

Update for Corsham Area Board

Name of Parish/Town Council	Corsham Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	1 June 2022

Headlines/Key successes

- The Town Council and Area Board are funding two detached youth workers from the Rise Trust to work with young people in the town. The youth workers are in town on Wednesday and Friday evenings and are making good progress at engaging with young people and helping to reduce anti-social behaviour.

- Taste of Corsham returns on 18 June. The Town Council-run food festival is back, from 10am-4pm, highlighting the best local and regional food and drink. Plus live music, children's activities, the Picnic Lawn in the grounds of Digital Mansion Corsham, the Taste Trail and FREE parking all day.

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- Work on the Town Council's Strategic Plan for 2022-26 continues. The key themes are: Environment and Climate Change, Highways and Transport, Business and the Economy and Community Wellbeing – all linked through creating an engaged community.
- The Town Council's first-ever Eco Fair, held in April, with stalls in the High Street and at Springfield, highlighting the small changes that could make a big difference to the planet, will now be an annual event.

Projects

- Following the Go Wild in Corsham event for families, three new bug hotels have been installed at Beechfield Nature Area.
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- Corsham Town Council Carbon Footprint Calculation - Corsham Town Council is working with Carbon Footprint Ltd to calculate its carbon footprint in order to assess its progress towards achieving net zero emissions by 2030. We have calculated our baseline figure for the year April 2019 to March 2020 (prior to Covid affecting things), which was 38.75 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent. The Town Council is now in the process of calculating its carbon footprint for the last financial year in order to compare this figure against the baseline. Carbon Footprint Ltd has set out a list of recommendation to reduce the Town Council's carbon footprint which we are now working towards. We are now committed to calculating and reporting our carbon footprint calculation on an annual basis to assess our progress towards net zero emissions. We would like to encourage all Corsham businesses and organisations to do the same as we all strive to reduce the carbon footprint of the town.
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Forthcoming events/Diary dates

- Corsham's Summer Fete returns for the first time in four years on 9 July, at Springfield Rec, 12-4pm. There will be stalls, fairground rides, live music, dog show, food and drink, fun and games, plus – weather permitting – a Hurricane (from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight) flypast. And it will all have a Jubilee theme too.
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- There are two Jubilee trails running in town. The Beacon Trail features QR codes in seven shop windows which, when scanned with a smart phone, reveal Sir Barnaby Beacon and his friends on a Jubilee adventure. Go to jubileebeacontrail.com to start. The Trail runs until 12 June. And, with thanks to Pickwick WI, 10 knitted corgis are hiding in the town's shop windows. Can you find them all? Entry forms are available at the Town Hall, the Tourist Information Centre or from www.corsham.gov.uk. The corgi trail runs until 5 June.
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Date: 23.5.22