



West Moors Parish Council

Summer 2017 Newsletter

West Moors MAD (Multi Activity Day) held on 1st July 2017 at Fryer Field



On Saturday 1st July at 11am the villagers of West Moors came together on Fryer Field in celebration, where activities and entertainment based around a theme of health and activity, were provided to help raise money for the development of Fryer Field and its play area, as well as giving the opportunity to local charities and organisations to raise money for their own cause.

West Moors Parish Council welcomed everyone to their very first Activity Day which was sponsored by Brewer & Brewer Estate Agents. The public opening was at 11am and the announcements and raffle (consisting of 39 prizes of various value and interest) ended the fun at 3pm. Over 300 people attended throughout the day and their support was greatly appreciated. Money raised on the day totalled £883.52 which is considerable as it was a free entry event. Some of the success has to be credited to the sun shining beautifully all day and the festival feel in the air.

Speaking live-on-air to Forest FM from the event, Mrs Amie Fawcett explained, "the purpose of today was to bring West Moors Community together and highlight what facilities are on offer at Fryer Field and to introduce the Parish Council to those that are not familiar with it."

The first to perform were Oakhurst First School with their gym display followed by Ferndown Brass Concert, Ferndown Jitsu, West Moors Singers and the Classic Car show.

Ferndown Brass Concert



LH side is Ferndown Brass Band.
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RH side is a participant enjoying the climbing wall
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Climbing Wall



Forest FM in attendance with live interviews



LH side is Steve Saville and Philip Webster from Forest FM.
RH side is East Dorset District Council Chairman Derek Burt and his wife.
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Waggy Tails Novelty Dog Show and The Classic Car Show

The joint winners of the dog obstacle course hosted by Waggy Tails, was Kana with Lilly and Josh and Mr and Mrs Read with their dog Barney. On such a warm day the dogs did very well to perform. They both received a little hamper for their dogs. The owner of the winning Classic Car judged by Cllr Carol Holmes as the car she would most like to take home was awarded to Chris Head from Chris's Collectables, Station Road with his custom made trike. He received a certificate. Plaques were presented to all entrants who brought their vehicles to the event.



West Moors Singers



Moors valley 'Lifestyle Active' & the 'Health & Activate Team'



ZUMBA



Grange Football skills and JSC ICON challenge



Oakhurst First School display



Ferndown Jitsu and Bouncy Castle



Segway Demos



Face Painting and variety of stalls/tombola



Who do we help

Replacement of Fryer Field Play Area August 2017

West Moors Parish Council are very pleased to announce that Fryer Field Play Area is due to open its gates to brand new play equipment and surfacing catering for children up to 12 years old very soon. Wicksteed Playgrounds are due to commence work on 31st July, anticipating completion by the middle of August.

The importance of playgrounds must not be underestimated in bringing people together, as they often act as focal points for the community, providing a meeting area for children and parents alike.

East Dorset District Councillors Andy Skeats and Ray Bryan have been instrumental in the application process of the £50,000 grant that was recently approved by East Dorset District Council.

A further £2,000 was received from Tesco Bags of Help in February this year (Tesco's Bags of Help Initiative is provided by money from the five pence charge levied on single-use carrier bags) which was used towards the cost of this £98,000 refurbished play area. The remainder of £46,000 was funded by West Moors Parish Council.

We hope that this new facility will be of great benefit to the children of West Moors and beyond.

The official unveiling will take place when the work is complete. Please see our Facebook page www.facebook.com/WestMoorsPC for details visit the website at www.westmoors-pc.gov.uk



Allotments – Scarecrow competition

Sturt's Farm 'Farmival' and the Allotment Open Day that took place on Saturday 8th July was received very well indeed. The visitors were very surprised to see how well the plots had come on in such a short time. Most thought that the allotments had been going for much longer than a year. There were approximately 15 Scarecrow entries and the competition was judged by Sturt's Farms Farmival King & Queen.

Jim and Sue of plot 32 took first place with their Scarecrow.

Mr & Mrs Foulger of plot 16 took second place with Mister Flower Pots.

Lastly but not least was Michael Amos of plot 3 took third place with the Apprentice.

All received a voucher of varying amounts for gardening products.



First place
Sue & Jim
Plot 32



Second place
Mr & Mrs
Foulger
Plot 16
'Mister flower
pots'



Third place
Michael Amos
Plot 3
'The Apprentice'



The Granddaughter
of owners of
plot 18
Reeyah 9, won the
junior section U14's
with her 'Wacywich'

Food Waste Bags

Don't forget to purchase your food waste bags from the parish council office.

They cost £4.00 for 52 bags and the parish council hasn't increased the price for over 5 years making us cheaper than local supermarkets.



Recycling Bins

The parish council carry a stock of the small food bin for the kitchen, the large food bin for outside and glass recycling boxes. If you need one of these please contact Dorset Waste Partnership on 01305 221040 to obtain a reference number.

Social Media

To ensure a high level of engagement with the residents of West Moors and beyond, the Parish Council have recently launched a new Facebook page where you can get up to the minute news on what the councillors and staff have been doing and plan to do.

You can comment and like or simply view the updates.

Be a fan and follow us!

www.facebook.com/WestMoorsPC



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WEST MOORS PARISH COUNCIL
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West Moors Neighbour Car- DRIVERS NEEDED URGENTLY



West Moors Neighbour Car Need Volunteer Drivers.

Could you donate a few hours of your time every week to take pensioners to the doctor, dentist or hospital? Expenses of 60p per mile are paid monthly. If you are interested please ring and ask a few questions. Call the driver co-ordinator Keith on 01202 870941. You may be dependent on this service one day and if there are no volunteers then there is no neighbour car service. Any amount of time you can spare will help!!!

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Parish Office Opening Hours:
Monday to Friday 10.00 – 1.00
Wednesday Closed
Saturday 10.00 - 11.00

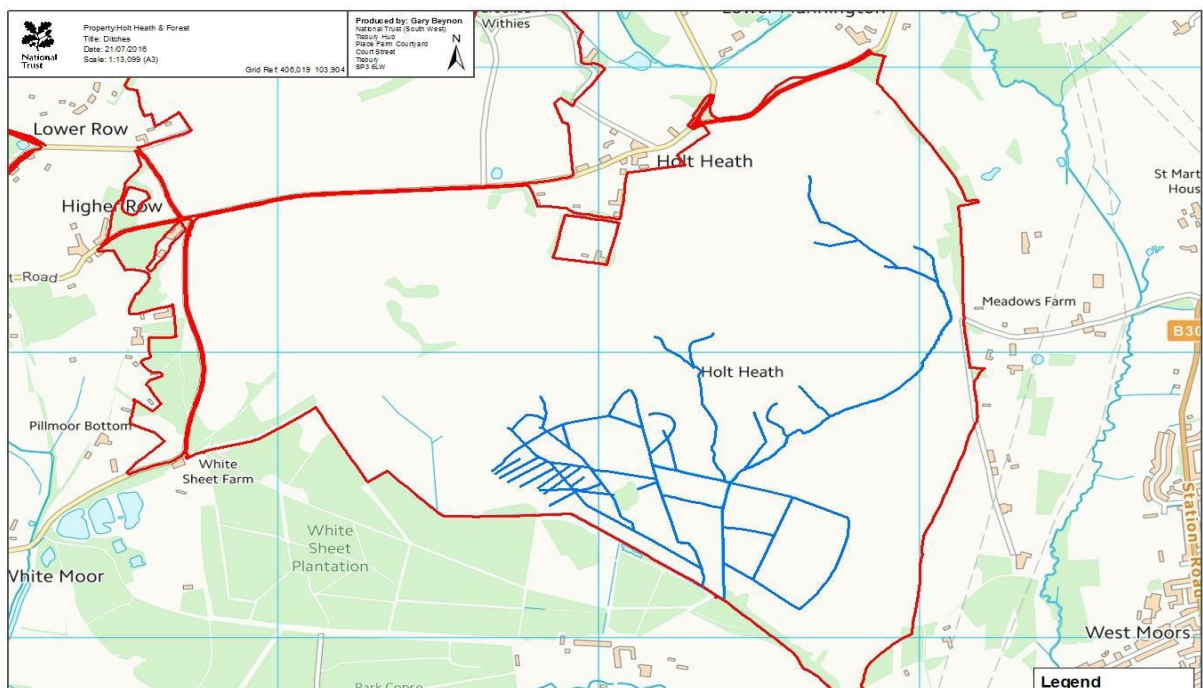


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Holt Heath Mire Restoration Project

Many of you will be aware that we manage Holt Heath National Nature Reserve (NNR), for ever, for everyone. The Heath is one of the largest remaining areas of heathland in Dorset, and a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), which is visited and enjoyed by many throughout the year.

The mire system and surrounding wet heathland at Holt Heath is currently in unfavourable condition. This is because of an extensive network of historic ditches that criss-cross the area, some of which date from the medieval period. These ditches are the result of peat cutting practices on the heathland in the past. This network of ditches causes lots of water to run-off the heath resulting in the mire becoming much drier than desired, especially during the summer months.



Holt Heath National Nature Reserve (red line) with mire system criss-crossed with a network of historical ditches (blue lines) causing excessive water run-off from

Mires are wet and boggy areas that typically form peat by the laying down of sphagnum mosses. They are important habitats for interesting plants, animals and birds, such as the bogbean, cotton grass, marsh gentian, bog bush cricket and curlews which all rely on wet and boggy mires to flourish.

In late summer/early autumn of 2017, with the support of Natural England, we will be restoring the mire at Holt Heath, in order to return it back to a 'favourable' condition and to support the nature that relies on this area to survive and thrive.

In order to restore the mire we will be installing a series of plugs within the ditch network. This will slow the passage of water running off the heath and encourage it to flow sideways into the mire where it will form desirable shallow pools. The plugs will be a mixture of wooden shuttering and 'peat blocks' from the surrounding mire. In total there will be 56 plugs installed at 50m intervals along approximately 3.50km of ditches. This will contribute to the restoration of around 98 hectares (242 acres) of the mire that is currently degraded.



Desirable shallow pools (left) in the mire system which provide a good habitat for the wildlife associated including the delicate marsh gentian (right).

We will also be doing work to upgrade part of the surface of the bridleway that comes off the Castleman Trailway at Newman's Lane, giving better access throughout the year.

We plan to carry out the work between late August and early October, minimising disturbance to ground nesting birds whilst allowing the best access to the mire without causing excessive damage to the site. During this time there will be minimal disruption to accessing the heath, or to vehicular access along Newman's Lane. Throughout the duration of the project information boards will be located at the entrance to the heath at Newman's Lane, West Moors and at the entrance to Whitesheet car park, Holt.

If you would like more information about this project or have any queries please contact the Kingston Lacy office on: kingstonlacy@nationaltrust.org.uk or call 01202 639460.

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Love Parks Week is here!

Show your love for your park - 14-23 July 2017



It's Love Parks Week, an opportunity to demonstrate just how much our country loves parks. So let's get the whole community telling us why and help us protect them for future generations.

Get involved

It's easy! From the 14-23 July, simply visit your local park, take a photo and share the reason why you love it on social media using the hashtag #LoveParks. We'll also be retweeting and sharing our favourites on the Keep Britain Tidy social media channels.

If your organisation is supporting Love Parks Week 2017, and you would like to be listed on our website as an official supporter with a link to your website, please email kristian.bentham@keepbritaintidy.org. Plus, the organisation that shares the most photos and videos on social media during Love Parks Week will be given free entry for one park in next year's Green Flag Award.

#LoveParks

Pretty muddy 5k Race For Life

On Saturday 17th June, the Clerk of West Moors Parish Council Ms Judi Weedon and her assistant Mrs Amie Fawcett, joined hundreds of other women at Baiter Park, Poole to raise money to help beat Cancer. It was packed with runners, joggers and walkers all champing at the bit to do their part in the fight against cancer. The 5k took the runners to Poole Park, Whitecliff Recreational Ground and Harbourside. It's muddy obstacle course catered for women of any ability to climb over, crawl under, and charge through. The total money raised by Judi and Amie was over £200.

Thank you to all those that sponsored them and they will keep their fundraising spirits up and tackle another challenge soon!!



Pavilion Lounge and Kitchen Hire, Fryer Field

The Pavilion, at Fryer Field off Bond Avenue consists of a meeting room which can be hired for many occasions. It is equipped with a screen and projector and has a maximum capacity for 40 people. There is a small kitchen with tea/coffee making facilities, toilets, including a disabled toilet. For sports events the building also has five changing rooms with male and female shower blocks.

The hall has hosted various band practices, meetings, young children's birthday parties and more.

The cost to hire is £27.50 per session for a morning, afternoon or evening session.

