

## ***Update for Corsham Area Board***

**Name of Town/Parish Council:** Corsham Town Council  
**Date of Area Board:** 22 March 2018

- **Corsham Neighbourhood Plan** – The Plan has now been submitted to Wiltshire Council for validation. Wiltshire Council will check the Plan is in accordance with other planning policies (eg Wiltshire Core Strategy, the National Planning Policy Framework) and will then organise and carry out another six-week public consultation when residents can, again, make comments. Those comments will be passed to an independent examiner who may require modification of the Plan as a result before deciding whether to recommend that it goes forward to referendum. It is hoped that the referendum will take place in the summer. To find out more, visit [www.corshamneighbourhoodplan.co.uk](http://www.corshamneighbourhoodplan.co.uk) or contact the Town Hall on 01249 702130.
- **Nationwide Corsham** – Nationwide Building Society's pop-up branch at the Town Hall is becoming increasingly popular and, following discussions with Nationwide, will continue for the foreseeable future. While the staff cannot deal with cash, they can – among other things – help with paying in cheques to accounts, help with ISAs and Bonds, digital banking, standing orders and direct debits and give advice on new products. The pop-up branch will be open again on Tuesdays 3 and 17 April, 1, 15 and 29 May and fortnightly after that.
- **Annual Town Meeting and Community Awards** – Corsham Town Council's Annual Town Meeting, followed by the presentation of this year's Community Awards, will take place on Thursday 19 April, 7 for 7.30pm.
- **Corsham Business Show** – The Town Council was delighted to be a sponsor for this year's Corsham Business Show, organised by Corsham Chamber of Commerce, held at Springfield Campus on Wednesday 21 March 2018. Congratulations to everyone involved.
- **Springfield Rec Improvements**  
The Town Council is planning to install a parkour (free-running) facility and outdoor gym at Springfield Rec. Public consultation on the gym is currently underway, particularly with Campus users and members of Corsham's sports clubs.
- **Easter Fun**  
The Town Council's annual Easter Egg hunt – although this year it's more of an Easter chick hunt – around the shops of the town centre will run from 30 March-15 April. Entry forms will be available to download, [www.corsham.gov.uk](http://www.corsham.gov.uk), or pick up from the Town Hall or Tourist Information Centre.
- **Chamber Exhibitions**  
One of the points picked up by talking to local artists as part of the research for the Town Council's Creative Corsham survey was the lack of exhibition space in Corsham. As a result, the Council Chamber at the Town Hall has been redecorated to create a gallery space and is currently hosting the first in a series of Chamber Exhibitions: Light and Darkness, Brightness and Obscurity, featuring work by Corsham Art Society, which will run until late April. The paintings can be viewed, free of charge, during office hours, unless there is a meeting taking place, from 9am-5pm Monday-Thursday and until 4.30pm on Friday.