



# GREAT OLDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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## CLERK'S REPORT NOVEMBER 2024



The **new play area** off Daniels Way is now OPEN.

To ensure everyone can fully enjoy the fantastic new play equipment, we kindly ask all visitors to treat the area with respect. Please take any rubbish home with you, as litter bins are currently being organised.

Temporary signage has been posted at each entrance to remind users that dogs are not permitted, in line with Stroud District Council's Public Space Protection

Order (PSPO). Permanent signs will be installed soon. For full details on the PSPO, including any exceptions, please see the link provided:

<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/environment/environmental-health/animal-welfare/public-spaces-protection-orders-including-dog-fouling/#:~:text=The%20Public%20Spaces%20Protection%20Orders,of%20these%20Orders%20remain%20unchanged.>



**Great Oldbury Community Centre**  
24<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Save the date! A Public Opening Event to show off these amazing new facilities, which includes the hall, meeting room and parish office.

The Council extends its sincere thanks to Robert Hitchins Ltd, Barnwood Ltd, and Redrow for going above and beyond the requirements in creating the new Community Centre. While the developers were obligated to build this facility as part of the development, their

commitment to excellence has delivered a truly remarkable space. The thoughtful design and attention to detail have resulted in a community centre that is not only functional but also spectacular—a space worthy of Great Oldbury residents. There is also a new **External defibrillator by the entrance**. If you are in the unfortunate position to need the use of the

defib, then please first ring 999 and the Ambulance Service will provide you the code for access.

The Working Group will be meeting soon, to put into place all the necessary policies, scheduling, fees and equipment to be able to offer the hall available for hire from January 2025.

**Thank you to Standish Village Hall** who kindly permitted Great Oldbury Parish Council to hold their meetings in their hall free of charge whilst the Community Centre was being finished.

## **Grant Applications submitted by the Parish Council**

Thriving Communities Grant application for £5,500. Project Overview:

Great Oldbury Parish Council, established on 1st April 2024, is in the process of acquiring a new Community Hall, which will serve as a vital hub for this emerging community. The Parish Council is eager to ensure that the hall is well-equipped to host a variety of community events aimed at addressing key issues such as deprivation, social isolation, and fostering a resilient, connected community.

As part of this vision, the Council seeks funding to install essential IT equipment, Wi-Fi, and a large TV screen in the hall. These facilities will enable the creation and support of a range of community initiatives, including the establishment of a Warm Space, regular coffee mornings, and film screenings. The project's aim is to encourage social interaction, provide a welcoming environment for all, and help build stronger community ties, particularly for vulnerable groups.

By equipping the Community Hall, Great Oldbury Parish Council will be able to offer a space where residents can come together, share experiences, and access important services. This aligns with the core aims of the Thriving Communities Grant Scheme by promoting social cohesion, reducing isolation, and enhancing the well-being of the local community.

Rural England Prosperity Fund application for £4,456. Project Overview:

Although the building itself is a modern and well-designed space, it currently lacks the necessary facilities to fully support the community. Without these, the centre will struggle to serve its intended purpose of fostering social cohesion and providing a versatile, welcoming space for local events and activities. The objectives of this project are therefore clear:

- **To install blinds** for the large south- and west-facing windows to control heat and light, making the hall usable year-round.
- **To furnish the kitchen** with basic but essential equipment like cutlery, crockery, and appliances, ensuring that it can support events ranging from community meals to workshops and group activities.
- **To provide portable staging** that can be used for performances, presentations, and other activities, making the space more versatile and able to accommodate a variety of community needs.

**Stay Vigilant!** As we have reached that time of year when the clocks have gone back, this often sees an increase in break-ins and burglaries. To help protect your home and property, please ensure that windows, doors, and outbuildings are securely locked. If you plan to be out after dark, consider setting a timer to switch on a light to give the appearance that someone is home.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER NAMING A STREET**

**STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1925, SECTION 18**

**NAMING OF STREET**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Stroud District Council, the Local Authority for the purpose of Section 18 of the Public Health Act 1925, as amended by the Local Government Act 1972, intends to make an order thereunder to assign a name to the streets described in the schedule hereto and which are delineated on a map signed by me and deposited and available for inspection during usual office hours at the offices of Stroud District Council, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud, Glos GL5 4UB and Notice is hereby further given that such Order will be made on or after the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Any person aggrieved by the intended Order may within twenty one days after the date hereof send notice of appeal to Stroud District Council via email to [1625LLPG@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:1625LLPG@stroud.gov.uk) for the matter to be referred to and dealt with by Gloucestershire Magistrates Court

Dated: 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024

**SCHEDULE**

**Description**

That length of road commencing at approximate grid reference 379211 Easting and 206889 Northing and more particularly shown coloured blue on the attached map to be known as **CHANDLER CLOSE**

That length of road commencing at approximate grid reference 379260 Easting and 206849 Northing and more particularly shown coloured pink on the attached map to be known as **HARRISON CLOSE**

<https://www.greatoldbury-pc.gov.uk/uploads/street-names-oct-24.pdf?v=1730396510>

**Stroud District Council 'Council Plan' Consultation**

The Plan sets out our key priorities and objectives for the next five years.

As part of this consultation, we would like to seek the views of Town and Parish Councils across the district, and we would also like your support in disseminating information about the consultation to your residents.

I have attached a copy of the draft Council Plan for your reference. This can also be found on our website, where you can also submit feedback: <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/about-the-council/have-your-say/consultations/our-district-s-new-council-plan/>

We have also prepared a short feedback survey for those who would like to provide their feedback using an alternative method, please also find this attached. We would be very grateful if you could provide copies of the Plan and this survey in areas where residents may be able to complete the survey, for example in reception areas or village halls. If you would prefer to

receive printed copies please let me know and we can post these out to you. Completed surveys can be posted or scanned back to us, or we can arrange to collect them at a time and frequency that is suitable for you.

We will also be holding the next Parish and Town Council Strategic Forum event on **Monday 2 December at 6-7.30pm**, in the Council Chamber at Ebley Mill. This will cover the draft Council Plan and provide an update on the neighbourhood wardens. More information on this event will be circulated early next week, but please save the date in your calendars.

The deadline for feedback and responses on the draft Council Plan is **9 December**.



## Our Top Three Tips for Managing your Money at Christmas

*My children love Christmas and they're already picking extra treats off the shelf when we go shopping and telling me what presents they want. I really want to make it a special time for them, but times are tough and I can't help worrying about overspending and getting into debt. What can I do to manage my finances during the holiday season, and where can I turn if I find myself struggling?*

The festive season can be a financially challenging time, and borrowing money or using a credit card to fund Christmas can often seem like your only option. But there are steps you can take to keep your spending under control and avoid falling into debt.

### 1. Budget:

The first thing to do is make a budget and stick to it.

- Consider **who** you're buying gifts for, what **other seasonal expenses** you have, and **how much** you can realistically afford to spend.
- Always keep **receipts**, or ask for gift receipts, in case you overspend and need to return something.
- And remember that **household bills** may be higher during this period due to colder weather and spending more time indoors.

### 2. Deal with debts:

If you've built up debt, please don't ignore bills or letters. Speak to the organisation you owe money to, as they may let you pay smaller amounts.

- Pay '**priority debts**' first, like rent, mortgage arrears, council tax, and energy bills.
- For other types of debt like credit cards or loans, gather all the information on what you owe, create a budget, and **contact your creditors** to set up an affordable repayment plan. This might seem scary, but it's an important first step.

### 3. Check your eligibility for cost-of-living support:

If your budget just doesn't add up and you need help to afford essentials like bills and food, see what cost of living support is available on the Citizens Advice website.

It is especially important to check if you're eligible for the **Winter Fuel Payment**, which will now only be paid to those who receive **Pension Credit** or other **means-tested benefits**. If you make a claim for Pension Credit by 21 December, you might still receive the Winter Fuel Payment.

If you do find yourself struggling financially during or after the holidays, don't panic. Support is out there, and Citizens Advice can help you understand what's available. We're here to help you find a way forward.

Please look at the public website first if possible ([www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)). If that isn't possible or you need further help please call us on 0808 800 0510 or 0808 800 0511 (Monday and Tuesday 10am to 4pm; Wednesday and Thursday 10am to 12.30pm). You can also access our local website ([www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk)) to complete our email form.

We will be closed from 1pm on 24th December until 10am on Thursday 2nd January but we will have information about how to get urgent help on our local website.

# THE LONG TABLE



## [Midnight Pizzas @ The Long Table](#)

- Thursday, 7 November 2024
- 17:00 19:00

Family night with a twist! Midnight Pizza will be serving up delicious pay-as-you-can Neapolitan inspired sourdough pizzas. There will also be a children's movie, craft tables and lego!

## [Earl Temple Foundation](#)

- Saturday, 9 November 2024
- 18:00 22:30

A chance to see the district's greatest ever neo-post-punk-jazz quintet in their Golden Valley heartlands.

## [Acapellies In/consolable](#)

- Thursday, 14 November 2024
- 18:00 21:00

*In consolable* is the new song-cycle from Acapellies Community Choir, a 40-strong non-auditioned Natural Voice choir from Stroud, Led by Eleanor Holliday.

Immerse yourself in British, Georgian, Bulgarian, Corsican, American, Sardinian and Belarussian traditional songs, as well as contemporary polyphonic folk arrangements.

This is an intimate gig in the Sanctuary space, so places are limited and booking is essential.

## [Wine quiz](#)

- Saturday, 16 November 2024
- 18:00 21:30

You're invited to join Nailsworth Twinning Association, for a fun evening of wine tasting and wine quizzing!

The evening will involve a generous tasting of 6 wines, where you will be invited to guess the grape variety and country of origin (multiple choice), alongside a French themed table quiz and a general wine related quiz.

Teams of up to 6 people can come together or be made up on the night. Prize to the best team.

Don't worry about needing too much knowledge as most questions will be multiple choice.



## Have your say on risks faced by communities in Gloucestershire

Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service (GFRS) is asking for your views on the risks it faces in the county.

GFRS regularly assesses its own data and risks to the community and wants to hear the views of residents too.

Feedback from the public will be combined with the service's own data and the team's knowledge and experience, to build a balanced picture of the risks they face as a Fire and Rescue Service.

The engagement was launched on Monday 21 October and lasts for six weeks, ending on **Sunday 1 December 2024**. To take part, please go to: [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/glosfire-crp](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/glosfire-crp)

The information will help to assess the potential impact and likelihood of the risks, and where they are most likely to occur.

The feedback will help form the Community Risk Profile (CRP) for Gloucestershire. This vital document informs the strategic Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP), the publication of which is a regulatory requirement. The CRMP is an assessment of risks and how we effectively use resources to address those risks.

Residents and businesses are being asked to share their views about the risks faced within our county, both now and in the future, to make sure the new CRMP from 2026 onwards reflects your views.

You can find the current CRMP here: [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/ixrglevp/gcc\\_3312-gfrs-community-risk-management-plan\\_dev10.pdf](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/ixrglevp/gcc_3312-gfrs-community-risk-management-plan_dev10.pdf)