

Update for Corsham Area Board

Name of Parish/Town Council

Corsham Town Council

Date of Area Board Meeting

13 October 2022

Headlines/Key successes

- The Town Council joined the rest of the country in mourning the loss of Her Majesty The Queen on 8 September. The Chairman released a statement; the Union Jack was immediately flown with a 'mourning cravat'; a Book of Condolence was available at the Town Hall (with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman also taking a Book of Condolence to local care homes); the Proclamation of King Charles III was read in the town on Sunday 11 September, and the War Memorial was designated as the site for floral tributes. The flowers were collected the day after the State Funeral and will be composted and used on a future commemorative planting scheme dedicated to the Queen.

- As a mark of respect, the Street Fair, due to take place on Saturday 10 September, was cancelled. It was then rearranged to take place on Saturday 8 October, with the same – but slightly reduced – mix of stalls, music and entertainment.

- The Railway Station Survey, run from 15 July-5 August, resulted in 1,511 responses. Key findings showed that 39.58% of respondents would use the station more than once per week, with 41.23% using it once per week or less, but over 12 times per year; the most frequent journeys would be leisure trips (41.89%), followed by commuting (33.55%) and by far the most popular places to travel to/from Corsham Station were Bristol or Bath at 65.59%. Only 1.26% of respondents said they would be unlikely to use the station. The information from the survey will be used as part of the Strategic Outline Business Case, which is due to be submitted to the Department for Transport later this year. The most up-to-date information on the station can be found at corshamrailwaystation.org.

Projects

- Flood Wardens – The Town Council has set up a Flood Warden Scheme to improve our community's preparedness for emergencies. The wardens will act as the 'eyes and ears' in areas affected by flooding and providing (non-emergency) assistance to vulnerable members of the community. To find out more, contact the Town Hall.

 - Environment – Climate Change Event – The Town Council and Corsham Climate Action are co-hosting a 'Want to Cut Your Energy Bills?' event at the Town Hall on Saturday 22 October, from 10am-3pm. Exhibitors will include Warm and Safe Wiltshire, Centre for Sustainable Energy, Bath and West Community Energy and other experts who can advise on energy efficiency appliances and upgrades to your home.
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Forthcoming events/Diary dates

- Storytown – StoryTown, the Town Council’s celebration of story-telling in all its formats returns on 15-16 October with events for everyone. There are story-telling sessions and an open-mic night at The Three Brewers, writing workshops, children’s events and even the chance to listen to enthusiasts talking about their vintage cars and motorbikes on a Sunday morning! The programme is available at various venues around town, or to download at corsham.gov.uk.
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- Christmas Lights – Corsham's Christmas Lights Switch On will take place on Friday 2 December. This year, we're opening the Christmas Market element earlier, from 3pm; the live music will start around 5.15pm and then the lights will go on at 6pm, with an appearance from Father Christmas too.
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Date:

30/9/2022