

West Moors Town Council Newsletter

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West Moors in Autumn

West Moors Town Council is delighted to announce the winners of the Autumn round of their first Seasonal Photographic Competition, celebrating the beauty and character of the local area throughout the year.

First place was awarded to Lee Cooper for his striking image of sunlight shining through trees on the Plantation. Second place went to Colin Perry for his clever shot of the library viewed through a spider's web, while Margaret Holden took third place with her vibrant photo of pumpkins on hay bales outside Gullivers Farm Shop.

Judges (Councillors Penny Yeo and Keith Wilkes) praised the variety of photographs submitted, each capturing the essence of West Moors and contributing to a growing archive that celebrates our surroundings.

A selection of entries from the Autumn competition can be viewed on our Facebook page, and are also on display in West Moors Library throughout November. Residents are warmly invited to visit and enjoy the vibrant collection of images.

We look forward to seeing West Moors in Winter!



TOP: Colin Perry
BOTTOM: Margaret Holden



THE WINNING PICTURE: Lee Cooper's striking shot of the Plantation

Upcoming dates for your diary:

Children's Christmas
Card Competition
Deadline
Friday 21st November

Winter Photography
Competition Opens
Monday 1st December

St Martin's URC
Christmas Tree Festival
4th - 6th December

Community Litter Pick
Saturday 6th December

Carols on the Petwyn
Saturday 6th December

Email us your Winter entries between 1st December and 31st January to: office@westmoors-tc.gov.uk
You can submit as many photographs as you like, just please include the location (preferably using ///what3words.



Remembrance in West Moors

The community came together on Remembrance Sunday for our annual parade and commemorative service. As always we had a fantastic turn out, despite the threatening rain, and are grateful to the local community groups and organisations who attended and made it such a special morning of remembrance and togetherness.

Another brief service on the Petwyn was led by Revd Lizzie Duckhouse from St Mary's to mark Armistice Day on the 11th November.

Thanks to the 1st West Moors Scouts and some talented local yarn artists, the Petwyn was adorned for the occasion with vibrant knitted and crocheted poppies.

To make the display even more special, Scout leader Lynne Anderson and resident Kevin Wormley researched the names listed on the war memorial and produced a fascinating information sheet on each of the fallen. You can find these on our website, or pop into the office to view the hard copies.



20mph Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed our survey on reducing the speed limit on Station Road and adjoining roads to 20mph. 61% of respondents stated they did not want the Council to spend public money on a town-wide consultation on this issue.

In light of the results, a majority of the Council voted not to pursue a 20mph limit for Station Road. However, they will look into further measures at the St Mary's school junction alongside the expected pedestrian crossing to improve safety in this area.



Local Business Awards

Congratulations to two businesses in West Moors who scooped awards in the Ferndown Local Business Awards this month!

Unwind With Us won Gold for 'My Favourite Business' and 'New Business of the Year'. They are a fibre craft shop who also offer knit and crochet workshops. Healthful Mind Clinic, who offer counselling, hypnotherapy, psychotherapy, acupuncture and functional health services was awarded Silver for 'Outstanding Customer Service'. Both well deserved!

In Other News...



Stolen Signs

We were dismayed to find two of our signs warning drivers of the upcoming road closure went missing from Station Road before Remembrance Day. Verwood Town Council's were also taken.

This theft was reported to Dorset Police.



Card Competition

The closing date for the Council Christmas Card Competition is Friday 21st November. Drop entries on A4 paper into the Council Office. The winner will be the face of our official 2025 card and receive a 20pk of their design. The top 3 entries will be presented with an arty prize!



Tree Festival

The annual Christmas Tree Festival will be back at St Martin's URC Church on the 4th, 5th and 6th December. Local groups and businesses will each decorate a tree, this year based on the theme of 'Christmas Carols/Songs'. It's always a magical display, so do visit and see them all!



Community Litter Picks

October's Litter Pick was well attended as always, and it was wonderful to see lots of new faces too! Thank you to all volunteers.

The next pick will be on the morning of Saturday 6th December, to ensure West Moors is looking its best ready for Carols on the Petwyn.



Carols on the Petwyn

This fun, festive event is organised by The Vine, West Moors' Youth Club, and all proceeds go towards activities and provisions for our youngest residents. This year it will be on Saturday 6th December, from 6-9pm. We have raffle tickets on sale in the office for £1 a ticket or £5 a book.



Updated Play Equipment

Regular visitors to the play park on Fryer Field will have noticed the rope climbing equipment has been missing - we removed it in September due to a loose connection.

We're pleased to say it's now back, looking brighter and better than ever!



News from Dorset Council

- Residents have been experimenting with a new online simulator to discover the complex and difficult decisions councillors must make when setting the budget. The simulator allows you to set the council tax rate and adjust spending across key services to see the impact of your choices. Paper copies are available in all Dorset Libraries.
- Age Friendly Dorset want to survey adults aged over 50 across the county, to better understand what life is like for older people in the community and identify areas that need improvement. Paper copies are available in the West Moors Town Council Office.
- Dorset Council's Green Space Team are working on a habitat restoration project across five Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) in East Dorset this autumn, (Stephens Castle & Dewlands Common North in Verwood, Slop Bog & Parley Common in Ferndown and Pine Clump in Upton). The aim is to safeguard some of the world's rarest wildlife habitats while reducing the risk of wildfires. Work is expected to be completed by the end of December.

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