Working for Abbeymead all year round

# AbbeyViews Conservatives



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# **LLOTMENTS IN** BBEYMEAD

Laura and Gordon have been asked by local residents to consult on the possibility of introducing a small number of allotments into Abbeymead, so they are keen to hear your views.

It has been brought to Laura's attention that a number of residents are keen to have allotments in Abbeymead, as we do not currently have any. She initially spoke to the City Council to see if this is something that we could consider delivering.

In order for your local councillors to progress this and have a small number of allotments created, theu would need to determine which City Council owned public open space could be used.

Laura and Gordon would like to hear your views to see if this is something residents would be keen for them to pursue. It would also be helpful for them to know any opposition to a small loss of public open space to allow for this. Please do get in touch with them using the contact details overleaf.

In addition, if you have any ideas about where you feel would be best for the allotments to be located (such as Contour Park) please let Laura and Gordon know.



**News from Abbeymead** 

## NORMAL GRASS CUTTING SCHEDULE RESUMED

All our partners were asked to suggest ways to save money to help the City Council deal with reductions in funding. Amey suggested a reduction in frequency of grass cutting which would give a significant saving without, they suggested, affecting the quality of the environment. We agreed to a 3 month trial with 2 weekly cuts on main routes and 6 weekly in our neighbourhoods.

Laura and Gordon have received a vast number of complaints about the state of the grass and we agree with you. Amey didn't even achieve the 6 weekly cycle but instead took 9 weeks. The trial has now ended and we will now revert to more frequent cutting. Indeed our Cabinet Member is demanding extra resources are brought in to catch up and make the city tidy again.

We do apologise for the mess you have had to endure during this experiment.

#### **PLAY YOUR PART IN KEEPING** ABBEYMEAD TIDY!

Your local councillors have recently received a number of complaints regarding littering in Abbeymead, particularly on the fields behind Abbeymead Primary School. Much of this is down to some individuals who do not use the bins provided or take their rubbish home.

Laura has looked into the number of litter bins in the areas of concern and has been advised that there are adequate so as not to add to the problem. She has also had tri-signs installed in certain areas to encourage individuals to use the bins provided.

Let's all try to keep Abbeymead tidy by looking after our own areas and above all dealing with our rubbish responsibly.

## THANK YOU FROM ANDREW GRAVELLS

Dear Neighbour,

The General Election and County council Election seem miles away now, but before memories fade too much please can I thank everyone who supported me on May 4th with their vote in the County Council election. I had the biggest majority in the City and I am so grateful for this display of

confidence. This is a great part of Gloucester in which to live, and working with the two City councillors for our area we will continue to do our best to keep it that way. Thank you again for your support.

With best wishes, Andrew



# NEW RECYCLING SERVICE CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

Gloucester City Council has launched a new campaign asking you to think before you throw things in your black bin.

Since the improved recycling service was launched back in January, Gloucester residents have really got on board and as a result more than 800 tonnes of additional recycling has been collected in Gloucester. This six week campaign, which launched on 12th June, urged city residents to 'Recycle More' and think about what they are throwing away.



As we're sure you noticed, stickers were placed on black waste bins city-wide (approx 52,000) showing materials which can be recycled and shouldn't go to landfill. More information on recycling in Gloucester can be found on the city council website www.gloucester.gov.uk

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#### **Upcoming EVENTS**

#### DAY TRIP TO LONDON

■ Barnwood & Hucclecote Conservatives are organising a day trip to London, to include a tour of the Houses of Parliament on Monday 13th November.

The tour will visit both the House of Commons and House of Lords and providing that our MP Richard Graham is available you will hopefully be able to meet up with him for a chat.

There will also be some time for a visit to the nearby Jewel Tower where you will have free entry.

The coach will depart from the Royal Oak, Hucclecote at 7.30am and will leave London for the return trip at 5.30pm.

Coach tickets cost £25. To reserve your place please contact Lise Noakes on 01452 610702 or email lise@lisenoakes.org.uk. All are welcome.

### TRIP TO SIDMOUTH / EXETER

■ On Saturday 9th September Abbey Conservatives will be running a day trip to Exeter for shopping and sightseeing in the morning followed by lunch at the seaside in Sidmouth.

The coach will be leaving Morrisons, Abbeydale at 8.00am and returning by 6.30pm.

Tickets cost £22.50. For more information and to book your tickets, please contact Collette on 07703 739856.

### GLOUCESTER HISTORY FESTIVAL

■ Gloucester History Festival has more going on this year than ever before, starting with Gloucester Day on Saturday 2nd September and ending with the final talk at Blackfriars on 17th. Family Day on Saturday 9th has a host of free activities for children. Go to the website:

www.gloucesterhistoryfestival.co.uk for more details and why not give it a try?



