

## ***Partner Update***

<b>Update from</b>	<b>CCAN</b>
<b>Date of Area Board Meeting</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> January 2016

### **Headlines/Key Issues: Developing the Corsham Community Area Network**

CCAN was the name adopted by the Corsham Community Area Partnership when it was re-launched at around the time when Wiltshire Council became a Unitary Authority in 2009. At that time there was a Steering Group and a number of themed Action Groups that developed and managed a Community Area Plan and co-ordinated activities across the community area in support of the plan. The term Network was adopted in recognition of the large number of groups, clubs, societies and organisations that existed across the community area and the need to utilise those groups and their own networks to improve the two way flow of information and views between Service providers in the Council and residents of the community area and to better co-ordinate activities in support of wider community area priorities.

The Community Area Partnership no longer operates but the Corsham Community Area Network still does in respect of those same clubs and groups and the many links that exist across the area from the Town and Parish Councils down and increasingly in the social media groupings that are developed around shared interests or where people live and work. Above this the Community Area is beginning to naturally segment itself with the Youth Network, with the Area Transport Group, with the likely development of a focus for older people and with Integrated Team Meetings on the Health front - all of which can channel activity around their particular theme but with the Wiltshire Council budgets continuing to be reduced there is arguably an increasing need to better co-ordinate local resource, skills and vested interest to support and meet local needs.

With fresh impetus from Richard Rogers, our Community Engagement Manager, we are looking to use established community links and established groups to develop specific projects around current opportunities and community priorities – public transport, health and wellbeing and improving our local environment are likely targets. We are also working closely with Digital Corsham to improve communication and information flow across the community area and ultimately to encourage interest and involvement – with KiK Radio and Corsham TV firmly in the space it is hoped that we can start to address long standing concerns about knowing ‘what’s on’ and ‘what’s available locally’.

More detailed information will follow but if you are interested in developing community area connections then please contact Kevin Gaskin for further information.