

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

**Name of Town/Parish Council:** Corsham Town Council  
**Date of Area Board:** 17 January 2018

- **Corsham Neighbourhood Plan** – The six-week public consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan ended in December and the comments have been collated and assessed to see what changes should be made to the draft Plan. Once the Neighbourhood Plan Steering group is happy with the draft, and it's been approved by the Town Council, the Plan will be submitted to Wiltshire Council for validation. Wiltshire Council will check the Plan is in accordance with other planning policies (eg Wiltshire Core Strategy, the National Planning Policy Framework) and will then organise and carry out another six-week public consultation when residents can, again, make comments. Those comments will be passed to an independent examiner who may require modification of the Plan as a result before deciding whether to recommend that it goes forward to referendum.

We expect that the referendum will take place in the summer, and hope to have an adopted Plan by autumn 2018. To find out more, visit [www.corshamneighbourhoodplan.co.uk](http://www.corshamneighbourhoodplan.co.uk) or contact the Town Hall on 01249 702130.

- **Corsham Town Council's Strategic Plan** – Town Councillors and Town Hall staff have started work on the Strategic Plan for 2018-2022, with the first in a series of workshops and discussions to look at what the Town Council's priorities should be for the next five years.
- **Christmas in Corsham** – The Christmas Lights Switch On was the biggest, busiest and best yet, with at least 2,500 people in town to see the lights get switched on by Bunny Niel, the 10-year-old winner of the Design a Christmas Card competition. Everyone also enjoyed a visit from Father Christmas and his reindeer; great live music and dance from local groups and choirs, plus the amazing Baghdaddies, who went on to appear at The Pound later that night; a Christmas market and lots more. The feedback from all involved was excellent and we are already looking forward to 7 December 2018!
- **Nationwide Corsham** – Nationwide Building Society's pop-up branch at the Town Hall is becoming increasingly popular. It is run by staff from the Chippenham and Melksham branches, who come to Corsham fortnightly on a Tuesday, from 9am-4.30pm. While they cannot undertake financial transactions, they can – among other things - help with savings accounts, ISAs and Bonds, digital banking, standing orders and direct debits and give advice on new products. The pop-up branch will be open again on 23 January, 6 and 20 February and 6 and 20 March.
- **Community Awards** – Do you know someone who makes a big difference to Corsham? Maybe they work tirelessly as a volunteer, or are a sporting inspiration, or make a huge contribution to local events. The Town Council wants to honour our local heroes by presenting them with a Community Award at the Annual Town Meeting on Thursday 19 April. Nominations are open now and forms are available on the Town Council's website, [www.corsham.gov.uk](http://www.corsham.gov.uk), or direct from the Town Hall. Nominations close on Friday 2 March.
- **Corsham Business Show** – The Town Council is delighted to be a sponsor for this year's Corsham Business Show, organised by Corsham Chamber of Commerce, which will be held at Springfield Campus on Wednesday 21 March 2018. To find out more visit [www.corshambusinessshow.co.uk](http://www.corshambusinessshow.co.uk).