

THE VERNACULAR ARCHITECTURE AND BUILDINGS OF STROUD AND CHALFORD

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This is a jumbo book about Cotswold stone houses and cottages. It is crammed with details and photos of local buildings, which enables the architectural history of Cotswold buildings to be interpreted.

The book has been written following a long interest in the vernacular architecture and buildings of Stroud and Chalford. It contains information on the development of the settlements and their relationship with each other and with the local cloth industry. Many individual buildings are described, together with information about their development over the centuries, as shown by the evidence remaining in their structures. The detail and photos have been collected over the past 30 years, much gathered when the buildings were being renovated or threatened by demolition. This has enabled the structure of the buildings to be seen. A method for analysing buildings is described and has been applied in the discussion of the buildings in the text. It contains about 900 photographs of local cottages, houses and mills and is a unique record of the rich architectural history of the Stroud area. Advice is given to owners on how to look after their buildings, with the aim of encouraging the retention of the historic character of the buildings. The case is made for their sympathetic restoration, without over gentrification.

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