Corsham Area Board

End of Year Report April 2023 - March 2024



Area Board Investment

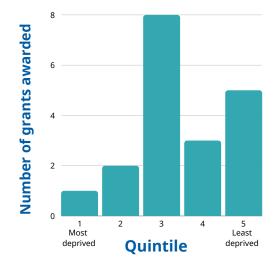
The Area Board invests in local community projects and initiatives that meet local priorities and deliver exceptional outcomes for residents. The Area Board aims to work in partnership to achieve maximum value for its investment.

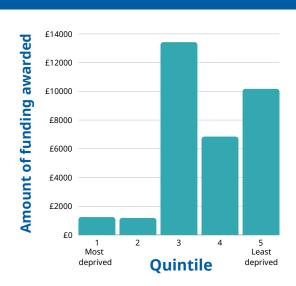
Total Area Board Investment



The total amount invested in projects through additional community contribution, from fundraising, grants, services in kind or volunteering

Investment by deprivation quintile





Local Priorities

The Corsham Area Board reviewed available local data and evidence and integrated this with local knowledge and community conversation to agree the following local priority themes. The Area Board has undertaken a series of more specific local actions to positively address them, including the key achievements below:

Youth engagement and positive activity opportunities



We facilitated Local Youth Network meetings with a range of partner organisations at Corsham School and invested in youth projects including the Digital Empowerment Programme, SPARK wellbeing festival and a collaboration between Peacock Arts Trail and Corsham Youth Zone. We organised a Family fun day at Thingley to celebrate Gypsy Roma Traveller History month and hosted a Five to Thrive trauma informed workshop for community leaders helping to build resilient communities.

Addressing climate change

We attended local Environment meetings and created stronger links with the town and parishes, sharing resources, best practice and updates from the Wiltshire Council Climate Team. We promoted schemes such as HUG2 Retrofit, Green Homes and Tree Wardens and facilitated a visit to Warminster Biogas plant.



Promoting wellbeing and reducing social isolation in older and vulnerable people



We organised a Coronation tea party in partnership with Celebrating Age bringing together over 120 senior residents, local primary children and community groups. We hosted Health and Wellbeing group meetings and facilitated discussion with health partners on plans for the former Health Centre and closure of a local pharmacy. We funded projects such as Corsham Community Club and a creative lunch helping to reduce social isolation and loneliness and helped establish a new Neighbourhood Collaborative focusing on hypertension prevention.

Supporting the local economy

We attended Corsham Means Business breakfasts and shared information and opportunities with local businesses. We visited Corsham foodbank, promoted the Household Support Fund and invested in local organisations supporting low-income households.



Engagements

The Corsham Area Board works alongside other organisations to make things happen in the local community. These groups include the town and parish councils, voluntary and community groups, youth organisations, sports clubs and local charities.

The Area Board wouldn't be able to achieve what they do without these partners working on the ground with them. The Area Board hosts regular business meetings, engagement activities, events, surveys and working groups to stimulate and support local community action.







Local Highways and Footpath Infrastructure group

The LHFIG is a sub group of the Corsham Area Board, which deals specifically with highway issues. They aim to find solutions for local transport issues, such as road repairs, traffic problems, road layouts and parking. The amount allocated is dependent on the geographical size and population for the community area and the funding allocation is for capital expenditure and can be used to provide new and improved highway infrastructure.

