

**Summary of Activity for Corsham Area Board 2011/12**

The following is a summary of activity of activity undertaken by Corsham Area Board over the last 12 months

Corsham Area Board met on 7 different occasions in 2011 /12.

A total of 420 people have attended these meetings with an average of 60 per meeting.

**Community Area Grants**

The area board allocated a total of £48,018.00 in 2011/12 on Community Area Grants and awards to young people. A total of 18 different groups have benefited from this assistance and this has helped voluntary groups lever in a total of £394,433.00. This is a massive boost for the Corsham Community Area in terms of overall funding and new projects in the area.

All grants were linked to key themes in the Corsham Community Area Plan around young people, sport, recreation, heritage, health and wellbeing, education environment and arts and culture.

A summary of grant allocations is included with this report.

**Issue Sheets**

A total of 36 issues were reported using the issue tracking system in 2011 2012. This compared with 54 the previous year. 25 of the 36 issues have been closed as a result in either resolving the issue or no further action was possible.

Issues reported by theme were

- 2 for dog fouling
- 1 for illegal roadside trading
- 1 for inappropriate sites for litter bins
- 1 for poor street lighting
- 1 for deterioration of a water garden
- 1 for a replacement litter bin
- 1 road flooding
- 1 wall repair
- 1 for disposal of assets

One of these was referred to Community payback for action the rest were dealt with by various departments of Wiltshire council.

26 of the 36 issues that were reported were traffic or road safety related.

The following criteria are used for assessing sites.

In a 30mph speed limit the following criteria will be applied:

30 to 34.9mph 85<sup>th</sup> percentile = No Further Action (NFA)

35 to 38.9 mph 85<sup>th</sup> percentile = eligible for Community Speed Watch

39 to 42 mph 85<sup>th</sup> percentile = eligible for the Speed Indicator Device (SID) programme

In 40mph speed limit the following criteria will be applied

40 to 45.9 mph 85<sup>th</sup> percentile = No Further Action (NFA)

46 to 48.9 mph 85<sup>th</sup> percentile = eligible for Community Speed Watch

49 to 53 mph 85<sup>th</sup> percentile = eligible for the Speed Indicator Device (SID) programme

Community Speed Watch does not operate in any speed limit above 40mph.

20 metro counts were carried out. Of these 6 were eligible for a Community Speed Watch Scheme and 4 were eligible for Speed Indicator Device (SID) deployment. Therefore in 50% of those areas tested, the vast majority of vehicles were travelling at or below the speed limit that the police would take action for the area.

### **Decision Making**

Area Boards were set up for a number of reasons but one of the key reasons was to make decisions at a local level in a timely fashion rather than taking everything back to the Cabinet or full Council.

Corsham Area Board has made a total of 19 decisions during the year on a range of issue covering a wide aspect of community concern such as The Community Campus, waiting restrictions, community asset transfers and post collection services. They have supported Corsham Area Transport Group proposals including dropped kerbs, footpath improvements trials for pedestrian safety and 18 community area grants described above.

In addition to this the area board have either facilitated or informed the community of other issues of concern or interest including digital inclusion, consultation on the core strategy including specific meetings in Lacock, street trading, car parking charges, adult care, older peoples accommodation strategy, 11-19 strategy, waste and recycling strategy, warm and well project, help to live at home strategy and the development of Copenacre site.

They have also worked very closely with the Corsham Community Area Partnership (CCAN) in developing the community area plan and a very successful slipper exchange programme to assist with safety among the older people in the community area.

Corsham Area Board will be working with CCAN, key partners other organisations in the community area to bring about change and improvements across the area. Some members have been involved in an event to identify key issues and targets for improvements for the future and the area board will want to see some progress on these in the coming months.