



West Moors Town Council

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WESTIVAL 2023



On Saturday 8th July, we all had a great time at Fryer Field, during the 3rd WESTIVAL, hosted by West Moors Town Council (WMTC).

The purpose of the day was not to make money, but lots of memories.

Entry and some activities were free, others very reasonably priced.

WMTC wanted to show its residents that they are here for them and believe that at least once a year, everyone should get together and share stories, have fun and show how strong West Moors Community is.

There were so many people that made the event happen and they deserve a huge thank you. Volunteers, Sponsorship, and the Council themselves.

Volunteers: Val Kelly, Malcolm Adams, David Mansfield, Heather Barnsley, Wendy Ellard, Kevin Ellard, Marion Rawlings, Shirley Summers, Ritchie Fawcett, Cllr Jordan Randall, Cllr Trevor Salt, Cllr Mrs Penny Yeo, Cllr Mrs Rita Burke, Cllr Keith Wilkes, Cllr David Green, Cllr Nicki Senior, Cllr Colin Way, Cllr David Shortell, Barry Fowler, Paul Brealey, Tracey Cox, Russell Kerr, Dan Morgan, Adam Moss-Holland, Judi Weedon and Amie Fawcett. **Sponsors;** MB Wilkes Quarry, K & B Installations, AET Transport, Julia's Farm, Tec Check, Flooring Elegance, The Blue Barber Shop, Brewer and Brewer, Nu Forest Construction, Phoenix Marble & Granite, Nicholas O'Hara Funeral Directors and JK House Training Centre.



Jubilee Copse needs your help

The avenues of trees that were planted last year at the Copse behind the skate park, by our wonderful volunteers, Councillors and Staff, now need a little nudge to keep growing. There was a community session held on Saturday 3rd June, but unfortunately not enough maintenance was completed. It was a HOT day and the 4 people that helped were fantastic but we need more! Please!

What we have in the Jubilee Copse now, wouldn't have happened without the help of YOU, the wonderful volunteers of West Moors, and community groups coming together to make a difference.

We need as many as possible to step up and lend a hand in caring for, what is essentially part of their future.

This new budding Copse needs the nurturing that the younger generation have the energy and stamina to offer!

Of course, we welcome all ages and as much of your time as you can spare.

Please contact the office for more information on how you can help complete the 'Caring for the Copse'.



The Jubilee Copse NEEDS VOLUNTEERS



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July Bi-Monthly litter pick

The windy weather warnings (not extreme enough to cancel) for Saturday 15th July, did not distract some of our volunteers from their dedication to keeping West Moors clean. As it turned out, the rain held off until most litter pickers were back, but the loyalty shown by our volunteers over the past couple of years, indicates that they would have carried on, come rain or shine!

Cllrs Alex Clarke, Jordan Randall, and Trevor Salt, along with residents Val Kelly, Nigel Barclay, Dee Elston and Malcolm Adams, all joined forces and collected 12 bags of rubbish within the hour.

It never goes unsaid, that the value of our volunteers of West Moors are undoubtedly priceless, and each Community event we host, is only successful because of their support.



New LED lights at the Tennis Court

There have been 8 new LED lights installed at the tennis courts at Fryer Field, as the previous lamps were not providing sufficient lighting to cover the courts for tennis activity. We hope this will also offer a level of light to the Skate Park once they have been positioned to do so.

UPDATE: Request for Crossing at Station Road

Dorset Council have confirmed that the request for a crossing on Station Road, in the approximate location of West Moors Memorial Hall across to the St. Mary's First School side, meets the set criteria, and is now at the Feasibility stage. West Moors Town Council will continue to progress this.

King Charles III Coronation Celebrations by WMTC

For the younger generation to celebrate this occasion, commemorative ceramic mugs, with a bespoke design, were presented to each school by the Chair of the Council, Cllr Rita Burke, and each student received one of these. They too, will have a keepsake of the first Coronation in 70 years.

St. Mary's First School treated Cllr Rita Burke to an adorable rendition of the National Anthem, the students of Oakhurst First School impressed Cllr Burke with their delightful Coronation Cakes which were part of their competition, for which medals were awarded, and finally West Moors Middle School greeted Cllr Burke with handshakes, sweet gratitude and listened to the history of previous gifts presented to the school children of West Moors, in years gone by. The Manager of Five Gables Care Home, Julie Hawkins, expressed sincere thanks to the Council, for the wonderful celebration box provided. She couldn't believe it when she arrived for work Friday morning. They received the same gesture for the Jubilee last year and was so thrilled to be included again.

Lastly, the Town Cryer, Iain Mitchell, announced the Coronation on the Petwyn, on the Saturday morning at 9.30am, which was lovely to watch, despite the rain trying to drown him out!

King Charles III Coronation badges

Commemorative King's Coronation badges were on sale in the Council offices, for only £1 each. Even though the Coronation has passed, there are still plenty available should you want to purchase one. There is also 1 mug left.

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: <https://hedgehogsrus.co.uk/hedgehog-highway-project>

Jean Ware Award 2022/23

The Town Council were very pleased to be able to announce the recipient of this year's Jean Ware Legacy Award, Charlotte Geary.

Only available to 40 people, Charlotte has been selected by 'Song Academy' (who work with famous singers) to attend a 4-day Summer Camp course, which Charlotte hopes will open doors to opportunities that every musician could only dream of having one day.

This £1000 award will help towards the cost of the residential camp and official studio time to record the original song, she will write on the residential trip.

Charlotte gratefully explained that the support from West Moors Town Council will edge her further in the direction of her dream of performing on main stages one day – giving young people a platform of lyrics to relate to.

Good Citizen Award 2022/23

Sadly, there were no nominations this year.

Apprentice Vocational Award

This grant will also not be available next year.

Big Help Out Litter Pick 8th May 2023

On the Bank Holiday Monday, it was 'the Big Help Out', part of the King's Coronation celebrations, West Moors Town Council held their bi-monthly litter pick, which oozed with Community Spirit, friendliness and fun, thanks to the 40 volunteers, 1 new person from Poole.

The general opinion was that there was less today than in March. West Moors Town Council will continue with these clean ups until one day, all the blue sacks come back empty.



Annual Town Meeting Thursday 13th April, 2023

Thank you to the 31 members of public that came along to the Annual Town Assembly, the Councillors for their reports and hard work over the last year, to David Sidwick, Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner for his time and valuable information and to Charlotte Geary, for her beautiful performance after she received her trophy for the Jean Ware Legacy Award 2022.23



Citizens Advice Bus- Park Way

The New Citizens Advice Bus now stops at Park Way Car Park, West Moors, every Tuesday. Between 1pm-3pm you can speak to their friendly advisers about a range of issues including benefits, debt and money, employment, energy, water schemes, family, housing, legal and more.

Bi-Monthly Litter Pick March 2023

Between the 20 wonderfully generous litter heroes, 26 bags of rubbish were removed off the streets of West Moors. An unacceptable amount of cigarette butts were torn off the pavements by many of the volunteers. Many do not know that cigarette butts are made of a type of plastic (plasticised cellulose acetate) and are not biodegradable. One can take 14 years to break apart, its toxins seeping into the earth and stay in the environment for an unknown period of time. Fourteen years due to one second of selfishness. Before you flick, please think.



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