

Update for Corsham Area Board

Name of Parish/Town Council	Corsham Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	21 November 2018

Headlines/Key successes

- Corsham StoryTown took place on the weekend of 19-21 October.

- Corsham Commemorates – First World War Commemorations took place on the afternoon of 11 November, following the town's traditional Remembrance Sunday march and services in the morning.

- Corsham's HubClub, for young people aged 14+, run by Innov8Sportz and funded by the Town Council is now up and running at Springfield Campus from 6.30pm on Fridays.

Projects

- 'The Majesty of Wiltshire', a second lion for the High Street, painted by local artist Jonathan Sanders, will soon be a new addition to the town's public art.

- Corsham Neighbourhood Plan - We are disappointed to have to report that the examination of Corsham's Neighbourhood Plan has been delayed for a number of weeks. The delay is to do with the Habitats Regulation Assessment Screening Report. Wiltshire Council's report concluded that a separate HRA would not be necessary for the Corsham Neighbourhood Plan. However, a recent legal case elsewhere in the country has meant that many Neighbourhood Plan examinations have been held up whilst government guidance is awaited. The guidance was expected several weeks ago but has not materialised. A number of other Planning Authorities are commissioning their own legal advice rather than wait any longer for the official government guidance. Wiltshire Council has now agreed to follow this route by getting their own legal opinion. If the advice is that the HRA Screening needs further clarification or changes, it would mean another five-week consultation with Natural England. We are hopeful that the advice will not delay Corsham's referendum on the Plan and it will be able to take place in the New Year.

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Forthcoming events/Diary dates

- Wishing Tree – Saturday 1 December, 10am-1pm, High Street. Come and make a wish to go on the Christmas tree. (It's also Small Business Saturday too.)
- Christmas Lights Switch On – Friday 7 December, 5pm onwards (Lights on at 6pm), High Street and Town Hall. The usual family-friendly start to the festive season with a Christmas Market, Father Christmas and his reindeer, fairground rides, live music and entertainment and more.

Signed:



Date:

12/11/18