

Box Parish Council Update for Corsham Area Board

Box PC had their first Heritage Open Day exhibition in September on this year's theme of Routes, Networks and Connections, including a very impressive display by the Cotswold Voluntary wardens. It also highlighted the Parish Council recently becoming a Gateway Ambassador on the Great West Way®. It was very successful and attracted nearly 100 visitors.

Also in September, Box Community Café hosted a drop-in morning for the Living Well Team at Chippenham, Corsham & Box PCN who brought details about social prescribing initiatives.

Corsham Area Board Grant ABG1466 Box PRoW improvement - Phase 3. Replace damaged stiles with Kissing/Pedestrian Gates (KG/PG) in order to improve access to the Box Parish PRoW Network - 'Match' funding of £2.5k with the Cotswold Conservation Board providing £2.5k. The CVW have installed 9 x KG and 7 x PG with a further 2 x KG to be installed by the end of October 2024. This is the final phase of the project that has replaced 44 x stiles with metal gates over the period 2021 - 2024.

Corsham Area Board (CAB) Grant ABG947 Box PRoW improvement - Deliver drainage improvement solutions in order to improve access to PRoW BOX80 and PRoW BOX22A/20. 'Match' funding of £1k was provided by the CAB with a further £1k provided by Box PC. The drainage improvement solution has been delivered to PRoW BOX80 at a cost of £1.2k. Unfortunately, the proposed solution for PRoW BOX20/22A was rejected and with the approval of the CAB, the remaining funds (£0.8k) used to acquire a Bristol Gate in order to improve access to PRoW BOX85 at Wormcliffe. The Bristol Gate will be installed by the end of November 2024.

Box PC would like to thank the AB for its support on the following projects:

Box Hill Common Fruit Orchard

Thoday Wood Project

Three phases of the Box Parish PRoW Improvement project

PRoW BOX18 and PRoW BOX2 surface improvements