

Regeneration across the city – what's next?

From Jamie McDonald to Phil Vickery many agree Gloucester is on the UP – the Rugby World Cup is coming and the Greyfriars development is moving fast. But there's much more to be done. Here are some of my plans with key partners.



Greater Blackfriars

I'm working with the County and City Councils and the University for a master plan of housing and civic led re-development from the former Prison to Shire Hall. I intend that there will be housing for about 2,000 more residents alongside the River Severn, with a new Justice Centre, police station and hotel.

Bus Station and Kings Quarter

This is now all funded and ready for the Stanhope planning application. A new city centre retail world at last.

Opening up the Railway Station to the GRH

With Network Rail, First Great Western (FGW) and County Council I intend to see access to the station opened on the other side, the empty car park used by FGW and a new pedestrian, pram, mobility scooter and cycle friendly over bridge from station forecourt to Great Western Road – linking the hospital to the city centre and closing

the underpass. I intend for a new and improved forecourt with a better link to the new bus station, and the car park exiting onto Metz Way not Bruton Way. And more trains stopping at Gloucester.

More at Gloucester Quays

I am supporting Peel's work to bring in big retail names and expand the Quays along the canalside, and I back the developer Rokeby to resolve the Baker's Quay mess.

A417 Missing Link

Our Local Enterprise Partnership will be involved in all of these changes and I am working with them to win government support for a new stretch of the A417, to prevent accidents and queues at the Air Balloon.

20 city centre eyesores

I've agreed with the City Council that we should improve 20 individual sites before the World Cup Rugby comes—an incentive for landowners and council alike to get things sorted.

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WORKING FOR YOU IN GLOUCESTER

Regenerating Gloucester

- Opening of new £15 million Gloucester Academy.
- Completion of Railway Triangle Phase 1: 1000 new jobs. Phase 2 to start soon.
- £3.1m of funding secured for new Walls & C&G roundabouts.
- Completion of Lower Westgate ST drainage.
- Chancellor's Budget announcement of £50m debt write off for new social housing.



Planting with St. Peter's students



Hearing from Anne at Quedgeley PO



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Supporting the Community

- Parcel collection for Grange & Tuffley residents back to Quedgeley.
- Protecting the Ridge & Furrow pub through the 6500 survey responses in Abbey.
- Securing DVLA access at Quedgeley PO.
- Opening of former prison for two weekends.
- Arranged Alzheimers Research and Hempsted planning events.

Championing Young People

- Organised 4 jobs fairs – attended by over 2000 people.
- Encouraging apprentices – including my own.
- Visiting many Gloucester schools – and helping secure £10 million extra fairer funding.



Working with business

- Over 100 meetings with local businesses.
- Organised visits to Gloucester businesses from the Chancellor, Skills and Defence Ministers.
- Led Gloucestershire and SW trade mission to Indonesia.
- Encouraged expansion of capital allowances.
- Opened Britain's newest bank – TSB.

Speaking Out in Parliament

- High Cost Credit – protecting the vulnerable from loan sharks.
- Dementia – encouraging funding and research.
- Annuities – securing a better deal for pensioners.
- Cycling – promoting safety on our roads.
- Tougher dangerous driving laws.



Richard Graham MP

Annual Report 2013/14

Dear Resident,

Here's my report back to you on what I've been doing for Gloucester as your MP.

The highlights have been:

- Getting the law changed with Tredworth resident Mandy Stock for longer sentences for drivers who kill or cause injury when disqualified;
- Persuading the Treasury to write off £50 million of Gloucester City Council debt and enable Gloucester City Homes to build their first new social housing for 25 years;
- Securing the funding for the Walls and C&G roundabout improvements;
- Opening the new £15 million Gloucester Academy and securing extra funding for all Gloucester schools;
- Completion of Phase 1 of the Railway Triangle regeneration;
- Time to Heal project (for the homeless) at the GRH funded and renewed.

Overall it's been a good year for Gloucester with unemployment falling, new businesses opening, a huge increase in apprenticeships and, as the Centre for Cities' latest data showed, an increase in life satisfaction in the city.

But there is still masses to do to make Gloucester "Britain's Best Small City" – this report shares some of my thoughts on this with you, but please email me YOUR reactions on richard4gloucester@gmail.com.

Best regards,

Richard Graham

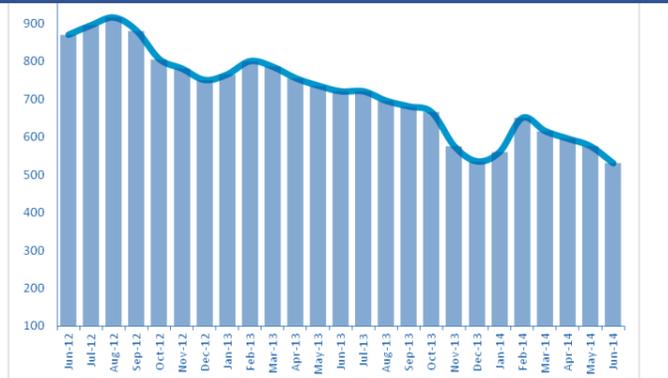
Richard Graham
MP for Gloucester

Jobs – especially for the young

- Apprenticeships  Up 78% since 2010
1,350 new starts in 2013
- Unemployment  Down 29% since June 2013
- Youth Unemployment  Down 39% since June 2012
340 more young people in work



Richard Graham and employers at one of his Jobs Fairs



Gloucester is on the UP

- 27.9% SMEs expanding (2010-13)
- 39.2% Manufacturing firms expanding (2010-13)
- 74% of SMEs trained staff in last 12 months (2013)
- Ranked 7th out of 64 cities for life satisfaction (2012-13)

WORKING FOR GLOUCESTER A YEAR IN FIGURES

- More than 6000 constituent queries answered
- Average cost of expenses and office running costs since 2010 is over 20% less than previous MP – as pledged when elected
- Arranged visits for over 500 Gloucester constituents and 7 schools to Parliament
- Received over 11,000 survey responses on: planning, the Ridge & Furrow, and parcel collection
- Hosted 13 work experience students from local schools
- Brought Gloucester beer to Parliament!



Spraying Believe in Gloucester at Paint Jam



Litter picking with Kingsway Residents Association

Speaking up for Gloucester in Parliament

- Has spoken in 57 debates
- Chairs 4 All Party Parliamentary Groups (APPGs): Pensions, Regeneration through Innovation, China & Indonesia
- Secretary of APPG for Post Offices
- Vice Chair of APPG for the Commonwealth
- Appointed Prime Minister's Trade Envoy for Indonesia

Work in the Community

- Volunteering in Gloucestershire Royal Hospital
- Completed Parliamentary Armed Forces Scheme
- Joined Parliamentary Police Scheme with Gloucestershire Constabulary
- Playing cricket for Gloucester City Winget CC
- Attended over 120 community and faith events
- Chaired the Gloucester History festival preparations and organised the Talks



Bringing Gloucester beer to Parliament

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

“Thank you. The most proactive MP I have ever had. I could even vote Tory for the first time. Both my parents were Labour.”

Constituent with personal issue

“Many thanks for the good news. You do a very good job for Gloucester.”

Constituent with Home Office issue

“Just a short note to thank you for all your help with my Father in Law and help sorting out my son's apprenticeship.”

Constituent employment issue

“You have an amazing way of connecting with people. Thank you for your input into getting our street straight.”

Constituent with street problem

“The school has been delighted by Richard Graham's support and by his mention of our efforts in Parliament”

Severn Vale Academy

Prison Tour gets 500 extra places

Mr Graham, who created the History Festival and was responsible for persuading the MoJ to open the former prison to the public, said: “This is a good example of everyone working together to allow more people to see a part of our city's heritage.”

The Citizen 12/09/13

Supporting Families, individuals and businesses

- Helped young job-hunters through organising jobs fairs, providing advice on my website and advertising job and apprenticeship opportunities.
- Kept Gloucester informed on flooding issues.
- Successfully campaigned for a better deal on annuities for all pensioners and those approaching retirement.
- Helped families, individuals and carers by campaigning on problems with Atos.
- Campaigned successfully to renew the post office card account.
- Keeping people informed – sent 38 e-news over the last year.
- Raised over £2000 for Gloucester charities.
- Visited 22 schools.



Visiting Tom Cats tricycles for disabled children

And much, much more – visit my website (www.richardgraham.org) or follow me on twitter (@richardgrahammp) to find out more details. If you have something I can help you with let me know on: richard4gloucester@gmail.com