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Updates from your Abbeymead Team

If you have any concerns or issues you would like to raise with us, or are able to help For more information, please see overleaf. deliver some leaflets, please get in touch with us using the reply slip over the page.

GRASS CUTTING IN ABBEYMEAD

As we're sure you will have noticed, the grass cutting was delayed in June, resulting in the grass getting too long. We have received many complaints about this issue, which has not just affected Abbeymead, but the majority of Unfortunately, the City Council's contractor had experienced resource issues, which was the reason for the delay. In addition to this, once the grass was finally cut, we did not feel the work was carried out to a good standard.



Following representation made by your local councillors, Laura Pearsall and Gordon Taylor, to the Council, a formal operational plan has been provided by AMEY, setting out how they intend to catch up on their grass cutting schedule. Measures have also been put in place to increase the level of grass cutting resource through additional crews, extended working hours, the introduction of more robust cutting equipment, and senior management expertise has been brought in from another AMEY contract to lead on the project. We hope this will help to ensure that the overgrowth of grass does not occur in

future.

The Council has already noted that the 'Flail' type mowers, that have been introduced, are already providing a better cut and a more aesthetically pleasing end product for residents.

As a result of the representation made by your local councillors, a review of grass cutting has been undertaken and an amended cutting schedule has been developed for the future, which focusses on the high visibility main arterial routes throughout the city and began on Monday 13th June. Abbeymead Avenue will go onto a 10 day cutting cycle, and Lobleys Drive onto a 15 Day cycle.

We are pleased that AMEY are working hard to resolve this matter and thank you for your patience during this time. Please do let us know if you know of any areas that are still affected so we can help to resolve this.

GL4 COMMUNITY SHOW

The GL4 Community Show will be taking place on Sunday 4th September this year, and is the one day in the year when the whole of Abbey showcases its work on the fields behind the Abbevdale Sports and Community Centre.

There will be a pig roast, bar, dog show, stalls, exhibitions, and demonstrations of all kinds of things which happen in Abbeymead & Abbeydale.

The show starts at 12pm and goes on for most of the afternoon. It's a great afternoon out for all of the family!

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Updates from your Conservative Abbeymead Team

Speed Control Measures on Lobleys Drive

Andrew Gravells, Abbey's County Councillor, has been working with your City Councillors, Laura and Gordon, on speeding issues in Abbeymead.

He has been in talks with the County Council on ways to slow traffic down on Lobleys Drive, following a number of concerned residents contacting us. As a result, the Council will be carrying out improvement work to the zebra crossing at the end of Lobleys Drive, by the M5 bridge.

The work is scheduled to take place between 17th-31st August and will

involve creating a raised zebra crossing with associated tactile paving improvements. The works will also include relaying the existing

anti-skid surfacing on both approaches to the crossing.

There will also be improvements made to the existing drainage and some cutting back of overgrown vegetation. All of this is aimed at slowing the traffic down.

Your three councillors have recently been out with the police carrying out vehicle speed checks on Lobleys Drive, as part of their speeding and drink driving campaign.

If you have any concerns about speeding on any particular roads in Abbeymead, please let us know.



Motorbikes using Footpaths in Abbeymead

Many residents have raised their concerns with us and the police regarding motorbikes using the footpaths in Abbeymead.

We have been in discussions with residents in some of the affected areas, as well as the police, to gain further information on this matter. The police have been taking actions, including a recent action weekend, to try and catch the people on the motorbikes and prevent this behaviour in future.

As a result of the information provided to us and the police, the police have been able to use this intelligence to increase their patrols in the affected areas, which has helped to reduce the problem. If you witness anyone using a motorbike on any footpaths or any other anti social behaviour, please do report this immediately to the Police on 101 in order to allow them to continue with their investigations.



Keeping in Touch with Abbeymead Residents

Laura and Gordon regularly meet at the Turmut Hoer.

If you ever want to come and see us, then please do.

We post the dates that we will be meeting on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

Alternatively, please do contact us using the contact details overleaf.

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