



Corsham Area Community Partnership

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The Corsham Area Community Plan was written by the Partnership in 2005 to reflect the current concerns, priorities and issues of those who live in, work in, and visit the Corsham area. Three years on in December 2008 the CACP revisited the community area to update this plan.

This is part of an important process to monitor the progress of the plan to date, identify the current issues and aspirations across the community area and create an evidence based document to influence the new Corsham Area Board as part of its important role within the structure of the new Wiltshire Council.

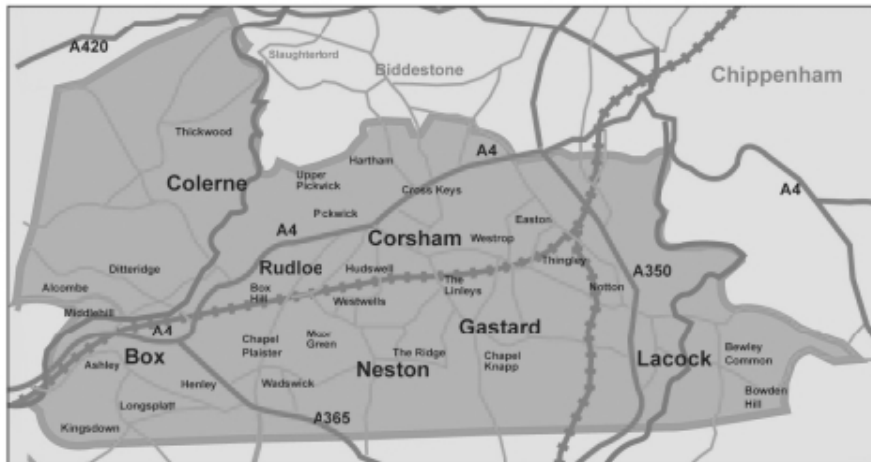
Using this powerful tool CACP hopes to be able to influence the priorities, spending plans and decisions which affect this Community Area as the new council takes effect.

Community Partnerships and Area Boards

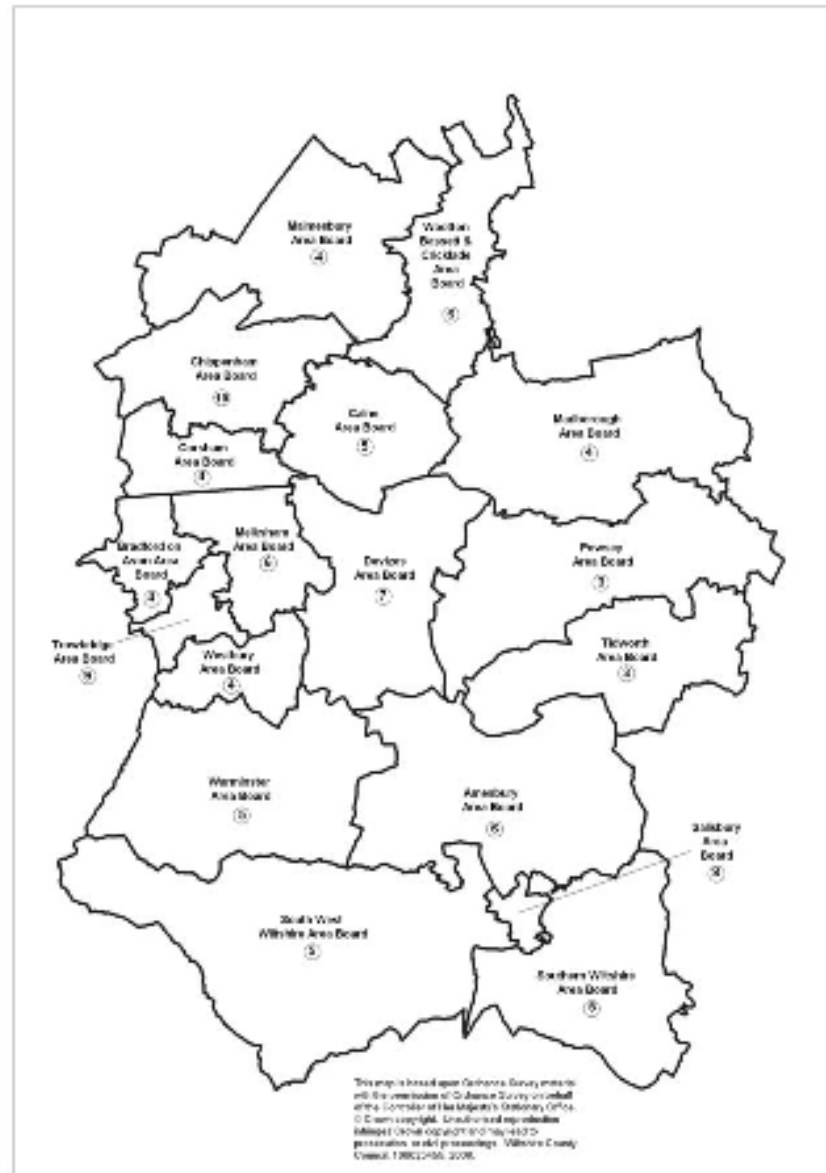
Corsham Community Area consists of Corsham and the parishes of Box, Colerne and Lacock.

Wiltshire will comprise of 20 Community Areas. Each one will have its own Community Partnership to collect evidence of current issues and aspirations within their community and present it to the Area Boards.

Area boards will each comprise of the elected Wiltshire Council members within each Community Area and work with the Partnership and service providers to meet the needs of the Community Area they represent.



Corsham Community Area



Wiltshire Area Boards

Plan Update 2008/9

The following documents and activities were used to provide evidence for the plan update:

- The Big State ' Roadshow' Community Engagement Events (1400 engaged Nov/Dec 08)
- Corsham Community Area Survey 2008 results (339 responses)
- Tomorrow's Voice Autumn 2008 Survey Results (1614 responses 11-18 across Wilts)
- Internal review of existing Community Plan 2008/9
- State of Community Area 2008
- Box Parish Plan meeting 2009
- Colerne Parish Plan meeting 2009
- Wiltshire Council Community Area Analysis Jan 2009

A working party made up of members of the Partnership's Steering group collated the findings from the above documentation and grouped them under the eight themes which underpin the community strategies of the new Wiltshire Council.

The eight themes are listed in the order of priority based on the evidence considered and are marked High, Medium and Low. The Suggested Actions are recommendations from those involved in the consultation and the Partnership Steering group working party for the wider partnership to consider at their meeting on 21 April 2009.

Corsham Area Community Plan Update 2008/9: Key issues and aspirations

1 TRANSPORT, ACCESS & TRAFFIC		HIGH PRIORITY
<i>Achievements since 2005</i>	<i>Key Issues and Aspirations 2009</i>	<i>Suggested Actions from the Consultations</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corsham Town Council travel plan produced • Cycle network drafted • Ongoing discussions on traffic management on A4 • Reduction in first hour parking to 20p but lobbying to remove charges continues • Extended speed limits on A4 at Box Hill • Rationalisation of some bus routes between Bath and Chippenham • School travel plans developing • Lobbying for Corsham Railway Station continues with a realisation that this is an unlikely development for the foreseeable future 	<p><i>There is an aspiration across the community area for enhanced access to convenient, sustainable, affordable, safer public transport. Concern was also expressed regarding traffic management and control. Transport needs should reflect the needs both within the community area and to link with Bath and neighbouring towns.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated public transport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improved public transport information ○ Improved availability, frequency & affordability ○ Continue to lobby to reopen Corsham Station • Improve walking and cycling facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cycle network and routes ○ Footpath trails ○ Pavements, footways & crossings • Improve traffic management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parking ○ Traffic calming ○ HGV routes ○ Role of A4 and A350 • School travel plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Walking buses ○ Schools buses ○ Cycle routes

2 ENVIRONMENT, COUNTRYSIDE & LAND BASED ISSUES		HIGH PRIORITY
<i>Achievements since 2005</i>	<i>Key Issues and Aspirations 2009</i>	<i>Suggested Actions from the Consultations</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recycling significantly improved: <i>kerbside collection, composting, plastic & cardboard in Corsham</i> Corsham Footpath Audit completed December 08 Some footpath improvements in Box Litter collection improvements by town and parish councils 	<p><i>This has emerged as a significant priority across the community area since the 2005 community plan. The new evidence suggests that most people really value the rural nature of the community area but are very concerned about the pressures which threaten it and wish to see action to sustain and improve it.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve Recycling and Composting rates Reduce Waste & Litter Understand the pressures and develop responses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainable energy Planning processes Improve access to the countryside for all <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walking routes and footpaths Maps and signposts Sustain biodiversity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tree planting & Orchards Influence sustainable development policies

3 CULTURE, RECREATION, HERITAGE AND THE ARTS		MEDIUM PRIORITY
<i>Achievements since 2005</i>	<i>Key Issues and Aspirations 2009</i>	<i>Suggested Actions from the Consultations</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbished Pound arts centre providing opportunities for performance and participation for all ages and a base for thriving community arts groups, youth activities and cinema • Corsham Youth Council established • Youth Forum in Corsham School • CASE events held • CAYPIG influencing site of new youth centre in Corsham • Colerne: Ongoing discussions for new youth centre • Sports wall provided in Gastard, play area extended in Neston • Corsham Springfield: New perimeter path, skate facility, BMX & youth shelter • Box: Newly refurbished Pavilion, thriving youth club and new Youth shelter and other improved facilities • Rudloe: Flourishing playing fields • Katherine Park: New residents association in consultation on play facilities <p>CASE: Corsham Alternative Sports Events CAYPIG: Corsham Area Young Persons Involvement Group</p>	<p><i>People value access to a wide range of leisure, sporting, social and cultural activities for all ages but wish to see them enhanced and developed. There is evidence that some sections of the community feel socially or geographically excluded.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of Public Transport links (see Theme1) • Better information and promotion of what already exists • Enhanced facilities for young people

4 CRIME & COMMUNITY SAFETY		MEDIUM PRIORITY
<i>Achievements since 2005</i>	<i>Key Issues and Aspirations 2009</i>	<i>Suggested Actions from the Consultations</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four PCSOs funded by police covering community area • Neighbourhood policing teams established April 2008 • Better communication and engagement with police • Improved crime statistics in Corsham but still an issue for Colerne, Box and Lacock • Mobile CCTV system purchased by Corsham Town Council <p><i>PCSO: Police Community Support Officer</i> <i>CCTV: Closed Circuit Television</i></p>	<p><i>Corsham Community Area has relatively low rates of Crime. Nevertheless concern about crime and community safety remain an issue. It is important that the perception reflects the reality.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work to address issues with service providers eg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anti-social behaviour team ○ Fire & Rescue service ○ Police Service ○ Social Services ○ Youth Offending teams • Ensure concerns are fed through to Police • Help communicate crime statistics to public

5 HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE		MEDIUM PRIORITY
<i>Achievements since 2005</i>	<i>Key Issues and Aspirations 2009</i>	<i>Suggested Actions from the Consultations</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint strategic needs assessment from PCT and WCC published for each community area • Limited NHS dentist provision in Corsham. Dental treatment now available at Chippenham Hospital • Extended opening hours for minor injuries unit at Chippenham Hospital • GP opening times extended • Neighbourhood teams established to caring for sick in their own homes • Community involvement in proposed developments with Corsham & Box surgeries <p> PCT: Primary Care Trust WCC: Wiltshire County Council NHS: National Health Service </p>	<p><i>People are generally happy with the quality of GP services but there are concerns across the community area about access to and provision of GP surgeries and NHS dentists. There is also concern about access to hospitals and other healthcare services.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with service providers to influence decisions eg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Primary Care Trust ○ Adult Social Care, Wiltshire Council ○ Voluntary Organisations ○ GPs • Consideration of Public Transport links (see Theme1)

6 EDUCATION & LIFELONG LEARNING		LOW PRIORITY
<i>Achievements since 2005</i>	<i>Key Issues and Aspirations 2009</i>	<i>Suggested Actions from the Consultations</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Box Highlands now part of Corsham Primary School • Extended specialist status at Corsham School to include ICT and Maths in addition to existing Visual Arts status • Improved lifelong learning opportunities at Wiltshire College in Lackham and Corsham and at The Pound • Extended Schools co-ordinator in post • New location for Mansion House playgroup • Some new after school clubs • eCorsham providing training needs <p>ICT: Information & Communication Technology</p>	<p><i>People across the community area value the quality of local primary and secondary schools but there are some concerns about out of school care and pre school provision and traffic congestion.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic congestion outside schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School traffic plans (see Theme 1) • Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Out of school care ○ Pre school provision

7 HOUSING & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT		LOW PRIORITY
<i>Achievements since 2005</i>	<i>Key Issues and Aspirations 2009</i>	<i>Suggested Actions from the Consultations</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 120 affordable housing units provided in Katherine Park • Small affordable housing development in Colerne • New affordable housing strategy to be developed by Wiltshire Council in 09/10 	<p><i>It is evident that people value the historic built environments in the Corsham Community Area. The area has had a higher net increase in new dwellings than the Wiltshire average. It is essential that services and infrastructure are adequate for the scale of developments taking place.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate concerns to appropriate agencies eg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Residents associations ○ Housing associations ○ Tenant groups ○ Wiltshire Council planning committees • Encourage opportunities for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sustainability ○ affordability

8 ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT & TOURISM		LOW PRIORITY
<i>Achievements since 2005</i>	<i>Key Issues and Aspirations 2009</i>	<i>Suggested Actions from the Consultations</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post Offices safe in Colerne, Box, Lacock and Corsham but Lypiatt Post Office closed • Expansion of employment opportunities in Basil Hill and potential in Spring Park, Royal Arthur and Hartham Park • Corsham Town Council developing plan to create local market 	<p><i>Corsham Community Area has relatively high levels of skills and employment although this may now be affected by the current economic situation. Concerns have been raised over the range of local shops and post offices and their potential vulnerability.</i></p> <p>THIS APPEARED AS A LOW PRIORITY IN THE EVIDENCE CONSIDERED - HAS THIS NOW CHANGED WITH THE IMPACT OF THE RECESSION?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote local food and produce • Encourage local market(s) • Research current impact of the recession

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