

## Supporting local businesses



Colin Fryer

Labour-led Stroud District Council is leading work on economic recovery, making sure extra resources have been put into helping high streets and the local economy.

"Supporting local businesses is a top priority for us in Cam and Dursley," says local councillor, Colin Fryer. "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."

**If we all spent £5 a week with local businesses it would make a real difference.**



**shop local**  
Keep Cam and Dursley open for business - shop local for at least some of your weekly shopping!

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## Successful campaign to upgrade local bus stops



Liz Ashton

Commuters are celebrating the arrival of real time indicators (RTI) at the bus stop at Cam & Dursley railway station, as well as a £70k investment allocated by SDC to upgrade facilities and add extra parking spaces.

"Thanks are due to Dursley town councillor, Wendy Thomas," says Labour's Liz Ashton. "Wendy is Chair of the Cam and Dursley Transportation Group and they've been lobbying for these indicators for a long time. It's great to see the result of this

lobbying, and I know the group's next goal is to get RTI installed at the May Lane bus station as well as some bus stops in Cam - it makes such a difference to bus users knowing when the next bus is actually due."



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## GL11 Community Hub

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

Our local Foodbank is located at GL11's base in Cam. The number of 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, managing your money, 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 01453 548530.



*Labour members have been baking cakes for staff and patients at the Vale Hospital throughout the pandemic. We salute the work done in the hospital, our doctors' surgeries and pharmacies, and by carers, throughout the year.*

## Natalie is Labour's Cam candidate



Natalie Bennett has been chosen by Cam and Dursley Labour Party as Labour candidate in the Gloucestershire County Council elections in May. Natalie, who grew up in Cam and works for a charity that helps young people, the long-term unemployed and others to make progress in learning and work, will stand in the Cam Valley division (which includes Berkeley and Sharpness as well as Cam).

"I am absolutely delighted to have been selected," says Natalie. "Local government is incredibly important, particularly in these uncertain times and with the likelihood of even more funding pressures, the residents and communities of Cam Valley need a dedicated county councillor who will speak up for them. If elected my priority will be to work alongside Cam residents to campaign on the issues that matter the most to you and to deliver positive change."