

CLERK'S REPORT – APRIL 2025

Temporary Road Closure: **Bath Road (between Lambs Triangle and the junction with The Street).**

NOTE these works have been rescheduled for 2026.

These roads will be closed from 15/04/2025 to 31/12/2025 to allow gas main replacement work by Wales & West Utilities.

Notification of actual dates will be given on site, at least two weeks before.

Emergency and pedestrian access will be maintained.

Improvements to the path linking Saxon Gate and Dyehouse:



There will be a self-closing gate installed on the Saxon Gate side. This project has been funded LSPC, KSPC and Saxon Gate Management Estate. The work has been carried out the volunteers of The Cotswold Wardens.

I will be meeting up with The Cotswold Wardens shortly, for a walk about.

The ROSPA Play Equipment Inspection: is booked in for April 2025.

Defibrillator/First Aid Training: I am working with the Village Manager, to offer free training through South West Ambulance Foundation Trust.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Election of Gloucestershire County Councillors for the Divisions listed below

| Divisions | Number of County Councillors to be elected | Divisions | Number of County Councillors to be elected |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| Bisley & Painswick | One | Nailsworth | One |
| Cam Valley | One | Rodborough | One |
| Dursley | One | Stonehouse | One |
| Hardwicke & Severn | One | Stroud Central | One |
| Haresfield & Upton St Leonards | One | Wotton-under-Edge | One |
| Minchinhampton | One | | |

Gloucestershire County Council Elections May 2025

1. Nomination papers must be delivered to the Deputy Returning Officer, Stroud District Council Offices, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud, Glos, GL5 4UB between 10am and 4pm on any working day from the date of publication of this notice (excluding bank holidays) but no later than 4pm, Wednesday 2 April 2025. If possible, please make an appointment to deliver your nomination papers by emailing elections@stroud.gov.uk.
2. Nomination papers can be obtained from the Deputy Returning Officer, Stroud District Council Offices, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud, Glos, GL5 4UB during the times stated above or by emailing elections@stroud.gov.uk.
3. If any election is contested the poll will take place on Thursday, 1 May 2025.
4. Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Stroud District Council Offices, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud, Glos, GL5 4UB by 12 midnight, Friday 11 April 2025. Applications can be made online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.
5. Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Stroud District Council Offices, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud, Glos, GL5 4UB by 5pm, Monday, 14 April 2025. Applications can be made online at www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote.
6. Applications for a Voter Authority Certificate or an Anonymous Elector's Document valid for this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Stroud District Council Offices, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud, Glos, GL5 4UB by 5pm, Wednesday 23 April 2025. Applications for a Voter Authority Certificate can be made online at www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate.
7. Application to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Stroud District Council Offices, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud, Glos, GL5 4UB by 5pm, Wednesday 23 April 2025. Some applications can be made online at www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote.
8. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Stroud District Council Offices, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud, Glos, GL5 4UB by 5pm, **Thursday 1 May 2025.**



DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER TO VOTE.



19 March 2025

Dear Stakeholder

I would like to announce the launch of my Police and Crime Prevention Plan.

Every Police and Crime Commissioner must have a Police and Crime Plan that sets the priorities for policing.

This strategic document, which you can find attached to this email, sets out my aims and objectives which runs until 2029.

The Police and Crime plan sets the priorities for the Constabulary to work to and for my office and I to hold them to account.

It will also help me to shape my work with partner organisations.

The plan was created in consultation with a number of stakeholders and partners across the county.

The Plan has six strategic priorities:

The Police and Crime Prevention Plan formally comes into place from April 2025.

- Priority 1: Creating safer communities
- Priority 2: Tackling violence against women and girls (VAWG)
- Priority 3: Strengthening your Constabulary
- Priority 4: Targeting the causes of crime
- Priority 5: Supporting victims and reducing reoffending
- Priority 6: Improving trust and confidence in policing

The plan is publically available on the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Chris Nelson'.

Chris Nelson
Police and Crime Commissioner



I'm worried about my debt and rising bills, and I want to know what support is available. Do you have any advice on managing bills and what to do if you fall into debt?

With energy, water and broadband bills rising, it's getting increasingly difficult for many people to cover their expenses. It's important to know you're not alone in finding things difficult and that financial support might be available to help ease the burden.

Checking benefits eligibility

Many eligible people don't claim the benefits that are available to them, so it's important to understand what you're entitled to. You may be able to claim benefits if, for example, you're working age and on a low income, you're sick or disabled, are of State Pension age with a low income or no income, or if you're a carer.

You can check the Citizens Advice website (www.citizensadvice.org.uk) for information on what benefits you might be eligible for.

Reducing outgoings

If you claim benefits or are on a low income, you may be eligible for a reduction in Council Tax. Discounts can also be given to other people eg. students, those living with a carer, or people who live alone. If you have children, you may qualify for free school meals, transport to school, or support with the uniform costs.

To reduce other expenses, you may be able to switch to a cheaper broadband deal, get a water meter fitted, or access discounted travel. You can find out more about ways to get help, including advice on saving money on heating, on the Citizens Advice website.

Creating a budget and prioritising bills

If you're finding it difficult to stay on top of bills, budgeting tools like the one on the MoneyHelper website can help you understand what money you have coming in and going out each month. If you're behind on bills, you should prioritise paying rent, mortgage payments, Council Tax and energy bills, as these are known as 'priority' debts which have the most serious consequences if missed.

Once you've got priority debts under control, you should look at credit card or store card debts, missed Buy Now Pay Later payments or payday loans. Whatever debt you're dealing with, it's important to speak to the person or company you owe money to as early as you can. You could show them a copy of your budget to let them know what your financial situation is and see if there are any steps you can take to start dealing with your debt.

Just remember, there's lots of help out there and you're not alone. If you need help with debt you could get in touch with us or another organisation like StepChange. Please look at the Citizens Advice website first if you can. If you need further help please call us on 0808 800 0510 (Monday and Tuesday 10am to 4pm; Wednesday and Thursday 10am to 12.30pm). You can use our local website (www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk) to complete our email form.

Guided walks with Cotswold Wardens near Stroud, Tetbury, & Malmesbury for April 2025

Monday, 7th April, 2025 - Start: 10:00 am **Cherington**

Cherington Nags

Difficulty: **EASY** Duration: **2.5 HOURS** Distance: **4.5 MILES**

Start point: Lane from A433 to Cherington. **SAT. NAV GL8 8SJ.**

Please park on the lane sides verges between Cherington Grove and Yew Tree Plantation.

We follow an ancient Roman road between Cirencester and Chavenage Green, and pass into Cherington Park. We discover a Renaissance boar in a field, the fine medieval church of St. Nicholas, and beautiful Cherington Lake. We return via Nag's Head, with its touching WWI memorial.

Thursday, 17th April, 2025 - Start: 10:30 am **Dursley**

'Third Thursday Walk' - Stinchcombe Hill and the Legacy of Sir Stanley Tubbs

Difficulty: **EASY** Duration: **2.0 HOURS** Distance: **5.0 MILES**

Start point: "Leaf & Ground" Café, Dursley. **GL11 6PP**

Every month, South District Cotswold Wardens offer a two-hour walk on the third Thursday starting at 10.30am from a café or pub, where there is an optional opportunity for refreshment at the end of the walk. Come and enjoy the glorious Cotswolds National Landscape with us every month!

Wednesday, 23rd April, 2025 - Start: 10:00 am

There may be bluebells

Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **2.5 HOURS** Distance: **5 MILES**

Start point: National Trust Cripplegate car park, Shortwood.

From Cripplegate car park the walk follows the Cotswold way along the ridge to Bunkers Bank with views over the Severn Estuary. From Haresfield Beacon the walk descends to Standish and then rejoins the Cotswold way near Randwick.

Every month, the Voluntary Cotswold Wardens offer a two-hour walk on the third Thursday starting at 10.30am from a café or pub, where there is an optional opportunity for refreshment at the end of the walk. Come and enjoy the glorious Cotswolds National Landscape with us every month!



Mini Makers Market

Saturday 5th April 2025

10:00 - 13:00

The mill is being taken over by young artists, makers and crafters to show-off and sell their incredible creations.

It's a great opportunity to support the next generation of local creatives and entrepreneurs! We'll be open for coffee & cake, as well as the usual pay-as-you-can lunch from 12-2pm.

Steve Ferbrache

Friday 11 April 2025

18:00 22:00

Join us and our resident musician Steve Ferbrache for a delicious Friday night curry.

Steve is one of the regions most popular and in-demand solo acoustic performers, delivering feel-good sets of laid back classics, album deep cuts and forgotten gems by some of the greatest artists of all time.

Careful, Spider

Saturday 12 April 2025

18:00- 22:00

Careful, Spider are a local post-rock 4 piece that make sounds to shake the soul. They serve up melodic drone, shimmering spacepop and psychedelic post-rock and influences include everything from free-jazz to doom metal via psych rock and dream pop.

Come along for the ride as they describe their live performance as catharsis and transformational - this is a must-see!

The kitchen is open from 6-8pm serving a delicious pay-as-you-can dinner, as always.

Reuben Lovett

Saturday 19 April 2025

18:00 21:30

“Folk rock that refuses to be put in a box..”

Reuban is back for another live session! Join us for dinner and incredible tunes.

Timings:

18:00-20:00 Kitchen & Bar

18:00 Live music