

West Moors Town Council Newsletter

Issue 2 - June 2025



Annual Town Meeting Success!

We enjoyed a fantastic evening at our Annual Town Meeting back in April. Over 80 people attended, with lots of information shared, topics discussed and biscuits eaten! It was wonderful to have so many of our residents come along, and to hear directly from you on the issues you care about.

Special thanks goes to our guest speakers, Maria Gayton (who gave a fascinating introduction to the Dorset History Centre with a focus on West Moors collections) and Jane Hutchings (who came from Dorset Council's Trading Standards team to give a very interesting insight into scams). Thanks also to the many community groups

and organisations who came along to represent themselves. Some great connections were made!

We were honoured to have His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Dorset, Mr Michael Dooley, in attendance to give us an overview of his important role, and to present the Good Citizen Award 2025. Our deserving winner this year - as decided by our panel of Councillors - was Steve Leach, for 50 years of dedication to the 1st West Moors Scout Group. Well done to our 5 amazing nominees (Michelle Bennett, Sylvia Barrett, Sarah Parrett, Wendy Osborne and Pete Osborne) and thank you all for doing your bit to make West Moors such a friendly, helpful community to live and work in.

Upcoming dates for your diary:

Community Litter Pick
Saturday 7th June

Westival
Saturday 12th July

Big Butterfly Count
From 18th July

VJ Day
Friday 15th August





VE Day

It was a day of unity and celebration in West Moors on Thursday 8th May as we marked the 80th anniversary of the end of the second world war in Europe.

We began with a short and poignant morning service on the Petwyn, led by Reverend Michael Eaton-Wells from St Michaels in Verwood (our own Revd Lizzie Campbell from St Mary's was getting married the next day - congratulations, Lizzie!). A rousing tribute was paid by the Town Crier, Iain Mitchell.

60 residents, including some from Brook View Care Home and Summerhill Residential Home, then joined us for a wonderful celebration at Pinehurst Community Church. We enjoyed a delicious fish and chip lunch thanks to Lime Coast Catering, followed by a lively performance of war-time favourites from vintage singer Sally. It was a joy to see everyone enjoying themselves, dancing and waving their Union Jack flags!

Thank you to all involved in making it such a special day.



Patriotic Bunting

We are grateful to the children of Oakhurst First School, who kindly made some very special bunting to decorate Pinehurst Community Church Hall for VE Day.

The children used patriotic colours to colour their flags and added a word to describe how they might have felt on VE day in 1945.

Some common examples were, 'Safe', 'Happy', 'Joyful', 'Together' and 'Relieved'. A lovely tribute.



The Fallen of WW2

We recently added information to our website on the West Moors Fallen of WW2, as listed on our War Memorial.

This extensive research was conducted by resident Kevin Wormley last year, and makes for very interesting reading. We're very grateful to Kevin for sharing it with us.

To read Kevin's findings, visit:

https://www.westmoorstc.gov.uk/West_Moors_Fallen_-_WW2_49617.aspx

In Other News...



Chair Continues

At the Annual Meeting of the Council it was unanimously voted that Cllr Rita Burke will continue as Chair to the Council for another year. Cllr Jim Staig was proposed and duly elected as Vice Chair.

Visit our website to read more about our 12 councillors and find out how to contact them.



Car Park & Toilets

The car park in Park Way was relined in April, and we now have slightly wider bays and more disabled parking. We have unfortunately suffered recurring vandalism in the men's toilets in Park Way over the last few months. This is hugely costly for the council, and while we do not wish to close the facilities permanently, we will have to consider this if the vandalism continues.



June Litter Pick

The date for our next litter pick is set for Saturday 7th June.

Cllr Trevor Salt will be in the council office from 9.45am to welcome you and make sure you have all the equipment you need. If you can spare an hour of your time to help, we'd love to see you there.



Spinney Sign

The Spinney (the green space in between Southern Avenue and Heatherdown Road) has been treated to a beautiful new sign! A collaborative project by local residents, the log was donated by Tom, designed by Keith Randle and finished with additional decoration by David. The Spinney is Dorset Council land, so they kindly granted permission and Dan from their Ranger team helped install it.



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04/2025 The Silver Award demonstrates that a council achieves good practice in governance, community engagement and council improvement.
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Silver Award

In April 2024, we announced the council had received the Bronze Award in the Local Council Award Scheme. A year later, we're delighted to announce we have received the Silver Award, making us one of only 5 accredited councils in Dorset!

This achievement recognises West Moors Town Council's good practice in governance, community engagement and council improvement. It allows us to demonstrate our adherence to sector standards, as evaluated by our peers, and ensure we are always striving for ongoing development.

We pride ourselves on going above and beyond our legal obligations to support our residents and wider community. We are always keen to hear from our residents, so do get in touch if you have any concerns, questions or ideas about your West Moors.



Grant Application

Organisation, charity or society

Based in West Moors

Would benefit from one-off grant

Supporting West Moors

Community Grants

Calling all community groups, sports clubs, arts and culture organisations, food networks, children's services, community projects and community spaces!

Dorset Council have several opportunities for grant funding, open now. Visit

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-community/support-for-voluntary-and-community-organisations/funding> for more information on what is available to you.

Don't forget that West Moors Town Council can also provide small, one-off grants to those working in the community/voluntary sector. Contact us to find out if you're eligible and how to apply!

In the last quarter, we awarded:

- **£114** to the **West Moors Dementia Action Group** to fund pocket-sized prompt cards, offering guidance on Dementia and advising who to contact for more information or support.

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