

Update for Corsham Area Board

Name of Parish/Town Council	Corsham Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	11 January 2024

Headlines/Key successes

- The Christmas Lights Switch On took place on Friday 1 December, with a huge crowd enjoying the Christmas Market, live music, and Father Christmas' grotto.

- The Town Council's recent Transport Plan Survey gained over 270 responses from local people. These have been analysed and will help with the drawing up of a new Transport Plan.

- This year's Community Awards launch at the end of January as the Town Council seeks to celebrate the unsung heroes of our community. Full details will be available on our website.

Projects

- The Skatepark Project Group have lots of ideas to raise funds for a proposed new skatepark to replace the current one at Springfield. Watch out for more details coming soon. The Group will also help the Town Council choose the design of the new facility.

- Detached Youth Work – The Town Council continues to fund The RISE Trust's detached youth work in the town. On Wednesday and Friday evenings, members of the RISE team can be spotted at various locations around Corsham, chatting with the young people they meet and offering help, advice, and snacks and warm drinks to those who need them. It is hoped that a 'warm space' can be arranged for the winter months.

- The Town Council continues to recruit volunteers to assist with wildlife projects in its open spaces, following the production of its Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP). Project areas include tree planting, establishing new wildflower areas, planting and managing hedges, creating new ponds, making bug hotels and hibernacula and installing bird, bat and dormouse boxes. We hope that local residents will want to get involved and help us deliver it all. Anyone interested, can contact Garry Ford, Environmental Project Officer: gford@corsham.gov.uk.

- The next play areas to be improved, following the Town Council taking them over from Wiltshire Council, will be those on Pockeridge Road. Local residents have already been consulted on what equipment they would like to see at the two sites.

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Forthcoming events/Diary dates

- 19 January – Business Breakfast, 8-10am, The Pound Arts Centre. The Town Council's latest Business Breakfast takes place at The Pound and has a 'Creative Goals for 2024' theme. To register, contact Charlotte Phillips at the Town Hall: cphillips@corsham.gov.uk.
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- 20 April – Eco Fair, 10am-2pm, in the town centre and at Digital Mansion Corsham. Stalls, information and advice, plus veggie food and more, brought to you by the Town Council and Corsham Climate Action.
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19th December 2023