

Update for Corsham Area Board

Name of Parish/Town Council

Corsham Town Council

Date of Area Board Meeting

20 July 2023

Headlines/Key successes

- The Town Council's Taste of Corsham food festival took place on Saturday 17 June, with stalls offering the best local food and drink; live music on the stage at Digital Mansion Corsham, and fun activities for children. The feedback was excellent, with many stallholders selling out of stock and expressing their appreciation for the great day they had enjoyed in the town.

- On 10 July, the pedestrian area of the town centre travelled back in time to the 1980s as it featured in filming for a new Disney+ series based around Jilly Cooper's 'Rivals'. There were some parking restrictions in place, and cars and pedestrians were asked to wait while scenes took place. Filming for the series, which could be on air this autumn, but more likely in the spring of 2024, has also taken place at Neston Estate and in Tetbury. Happy Prince, the production company behind the series, at the request of the Town Council, will be making a donation to local charities as a thank you for Corsham's help and support with the project.

- The Town Council was, as always, very happy to support the volunteers who put together another excellent Corsham Walking Festival (9-11 June). This year's Festival was, yet again, a great success, seeing over 200 walkers enjoying the various themed walks, and bringing people from as far away as Whitehaven, Ipswich and London to the town.

- Cllr Helen Belcher OBE has chosen Corsham Churches Foodbank as her Chair's charity for 2023/24.

Projects

- The Town Council's new retail map is now available. Featuring a design by local artist Susie Brooks – who also created the 'Corsham Map' – the retail map shows the town centre's shops and businesses, with a key listing them all. Large-scale versions of the map will be in the town centre noticeboards, once they have been refurbished, and copies have been delivered to various retailers, all of whom are delighted by the project. In the slightly longer term, an interactive version of the map will be available on both the Town Council's website, and the Visit Corsham site.

- Ahead of the summer and an increase in visitors, the Town Council is working on a revised version of its popular Walking Map. A new Public Art Trail leaflet will also be available in the next few weeks.

- As part of its annual Corsham in Bloom competition, the Town Council has launched a Best Eco School category, to highlight the environment and climate action projects being run in our local schools. Judging will take place in September.

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Forthcoming events/Diary dates

- 22 July Onwards – The Pokémon Trail is back for the summer holidays, run by the Town Council and Automattic Comics/The Corsham Toyshop. Can you find them all as they hide in shop windows? We're also running a Sunflower Trail for younger children and a special 'Back to School' Trail linking up all the town centre businesses who have everything needed for September, whether it's a haircut, new shoes or a lunchbox.
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- 9 September – Street Fair, 12-4pm, in the town centre, featuring around 40 stalls, live music, entertainment, fun and games, and a Dogs for Health (Therapy Dogs) fund-raising Dog Show in the walled garden of Digital Mansion Corsham. Watch out for more details over the summer.
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Date:

30th June 2023