

Update for Corsham Area Board

Name of Parish/Town Council	Corsham Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	14 October 2021

Headlines/Key successes

- The Town Council's full-time Environmental Projects Officer, Beth Searle, is now in post (bsearle@corsham.gov.uk) and working with the Environment Task Group on a number of projects. The Group is made up of representatives from the Town Council, Transcoco, Bath Spa University, MOD Corsham, local churches, schools and businesses, as well as individuals who have an interest in helping with this work.

- The Town Council has purchased an electric vehicle for the Council's ground staff. The all-electric, zero-emission Groupil G4 pick-up, which can be charged from a domestic 3-pin socket, will help to reduce the Town Council's carbon footprint as the vehicle will be used to carry out general maintenance tasks on a daily basis.

- A volunteer group has been set up for people who are enthusiastic about planting more trees in Corsham.
- The Town Council will be installing six public-use recycling bins in the High Street as part of a trial to have recycling bins across all public spaces in Corsham. This will reduce the amount of waste that ends up in landfill and lower pollution caused by the town's litter.

Projects

- Flood Warden Scheme – The Town Council is planning to set up a Flood Warden Scheme, focusing initially on the southern part of town (Byde Mill Brook area). It is hoped the wardens will act as 'eyes and ears' for the community in areas affected by flooding.

- The Town Council has started work on its next Strategic Plan 2022-2026. Councillors and staff met to discuss the Council's vision and priorities for the next four years.

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Forthcoming events/Diary dates

- Remembrance Sunday, 14 November – Discussions are underway between the Town Council, the Royal British Legion, MOD Corsham and St Bart's Church as to how the town can mark Remembrance Sunday. It is likely to be a very different parade and ceremony compared to other years.
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- StoryTown – The town's celebration of story-telling will take place again over the weekend of 15-17 October. The programme is available at various locations around the town, or can be downloaded from the Town Council's website, www.corsham.gov.uk
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- Christmas Lights Switch On – We hope to be able to hold our annual Christmas Lights Switch On this year, on Friday 2 December (5-7.30pm – with the lights on at 6pm). We may not be able to have all the usual elements, but there will still be the Christmas Market, live music and Father Christmas.

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Date:

23/09/2021