnightly garden waste collection service is now available from February to November each year.

You can recycle bark, cut flowers, grass cuttings, hedge clippings, plants, twigs and small branches, wood shavings, and weeds. Bin collections cost £36 each year. There is also a one-off cost for new customers of £20 for the brown wheelie-bin.

You can sign-up and pay online at stroud.gov.uk/gardenwaste or call **01453 754424**

CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING

There are many volunteering opportunities in the Stroud district if you have some time to spare. The organisers of Craft and Chat sessions, run for the older generation, are looking for volunteers for sessions either at the Arkell Centre in Nailsworth or sheltered schemes at Sherborne and Grove Park. If you are interested email resident.involvement@stroud.gov.uk or call **01453 754559**.

Meanwhile we welcome volunteer litter picking groups who wish to tidy up areas of their community. We can help by lending litter picking equipment and picking up black sacks of waste once they have been filled. Call **01453 754403** or email public.spaces@stroud.gov.uk And don't forget, you can volunteer on the canal restoration project too!

Find out more on page 9.

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@museuminthepark

[facebook.com/TheMuseuminthePark](https://www.facebook.com/TheMuseuminthePark)

Canal Project

@cotswoldcanals

Tourism

@DiscoverStroud

Neighbourhood Wardens

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Animal Welfare

@AWStroudDC

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CARELINE

Do you or a member of your family wish to have security, peace of mind and a degree of independence at home? A Careline emergency alarm unit can offer you this through your phone system. A small pendant, worn around your neck or wrist, when pressed, will automatically call a 24 hour control room, providing immediate help. Call **01453 754149** or email careline@stroud.gov.uk

BULKY HOUSEHOLD ITEM COLLECTION

We provide a chargeable collection service for large moveable household items such as tables, chairs, carpets, fridges and three-piece suites. For more details, visit the website or call **01453 754424** to arrange a collection

£15 charge



PEST CONTROL SERVICES

Stroud District Council offers a competitively priced professional pest control service for both households and businesses. Our pest control officers are some of the most experienced in the industry and are able to deal with a wide range of pests including rats, mice, wasps, fleas and other insects. To find out more visit stroud.gov.uk/pestcontrol or call **01453 754478**



COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are held in the evenings and you are welcome to attend to watch proceedings. Just turn up and take a seat in the public seating area or you can watch them online at stroud.gov.uk/webcast



HELP WITH HOUSING PROBLEMS

Are you having problems at home and want to leave? Are you struggling to pay your rent and bills? Do you have nowhere to live or have you been given notice? Do you need help letting your property? For help with all of these problems and anything else relating to housing in the district contact our Housing Advice team on **01453 754078** or email housing.advice@stroud.gov.uk If you want to apply for new social housing visit homeseekerplus.co.uk





STROUD AMBITIONS

CAREERS FOR EVERYONE

ORGANISED BY:



WEDNESDAY 9th NOVEMBER | 4.30pm - 7.30pm
STRATFORD PARK LEISURE CENTRE, STROUD GL5 4AF

Come along to one of the county's **largest career events** at Stratford Park Leisure Centre. Stroud Ambitions is a unique interactive event for both students and adults where you'll be able to speak directly with over 50 different employers from many sectors. Find out about **career opportunities**, what qualifications and employability skills are needed for different jobs and how to take the next step.

Independent careers advisors, apprenticeship providers, local businesses and representatives from colleges, universities and the Jobcentre Plus will be there.

Now in its 4th year, a huge range of skills and interests are catered for at this event. The aim is to give a **comprehensive guide to future employment** and further study or skills development for young people and adults. Last year nearly 600 people attended, with one young attendee saying "It was really easy to talk to people & get an idea of what I could do in the future".

It is free to attend and you don't need to book.

Visit stroudambitions.co.uk for a full list of exhibitors.

For further information call **01453 754296**
or email ambitions@stroud.gov.uk

 **@stroudambitions**

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THE FOLLOWING SECTORS WILL BE REPRESENTED AT STROUD AMBITIONS:

- Advanced Engineering & Manufacturing
- Animal Health & Welfare
- Armed Forces
- Automotive Engineering
- Broadcasting & Media
- Business & Entrepreneurship
- Catering, Food & Hospitality
- Computing & Cyber Security
- Construction & the Built Environment
- Creative Arts & Crafts
- Design & Graphics
- Education
- Emergency Services - Police
- Environmental & Agricultural Sciences
- Financial Services
- Hairdressing & Beauty
- Health & Wellbeing
- Legal Services
- Marketing & Advertising
- Medical & Nursing
- Performing Arts
- Renewable Energy & Power Industries
- Retail & Sales Management
- Science & Mathematics
- Sport & Leisure
- Tourism & Culture