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### **Keeping In Touch**

#### **Updates from your Abbeymead Team**

deliver some leaflets, please get in touch with us using the contact details provided.

If you have any concerns or issues you would like to raise with us, or are able to help For more information about what your Abbeymead Team have been doing in the area, please see overleaf.

# BETTER KERBSIDE RECYCLING COMING TO GLOUCESTER

A new fleet of trucks are to bring extra kerbside recycling to Gloucester residents. Gloucester City Council has purchased 14 new recycling trucks which will provide a new doorstep collection service for mixed plastics, textiles and corrugated cardboard from January 2017!



The new trucks will deliver an enhanced recycling service for households right across the city. As well as collecting the food waste, newspapers and tin cans, which residents are currently able to leave at the kerbside, they will also be able to pick up mixed plastics, textiles and corrugated cardboard for the first time.

Residents can expect to see the new trucks with the extended service in their

area at the beginning of 2017 and will receive a new weather proof sack to place their cardboard into.

Collection times will stay the same with recycling and food waste still being collected weekly and refuse continuing to be collected fortnightly.

# **POWER CUT! NEW 105 PHONE NUMBER**

A lot of people don't know who to call to report or get updates about power cuts, with many wrongly calling the energy supply companies they pay their bills to. 105 aims to solve this problem, providing people with an easy-to-



remember number that will put them straight through to their local electricity network operator.

With a number of power cuts having recently taken place in Abbeymead, 105 is a new three-digit number that residents can call to report or get information when these do take place.

You can also call 105 with any welfare concerns related to a power cut, or if you are worried about the safety of over or underground electricity cables or substations.

105 is free of charge and will put you through to your electricity network operator. You can call 105 from most landlines and mobile phones.

This Service is very new, only having launched on the 6th September.

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### CITY REGENERATION PLANS GATHERING MOMENTUM



Work for the new bus station is already on site, with demolition and archaeology complete and highways changes to start soon before the new building starts to come out of the ground.

A start on site is also due soon at Bakers Quay, alongside the canal next to Gloucester Quays. The first phase includes a new Premier Inn, drive-thru Costa Coffee and Brewers Fayre restaurant, together with the rebuilding of the arson-hit Provender Mill. Laura says, "This site has been derelict for a long time so it's great to see it being sorted out at last."

Planning consent has been granted for a new flagship Next clothing and homeware store at the Peel Centre, together with some new retail units, including conversion of the old cinema.

We welcome these improvements to the city.

### **Updates from your Conservative Abbeymead Team**

### **Laura & Gordon's Community Fund**

Laura and Gordon have received a number of suggestions for ways in which to use their Councillor Community Fund to date. This year, they have £2,000 each to spend and are keen to spend this within the ward so if you have any suggestions, please contact them using the details overleaf.

Ideas they have received so far include a dual use recycling/waste bin for our park areas, railings to be installed on footpaths for safety, and a seat at Contour Park.

Laura and Gordon are currently reviewing these ideas and look forward to receiving any further proposals you may have.



### **Overgrown Vegetation**

Throughout the summer there has been a large amount of overgrown vegetation, particularly onto the footpaths, obstructing pedestrians from using them.

Laura and Gordon have received a significant number of complaints and would like to reassure residents that they have raised this issue, which is being dealt with by the Council. They will ensure all action is taken to catch up with the cutting and keep on top of this maintenance.

If you have noticed any hedges or shrubbery that is particularly overgrown, please do report it to the council via heretohelp@gloucester.gov.uk or by phone on 01452 396396.

### **Update on Motorbikes using Footpaths in Abbeymead**

Following many complaints received by your local councillors regarding motorbikes and mini-mopeds using footpaths in Abbeymead, they have been working closely with the Police and residents over recent months to try to prevent this from happening. We are pleased to report that during August, the Police Specials mounted a

successful operation in conjunction with local PCSOs and the intelligence department. Thanks to all of the information from residents that was passed to the police either directly or via your local councillors, Laura and Gordon, they were able to target certain areas and by the end of the night they had; seized 2 mopeds; issued one section 59 notice; stopped 12 riders to educate them of their presence and gather information; and issued 2 vehicle defect notices to mopeds.

In addition to this, following several residents in one particular area raising concerns with Laura, your local councillors have met with a number of the residents and looked at having railings installed on a footpath to prevent the motorbikes being able to cut through. We are pleased to confirm that these are currently in the process of being installed and hope this will help to reduce the problem on the whole length of the footpath.

If you have any concerns regarding motorbikes using the footpaths or witness any anti-social behaviour, please report this to the Police on 101.



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