

# Update for Corsham Area Board

<b>Name of Parish/Town Council</b>	<b>Corsham Town Council</b>
<b>Date of Area Board Meeting</b>	7 June 2023

## Headlines/Key successes

- Following the Annual Council Meeting on 15 May, Cllr Helen Belcher OBE was elected Chair of Corsham Town Council. She succeeds Cllr Steve Abbott, who has stepped down as Chairman after five years, but will continue as a Town Councillor. Cllr Alan Brown becomes Vice Chair.

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- The Town Council's work to achieve Plastic Free Community status for Corsham continues. The Town Council has made the 'Plastic Free Communities Pledge' to work to remove at least three single-use plastic items from our day-to-day activities; to commit to include our stance on single-use plastic in our communications and to raise awareness and support plastic free initiatives in the community. We are working with local businesses and community allies and currently have six businesses signed up (with two having achieved Plastic Free Champion status) and 18 community allies, including Corsham Climate Action, St John's Church in Gastard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Corsham Brownies and Corsham Scouts. To find out more, contact Tracey-Ann Walpole at the Town Hall: [twalpole@corsham.gov.uk](mailto:twalpole@corsham.gov.uk).

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- On Saturday 22 April – Earth Day – the Town Council held its second Eco Fair, in a joint event with Corsham Climate Action, and sponsored by Martingate. The event featured 20 stalls (all selected for their environmental credentials), family activities, a Recycling Quiz Trail around the town and live music. The feedback was excellent and another event will be planned for 2024.

## Projects

- The Town Council was delighted to be able to support Corsham's Coronation activities. There was funding support for the Coronation Tea Party for older people, and The Pound's live screening of the Coronation, plus a mini Coronation Concert featuring buskers playing in the town centre on the day, and a Find the Crown Trail in the shops and businesses running over the bank holiday weekend.

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- We have now taken over the management of the play areas at Katherine Park (both play areas), Bences Lane and Pockeridge (both areas) and, over time, will be improving all five, starting with the Little Play Area, for 3-7 year olds at Katherine Park as this has been closed for a while. Public consultation helped to choose the equipment, which will include items for children with mobility issues.

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- Town Councillor Tanvir Bush, as part of her work with Bath Spa University's We Are the People project, and with support from the Town Council, is in the process of setting up a Disabled People's Organisation for Corsham. More details to come.

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### Forthcoming events/Diary dates

- 9 June – Business Leaders Lunch. The Town Council’s latest networking event for local businesses takes place at Friday lunchtime at Digital Mansion Corsham. This time there will be a Wellbeing at Work theme. For more information contact Tracey-Ann Walpole: [twalpole@corsham.gov.uk](mailto:twalpole@corsham.gov.uk).
- Corsham in Bloom 2023 has launched, with the usual categories including Best Garden and a new Best School prize for the ‘greenest’ school. Entries are open until 23 June and entry forms are available online and from the Town Hall.
- 17 June – Taste of Corsham, 10am-4pm. The Town Council’s annual food festival returns, with 25 food and drink stalls, the Taste Trail, fun activities for children, and the Picnic Lawn in the grounds of Digital Mansion Corsham. Here you will be able to listen to musicians and entertainers as part of The Pound’s Blue Sky Festival. There will also be information on preventing food waste, with our ‘Taste not Waste’ message.

Signed:



Date:

24<sup>th</sup> May 2023