

# SUMMER STAYCATION



## Ideas for FREE and low cost things to do in and around Corsham during the summer holidays

### ARTS AND CRAFTS

#### GET READING - SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

If you haven't already, join Corsham Library (at Springfield Community Campus). It's free, and means you can borrow up to 12 books for three weeks at a time, but it's not just books - there are e-books and audiobooks available too.

The Summer Reading Challenge, run by the Reading Agency via public libraries, is aimed at 4-11 year



olds. You can sign up at Corsham Library or go to [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk).

Children set their target (six is a good number to start with), read their library books, share their book reviews with someone at the Library and get a sticker. There are also lots of ideas for activities and games on the Summer Reading Challenge website.

Corsham Library is also running lots of activities linked to the Summer Reading Challenge every week. Why not pop in for some fun?

From 03 August - Colouring and Stencils

From 10 August - Word Puzzles

From 17 August - Jigsaw Puzzles

From 24 August - Create a Lego or Duplo Scene From a Book

From 31 August - Design a Bookmark Competition

The Library is open from 9am-7pm on Mondays and Fridays and 9am-5pm the rest of the week, apart from Sundays when it is closed.

#### RHYME TIME

Corsham Library's Rhyme Time takes place for babies at 10am on Wednesdays and Fridays, and at 11am on Wednesdays and Fridays for toddlers. Just sign in at the counter - no prior booking required.

## LEGO CLUB

Corsham Library's FREE Lego and Duplo Club runs at:

**Tuesday 2-4pm**

**Thursday 10am-12pm**

**Saturday 2.30-4pm**

There's no need to book, but parents/carers need to stay with children.

For more details call 01249 468490

Lego lovers can also enjoy Bricking It at The Pound Arts Centre on 7 August, 10am-11.15am, £2 per child. [www.poundarts.org.uk](http://www.poundarts.org.uk)



## WILTSHIRE SUMMER ARTS PROGRAMME

You can find details of arts events and activities running across the county by searching online for Wiltshire Summer Arts Programme.

### EARTHLY BEAUTY

The Pound Art Centre's Summer Open Exhibition, Earthly Beauty, is FREE to visit, and features works by young people. You can vote for your favourites too. And there's a great café!

The Pound, on Pound Hill, is normally open from 9.30am-9.30pm, closed on Sundays. To check opening hours and see what else is going on

## Summer Open Exhibition **EARTHLY BEAUTY**

9th August – 14th September



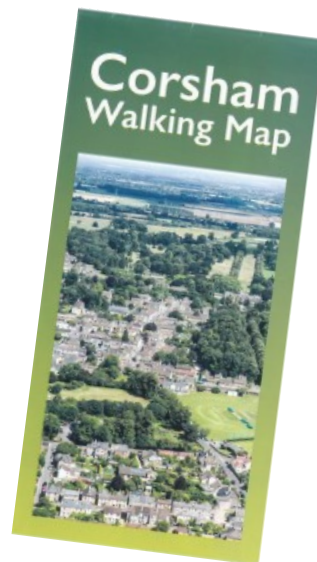
## YOUNG ARTISTS' SUMMER SHOW

The Royal Academy of Arts' YASS features the work of students, aged 4-19, from across the UK. If you are looking for inspiration for painting and drawing, you can view over 500 entries at [youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk](http://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk)

## GET ACTIVE

### GO FOR A WALK

There are all sorts of footpaths across Corsham - as well as the wonderful lake and parkland around Corsham Court. You can pick up a FREE Corsham Walking Map from the Town Hall or Tourist Information Centre.



### GET ON YOUR BIKE

The Town Council's Active Travel Group has designed a map featuring two family-friendly cycle routes between Corsham and Lacock for the beginner and/or nervous cyclist. Pick up a copy at the Town Hall, Tourist Information Centre or Spindles, the bike shop, all on the High Street.

### HOLIDAY TRAILS

The Town Council's Summer Holiday Trails return, with a Sylvanian Family Trail for younger children and the annual Pokemon Trail for older ones. For both, you need to find the characters hiding in the shop windows and write down where you saw them on the entry form. Take your forms to The Corsham Toyshop on Pickwick Road where you'll get a treat, then take the forms home to colour in the pictures on the back and return them to the Toyshop to be entered in a competition to win a bigger prize. The Trails run until 8 September. Pick up your entry forms from the Town Hall, the Tourist Information Centre, or The Corsham Toyshop, or download a copy from [www.corsham.gov.uk](http://www.corsham.gov.uk).



### FREE SWIMMING

If a child is on a Wiltshire Council Aqualetes Swimming programme, they can swim for free at public sessions throughout the summer.



## CORSHAM YOUTH ZONE

Corsham's Youth Club for age 11+, Corsham Youth Zone, meets at Springfield Community Campus on a Friday night, from 6-8pm. Admission is £1. There are all sorts of activities going on through the summer in the Main Hall at the Campus and on the all-weather pitch (astro).



02 August **Planting Astro Tag Rugby**

09 August **Creative writing Astro Football**

16 August **Fruit Kebab Making Astro Real Life Among Us**

23 August **Time capsule Astro Rounders**

30 August **Computer Safety Astro Parachute**

06 September **Script Writing and Drama Astro Dodgeball**

13 September **Tie Dying Astro Obstacle Course**

## INCLUSIVE PLAY

Play sessions for neurodivergent and/or disabled children aged 12 and under (and their siblings), take place at Springfield Community Campus on the first and third Saturday of each month, but extra sessions are running during the holidays:

3 and 17 August - 3-5pm

8, 22 and 29 August - 2-4pm

The sessions cost £3.80 per child (£2.70 for siblings).



## SPRINGFIELD CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

For times and costs of all the activities available at Springfield Community Campus - swimming, junior gym, climbing, etc - go to [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/4398/Overview](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/4398/Overview).

## PLAY AREAS AND OPEN SPACES

Why not try a different play area to your local one? As well as the play area at Springfield Rec, where you will also find the parkour (free running) facility, BMX track, skatepark and outdoor gym, there are play areas at Coppershell in Gastard, Neston Rec, Dicketts Road, Meriton Rec, Westwells, Katherine Park (The Green and Little Play Area), Bences Lane and Potley. The two play areas at Potley have been improved with new equipment, and should be open for most of the summer holidays. (The wet weather slowed down the installation.)

You can also enjoy a walk at Beechfield Wildlife Area on Middlewick Lane (very restricted parking) or through The Batters, which runs along the railway line between Prospect and Brook Drive. Visit [www.corsham.gov.uk](http://www.corsham.gov.uk) for more details of our open spaces.



## EXTRA INFO!

### FREE BUS TRAVEL

From now until 1 September, up to two children under the age of 18 can travel FREE when with a fare-paying adult, on Faresaver buses.



### KIDS EAT FREE

A number of national shops and restaurants are offering 'Kids Eat Free' (or for £1) deals through the summer. You can see the full list at [www.moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](http://www.moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free).

### HELP AND SUPPORT - AND THINGS TO DO

The Wiltshire Together website offers help and advice as well as information on things to do and places to go.



Are you a parent or carer needing support? Are you a young person needing some advice?

For information on things to do, places to go, practical tips or who to talk to, All Together is a website with information and advice for you.



[wiltshiretogether.org.uk/AllTogether](http://wiltshiretogether.org.uk/AllTogether)

And don't forget to round off the summer with the Street Fair!

