

# Update for Corsham Area Board

**Name of Parish/Town Council** Corsham Town Council

**Date of Area Board Meeting** 10 October 2024

## Headlines/Key successes

- The Town Council's Street Fair took place on 7 September, with stalls, live music and entertainment and free activities for children in the town centre and the grounds of Digital Mansion Corsham.

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- The annual summer holiday trails, based around Pokemon and Sylvania Family animals, proved a big success, with over 500 entry forms given out over eight weeks. The Town Council-produced Summer Staycation leaflet, highlighting numerous free and low-cost activities available in Corsham for families to enjoy received great feedback from parents and grandparents.

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- The Town Council has produced its first Community Wellbeing Strategy, which was approved by the Community Services Committee at its meeting on 11 September 2024.

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## Projects

- The Corsham Skatepark Project Group, supported by the Town Council, continues to raise funds for a new skatepark at Springfield Rec. A successful online raffle, featuring prizes from 29 local businesses, raised over £1,200 during the summer, and a Skate Jam event, run by skateboard company Route One, was planned for 21 September.

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- Consultants have been appointed to start work on the Town Council's Transport Plan.
- The Town Council has been working with a 'Story Associate', from Bath Spa University's Story Arcs project, to capture the stories of the businesses on the High Street. The stories will be available on the Town Council's website in due course, but the discussions have also raised a number of ideas and suggestions for how businesses could be supported by the Town Council.

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- The Town Council's commitment to public art and heritage has seen the installation of a sheep sculpture, designed by local artist Jonny Sanders, at the Cross Keys junction, which commemorates the town's historic links to the wool trade, and two quarry trucks, rebuilt by members of The Brunel Shed, sited on Park Lane, to mark Corsham's links to quarrying and the famous Bath Stone. The sheep has been used as a model to create further sheep which will be decorated by local schools.

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- Corsham has been accepted as a member of the Age-friendly Community Network, run by the Centre for Ageing Better. Age-friendly communities commit to becoming a better place to age (from 50+), using the World Health Organisation's Age-friendly Communities framework of eight domains to guide the work. The domains are: outdoor spaces and buildings, transport, housing, social participation, respect and social inclusion, civic participation and employment, communication and information and community support and health services. The work will involve community engagement and working with local stakeholders, as well as businesses and larger organisations.

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### **Forthcoming events/Diary dates**

- 6 December – Corsham Christmas Lights Switch On, 3pm onwards, in the town centre. Christmas market, fairground rides, live music on the High Street and outside the Town Hall, plus a visit from Father Christmas! The lights will go on at 6pm. (The annual Wishing Tree event will take place on Saturday 30 November.)
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- January 2025 – Launch of the annual Corsham Community Awards.
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*18<sup>th</sup> September 2024*