



Molly Scott Cato



Green Party

About Molly Scott Cato ...your Green Party candidate for the Central ward

I was drawn to Stroud by the exciting things I had heard about the dynamic and creative community – and since arriving here last year, I feel I have slotted right in. I love the countryside and the way it merges into the towns of the Five Valleys. I just don't think the potential of the area is being used as well as it could and that's why I would like to represent you on Stroud District Council.



I work as an economics lecturer and researcher into co-operatives and social enterprises and I am Economics Spokeswoman for the national Green Party.

I am involved with the community farm at Hawkwood and also with Transition Town Stroud – a way that people living here can do their bit to respond to climate change. I co-ordinate a local textile network, sharing skills such as knitting and

patchwork, repairing and recycling clothes, and working towards revitalising the textile industry in Stroud.

I was brought up in Bath and for me coming back to the West Country feels like coming home. I lived for a while in Blagdon in Somerset, where I was Vice-Chair of the Parish Council and set up a recycling scheme.

I have two grown-up children and a 12-year-old daughter who goes to Thomas Keble School. I sing with Stroud Choral Society and enjoy listening to many different types of music. I also love going to the cinema, as well as cycling and spending time in the countryside.

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- I would like to make a donation – to create real progress.
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Vote for **Molly Scott Cato**

in the Central ward

Thursday MAY 3rd.



Dear Voter,

For me, the most important thing about a local community is that people have the chance to work there, as well as just living there. I want to see Central ward thriving, with busy local shops and cafés. I would like to use my experience as a green economist to think in a fresh and creative way about how we could make this a reality.

I would also like to be involved in the issue of affordable housing and am a firm supporter of the project to establish a Community Land Trust at the Cashes Green site. I know how important a secure home is to building a happy life and I cannot accept the injustice of some people making a profit out of other people's need for a home. That is why I support the ideas of community ownership and co-housing.

I am also concerned about the way children and young people in our community are being controlled and demonised. They are our future and we should be making them feel special and supporting them, rather than being critical. They need space to develop and grow and youth facilities should be one area that receives more attention in future.

The issue of the lack of core time in the High Street is a particular concern of mine. Ever since the High Street was partially pedestrianised in 1985, making it a no-through street, there has been debate of who has the precedence – walkers or vehicles? With the growing amount of traffic using the street, not just for delivery, I will call for a daily core time period. The majority of towns that have taken this up have seen an increase in trade and happier shoppers. I am therefore proposing that between 10am and 4pm, no vehicles are allowed to use the street.

Stroud Interchange. This issue has been dragging on for at least seven years. How many towns have a main road running through their 'Bus Station'? Considering that this country is trying to make public transport more attractive, it is a disgrace. We must get back to negotiating with the Rail Authority to make this a reality.

Speaking about the Railway Station, I would endeavour to persuade the District Council to work with the Stroud Preservation Trust to raise more funds for the re-use of the Brunel Goods Shed. This is a wonderful building, which needs a use.

One of my greatest concerns is how difficult it is get into Stroud for pedestrians, especially mothers with small children, walking along the Cainscross Road. When the new enlarged roundabout at Merrywalks is built, I will keep a keen eye on the design so that in future walking into town becomes a pleasure.

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Molly Scott Cato – I look forward to hearing from you.

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