



# West Moors Town Council

Issue 2 2022 Newsletter

## Free Tree Giveaway for West Moors residents

The Free Tree initiative supports the Council's commitment towards reaching a carbon-neutral Town by 2030. Additionally, it provides an opportunity to support the Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) project.

On Saturday 19th February, over 60 residents snapped up the chance for free saplings, which were given away between 10am and 12noon, by West Moors Town Council.

Thank goodness for the generosity of West Moors Memorial Hall, as the shelter was much needed after 10:30am!

On offer were Blackthorn, Crab Apple, Dog Rose, Goat Willow, Hawthorn and Rowan.

The new copse behind the skatepark, where 105 saplings were planted by the local community back in January (donated by the Woodland Trust), became the new home for the saplings that weren't adopted that day, along with an additional 200 purchased by the Council.

Thank you to everybody who came along to pick up their free tree. It was wonderful to see you all! It also continues to prove that West Moors residents share our commitment to create a greener place to live.

## Second Community Tree Planting session

As well as producing oxygen and removing harmful carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, trees create beautiful, uplifting outdoor environments that provide new habitats for wildlife.

On Saturday 19th March, with the help of 30 volunteers (Councillors, local residents, a Ferndown U3A representative and her family and Council staff and families) 200 more saplings were planted during the second Community Tree Planting session, now ready to find their way in the world!

There was a wonderful atmosphere and community spirit filled the air. The sun was shining, there was a warm wind blowing, there was great enthusiasm from volunteers and there was a buzz from the busy new skate park.

Some of the 95 saplings that were left, were collected from the office by a few residents the following week and the balance were planted by our Grounds Maintenance team.



## Community Tree Planting Rock Initiative

This year, Her Majesty the Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service.

In January, all the Children from the three schools in West Moors, painted rocks that the Town Council provided, in their own chosen design, to pay tribute to this momentous occasion. The finished products are delightfully colourful and creative.

On Wednesday 2nd February, Councillors and staff used the 550 rocks to create a display on the Petwyn showing the historic milestone dating 1952 – 2022.

A big Thank You to the Schools for their participation.

In June the Council will also be providing party packs to the residents of local care homes, so they are able to celebrate between the 2nd and 5th June, despite not being at home or out with their loved ones.

Drone image by: [www.leecooperphotography.co.uk](http://www.leecooperphotography.co.uk)



## Litter Picks of 2022.

It was with great pride, but also regret, that we saw our Community Litter Picker volunteers return to the office on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, with 35 bags of rubbish between them.

This is the most we have collected in the last 7 years of West Moors Town Council litter picks. In the past year, including the 2021 annual litter pick and today's, we have removed over 100 bags of litter from West Moors streets and carparks.

The hope was, if we carried out a litter pick every other month instead of once a year, we would be keeping West Moors tidier for longer. Sadly, this has not been the case.

Since September 2021, each litter pick has seen nearly 20 bags of rubbish and our Volunteer Litter Warden, who also patrols regularly, rarely sees streets with no litter.

Saying Thank You to those who show our environment respect by not littering, does not seem quite enough. Saying Thank You to those generous people that help clean up after those that do not show respect, is also not enough.

A Huge Thank You anyway.

To those who think it's OK to throw rubbish anywhere other than in a bin, we say:

Littering affects climate change because most materials like plastic can take hundreds of years to break down, causing greenhouse gases that leak into our atmosphere and causes our planet to become hotter.

It is the future generation who will suffer if we do not take this opportunity to be the first in human history to leave a legacy of no greenhouse-gas emissions and no biodiversity loss.

Taking your rubbish home is a huge contribution towards achieving this legacy.

***Be Part of the Solution, not the Pollution***



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## Grants awarded March 2022

### Oakhurst Community School

A Grant of £500 to assist with costs for an outdoor (Forest School) classroom roof.



### St Martins United Reform Church

A grant of £500 for costs towards kitchen refit in church hall.

### West Moors Townswomen's Guild

A grant of £150 was awarded to assist with the running of the group.



## Jean Ware Legacy Award

It is with sincere disappointment that the Council did not find a recipient for this award (£1,000) for the year 2021 - 2022. Nor did we receive any Apprenticeship Vocational Scheme applications (£250 award).

Great effort was made to reach out by sending emails to local Schools, groups and churches. Regular Facebook posts were made, and posters have remained on all 3 noticeboards for the whole year. Sadly, to no avail.

The main criteria is that the applicant must be a resident and be of a certain age. Understandably frustrating, when there is an individual that excels in a certain subject but is not the right age or a non-resident. As much as we would love to support this person, the criteria must be met. We very much hope that during the next year the talented candidates from West Moors will hear about this wonderful opportunity and let us help them shape their future.

Please visit our website for further details on these awards or contact the office on Park Way.

## Good Citizen Award 2022

In June 2019, West Moors Council implemented a 'Good Citizen Award' where an individual can be formally recognised for their service to the Community.

A "Good Citizen" is one who undertakes selfless acts for the good of the community without financial motive. Or, just someone who is uplifting and makes a difference to someone else's life.

There were no Junior Good Citizen nominations received this year, but there were five Adult ones. Amongst the nominees were John Bartley (former Secretary of West Moors Memorial Hall, and also nominee of 2021), James Hounslow (former Chairman of WMMH), John Reid (representative for R.A.F.A- Royal Air Forces Association), Rev'd Andy Muckle (of St. Mary's Church) and finally the Winner of the Good Citizen Award 2022 - Ray Hilton Garner- Chair of West Moors Youth Club, for his dedication to Today's Youth and future generations and for co-ordination of the Carols on the Petwyn event.

## Annual Public Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> April 7pm

All Good Citizen Award recognition certificates and the Winners trophy will be presented before the Annual Public Meeting officially starts on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April, at St. Anthony's Church Hall.

Between 7.00 and 7.30pm there will also be a short talk from Stasia Smith- Recipient of the Diana Award 2021. Topic: Experiences in Youth Parliament and plans to encourage Youth participation in Local Government.

This is an annual statutory meeting of West Moors electors and is not a Council meeting although the Council does take the opportunity for its Chair and Committee Chairmen to make a report to the meeting on the work being undertaken by the Council.

They will explain what has been happening over the past year and what is planned for the future.

This will enable electors to ask questions and make suggestions on anything that they consider important to the people of West Moors.

It is finished with electors questions and comments Please join us. Refreshments will be served



## Rewilding of West Moors

Dorset Council are currently in the process of preparing the ground at various locations in West Moors, in order to sow wildflower seeds very soon. You may have noticed spray marks on the grass. We are very excited about the Environmental benefits these wildflowers will bring plus they will look beautiful! Click here for [Location of Wildflowers](#) or scan the QR code.



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