

WOTTON WARD NEWS

NEWS FOR NORTH NIBLEY, STINCHCOMBE
& WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE



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NEWS FROM YOUR GREEN PARTY TEAM

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NEW HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICE

Councils in Gloucestershire have worked together to set up a new service to assist people to undertake home energy efficiency work.

Furnow Gloucestershire can help homeowners by managing an entire home project from start to finish, starting with a survey and personalised energy plan, then managing trusted contractors to ensure a high quality installation. There's a 50% discount for the first 100 customers on their home survey: www.furnow.com/gloucestershire.

For anyone on lower incomes, the Warm & Well scheme can offer home energy efficiency support: <https://warmandwell.co.uk> and there's information for everyone about the available programmes and extra tips to stay warm over the winter at <https://app.fairerwarmth.com>



Furnow is the new service to help homeowners undertake home energy projects



The fantastic community-organised Long Street Summer Social in August benefited from Stroudfunding support

CROWDFUNDING PROJECTS

A new scheme is available to help community groups meet their fundraising targets.

New projects have until 5 November to apply to take part in the next round. So far the 'Stroudfunding' scheme, run jointly by the District Council with Spacehive, has helped groups to build the wonderful new Playground and Community Space in Stinchcombe and to fund a new lighting system at Under the Edge Arts, amongst other projects, and the Symn Lane Play Area in Wotton is currently fundraising for new equipment. <https://www.spacehive.com/movement/stroud/about>

RECYCLE WEEK

For Recycle Week this year, the Green-led District Council has been sharing the recycling journey from kerbside to specialist processing facilities.

People across North Nibley, Stinchcombe and Wotton, have embraced recycling, with our food waste transformed into liquid fertiliser and gas to power homes, and recycling bin items sorted locally before being processed into new products for the UK market. The new weekly battery and vape collection service has also proved popular, with over a tonne of batteries and 80 kg of vapes collected so far. We're now investing in actions to reduce litter, including new litter bins, and supporting people to repair, reuse, recycle or dispose of household items with the Waste Wizard. <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/wastewizard>



Litter bins on Old Town (and High Street) provide recycling options.

YOUR GREEN TEAM STANDING UP FOR WOTTON, NORTH NIBLEY & STINCHCOMBE

CHANGES PROPOSED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT



Gloucestershire councils are set to be reorganised under Government plans

The Labour Government has decided that all District and County Councils must be abolished and replaced with new 'unitary authorities'.

While the timescales for these changes to take place are not yet confirmed, all six district councils in Gloucestershire and the County Council will have to put forward their preferred options for council reorganisation by 28 November 2025. It will be for Ministers to undertake a public consultation on the options and to decide which one to take forward. Parish and town councils will not be directly affected by these changes.

The main proposals are for one unitary authority for the whole county (with new 'Neighbourhood Partnerships' covering numerous parishes set up for local engagement) or for two unitary councils for the East and West of the county. Gloucestershire will also need to decide which 'strategic authority' to join for regional government, with the West of England Combined Authority currently preferred.

<https://futuregloucestershire.org.uk/>

INVESTMENT FOR HERITAGE, NATURE & REGENERATION

Stroud district has, for many years, been working in partnership with the Cotswolds Canal Trust, National Lottery Heritage Fund, Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and other groups to restore the Cotswold canals. The project will reconnect the Stroudwater canal to the national canal network at Saul Junction, enhancing biodiversity and promoting the area's historic and cultural heritage.



With the director of the Cotswolds Canals Connected project, Gareth and Catherine took part in a site visit to see project progress

A FAIRER, GREENER FUTURE

Stroud District Green Party celebrated success at the County Council elections earlier this year.

With 6 Green county councillors now elected from Stroud district and 24 Green councillors on Stroud District Council, the Green Party is shaping local policy, and putting people and nature at the heart of decision making. With new national party leadership and increasing membership, it's a great time to join the Green Party: <https://join.greenparty.org.uk>



Green campaigners and councillors celebrated the County Council election results in May

GET IN TOUCH

Gareth and Catherine work for you all year round. Want to raise a local issue, or get involved? Make contact today



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