## **CORSHAM TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE FOR AREA BOARD 22 JULY 2021**

Corsham Street Fair – The Town Council has started planning its first town centre event for over 18 months. Corsham Street Fair will be back on 11 September 2021, from 12noon to 4pm. It will feature community stalls, live music, entertainment, food and drink and more. The Peacock Arts Trail also launches on the same day (until 19 September) with open studios, online exhibitions and a Window Wonderland gallery of art in homes, shops and businesses, including the Town Hall, in and around the High Street.

**Environmental Project Officer** – Beth Searle has joined the Town Council team as its first Environmental Project Officer. Initially, Beth will be working two days a week until going full-time from September, once she has completed her Masters in Environmental Management at Bath Spa University. Beth is currently reviewing the Town Council's Environmental Action Plan and working on some pilot projects including research with businesses, town centre waste recycling and tree planting.

**Corsham Neighbourhood Plan** – The Corsham Neighbourhood Plan Delivery and Monitoring Group are starting a review of the Plan.

**Town Centre Recovery Plan** – Work continues to support the town's retailers and businesses as the Covid guidance changes. The Town Centre Recovery Plan is regularly reviewed, with the help of local stakeholders.

**New Councillors** – Following May's local elections, when there were seven vacancies to be filled by co-option, the Town Council now has 18 Councillors, with two (of the three) Neston seats still vacant. The vacancies are currently being advertised.

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