



## **Corsham Community Area Network Co-ordinator - Partner Update.**

### **Health Information Event and Slipper Exchange at Colerne Village Hall.**

As requested following the November 2014 event at the Corsham Campus a similarly structured afternoon was arranged for Colerne on the 28<sup>th</sup> April. The event was well publicised in the village by the Parish Council and the Village Hall, was advertised in the Parish Magazine and promoted and supported by the local LINK service. Billed as an opportunity to have a tea and a biscuit and a chat – as well as change your old slippers – there was a steady stream of visitors and more than 20 pairs of slippers were exchanged by our suppliers - Brantano - who were excellent once again with their support and interest. Thanks to Anne Nicholas and Mary Harvey and also to our Health Trainer, Alzheimers Society and the Wiltshire Council Health team who were in attendance. Next stop Lacock?

### **Health Co-ordinators Community Connect Event.**

A successful networking event was held on 29<sup>th</sup> April organised by the Family Health Centre in Corsham and the District Nurse team to bring together community and voluntary groups together with Health related organisations to get to know one another and to begin to scope just what is available in the Corsham area and just what the local related issues are. A good attendance and a good initiative to introduce Locality Plans and to encourage wider interest in Health subjects. A follow on session is to be held in June.

### **Corsham Hustings.**

A Hustings event was staged at the Campus on 24<sup>th</sup> April ahead of the General Election with all of the local candidates invited and all parties represented. Hosted by Councillor Ruth Hopkinson from Corsham Town Council the event was very well attended – 115 counted – and very well behaved giving everyone the opportunity to see their candidates. Thanks to the Campus staff for their help.

### **Community Area Network Event.**

There is still an interest to see how we can develop the community area network and the connections across the community area and perhaps even re-establishing the Community Area Partnership arrangements. The Community Area is now beginning to naturally segment itself with the Youth Network, with the Area Transport Group, with talk of an older people's champion and group, with the makings of an Art and Culture virtual group, the coming together of a Health group as well as connections into local clubs and groups and with the initiatives coming from Digital Corsham including KiK Radio and Corsham TV it would be useful to meet up to see how all of this might be used to best advantage. Our friends at Digital Corsham have proposed an event at Hartham Park to discuss how this might best be taken forward. Further details will follow but please contact Kevin Gaskin for further information.

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