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ANDREW GRAVELLS SAYS 'THANK YOU'

Dear Neighbour

The General Election and County Council Elections seem miles away now, but before memories fade too much please can I thank everyone who supported me with their vote on May 4th. I was very fortunate to have had the biggest majority of any candidate in the City and I am so grateful for this display of confidence. I'd also like to thank Councillor Collette Finnegan for all her work in the Campaign. We work well as a team and either one of us is always ready to hear from you. Thank you again.

Andrew



Cllr Andrew Gravells at Morrisons

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Andrew and Collette meeting the County Council Healthy Lifestyles team at Gloucester Royal Hospital



Small changes to our lifestyles can have a big impact on our health and wellbeing.

Gloucestershire's Healthy Lifestyles team is here to help and support you. Do you want to lose weight, giving up smoking, become more active or just improve your overall wellbeing?

For more information call Freephone 0800 122 3788

Councillors have new bench installed

Collette and Andrew trying out one of the new benches that they have provided in Abbeydale. Each Councillor has £2000 per year to spend on improvements in their ward, and the benches were part of this last year. Please let us know of any suggestions for similar improvement for this year.



Collette & Andrew at the new bench in

Exeter and Sidmouth Saturday 9th September

Come and join us on a luxury coach trip to Exeter and Sidmouth on Saturday 9th September leaving from Morrisons, Abbeydale, at 8.00am, stopping at Exeter for coffee, some shopping and sightseeing and then on to Sidmouth for lunch and relaxation. Tickets cost £22.50 excluding refreshments and are available from Collette on 07703 839856.

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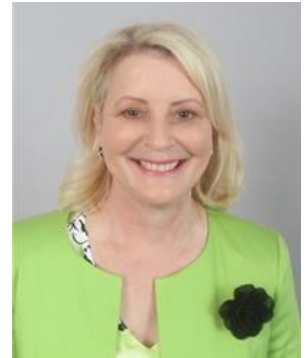
ABBAYDALE CONSERVATIVE COUNCILLORS WORKING FOR YOU ALL YEAR ROUND

ACTION IN OUR AREA

KINGSHOLM BREAKFAST CLUB

IT IS JUST OVER A YEAR since Collette was elected as a City Councillor for Abbeydale, and it is a good time to catch up on the tremendous amount of work that she has been doing on your behalf since then, both as a local Abbeydale councillor and as a member of various committees on the City Council. She has helped to run monthly surgeries at the Community Centre in conjunction with her colleague Andrew Gravells where they have helped to resolve many local issues.

Collette is on the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee where she has raised concerns about the standard of health provision in Gloucester, and also sits on the Police and Crime Scrutiny Committee which reviews the performance of the Police throughout Gloucestershire. In addition she is a member of the Planning Committee and represents the City Council at the Citizens' Advice Bureau.



Cllr Collette Finnegan



The popular bi monthly breakfast event attracts over 70 top local business people to Kingsholm to enjoy a sit down breakfast and informal networking opportunities. Collette was invited to speak to them about her role as Health Champion, and to seek their support for some of her fundraising activities, and was very warmly received.

GLOUCESTER CITY HEALTH CHAMPION



In recognition of over 30 year's service as a Health professional Collette was appointed GLOUCESTER CITY HEALTH CHAMPION and has featured several times in the local press and on radio promoting mental health awareness and issues concerning children's mental health and child obesity. One of her first actions was to try and improve the standards of care for people suffering from dementia, and she persuaded the City Council to adopt the framework necessary for Gloucester to become one of the first Dementia Friendly cities in the country.

Collette used her initiative to design and produce a commemorative wrist band called 'Memories', and obtained some financial support from retired Gloucester Rugby players at Kingsholm. The wristbands were sold by a small team of helpers at various Kingsholm matches during the season and it raised thousands of pounds for local charities that will go towards helping the carers of those suffering from dementia.

Gloucester Rugby are planning to create a Community Hub at Kingsholm which will provide valuable training facilities for schools from all over the County, but there were insufficient funds available for it to proceed, and they asked Collette for help. She succeeded in obtaining £40,000 towards the scheme from a local company and the project is now underway and will open in the autumn.

As a result of all this activity, Collette was awarded the certificate for Best New Initiatives of the Year by the Leader of the Council. Not bad for a first year Newby!



Collette selling bands with Richard Graham

CARING AND CAMPAIGNING FOR OUR COMMUNITY