



West Moors Town Council

Issue 13 Newsletter

CENSUS 2021 IS COMING

Households across Dorset along with the rest of England and Wales will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021.

The Census is a ten-yearly survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

It will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets. Those residents who are unable to complete the Census digitally will be supported by a phone helpline, a network of Census Support Centres or by ordering a paper Census.

"A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed," said Philip Eades, the Census Engagement Manager for the area covered by Dorset Council.

"This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That's why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them" he continued.

Census Day will be on Sunday March 21st 2021 with households across the country receiving letters with online early codes allowing them to take part from March.

The Census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. For the first time there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Initial results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.

Residents can be assured that the Census form is completely confidential and personal data is not shared until the Census is opened up 100 years later. On that subject Census 1921 will be available for research early in 2021.

For more information visit [census.gov.uk](https://www.census.gov.uk), follow @CensusDorset on Twitter or contact Philip Eades on 07452 948119 or by email at philip.eades98@field.census.gov.uk

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What has been going on?

Colten Care supports children festive activities

Colten Care's Bourne View, based in Poole, partnered with its charity partner, Diverse Abilities, to provide a series of festive goodies for the children supported by the charity's Project My Time service.

The home provided more than 60 festive cupcakes and a large cake decorated as a present for all of the children and families in attendance to enjoy, as well as helping the activities to go ahead as planned, including a Christmas party hosted by Richard from Party Time. Richard has supported Project My Time for more than 10 years and provides fun and games.

Amy Topp, short breaks coordinator at Diverse Abilities, commented: "It has been really heart-warming for the whole team to be able to catch up with everyone, be a shoulder for any difficulties they're facing, and bring back the magic of Christmas."

Eight families enjoyed films chosen by the children, and a pizza delivery for lunch, alongside the cakes provided by Colten Care.

Visit diverseabilities.org.uk to find out more about the charity and its services, and coltencare.co.uk to find out more about the care provider.



Geocaching in West Moors



Once a little known, seldom heard of recreational activity, geocaching has grown in popularity since its beginnings twenty years ago in Oregon, USA.

Our increased desire for simple, local, outdoor recreation and sport has seen geocaching become hugely popular among young families, retirees and many other sectors of the community. Of course, the recent coverage by the greying, but still dashing Robson Green didn't hurt either!

From quick cache-and-dash trips, to long walks with multiple finds, to engaging (and occasionally infuriating!) puzzles, there are geocaches to suit all adventurers. For the little ones, many of the larger caches contain 'treasures' that can be swapped, making the fun of the find even more exciting. While for the more mature cacher, there is no greater thrill than logging a 'found it' and adding another smiley face to your map!

Joining the 30+ geocaches already in the West Moors area is the War Memorial multi-cache. Combining a little local history with a short walk and great adventure, West Moors Town Council was delighted to see this low-cost, easy and fun activity expanding locally.

by Sharon Curtis.



West Moors Memorial Hall Grant

Previously, West Moors Town Council have awarded the Memorial Hall with £500 annually towards the cost of maintaining their car park. In May 2019 they were awarded £1,000 towards the cost of their new chairs. This month, they will be granted £800 towards the installation of CCTV for the year 2020/21.

E Vouchers for Ringwood Foodbank

A reminder to local residents who have fallen on hard times during the pandemic – or for any other reason - seek help before problems escalate.

Some people use food banks to free up income that they would otherwise have needed to spend on food. It is not a reflection on your character or self-worth. It is a sensible choice.

Any of us could be hit by a sudden loss of income caused by benefit penalties or delays, job losses, or equally sudden unanticipated costs, often relating to housing or heating, creating a short-term budgetary crisis.

How we treat each other when life is hard speaks volumes about us as a nation.

The ones that donate TO the foodbank and the volunteers AT the foodbank.

Don't let the stigma of using a foodbank stop you from getting the help you need. None of us are immune to the chill of financial difficulty. We would all utilise retail or restaurant vouchers where possible. **FOODBANKS ARE JUST AN EXTENSION OF THIS.**

West Moors Town Council are a referral agent for food vouchers. Email: office@westmoors-pc.gov.uk or call: 07561 652603 (or 01202 861044)

Once an E voucher number is issued, you will be contacted by your nearest foodbank (Verwood or Ringwood) to determine any dietary requirements and whether you can collect, or a delivery is needed.



Small grants still available for West Moors non-profit community groups affected by Covid

CORONAVIRUS has caused distress, loneliness and economic hardship for many people living in West Moors who are self-isolating or unable to work. As a result of this, some local voluntary groups that are funded mainly from the subscriptions and/or donations they receive from their members, may have been financially affected.

West Moors Town Council have been offering small grants of approximately £250 to enable affected local groups and/or projects, to continue offering the charitable/voluntary service to the residents of West Moors. Pinehurst Chapel, St. Mary's Church, West Moors Scouts and West Moors Flower Group have been successful so far.

THE GRANT and the APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. The applicant must represent a NON-PROFIT group only.
2. A brief statement of no more than 250 words is required to explain how the pandemic has affected the group financially and how our assistance would benefit the organisation.
3. Applications will be considered by the Full Council at the next appropriate meeting upon receipt of the application (meetings are currently held on the last Thursday of every month via zoom).
4. **Funds will only be available until 31st March 2021.**

As we have entered another lockdown, the distress continues. Please do not hesitate to contact us on 01202 861044 or office@westmoors-pc.gov.uk



Clean up after your pet

Dog faeces carry diseases as well as leaving an unpleasant odour.

DO NOT USE OTHER PEOPLE'S BINS.

Follow the Doggy Doo code:
www.dorsetdogs.org.uk/wagipawdia/doggy-doo-code/

**BIO-DEGRADABLE
COMPOSTABLE DOG
WASTE BAGS**

Sold in the Council office.

You can be fined

Each authority follows the procedure and guidance, written under the Antisocial Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014

A Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100 could be issued or up to £1,000 if it goes to a magistrates court.

Report dog fouling

You can report dog fouling to Dorset Council via an online form.
www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/environmental-health/dog-warden-service.
 Tel: 01202 228770
 Email: envhealthteamb@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk



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DUE TO COVID-19

THE OFFICE IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Call us on 01202 861044 or 07561 652603

We can deliver food caddy and dog waste bags (West Moors)