

Client **Stroud**
Date 2006
Number of units 1
Location King Street

Lisa Samak, Technical Contracts Officer

"We have been trying to find a resolution to the lack of facilities in Stroud for a while as there are no 24-hour toilets in the town at the moment. "We want to provide 24-hour facilities for people because urination in shop doorways is a problem in Stroud. And if it is well received we're hoping that a female version could be installed at some point."

"The Urilift will help to address the problem of revellers relieving themselves on their way home. It'll be brought up at night ready to deal with the night time economy, which is growing in Stroud, and brought back down underground for the daytime. People won't even know it's there,"

Karen Sands, manager of M&Co (formerly Mackays)

"Initially I was a little concerned about it being right outside our shop display - but that really won't be an issue as it is underground during the day. We regularly have people urinating in our doorway and even through our letterbox, so this will be a welcome feature in addressing the problem. Traders in Stroud have had to suffer for much too long. I look forward to not having to deal with the mess in the future."

The town of Colchester unveiled its first Urilift just a couple of months ago and has found that it is regularly used and has been well received by the public.

Councillor Cooper:

"I'm aware that people are already criticizing the Urilift even before it has been opened, but they need to be aware that we are not encouraging people to urinate in public - we are in fact, discouraging them from urinating in people's doorways. I suggest that the critics wait, and we all see how this solution has an impact on anti-social behaviour. If it addresses the problem as well as we think it will, we may see another one, including a variant for females - the Urigenic."

Unlike many councils who are closing public conveniences, Stroud District Council is committed to improving its toilet facilities, winning British toilet awards over the last two years for its fully refurbished, state of the art toilets in Berkeley, Stonehouse and Painswick. The council is committed to refurbishing its other toilets to the same standard

