

## West Moors Dementia Action Group (DAG)

Meeting Notes Tuesday 12th May 2026, 2pm - 3pm  
at St Mary's Church, Station Road, West Moors

1. **Present:** Lynne (chair), Jo (deputy chair), Penny (WM TC), Karleen (Brook View c/h). We also welcomed Adele, Deputy Manager & Gemma Alcock from Moors Manor.

**Apologies:** Celia, Martyn & Kate M.

### 2. **Actions from last meeting:**

Lynne had been invited to have a stand for the ART4Dementia, but also incorporated WM DAG and also The Friendship Group (for Widows) based at St Mary's WM. This was a new Wellbeing event at Orchid House Ferndown in April. The event was 10-2. We had a steady flow of people and conversations. There were not large numbers coming in and was a learning curve for the organisers. It might be worth WM DAG considering having a stand of their own next year. [To be considered - ALL] Obviously the Ferndown Group had their stand.

### 3. **Communications/Contacts:**

- Help & Care Networking and support. Jo emailed 7.5.26 for information about their Dementia Coordinator service and their new role as Dorset Carer Support. Poppy Connell service development manager Dorset Carer service replied and we now have connection with them.

- Email from Jayne Walton 23.4.26: "The Power of Connection: Strengthening Our Dementia Support Network" A Crane Valley Community SWITCH Collaborative Event on Wednesday 10th June 2026 2-4pm at Pinehurst Community Church, West Moors. **Martyn Johnson**, DAG + Libraries, **Celia Marker**, DAG + Community SWITCH, **Karlene Horswill**, DAG + Brook View, and **Jo Breen**, DAG to attend.

### 4. **Publicity**

a) WM Directory: May edition is already in print and June and July are partially prepared. **Jo**

b) Living Well: The Spring edition is now out and being widely circulated. About to begin preparations for the summer edition due out later in July. **Lynne**

### 5. **DAG Actions: Updates & Planning**

ART4dementia is still low on numbers, though the last meeting had two new people. **Lynne** will be need to prepare a review for Dorset Council (who provided funding) in June.

WMTC Good Citizen Nominations: We have been honoured in that both Lynne and Jo had been nominated for the work we do for the community regarding dementia. This is an amazing reflection of the good work of the group in getting our Group known in order to help people.

WMTC: Annual meeting 16th April: We had a table to promote our work.

Presentation of Good Citizen Nominations certificates took place.

Dementia Action Week 18-24 May. We have a stall on Station Road on Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st to include literature, goodie bags and 3 team members to be available for conversations. The Banner will be outside the Library for the month of May. Collecting Boxes are to be placed in many shops and businesses (as last year). The Post Box Topper to be put on for most of May. Jo is coordinating who what where when. **All the team** to be involved as far as possible.

Westival: 11th July 12-4 Discussion as to whether we had sufficient manpower to get the gazebo etc set up and taken down. It seemed that sufficient help would be around. Booking to be confirm and pitch paid for. **Jo to co-ordinate** the activities for the stand. Literature - **Lynne**. Lucky Dip - **Kate M**. Fun quiz on memory - **Lynne**.

Pocket Prompt Cards: these were initially designed to help shop and business personnel in dealing with customers. However, they have proved very popular with members of the public. Observation suggests if we have a reprint, we should include our own group contact details. We still have a lot available and will make an effort to get them into the hands of many people. **ALL**

6. **Finding a new Chairperson for the Group.** It needs active consideration. WM TC will also be asked to consider possible people. **ALL**

7. **Accounts and Finance:** There has been no movement on the accounts in the past two months other than the monthly bank charges. Lynne advised that the ART4dementia money that is in this account will need to be sorted and accounted for as part of the contract with Dorset Council by the end of June. **Lynne**

8. **Any other business:**

Morning coffee at St Martins on 2nd Wednesday monthly is restarting - Moors Manor.

Safe space/Herbert Protocol. This has been raised and a request that we look at it again following a recent incident in the village. After discussion it seems the best advice to give people is to dial 999 if you come across someone who is confused and needs some help. Care Homes are not covered by insurance to take in strangers on spec. and don't have the staff available to cover a one-to-one situation. It is a police matter and they will contact the necessary authorities as needed. It was agreed that we look at ways to promote this information to the public. Ideas on how - to be reviewed. **ALL**

9. **Date of Next meeting:** Monday 6th July 2-3 St Mary's Church Hall. Station Road, West Moors