

# AbbeyViews

Summer 2019



## LAURA AND GORDON SELECTED FOR ABBEYMEAD

**Laura and Gordon selected to re-stand for the Conservatives in Abbeymead Ward for City Council elections in May 2020**

■ Laura Brooker and Gordon Taylor have recently been selected to re-stand for Abbeymead next year in the City Council elections.

Laura said, "I'm delighted to have been formally adopted as one of the candidates for Abbeymead, along with Gordon Taylor, to re-stand in the 2020 City Council elections.

"It is a great privilege to represent the area I've grown up in and that

means so much to me! I am extremely grateful to residents for giving me this fantastic opportunity."

Gordon said, "I have loved watching our city grow and change over the period I have been on the council representing the Abbey area. It would be an honour to continue to be a part of the regeneration of our great historic city and represent you all, and I appreciate the opportunity you have all given me thus far."



Gordon and Laura

### News from Abbeymead Conservatives

#### COACH TRIP TO LONDON

■ Abbey Conservatives are organising a day trip to London on 15th July, to include an optional tour of the Houses of Parliament. In addition, you will have the chance to meet with our own Member of Parliament, Richard Graham, as well as time to spend at your leisure, visiting the nearby Westminster Abbey or shopping in London.

This may be one of the last opportunities to visit the House of Commons and House of Lords, as the palace is expected to close for refurbishment soon.

Coach tickets cost £25.00. For more information or to book tickets, please contact Laura on 07508 294182 or by email at [laura\\_brooker@outlook.com](mailto:laura_brooker@outlook.com) ASAP to ensure you secure a place!



House of Commons

#### ABBEY STAY AND PLAY GROUP

■ Laura has contributed some of her community fund for this year to the new 'Abbey Stay and Play' group for parents/grand-parents which will run at Abbeydale Community Centre from September. The group will run weekly, 9.30-11am on Weds, during term-time from 25th September and will only cost £2.50 per family to include tea/coffee as well as toys for the children.

Until September, the group will be meeting in the Phoenix café 10-11.30am on Weds mornings and will be free to attend. The group is open to anyone with children aged 0-5 and is a great place for you and your little one(s) to meet new people in a friendly and safe environment. For more information, please contact Laura using the details overleaf.

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# CLEARING ON HONEYSUCKLE DRIVE

■ Some recent tree works have been carried out on Honeysuckle Drive and the area was left looking a mess. This situation was brought to our attention by a local resident and following enquiries made by your local Councillors, we can advise the trees were removed due to subsidence damage.

Work will continue with what is left after bird nesting season

has finished. Gordon asked for the area to be cleared of rubbish, which has been done with the exception of a traffic cone which is home to a bees nest and will again be removed later in the year.

We will make sure that the area is brought back to a presentable standard as soon as is practically possible and we will keep on the case.



## News **SNIPPETS**

### PLAY OUT SCHEME UPDATE

■ Cllr Laura Brooker and Cllr Andrew Gravells, along with a local resident, have recently met with City and County Council Officers to look into how we can carry out the 'Playing Out' scheme in Abbeymead.

The legal teams at both the City and County Council are on the case and we are hoping a pilot will be carried out very soon in Abbeymead.

Following this, provided all goes well, anyone wishing to participate in the scheme and carry out a 'Playing Out' session in the street, should be able to do so.

For more information on how you can get involved/if you would be interested in running this in your street, do contact Laura or Andrew.

### FLY TIPPING

■ Some fly tipping has been reported to us in the Abbeymead area, which Gordon and Laura have helped to get removed. If you see any cases of fly tipping then please in the first instance report it

to the Council on 396 396 or heretohelp@gloucester.gov.uk

Should it persist, do contact Laura or Gordon. If it is on public land we can organise the council to come and remove it. Fly tipping is a blight on the area and we don't want it in Abbeymead.

### DOG FOULING

■ Residents tell us they are fed up with littering, dog fouling, fly tipping and other selfish behaviours that make our city look a mess. To help tackle these problems the City Council have had to introduce fixed penalty fines due to the small minority of people who do not deal with their rubbish responsibly. Please remember to pick up after your dogs. For more information go to <http://bit.ly/2UZLAKB>

### TWYVER AND SUDBROOK

■ In previous AbbeyViews we told you about the bid we won from the European Structural and Investment Funds to work on some of our watercourses, including the Twyver and Sudbrook

that run through our part of the city. If you are interested in information about the works and their progress then more information can be found here: <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/west-midlands/gloucester-rivers-improvement>.

We have also put a link on our AbbeyViews website.

### ALLEY WAY BETWEEN ROMAN ROAD & ABBOTTS ROAD CLEARED

■ Laura and Gordon have received a vast number of complaints from local residents regarding the state of this alley way. Laura has reported this and followed up and we are pleased to feed back that all work has now been carried out. Thank you to the residents who took the time to contact us to bring this matter to our attention.

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