

# West Moors Town Council Newsletter

Issue 3 - December 2024



## Christmas Arrives in West Moors

December has arrived, and West Moors is looking and feeling festive. We have two trees this year, one on the Petwyn and another on Pinehurst Road (thank you kindly to Root 66 Barbers for allowing us to put this on their land), plus beautiful twinkling lights throughout the centre. We hope you enjoy them throughout the month.

We also decorated a tree for the annual Christmas Tree Festival at St Martin's Church, which is open until Saturday 7th December and is free to enter. It's well worth a visit, with lots of creative trees put together by local groups and businesses, many following this year's theme of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. Light refreshments and a tombola are on offer too!

The annual Carols on the Petwyn takes place this Friday 6th December from 6pm. Expect fun for all the family with music, stalls, a delicious selection of food and treats, an Elf Hunt and Santa's Grotto. All proceeds go to West Moors Youth Club, so you can enjoy the Christmas festivities and support our younger community members at the same time.

There are lots of other lovely seasonal goings on in the village this month, from children's craft workshops and storytelling to concerts and community meals; check the Community Diary on our website or stop by the town noticeboards to see what's happening.







## Remembrance Day 2024

Another fantastic tribute took place in West Moors this year, with Station Road closing for the annual Remembrance Sunday parade.

1st West Moors Scout Group decorated the Petwyn with garlands of knitted and crocheted poppies, which looked stunning adorning the benches, trees and bushes. More creative decorations could be seen on Station Road, with a postbox masterpiece and a truly impressive full-size crochet soldier. We have some incredibly talented yarn artists in the village!

Bournemouth Youth Marching Band provided rousing music and local groups and organisations followed, with veterans and uniformed services in attendance.

The service was led by clergy from Churches Together in West Moors and a local cadet read the roll of honour, remembering the names of the fallen. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded before the laying of the wreaths. It is such an important occasion, so thank you to all those involved in making it a special day.



### Councillor Donation

Our Councillors made a generous Christmas donation to the Castleman Community Larder last month, providing 46 chocolate selection packs to be handed out over the coming weeks, plus a hamper filled with luxurious treats.

Visitors to the Larder will be given raffle tickets and one lucky winner will get to take the hamper home!



### November Litter Pick

21 litter heroes came together last Saturday to clean up the streets of West Moors, collecting bags full of rubbish in just two hours.

We are so grateful to all who gave an hour or so of their time to help.

The next litter pick will be in February, so look out for the date and join us if you can! All equipment is provided.

## West Moors Town Council

### WE NEED YOUR HELP TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

#### ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY

### New Survey

As many of you will be aware, we're in the process of crafting a strategic 5 year plan. Thank you for all your responses on the Highways survey - it's now time to have your say on Environment & Community. Your feedback will guide priorities and decision making in West Moors, so do take a few minutes to let us know what matters to you. Drop into the office for a printed copy, or go to: <https://forms.office.com/r/JRrZN3319x>



### Community Speedwatch

The West Moors Community Speedwatch Group work in partnership with Dorset Police to reduce speeding through the village, particularly in problem areas such as Pinehurst Road and Station Road. The group receive official training and use speed monitoring equipment, reporting vehicles exceeding the speed limit. If you'd like to give an hour of your time when you can to help, contact the office.



### Good Citizen Award

Do you know someone who deserves to be celebrated for all the good they do? We're looking for West Moors' Good Citizen 24/25!

This is someone who lives, works or volunteers in the community; a selfless, caring person who is always helping others and undoubtedly goes above and beyond to make a difference. All nominees will receive a certificate, and the winner will be presented with a trophy at the Annual Town Meeting in April.

To nominate, go to:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/esT6ddZpKN>



### Community Grants

Grants awarded this quarter:

- **West Moors Memorial Hall - A grant of £2,500 to assist with repairs to the building**

We recognise the importance of supporting the voluntary sector in our community, and welcome applications for small, one-off grants.

If you're a club, charity, or organisation based in West Moors and would benefit from funding, we'd love to hear from you.

Head to our website for more information and to download the Grant Application form.



## The Council Office is open!

Thank you for your patience while the Council Office has been closed. We are very pleased to be open again between the hours of 10am and 2pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Pop in with any queries or concerns, and we'll do our best to help.

Our Saturday Surgery runs from 10-11am, where you can drop in to the office to chat with a Councillor. Check our website or the sign on the office door for the list of Councillor sessions.

PLEASE JOIN US

# FULL COUNCIL MEETING

- Engage with decision making
- Voice your opinion
- Raise concerns
- Ask questions

**19th December 2024**

**7.15pm**

St Anthony's Church  
Pinehurst Road  
West Moors

**NICK IRELAND**  
LEADER OF DORSET COUNCIL

WITH SPECIAL GUEST

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## Upcoming Meeting

Our last Council Meeting of the year will be held on Thursday 19th December at 7.15pm, at St Anthony's Church on Pinehurst Road.

As always, the public are warmly invited to attend, and we're pleased to welcome Councillor Nick Ireland, Leader of Dorset Council, who will be joining our Councillors in answering your questions at the beginning of the meeting.

Attending council meetings is a fantastic way to engage with decision making that directly impacts your daily life. It's an opportunity to have your say, raise any queries or concerns and find out more about what's going on in your community.

Keep an eye on our website for more details on 2025 meeting dates, and to read the agendas and minutes. Agendas are also posted on the town noticeboards in advance of each meeting.

We hope to see you at a meeting soon!

## Get in touch

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