



Andrew, Gordon and Laura are pleased that they can now deliver an Abbey Views Newsletter to you

Hello,

We're so pleased that the national lockdown regulations mean that we can at last deliver our newsletter Abbey Views to you. The Covid regulations have prevented us from doing that.

Firstly, to those of you who have been treated for the virus, we hope that you're now recovering well. We extend our sympathy to those people in our area who have suffered the loss of a family member or close friend. The Pandemic has hit us all, some much harder than others.

As we went into the first lockdown we were pleased that so many local people came forward to help us to set up a network of Covid Street Wardens, helping us to set up a network of help across our area, and also working with colleagues down the road in Abbeydale too.

That meant that when people were self-isolating we were able to swiftly deal with any requests for help with all kinds of things. Some people needed help with collecting prescriptions, or food from Morrisons, or help with Benefits. We were able, thanks to our Street Wardens, to ensure that help was received swiftly and with the minimum of fuss.

Volunteers came from a wide range of backgrounds, and most had never done any kind of voluntary work before, but as they put it, they just wanted to look out for people in our area who could do with some help during this tough time.

We know from talking to Councillors right across the City, that Abbeymead and Abbeydale had one of the best organised teams of Street Wardens across Gloucester. The Street Wardens 'Whats App' Group which we set up worked really well, and so to everyone who took part in that, and to those people who helped our community in any way at all, please accept our heartfelt thanks. Thank You.

Throughout all of the lockdowns we tried to deal with all the individual casework that was brought to us by local people, who contacted us by email, or by phone.

We are pleased that we were able to go on representing our area all the way through the various lockdowns. Council Meetings never stopped and were held on MS Teams.

Our contact details are overleaf, so please don't hesitate to get in touch on any issues. We can't always pull the rabbit out of the hat, but we'll always give things our very best shot.

It's really good to be back delivering Abbey Views newsletters again, and we hope you'll understand why we've been unable to do that for a while. Please stay safe.

Best wishes,

Laura Brooker
City Councillor

Gordon Taylor
City Councillor

Andrew Gravells
County Councillor

Laura, Gordon & Andrew.

Updates from your Conservative Abbeymead Team

Who's who in our Team

Laura Brooker - Laura Brooker is a hard working councillor for our area. She works for the Gloucester Member of Parliament, Richard Graham, and is used to helping people on a wide range of issues. The skills she uses there, and the knowledge she has acquired, are put to good use here as a city councillor.

Andrew Gravells - Andrew Gravells is our local county councillor, and works closely with Laura and Gordon on County Council issues affecting our area. He was awarded the MBE last year for his work in the local community over many years, and is an experienced local councillor.

Gordon Taylor - Gordon Taylor works at a local Grammar school in the IT Department. He has been one of our experienced City Councillors for some time now. He is the Chairman of the City's Planning Committee, a key role in the regeneration of Gloucester.

Reporting back to you

- Here's just a short snapshot of some of the work we've been doing. It's by no means an exhaustive account of our community work here.
- Dealing daily with phone calls and emails from local people on a wide range of issues, and getting results and successful outcomes.
- Setting up a network of Street Wardens to help local people in Abbeymead during the pandemic lockdowns.
- Working with Abbeymead Rovers Football Club, and helping them to secure financial grants from the Council to buy much needed equipment, including a life saving cardiac defibrillator and casing for an existing one.
- Working with the 7th Gloucester Boys Brigade & Girls Association during the pandemic and helping them with a grant to enable them to keep going and helping young people in our area.
- Helping the Abbeydale Sports and Community Centre in a variety of ways, and supporting them by helping them access Council grants.
- Working with our great local Police officers to address local issues around speeding, anti-social behaviour and graffiti.
- Working closely with local schools in our area, and helping Heron Primary to access Council grants.
- Meeting (virtually on MS Teams) with Highways England about excessive noise from the M5 running through our area.
- Working with the County Council and Police to try to stop oversized lorries using Lobleys Drive.
- Working with the Hadwen Medical Centre on a range of issues.

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May 6th - Election Day for the Local Elections Please use your votes to vote for Experience and Commitment to our area. Thank you.

The postponed elections for the City Council, along with the elections for the County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner will take place on Thursday May 6th. You will be offered three different ballot papers. Please use one ballot paper for the City Council Election, and use your **TWO VOTES** for Laura Brooker and Gordon Taylor.



Please use one ballot paper for the Police and Crime Commissioner election to vote for Chris Nelson.

Please use one ballot paper for the County Council election to vote for Andrew Gravells.

