



West Moors Town Council

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Remembrance Day, Sunday 12th November, 2023

On Sunday 12th November, Remembrance Sunday, we will commemorate Armistice Day traditions, by paying our respects around the War Memorial at the Petwyn, West Moors, with the honouring of the 2-minute silence and witnessing the laying of many wreaths by various local groups, organisations and authorities.

Every year it is very clear that so many people are grateful for the lives of the brave women and men of West Moors and beyond, who made the ultimate sacrifice in the pursuit of freedom. People line the streets of the village to watch the parade and pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country during conflict.

This year, the parade and service welcomes our new Reverend, Michael Eaton, from St. Mary's Church who is very much looking forward to sharing this special day with us all.

Memory Tree 2023

Since 2021, we have been offering a way of residents honouring and remembering their loved ones at Christmas time, by sharing their memories of them, through writing a message on a star, or dove, or both, which we hang on the Memory Tree, outside Dixon Kelley, on Station Road

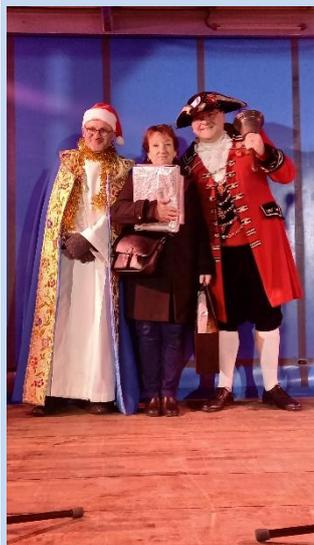
It has been an honour to be trusted with such sentiment from so many in the last 2 years. Please contact the office if you would like to have a memory added.

Carols on the Petwyn 1st December, 2023

The Carols on the Petwyn is a very special evening in West Moors, traditionally held on the first Friday in December. West Moors Youth Club coordinate the stalls, hot food and drink, the road marshals, fairground rides, the road closure, Santa's visit, and more. All money raised, goes to the Youth Club.

Churches Together can be thanked for the popular procession, range of favourite Carols and readings and the schools that support the talented children that are the heart and soul of the service. Bournemouth Youth Marching Band bring their enthusiasm every year, during the procession and the Carol Service. This year, we will see the famous Barrow racing return, but with the addition of the mini barrows. Adults will race with an adult passenger and the juniors will be pushing a teddy bear! There will be a prize for the winner of each category. There is also the introduction of an Elf Hunt, where from 5.30pm, children can come and get their entry sheets from the truck, in Penn Court. They go around looking for elves hiding in windows, ticking each box as they find each elf, and the name of the shop they found them in. They return their completed sheet to the truck, to redeem for a medal. The sheets will be put into a draw, and the winner will be called out at 7.30pm, to receive their prize. For many years, West Moors Town Council has taken pride in presenting the winners of the Council Christmas Card Competition with their prizes after the carol service, introduced by the local Town Cryer, with his proclamations and impactful presence.

The Town Council always ensure the trees on the Petwyn are decked with twinkling lights and motifs on all the lampposts are illuminated, as well as the Christmas Tree on the Petwyn. A huge thank you should go to all those volunteers that support the event in different ways.



Jubilee Copse

The importance of a woodland has come to the fore in the 21st Century.

If we can save as many of the saplings as possible at our Jubilee Copse, it will not only contribute to preserving this special piece of the planet, but residents can also continue to enjoy the biodiverse space as a recreational amenity.

Over 400 saplings were planted in January and March last year, by community volunteers and Councillors and Council staff.

After 12 months, it became clear that the saplings needed some care, so we organised a sapling maintenance session in June this year. It was a hot day and as motivated as everyone was that showed up, we did not achieve as much as hoped. So, the community was called upon once again, and an appeal for help was publicised in July. Once a few names came forward, a date of Saturday 30th September was agreed.

A big thanks to; Eunice Clayton-Paine, Mike Amos, Ian King, Steve Dawes, Cllr Penny Yeo, Cllr Jordan Randall, Clerk Judi Weedon, Assistant to the Clerk Amie Fawcett, Rosie Brown and our Groundsman Steve Merrick (Terraforma) for their time and assistance.

There is still a considerable amount of maintenance to be carried out, so the council may consider employing a professional to complete the work, as time and weather may not be on our side soon!



Above: Cllr Mrs Penny Yeo

Spinney Improvement Project

Residents Angie and Malcolm Light, Tom and Rachel Keane and Hazel and Keith Randle, have been carrying out overdue improvements of this green space, the Spinney (located in between Southern Avenue and Heatherdown Road).

While the weather is still kind, they plan to meet Saturday mornings, when possible, for a few hours. All greenery that is removed, is collected by [Dorset Council Waste Services](#) or [Dorset Council](#) on the Monday.

This project evolved earlier this year, when local resident, Mr Randle approached West Moors Town Council to ask if he could form a Community Group to help tidy up the Spinney. A meeting was held at the site, where 20 residents met with Cllrs to discuss the project. As this area is [Dorset Council](#) land, permission had to be sought from the Open Spaces Team.

So far, the Friends of the Spinney, have spent over 40 hours working hard to revert this green space into the attractive area it once was.

Achievements to date, are the path access from both sides has been cleared and widened for easier access, a vast amount of densely overgrown brambles, scrub and thorn have been cut back, the wildflower area stripped back and prepared. There is more where that came from!

They hope to carry out bulb planting, basic tree branch trimming, and to invite the local Scout groups to help with bird boxes, fairy doors on the trees, and any other creative ideas to brighten the area up.

These Green Space volunteers would welcome more help, no previous experience required. You just need to enjoy working in the outdoors and want to make a difference to this area.



Above: Angie Light and Hazel Randle

WESTIVAL 2024 SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 13th July 2024. 12-4pm

WESTIVAL 2024 is on the horizon! Please put Saturday 13th July 2024 in your diaries, as it is the only annual community event in West Moors, with something for everyone and entry will again be FREE.

If you have a catering company, a stall, or entertainment service you would like to bring, or alternatively, if you would like to help on the day or towards sponsoring the event, please contact Amie Fawcett on 01202 861044, 07776 175387 or email: office@westmoors-tc.gov.uk

Grants awarded

West Moors Youth Football Club



In September, WMYFC received a grant of £500 to expand and develop the club, starting with the purchase of new equipment.

FREE Hedgehog Highway signs

These fence surrounds are available to West Moors residents who want to encourage hedgehogs into their gardens. Only a small donation is requested. They are made of recycled plastic and can BE recycled. With them, comes an information leaflet and a display box and window sticker showing you are part of the project.

Please visit [Hedgehogs R Us](https://hedgehogsrus.co.uk/hedgehog-highway-project) Facebook and website:

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Bi-Monthly litter picks

Remembrance Sunday commemorations take place on Sunday 12th so we plan to get West Moors looking it's best, on **Saturday 11th November**.

This time, we have some fancy litter hoops (Bagos) thanks to Dorset Council Waste Services.

Our litter heroes have taken at least 360 bags of litter from the streets of West Moors since 2021.

On **September 16th**, we had 23 volunteers collecting a total of 30 bags of rubbish within 2 hours. One volunteer picked up over 200 cigarette butts. This is unacceptable.

Amongst our Angels that day were: Ian King, Rosie Brown, Rosemary Dunning, Lizzy/Darren/Ruth from Verwood Connect Day Centre, along with their Carer Glenn, Nigel Barclay, Val Harvey, Val Kelly, David Mansfield, Cllr Trevor Salt, Charmaine Hughes, Christine Risby, Gillian Chandler, Dee Elston, Steve Yeates, Alex Clarke, Malcolm Adam, Heather Barnsley, Janice Clyde and Sue Kent, and last but not least, George Sted.

We shouldn't have favourites but, Mr George Sted, 87 years old, who was recently widowed, found solace in our community event, where he even met new friends.

George's attitude is the kind that we hope the next generation will adopt: 'Be proactive, be part of it, be kind'. West Moors volunteers make the streets cleaner, spread their wonderful spirit as they go, and West Moors Town Council are very proud of them and what they do.



Report a Crime - keep our community safe.

If you have any police related matters, please report them to the police.

If they don't know about something, it's very difficult for them to do anything. Report online to:

www.dorset.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us-beta/contact-us

The Neighbourhood Policing Team, who monitor all incidents of anti-social behaviour within our area, will be made aware of your report.

They will investigate your report and get back to you within 48 hours, either with a crime reference number or, if they can't take action, an explanation as to why and further advice.

They won't call you unless they need more information, to clarify something in your report or if there might be an opportunity to collect forensic evidence.

Non-emergency issues or concerns, please contact us by telephone on 101.

Please call 999 if there is ever an immediate threat, risk or harm or a crime in progress.

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THEY CAN HELP

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COMMUNITY SAFE & REPORT WHAT
YOU SEE TO THE POLICE



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