

Update for Corsham Area Board

Name of Parish/Town Council	Corsham Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	6 November 2019

Headlines/Key successes

- **Corsham Neighbourhood Plan**
After almost five years in the making, Corsham's Neighbourhood Plan is now at its final stage, and a referendum will be held on **Thursday 14 November**. Every elector in the Corsham parish is entitled to vote as in a normal election. Polling cards will be sent out by Wiltshire Council and postal/proxy votes are also eligible. To come into being, the Plan needs 50% of those voting, plus one more person, to vote in favour. Having a Neighbourhood Plan, which has been created based on feedback from the local community, will help to protect and enhance our town and means that prospective developers will have to be guided by its contents and Wiltshire Council must have regard to the Plan's policies when determining planning applications. You can find out more and view the plan online at www.corshamneighbourhoodplan.co.uk. Copies are also available to view at the Town Hall, Corsham Library and Wiltshire Council's Monkton Park offices in Chippenham.

Projects

- The Town Council is currently carrying out a survey – both online and in paper form – to find out what residents and visitors think of the town centre, what improvements they'd like to see and what parking initiatives/events would encourage them to visit more often. More details and a link to the survey can be found at www.corsham.gov.uk. The Town Council is also planning to run a separate survey, aimed at Corsham's businesses, the results of which will feed into our Strategic Plan work. More details to come.

Forthcoming events/Diary dates

- The Town Council's new Environmental Group is holding a launch event at the Town Hall, also on Thursday 14 November. If you'd be interested in joining the group or just want to find out more, do come along. Doors open at 6.30pm and the event starts at 7pm.
 - Christmas Lights Switch On – Friday 6 December. The traditional evening of family-friendly festive fun returns! Starting at 5pm, with the lights on at 6pm, come and enjoy live music and entertainment, Father Christmas and his reindeer, Corsham's Christmas Market, and lots more.
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- Late Night Opening – a number of the town centre's shops, including Sanders Painting and Sculpture, John Parker Gallery, Coppins and Previous – are planning to open until 7.30pm on Thursdays from 14 November until 19 December. Why not come for a bit of shopping and stay for dinner or a drink at one of the town's great pubs and restaurants?
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25/10/2019