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RE-ELECT ANDREW GRAVELLS ON MAY 22ND - FOR "ACTION IN ABBEY"

Andrew Gravells lives in Abbeydale and is standing for re-election to the City Council on Thursday May 22nd. Andrew is well known as a very approachable councillor who works hard for all the people of Abbey ward throughout the year, not just at election time!

Since first elected in 2000, Andrew has helped hundreds of people with issues they've brought to him and he holds regular open monthly advice sessions for local residents. He has worked closely with local campaigners opposed to the demolition of The Ridge and Furrow Public House and the building of a Petrol Filling Station on the site and has fought hard for better services right across our area. He is the President of the Abbeydale Sports and Community Association and he welcomes the news that the City Council has agreed to set aside £55,000 to refurbish and update the Play Area in Glevum Way by the Community Centre.

On May 22nd you will have two ballot papers; one ballot paper for the European election, and another to elect a councillor to represent you in our area. For an approachable and hard working Abbey councillor with a proven track record, on May 22nd please



Andrew at the Sports and Community Centre in Abbey

VOTE	ANDREW GRAVELLS Conservative		
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A Message from Andrew Gravells

Dear Neighbour,

I live locally, close to Morrisons, and I have always tried hard to be an effective and approachable Councillor.

I was born in Gloucester, went to St James Junior school and then The Crypt. I am now retired and have the time, energy and enthusiasm to represent Abbey residents for another term. I really want to continue making this great part of our city an even better area in which to live.

I aim to do my best for everyone, regardless of their politics, and always listen to people here who need my help or wish to run their ideas past me. Whenever I'm discussing issues with City Council officers and others, I ensure that our areas' voice is heard and that all decisions that might affect us take full account of Abbey views, and I work closely with colleagues in the Police and the County Council to deliver more joined up services.

I hope you will be able to support me, please, with your vote on 22nd May, so that I can carry on working for our area.

With best wishes,



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KEEPING IN TOUCH

Please give us your contact details so we can keep in touch with you about the issues you have raised:

Name
Address
Home/Mobile No
Email

Please return to: **1143 Regent Court, Gloucester Business Park, Gloucester, GL3 4AD**

HOW CAN YOU HELP US?

- ☐ Display a poster at election time
- ☐ Deliver leaflets
- ☐ Attend social events
- ☐ Join the local Party
- ☐ Vote by post
- ☐ Stand for Council

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ANDREW UPDATES YOU ON JUST A SMALL PART OF HIS WORK

■ The Ridge and Furrow Car Park

I am appalled that Trust Inns Ltd have barricaded off the car park. I spoke to Morrisons Head Office who told me that until Morrisons get Planning permission from the City Council to demolish the pub, Trust Inns Ltd continue with their lease of the site and are responsible for its maintenance. I think they could have at least left room in the car park for some spaces by the Doctors and Chemists. Their actions are insensitive.



ANDREW DISAPPOINTED BY THE BARRIERS ACROSS THE RIDGE AND FURROW'S CAR PARK

■ Play Area to get £55,000 makeover

I'm really pleased that the City Council will be spending £55,000 on upgrading and extending the Play Area by the Community Centre. I have campaigned for this and look forward to consulting with local groups of parents on the plans.



ANDREW AT THE PLAY AREA BY THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

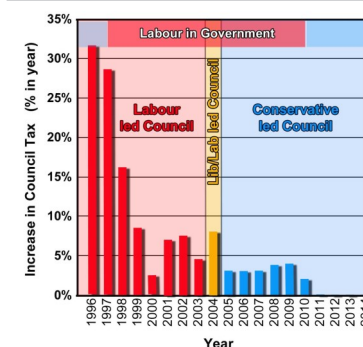
■ Stagecoach to Review its Services 2 and 2A

I have been talking to Stagecoach about their Services. Whilst the new Service has gone down very well with some people in Abbeymead, the new 2 and 2A Services haven't been as well received in Abbeydale. Journey times into town have increased, and Stagecoach have promised to look at these two routes again.

■ Morrisons Plans to demolish the Ridge and Furrow on hold

Morrisons plans to demolish The Ridge and Furrow and build a petrol filling station have still not appeared before the City Councils Planning Committee. I worked with local campaigners to get the pub listed as a Community Asset. At the moment more bore holes are having to be sunk to see if the water courses below the surface there will interfere with the petrol tanks.

COUNCIL TAX FROZEN FOR FOURTH YEAR RUNNING



■ The Conservative-run City Council has frozen council tax again making it the fourth year in succession that its share of the bill hasn't increased. And Conservatives have pledged no increase in bills for next year as well. Freezing the Council tax for four years has saved residents of a Band D property £220. The freeze is despite having to make major savings to help sort out the economic mess the last Labour Government left behind. Over the last four years, the City Council has made savings of £7.5 million, with another £3 million planned over the next two years.

The Council's budget has effectively been reduced by a quarter. This has been achieved largely through improving efficiency and reducing layers of management. Importantly the services that matter to you have been protected. The latest saving by the Conservative-run council is to manage without a highly-paid Chief Executive. The record of council tax rises over the last 20 years tells its own story. Only the Conservatives can be trusted to deliver the right services and keep control of costs.

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