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NEW RESOURCES

INSTALLED IN ABBEYMEAD

Laura and Gordon's 2016/17 councillor allocation, which they used for a variety of different resources for Abbeymead, have now been installed.

■ Further to our update in the February edition of AbbeyViews, advising that Laura and Gordon have spent their allocation for 2016/2017, we can confirm that the three new dual use recycling and litter bins have now been installed - 2 in Lobleys Drive car park and one at the entrance to the Abbeymead Contour Park. In addition to this, the bench that was funded has also been installed at Contour Park.

In addition to this, last year we informed you that Laura and Gordon would be using some of their allocation to install new play equipment in Mead

Park. We are pleased to advise that the work has been carried out and that the new springer is in place. We hope that children will enjoy the new addition to the play park.

Cllr Laura Pearsall says, "I'm pleased to see young people are benefitting from this equipment which we spent some of last year's allocation on. Next year Gordon and I will be receiving £2,000 between us to spend in Abbeymead, so I would encourage anyone who feels there is something that the area would benefit from to contact us and let us know your ideas."



Gordon with the new springer installed in Mead Park

News from Abbeymead

NEW RECYCLING SERVICE DELIVERING RESULTS

■ Thank you for your patience as the new recycling service bedded in over January, we are aware that several areas in Abbeymead had day and week changes, which may have caused some initial confusion, but we are happy this is all now running smoothly.

Since commencement of the new recycling service on 16th January over 360 tonnes of new material has been diverted away from landfill. Mixed plastics makes up over 60% of this new material with cardboard making up 34% and the remainder being textiles. Participation levels are promising across most areas of the city.

Cllr Gordon Taylor said, "It is looking likely that over the next year we will achieve our 5% increase in recycling target and we are also hopeful of diverting a further 1000 tonnes of material away from landfill. I've noticed how much lighter my black bin is now when I take it out and I think I might need a third green box as we can recycle so much more! It's a great improvement to the service."

If you need an additional recycling bin, do contact Gloucester City Council on 01452 396396.

RAISE YOUR VIEWS WITH YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS

■ Do you have an issue or concern you would like to raise with your local councillors, Laura and Gordon? If so, they have regular monthly surgeries at the Turmut Hoer, so do come and see them.

The dates of the next two surgeries taking place are Monday 24th April and Wednesday 24th May. They will be there from 6-7pm.

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

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NEW PATH TO ABBEYMEAD SCHOOL

■ The new pedestrian entrance and footpath, running from Lobleys Drive car park through to link up with the existing footpath which leads to Abbeymead Primary School, reported in the last AbbeyViews newspaper has now been constructed and the work completed.

This is great news for Abbeymead residents as it makes it much easier for you to walk to Abbeymead

Primary School from Lobleys Drive.

Laura and Andrew have recently been to see the new footpath and spoken with a number of residents who are extremely pleased to see this new addition and agreed it will certainly benefit residents going forward.

The car park was previously pretty muddy, making this a difficult cut through to use for the school and facilities in Abbeymead.



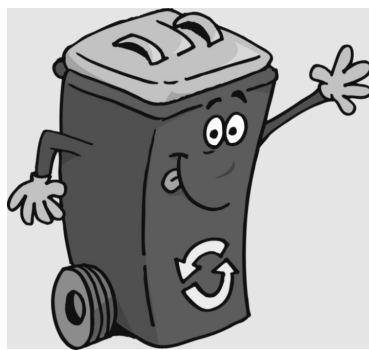
Laura and Andrew on the new path

GARDEN WASTE SCHEME – THE FACTS

■ The garden waste scheme is for Gloucester residents who wish to participate and is not mandatory. Since 2011 it has cost £36 per annum for 25 fortnightly collections, equivalent to £1.44 per collection. This price will rise for the first time in October 2017 to £42 and in October 2018 to £44, equivalent to £1.76 per collection.

This service is considered by most residents to be good value. Your garden waste has to be recycled somehow, either by you composting in your own garden or taking it to Hempsted. Compare the alternative of bagging all the garden waste, loading it into the car, queuing at Hempsted, and cleaning the residue from the car later.

The Lib Dems accuse Gloucester City Council of using this service to tax and profiteer from recycling but any excess revenue is ploughed back into the waste and recycling service, of which the green waste collection is just a part and which annually costs a total of over £6 million.



News SNIPPETS

STREET LIGHTING ON ABBEYMEAD AVENUE

■ When Laura noticed the streetlights were not working on the stretch of Abbeymead Avenue from the turning for Abbeymead School and the Lobleys Drive junction, she reported to Highways and worked with Andrew to ensure this problem was rectified – the streetlights are now back up and fully functioning. If you notice a streetlight is out, please report it to Gloucestershire County Council on 01452 425000.

FLY-TIPPING IN ABBEYMEAD

■ Laura and Gordon have recently had reports of fly-tipping in Abbeymead near to the River Twyver running alongside Stewards Mill Lane. They are acting on this to ensure the matter is dealt with and to try and prevent this situation arising in future. They have arranged for the dog poo bin in this area to be replaced with a dual use litter and dog poo bin and are looking to organise a community litter pick. If you are able to spare any time and would like to get involved, please get in touch with one of us to ensure Abbeymead remains a great place to live.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS ON ABBEYMEAD AVENUE

■ There has recently been an issue with the traffic lights at the Abbeymead Avenue/Lobleys Drive junction, resulting in the lights not working altogether, which made it extremely dangerous for vehicles using this section of the road. Laura raised this with Gloucestershire County Council and managed to restore the working system the same evening. If you experience any traffic lights out across Abbeymead, do report this on 08000 514 514.

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