

Wendy Thomas, County Councillor, Dursley Division

Report for Leonard Stanley Parish Council, February 2025

Highways

Bathleaze bus stop

I am happy to report that the bus stop sign has been moved back to the proper location, near the 'Welcome to Leonard Stanley sign'.

Safer routes to schools scheme

I have lobbied hard for the Leonard Stanley C of E school to be included in this scheme and I have learned that it is high on the list for the first round of this program, which would involve traffic/parking restrictions being put in place around schools that experience safety issues. I will let you know when I know more.

Gypsy Lane

I have chased Gary Wilson, who was going to get his team to look at the verge near the allotments and investigate the drainage pipe and hole (marked with a cone for quite some time).

Transport

The Berkeley Vale Robin

GCC has published some updates and statistics on the Robin. Scroll to the bottom of this [page](#) to see the growing usage of this service in our area. The link to The Robin homepage is [here](#).

Overcrowding on the early morning 65 bus from Dursley to Stroud

This and other issues re buses have been raised by our MP in a letter to Stagecoach West. He is arranging to meet with their managing director to discuss concerns directly. I will share any information that comes from that meeting.

Devolution update

GCC has formally submitted an application to be in the first tranche of unitary authorities, but as of midday on 4 February, GCC has not yet heard about their application. We do expect to hear this week and I will let the town and parish councils know as soon as there is news.

GCC News

[Vaping : NHS Gloucestershire ICB](#)

A web page on adolescent vaping has been launched on NHS Gloucestershire. The page is designed to be a resource for young people, parents, carers and professionals.

It was developed in response to the rise of adolescent vaping that we have seen nationally and in Gloucestershire.

Pharmacy services consultation

GCC regularly consults on pharmaceutical services across the county and welcomes the view of anyone who uses or would like to use community pharmacies, dispensing surgeries, etc. The survey is available on the link below and will be open until 21 February. [Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment \(PNA\) Consultation | Have Your Say Gloucestershire](#)

The survey can also be made available as a hard copy via post, please contact rachel.howard@gloucestershire.gov.uk([External link](#)) or telephone 01452 - 426466.

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:

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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.