



# West Moors Town Council

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## Christmas 2021

### Christmas Card competition

A Children's Christmas Card competition has been hosted for many years by West Moors Council and we were delighted to do so again last year. The invitation went to more children of West Moors than in previous years, so those that attend local Middle Schools as well as local First Schools, were welcomed into the competition.

Children's Christmas Card designs were received by the second week in November, and the Chairman of the Council, Cllr Keith Wilkes, chose the winner and 2 runners-up on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

Prizes were presented during the Carols on the Petwyn event, which took place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.



Merry Christmas



Runner up 2  
Brooke Drewett  
aged 9  
1<sup>st</sup> West Moors Scouts,



WINNER:  
Holly Sillett,  
aged 6  
St. Mary's First  
School, year 2



Runner up 1  
Jake Brown,  
aged 9  
West Moors Middle  
School, year 5

Below:left to right:  
Vice Chair of  
West Moors Town  
Council, Cllr Colin  
Way,Holly Sillett,  
Brooke Drewett and  
Jake Brown



## Carols on the Petwyn

Oh, what joy there was, to see so many people celebrating Christmas as a Community in West Moors, with the outdoor procession and carol service. S'mores and mince pies sweetened up the not so cold December evening, with carol singing and mulled wine, seasonally perfect in the square. Stalls with handmade gifts and various different features, lined the street from 5pm.

The procession began at 6pm, led by the Town Crier, St. Mary's Church and Bournemouth Youth Marching Band. Children from the local schools told the story of the nativity in readings from the gospel followed by prayers and a reflection from the Rev'd Andy Muckle of St. Mary's Church. The Christmas Card competition held by West Moors Town Council for many years, was a success again, delivering prizes to the stage, for the 2 runners-up (Jake Brown aged 9 and Brooke Drewett aged 6) and the winner (Holly Sillett aged 6).

'Carols on the Petwyn', on Station Road, has been a strong tradition for many years, and is achieved through lots of hard work and collaboration, organised by Churches Together, and West Moors Youth and Community Club.

The event may not have been held in 2020, but the spirit was not lost this time, with the arrival of Santa on his motorbike and elves by the Christmas tree on the Petwyn, greeting crowds as they gathered. In addition to the fun on the streets, there were beautifully decorated and illuminated trees lighting up St Martin's United Reformed Church, for the their annual Christmas Tree Festival, where West Moors Town Council boasted their own entry, courtesy of Martin Rowley (local resident and volunteer). A Community event can only be successful if the Community are part of it, which they certainly were that evening.



## The App for Living Sustainably in the modern world

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### Tips

Easy daily Tips to help live a sustainable lifestyle.

### Journeys

Storytelling & educational stories organised in episodes.

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Tap into the power of community with challenges.

### Habits

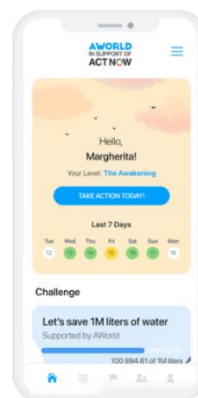
Fun and engaging sustainable habits you can activate to track your improvements.

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## Community Tree Planting a Success!

Thanks to a generous donation by the Woodland Trust, the Town Council organised a 'Community Tree Planting' session, that took place Saturday 8th January, behind the new Skatepark at Fryer Field.

This is the first stage in the development of a Woodland Copse, to commemorate the Queen's 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee and enhance the general environment around West Moors.

Armed with their own spades and boundless enthusiasm, 25 volunteers met our Councillors and Dorset Council (DC) Open Spaces team members – Daryl Pearce and Sam Traynor, just before 10am.

Those present included local residents of all ages, 7 members of the Ferndown U3A (led by Bob Reeves) West Moors Town Council's Chairman Keith Wilkes and Cllrs Mrs Carol Holmes, Mrs Penny Yeo, Alex Clarke, Steve Linford and Mike Hawkes.

Despite the persistent rain, spirits were high and sapling planting was in full swing very quickly. Supervised by DC and the grandson of one of the Ferndown U3A members, a young Allistair (all the way from Oxford to visit his grandparents and spent his morning handing out sapling canes!), trees planted included hawthorn, dogwood, silver birch, rowan and hazel.

The final tree to be planted was a Flowering Cherry tree, A 'Prunus Snow Goose'. On 6<sup>th</sup> February, this tree will mark the Queen's 70-year reign, a milestone anticipated by many, becoming the first British Monarch to do so.

The support from both the local community and Dorset Council was overwhelming. Tree planting is so important because it helps to fight the effects of climate change, helps us to replace trees lost to ash dieback and planting a mixture of species throughout the woodland helps to increase diversity.



## E Scooters on pavements

E-scooterists often ride on the pavement because they don't feel safe on the road, however, electric scooters are currently classed as 'powered transporters' by the government and fall under the same laws and regulations that apply to all motor vehicles.

It is illegal to use them on pavements, in cycle lanes and in pedestrian-only areas, and it would only be legal to use them on public roads if they could meet the same requirements as motor vehicles (e.g., in terms of insurance, tax, license, registration and vehicle construction), which in practice is virtually impossible.



The Go Scooter has a top speed of 30mph, and so would be dangerous to ride in a space intended for pedestrians. Because it has the same top speed as a 50cc scooter, there's no need for you to be riding it on the pavement anyway.

Electric scooter rental trials have been underway in a number of areas across the UK since summer 2020. The trial period has been extended until the end of March 2022. The government is then likely to launch another consultation phase before any official changes to the law are proposed.

You can ride a **Beryl e-Scooter** anywhere that bikes are allowed. It is recommended riding the e-scooter in designated bike lanes. Please note, **you can NOT ride the e-scooter on pavements.**

## Skatepark Community Questionnaire

As many already know, the new skatepark opened in September last year and the official opening party was held on 15<sup>th</sup> October. Questionnaire posters were placed in the area and on Town Council noticeboards, but we still need more feedback. It is so essential that we find out what the public (users and non-users) think of the new facility and why. You can scan the QR code below to access the online survey. Many Thanks in advance.



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