

West Moors Town Council Newsletter

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‘Buzz Together’ Fun Run

On Sunday 10th May, starting at 10am on Fryer Field, West Moors, we’re hosting an inclusive community Fun Run, where all ages and abilities can enjoy some fresh air and exercise together. Walk, jog or run the distance of your choice - or come along and cheer others on!

The course is a flat, off-road, 1.25km loop, moving through Hatchards Copse and a small section of the Castleman Trailway. As terrain is largely grass, the ground may be soft and muddy after rain, so while wheelchairs and prams are welcome, accessibility will be weather dependent.

Individuals can choose how many laps to do - walk round once, complete 4 laps to run 5K or 8 laps to run 10K. The final whistle will be blown at 12pm - the fittest among us can see how many laps they can run! This event will not be timed. Whatever your fitness level or pace; join in and have fun!

The theme is 'Save the Bees', in line with World Bee Day later in the month. May is an important month for pollinators, so all entrants will receive a digital guide on small steps they can take to support bees. Entrants will receive a medal and a packet of bee-friendly wildflower seeds on the day. Feel free to dress for the theme if you'd like to - think yellow, stripes or wings!

All entrants must have registered by buying a ticket prior to the race. This helps us control numbers and covers our basic running costs. Under 5's can enter for free, but still need to be registered with an under 5's ticket. Please note under 5's tickets do not qualify for a medal - if you want your little ones to receive a medal, please purchase an under 18's ticket instead.

All profit will be split between two organisations offering vital services in our community - The Vine Youth Club and Castleman Community Larder. A huge thank you to our sponsors, Moors Manor Care Home.

BUY TICKETS HERE:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/104308>

Upcoming dates for
your diary:

Community Litter Pick
West Moors Town
Council Office,
14th February, 9:45am

**Spring Photography
Competition Opens**
1st March - 30th April

**Good Citizen Award
Nominations Close**
31st March

Annual Town Meeting
St Anthony's Church
Hall, 16th April, 7pm

**West Moors ‘Buzz
Together’ Fun Run**
Sunday 10th May, 10am

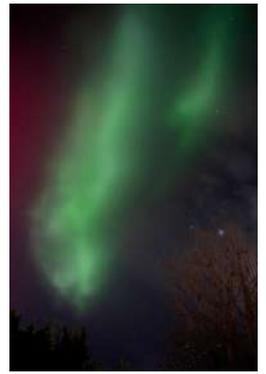
Westival
Saturday 11th July
Fryer Field, 12-4pm

Environment Agency Flood Advice

How can you prepare for
flooding?

- Go to gov.uk/prepare-for-flooding
- Sign up for Flood Warnings
- Create a flood plan
- Find out how to protect your property at nationalfloodforum.org.uk
- Check your insurance to see if you're covered
- Have a flood kit of essential items at home

**For help and advice call
Floodline on 0345 988 1188**



West Moors in Winter

Pictured above is the winner from the Winter round of our Seasonal Photography Competition.

Our judges, Cllr Jim Staig and his wife Verena, loved Alison Page's shot of the Plantation with its pleasing layers of long grass, heather and pines. Michael Dorman came in a close second with his misty early morning shot of Fryer Field, followed by Rob Laker's incredible capture of the Northern Lights over West Moors (all pictured above). Thank you to all our entrants for the striking contributions to our historical archives.

All entries will be on display in the council office until Friday 13th February, when they'll move to West Moors Library for the remainder of the month.

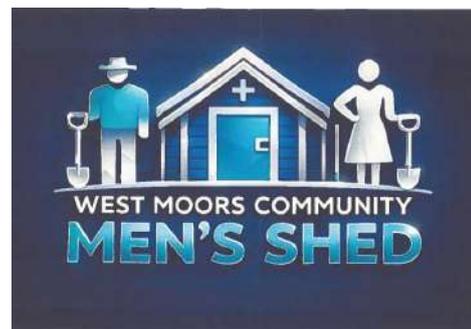
The next round, Spring, opens on the 1st March. You can enter as many times as you like, as long as the photos are taken within the boundaries of West Moors.

Send your photographs to office@westmoors-tc.gov.uk with the location taken.



Good Citizen Award

We're looking for 2026's 'Good Citizen!' This is someone who acts selflessly for the good of the community in West Moors without financial motive. It could be a volunteer worker, carer or fundraiser. It might be someone who leads or helps with a community charity or group. It may just be a friend or neighbour who makes a positive difference to the people around them. If you have someone in mind, please contact us and let us know! The winner will be announced at this year's Annual Town Meeting in April.



Men's Shed

A West Moors branch of the Men's Sheds Association is coming soon! Men's Sheds encourage people to come together to make, repair and repurpose, supporting projects in their local communities. In turn, the Shed community improves members' wellbeing, reduces loneliness and combats social isolation.

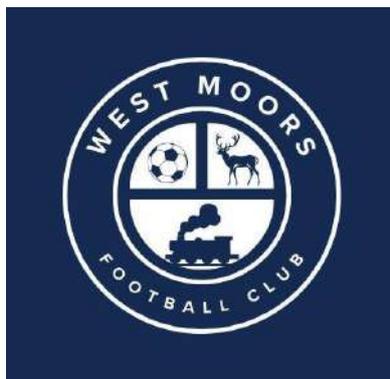
If you'd like to help build and run the new West Moors Men's Shed, contact founding members Ron (07710872208) or Dennis (07954668306).

In Other News...



Flooding

Investigation into persistent flooding on Station Road approaching the A31 by Dorset Council's Highways team confirmed the issue is due to high river levels, where outfalls are covered by river water. A few trees found to be causing obstruction will be removed. They will monitor and keep warning signs in place.



Ladies Football

West Moors Football Club are still recruiting for their Ladies team. If you're 16+ and interested – whether you're looking for a new club, returning to football, or even trying it for the first time – they'd love to welcome you. Training is Tuesdays from 8 - 9pm on Fryer Field.



Story Time

BookTrust are running new Story Time sessions for under 5's (and their families), every Friday from the 5th February in West Moors library at 10am.

The sessions are free and no booking is required, so do drop in and enjoy the magic of story time together with your little ones.



February Litter Pick

The next community litter pick will be on Saturday 14th February. Come along to the Council Office at 9:45am to collect your equipment, meet other volunteers and sign in.

All are welcome, and all help is greatly appreciated! Even 30 minutes makes a difference.



Youth Club Trustees Needed

The Vine Youth Club are looking for new trustees to help shape a safe, supportive and engaging environment for local young people.

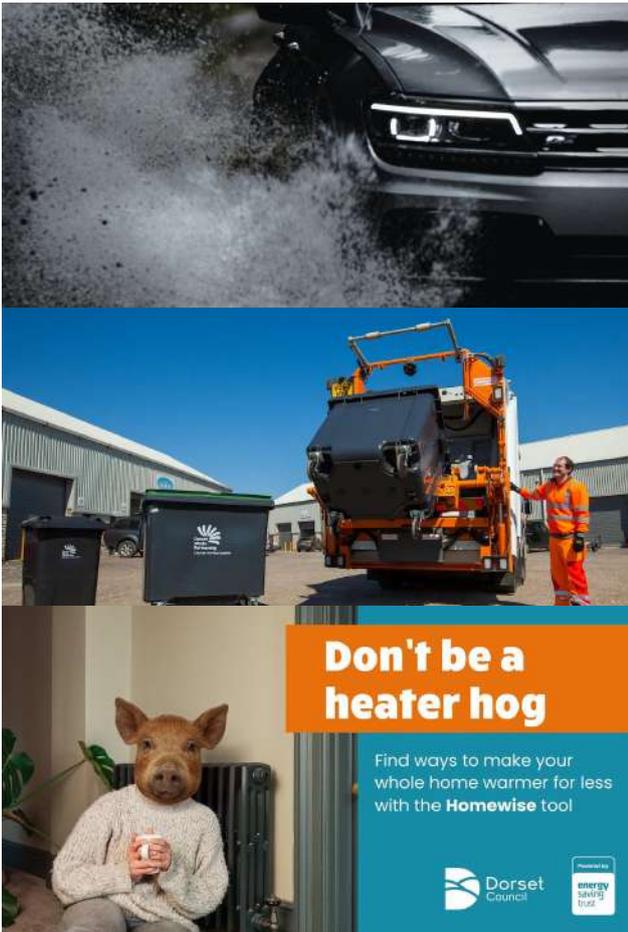
Think you could be just the person? Email them at wmycyouthworker@gmail.com to find out more.



Community SWITCH

A new programme, Community SWITCH, puts patients in front of professional organisations and groups in their area, helping them access support services for poor health, loneliness, stress, depression and more. Call 01202 280390 or visit communityswitch.org.

News from Dorset Council



- Extra investment to keep Dorset moving after the storms has been approved - taking highways funding to just under £50m, with a £5m flood resilience fund and £250,000 for an extra gully cleaning crew. Work starts now at known hotspots to fix damage, improve drainage and cut disruption, and they'll share updates as schemes are scheduled.
- Dorset Waste have experienced challenges in the recent weather conditions together with staff shortages and vehicle breakdowns, and are working hard to catch up with scheduled rounds. Any roads/rounds affected are reported on their online system. If your collection has been missed, a re-collection will take place within 5 working days as per their policy.
- Residents are advised to use the free Homewise tool to find out which energy saving measures and renewable technologies would suit your home and lifestyle. It gives you impartial advice on how to make your home warmer, greener and cheaper to run. Head to <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/home-energy-advice> to see how you could save.

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You'll be the first to know about upcoming events and goings on in West Moors too.

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<https://mailchi.mp/460070f55b1c/subscribe>

or go to the West Moors Town Council website and subscribe through the 'Contact Us' page. We look forward to keeping you informed and up to date!



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