

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

<b>Name of Parish/Town Council</b>	<b>Corsham Town Council</b>
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<b>Date of Area Board Meeting</b>	15 January 2020
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## Headlines/Key successes

- **Corsham Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Result** - Thank you to everyone who went to the polls on 14 November to vote in the Corsham Neighbourhood Plan Referendum. The question being asked was 'Do you want Wiltshire Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Corsham to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?' The turnout was 24.6%, with 2,428 electors voting. The overwhelming majority of those who voted, voted 'yes' with just 162 voting 'no'. The Plan has now been 'made' by Wiltshire Council and will be used when making decisions and recommendations on planning applications in the area.

Chairman of the Town Council and Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, Councillor Steve Abbott says, 'It has taken us nearly five years to get to this stage and we are delighted that 93% of those who voted, voted in favour of the Corsham Neighbourhood Plan.'

The Corsham Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed at [www.corshamneighbourhoodplan.co.uk](http://www.corshamneighbourhoodplan.co.uk).

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- **Corsham Christmas Lights Switch On** – The Christmas Lights Switch On, on 6 December, proved as popular as ever with hundreds of people enjoying live music, entertainment, the Christmas Market, fairground fun, food and drink, a special visit from Father Christmas, and reindeer too. The feedback received was very positive.

## Projects

- **Town Centre Survey** – The Town Council's recent survey resulted in over 600 replies answering questions on the town centre and parking. We are currently looking at how we now implement the findings, particularly when it comes to funding free parking in the town.
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- **Business Survey** – Following on from the residents' survey, we are now looking to survey Corsham's businesses to help us with the Open for Business objectives in our Strategic Plan.
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- **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** - 2020 sees the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first meeting of Corsham Parish Council. Throughout the year we will be celebrating the anniversary, starting with a special edition of the Town Council's newsletter, due out w/c 27 January.

## Forthcoming Events/Diary Dates

- **13 June** – Taste of Corsham, 10am-4pm, Town Centre; **4 July** – Summer Fete, 11am-

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3pm, Springfield Rec; 12 September – Street Fair, 12-4pm, Town Centre.

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Date:

19/12/19

