

Update to Corsham Area Board – Thursday 21 May 2015

Springfield Community Campus

Opening update

External works to the landscaping at Springfield Community Campus are progressing well, with the majority of planting complete. The front car park is now open for use by campus visitors. Work will also be starting this month on the new outside play area, which is being developed by Corsham Town Council – this is planned for opening in July, in time for the school holidays.

Internally, the final phase of the works has commenced. The new main entrance and reception are now open, and the temporary rear entrance is no longer in use. The refurbished dry-side male and female changing rooms and toilets are also now open for customers to use.

The newly extended and refurbished gym is currently undergoing finishing touches, including installation of brand new equipment. This, along with the swimming pool and refurbished pool changing rooms, is scheduled for opening during late-July of this summer.

A full programme of exciting events and activities for the summer will be released soon so please keep your eyes peeled.

What's coming up at the campus?

The campus has much to offer, including a range of both leisure and community events and activities to suit all ages. We are also delighted to be working in partnership with other local partners, groups and organisations to host some really exciting things.

- Pound summer festival – this summer's Blue Skies festival takes place from 11-14 June, and we are excited to be hosting the festival's 2 headline acts – musician Cara Dillon on Saturday 13 June from 7.30pm and comedian Mark Watson on Thursday 11 June from 8pm. We will also be hosting a performance of AMJ Collective and Corsham Children's Choir on Friday 12 June from 6pm. You can get your tickets, and a full programme of all events, from Pound Arts - <http://www.blueskyfestival.org.uk/>
- Also making use of our great performance space is Corsham Regis Primary School, who will be holding their summer production at the campus on Thursday 16 July
- We are delighted to be hosting The Corsham School sixth form's A Level artwork display at the campus from 7-8 July.
- This May half-term we have teamed up with Greensquare housing association to offer holiday camp activities to children aged between 5 and 14 years old. There are lots of activities on offer including games, sports, climbing wall tasters and creative sessions such as art and baking. Please contact the campus reception to enquire or book a place.
- We are currently working with local partners such as Age UK, local GPs, Cand the Alzheimers Society to explore how the campus could become a central point in the community for supporting the elderly and vulnerable. We are working on an Artlift referral project, which

provides free art therapy for people living with dementia, as well as a Fitness & Friendship group for older people.

- Our exhibition space is proving very popular with the local community and is now fully booked for the remainder of 2015. We currently have a great display by Corsham's U3A, and upcoming we have The Corsham School staging a WW1 display, as well as displays by Corsham Arts Society and Wessex Scribes to name just a few. If you or your group is interested in using this free space to showcase your talent, please get in touch now to book your slot for 2016.

Other community news

Further to the success of our slipper exchange and health fair held at the campus last November, we recently extended this service to Colerne. On 28 April we hosted a free slipper exchange and mini health fair in Colerne Village Hall and were really delighted to have exchanged 20 pairs of slippers for local residents. Poorly fitting or worn slippers can potentially be a cause of trips and falls in the home amongst elderly people, so this initiative encourages older people to exchange their slippers for a new pair of slippers that are properly fitted. We would like to thank Colerne Village Hall for having us, and Brantano for supplying and fitting the slippers. The next event will be held in Lacock, shortly followed by Box, so please keep an eye out for further details.

Community Area Grants

The Area Board has a Community Area Grants scheme to help local groups with their capital projects. If you think your group could benefit from financial help under this grant scheme, please follow the link below for further information, or don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like to discuss an application:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areboards/areboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm>