

CLERK'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2025

Litter Bins on the Playing Fields

I have been coordinating with Stroud District Council to ensure that the litter bins located by the Pavilion, the Kissing Gate on Bath Road, and near the entrance from The Street are included in their regular emptying schedule.

Pest Control

I am in the process of obtaining a quote from Stroud District Council for an annual pest control policy to cover the Playing Fields.

Secret Gardeners

This dedicated group of volunteers meets every Monday afternoon to maintain various areas around the village, including the Churchyard, War Memorial, and roadside verges. The Church has kindly agreed to provide a 'green waste bin' for their use, and I have confirmed that the Parish Council will reimburse the annual fee for this service from the Village Maintenance Fund.

Highways

- Together with Cllr Connett, I met with Gary Wilson from Gloucestershire Highways to explore potential safety improvements outside Yew Tree Cottage, opposite Priory Farm. It was agreed that 'H' bar markings would be installed, subject to confirmation with the property owner. Additionally, drainage issues near the allotments were discussed.
- Several potholes have been reported for repair, including the significant one outside the Village Hall and others along Bath Road at the junction with Lyndon Morgan Way.
- Concerns raised by residents from Brockley Road and Seven Waters have also been forwarded to Gloucestershire Highways for further investigation.

Build Back Better Grant Funding – Village Hall

Progress is being made on this project by utilising a specialist Project Manager to develop a tailored package for the Village Hall's audio, visual, and Wi-Fi requirements. The proposed recommendations will be shared with the Village Hall Trustees prior to implementation. This approach is expected to deliver high-quality, long-term equipment solutions while ensuring better value for money.

Defibrillators

Cllr Kate Aldridge checks the defib at the Vending Machine by Church Farm and I carry out the checks for the defib outside the Village Hall and report on both machines. Note there is training available through South West Ambulance Foundation Trust.



Saturday 22nd February

We're excited to have the amazing Pip & The Bad Seed back at the mill with their popular tunes and killer vocals that transcend eras.

6-8pm pay-as-you-can dinner

7-9pm live music

6-10pm bar

Friday 28th February

The fantastic Steve Ferbrache is returning to provide the soundtrack to your Friday curry night here at the mill!

6-8pm pay-as-you-can dinner, live music & bar.

For full information visit their website - <https://thelongtablestroud.com/events>



Specialist Casework

Debt Casework

We have debt caseworkers qualified to FCA standards who can help our clients identify the best solution to address their debts and take them through the process to a conclusion.

Welfare benefits Casework

Our experienced welfare benefits caseworkers and specialists can assist with appeals and complex benefits issues including providing submissions to tribunals.

Foodbank Advice

Our advisers work alongside the local foodbanks to offer support to those people coming in for help. We attend the food banks in Stroud, Cirencester and the North Cotswolds.

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

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.

Thursday, 20th February, 10.30 start

"Commons & Canals"

Difficulty medium, Distance 5 miles, Duration 3 hours.

Start at 10.30 from "the Rest" Café, Broad Street, King's Stanley, GL10 3PN. There are 2 other free car parks within walking distance.

Wednesday, 26th February, 10.00 start

"Woodland Owls"

Difficulty Strenuous, Distance 7 miles Duration 4 hours.

Start from the "Rose & Crown" public house, Front Street, Nympsfield, GL10 3US

We descend through woodland to secluded Owlpen church & manor. On to Uley and a steep ascent to follow the path around Uley Bury. We join the Cotswold Way, climbing to Coaley Peak viewpoint followed by a short walk back to Nympsfield. Please bring a packed lunch.