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### Weight Limit Progress

This year's county roads budget includes a weight limit traffic order covering Bradley Street and the Westfields/Dryleaze area. The limit will not apply to vehicles requiring access to properties there.



This follows a petition signed by almost every resident of Bradley Street, presented to the County Council by John Cordwell, and a public meeting.

The order will include long-requested double yellow lining at the junction of Tabernacle Pitch with Gloucester Street/Old Town and Parklands with Coombe Road, and along the road at Potters Pond. Depending on the response to consultation, it could be in place by the end of this financial year.

### Road Repairs in Our Area

The following work is in the County's draft programme for the next couple of years, but progress will depend on available finance:

#### Road resurfacing

2009/10: Coombe Village, Wotton; Alderley from The Gate House to the church.

2010/11: North Nibley from The Street to the school.

#### Footways

2009/10: Wotton Road, Kingswood

2010/11: North Nibley from The Street to the school, at Tyndale Close and Highlands Drive.

**Flood alleviation** 2009/10: Blackquarries Hill in Wotton and the B4058 near the county boundary in Kingswood and at North Nibley School.

### Christmas-under-the-Edge

Wotton Chamber of Trade is holding its Christmas Event on Saturday 29th November from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with the **shopping streets closed to traffic from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** There will be stalls and many other attractions. Watch out for further details.

*Would you like to receive Focus earlier and in colour? Just let us know your e-mail address. It will save postage and fuel costs, helping to protect the environment particularly if you live in the more rural parts of our area.*

### Potters Pond Development

A revised planning application for this nursing home and assisted living accommodation may well be decided at the 9<sup>th</sup> December Planning Meeting of Stroud District Council. At a recent public meeting in Wotton there was a new concern that with the present state of the economy the development might be started but left unfinished for a long time. John Cordwell has proposed that the applicant should show how the development could be phased and how the unused part of the site would be left, perhaps as a landscaped area.



● The revised plans are available at Wotton Town Council Office and also on the Stroud District Council website. The application number you need is S.07/2768/FUL. You can comment/object/support the plans on the website or by writing to the SDC planning department at Ebley Mill, Stroud, GL5 4UB.

### Policing Priorities

At a recent meeting in Wotton, chaired by local police, priorities were set for police attention over the next 3 months:

- Speeding traffic, particularly around the entrances to the built-up areas. This is not confined to inbound traffic; often drivers heading out of the town or village are the worst offenders.
- Monitoring all local play areas.



### Free Swimming—under 16s lose out

Stroud District Council's Tory administration has turned down a Government grant towards free swimming for the under-16s for the two-year period from next April on cost grounds. They have, however, accepted a similar grant to enable the over-60s to swim for free because this grant exceeds the loss of income.



Regrettably the Tory Cabinet did not allow the full council to discuss the matter to see if there was a way to finance the shortfall.

## Grass Cutting

Lib Dem District Councillors Paul Smith and June Cordwell have taken up the poor standard of grass cutting in our area.

They met with the Service Head at Stroud District Council and contractor Veolia, who agreed the standard was not acceptable. Veolia intend to scarify the worst affected areas and apply weedkiller in the spring, reseeding any areas that require it. Your Lib Dem councillors will be keeping a close eye on the situation to make sure this work is completed.

- Do you have a problem with weeds or litter on roads and pavements near you? Please let us know!

## Bus Shelters

Of three new bus shelters in Wotton, so far only the one at the New Road frontage to Westfields has been completed.

The bases for the other two are in place, but the County Council says it will be the end of December before they are completed. They will be in Mount Pleasant, opposite the Full Moon, and in Wortley Road, near the junction with Bearlands.



## Coffee Morning

Wotton's Christmas Coffee Morning for senior citizens will take place in the Civic Centre on Saturday 13th December from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

There will be free coffee, mince pies and entertainment.

If you will have any difficulty getting there, please ring Janet Walshe on 843060 for transport.

*Janet would also like to hear from anyone prepared to provide some mince pies or to help on the day.*

## Energy Neighbourhoods

Sixteen groups in Gloucestershire, including one in Wotton, are taking part in a Europe-wide 6-month project to reduce their energy consumption. John Cordwell's interest in the project—he chairs Gloucestershire's Sustainable Energy Forum—led to the Town Council helping to fund the Wotton group. Half the cost is being met by a European Commission grant. The scheme is being administered by Severn-Wye Energy Agency and led in Wotton by Alex Alliston. Sixteen local families are taking part in this six month project.

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### ACTION SHEET - Tell us what needs doing!

If you know of a local problem which needs attention, if you have a good idea for our area, or want to comment on something you have read here, please get in touch with your local Liberal Democrat action team, using this space to have your say.

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Your opinion:

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