

Plush new office

COUNTY council chairman Bob Wilson cut the ribbon at an official opening ceremony at Stroud's Register Office.

The office moved from its old headquarters at Winterbottom's solicitors in Rowcroft after former superintendent registrar Peter Gadsten retired.

Young couples have been tying the knot at the plush new marriage room since the end of January, but staff were too busy until now to arrange an official opening.

Deputy registrar general John Ribbons made a special trip down from London and described the marriage room, redecorated at a cost of £5,000, as "extremely tasteful".

He added that Gloucestershire is taking a great interest in all aspects of the new office.

Superintendent registrar Karen Knapton said great care had been taken to ensure people did not feel it was a second-rate place to be married.

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