

## A welcome for new council homes

Stroud District Council is to build new 2- and 3- bedroom houses at the former Cambridge House sheltered housing site on Woodmancote.

The new homes will be built to a high eco standard with renewable energy from solar panels and air source heat pumps, so tenants will have warm homes and low fuel bills.



## Protecting Dursley from Conservative Government's planning proposals

Your Labour district councillors are fighting Conservative proposals for new planning rules that will take local people's powers.

Labour believes the government's proposals are a "developers' charter" that will take local powers away and hand them to Whitehall-appointed boards of developers leaving local councillors and local residents with little say in planning applications.

**"We've fought alongside you for years against the expansion of Dursley's boundary into the AONB beyond Shakespeare Road and the Poets' estate,"** said Trevor Hall. "This wouldn't have been possible under the proposed changes. Planning committees and local people being able to comment on local applications will be abolished."



## Cam, Dursley Greenway update



Work continues on completing the car-free Greenway route from Uley to Cam & Dursley railway station, with Stroud District Council working on plans with the local Greenway community group, Cam Parish and Dursley Town councils as well as County Council Highways.

Some of the work has been delayed due to Covid19, but the route through Littlecombe will be complete soon so there'll be a good alternative to cycle and walk between Cam and Dursley that avoids the hills and the busy A road.

## Successful campaign to upgrade local bus stops

Commuters are celebrating the arrival of real time indicators (RTI) at the bus stop at Cam & Dursley railway station.

"I've been lobbying for these indicators for a long time," said town councillor Wendy Thomas who is also Chair of the Cam & Dursley Transportation Group.

"Our next goal is to get RTI installed at the May Lane bus station and other major local bus stops."



## Supporting local businesses

Stroud District Council is leading work on economic recovery, making sure extra resources have been put into helping market towns and the local economy.

"Our high street businesses are the lifeblood of our town," said council leader Doina Cornell. "Council officers have worked to get government grants quickly out to local businesses, and more support has been made available for those affected by the latest lockdown. We're planning ahead for recovery and will be contacting local businesses to find out what more we can do to help in the months ahead."

**"We can all help by supporting our Shop Local campaign – £5 a week spent in Dursley makes all the difference."**



## Praise for Dursley's COVID community spirit

When Dursley town councillor Danae Savvidou was struck down by suspected coronavirus in March her neighbours rallied round.

"People were so kind to me, and the staff and volunteers of GL11 and everyone behind the Dursley Area Covid-10 Community Response Facebook Group have been incredible," she wrote on a recent blog. "Dursley offers the no-nonsense, no questions asked approach to community we can all learn from."

You can read Danae's blog in full on the November 11 article of the Amplify Stroud website [amplifystroud.com](http://amplifystroud.com)



Labour members have been baking cakes for staff and patients at the Vale Hospital throughout the pandemic.

## GL11 Community Hub

GL11 Community Hub is coordinating the COVID-19 community response for Cam and Dursley, working in partnership with the town council, district and county councils and other community groups across the district.

The local Foodbank is located at GL11's base in Cam, and families needing help has risen sharply in the last few months. GL11 offers a range of support including friendly calls to people who are on their own, and advice on housing, welfare and employment issues. Volunteers are needed for some of this work; or if you need help yourself, visit [www.gl11.org.uk/covid-19/](http://www.gl11.org.uk/covid-19/) or call 01453 548530.

