

Update for Corsham Area Board

Name of Parish/Town Council	Corsham Town Council
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Date of Area Board Meeting	12 December 2024
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Headlines/Key successes

- The Town Council's Christmas Lights Switch On took place on 6 December with the usual mix of stalls, live music, entertainment and Father Christmas. The event was preceded by the Wishing Tree, which took place on 30 November, which saw over 80 wishes from local residents of all ages being hung on the tree in the Chapel Garden.
- The town has received great coverage in the press following its appearance in the Disney + production of Jilly Cooper's Rivals drama series. It is hoped the production company will return to film scenes for Series Two.
- In 2000 Corsham Parish Council became Corsham Town Council and next year will see this 25th anniversary marked in a number of ways, including competitions looking at what Corsham could be like in another 25 years' time.

Projects

- The Corsham Skatepark Project Group, supported by the Town Council, continues to raise funds for a new skatepark at Springfield Rec with a successful Skate Jam held in September and fund-raising continuing through the winter months. Skatepark designers are now being invited to tender for the project.
- The Town Council's Transport Plan consultants have been meeting with local stakeholders to understand their transport and travel requirements.
- The 'Story of the High Street' project, run in conjunction with a funded 'Story Associate', from Bath Spa University's Story Arcs project, is now in its final stages and the stories will appear in a new section on the Town Council's website early next year. The Town Council is also having work done on both its own website and the Visit Corsham site to improve accessibility.
- The sheep sculpture, designed by local artist Jonny Sanders, at the Cross Keys junction, which commemorates the town's historic links to the wool trade, is due to be replaced by the first of six painted sheep created by local schools. The first will come from The Corsham School, followed by the next from Neston Primary School.
- Following acceptance as a member of the Age-friendly Community Network, run by the Centre for Ageing Better, a survey is being launched in January to allow Corsham residents to share what is - or what will be - important to them as they age. Age-friendly communities commit to becoming a better place to age (from 50+), using the World Health Organisation's Age-friendly Communities framework of eight domains to guide the work. The domains are: outdoor spaces and buildings, transport, housing, social participation, respect and social inclusion, civic participation and employment, communication and information and community support and health services.

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Forthcoming events/Diary dates

- January 2025 – Launch of the annual Corsham Community Awards.
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- Next year's events:
 - 26 April – Eco Fair
 - 17 May – Taste of Corsham
 - 13 September – Street Fair
 - 5 December – Christmas Lights Switch On

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