

West Moors Dementia Action Group
Notes of meeting on 22nd July 2025
at St Mary's Church

Photo: Before the meeting began we went outside to have a group photograph taken. (our thanks to Adie Skeats for assisting with this)

1. **Present:** Lynne (chair), Jo (local resident), Martin (library), Caroline (care agency), Kate (MM care home), Debbie (BV care home), Nadine (guest speaker)
Apologies: Penny (WM TC), Kate M (local resident).

We welcomed Kate (MM) to her first meeting, and also Nadine, our guest speaker.

2. There was nothing outstanding from the previous meeting.

- 3 **Visitor** - Nadine told us of her role with Alzheimers and the connection with Bournemouth University. She spoke about 'Time for Dementia', an Alzheimers UK programme linking local people who have dementia with trainee health care workers, enabling them to see first hand through six visits during a two year period what living with dementia is really like for the patient and the carer. The aim - to improve understanding and provision of health care. Nadine was thanked for her time and some ongoing contacts were made with her.

4. **DAG Constitution:** (ratification) As part of a funding bid for the new ART4dementia project, we needed to have a Constitution and many other formal documentation. All the team have seen this before the meeting and had time to think it through. It was formally accepted as our Constitution.

5. **Communication & Contacts**

a) Queries: Since 6th May meeting we have been contacted by 3 members of the public, whose queries were responded to. Also Nadine 'Time for Dementia' from BU; E.Dorset CMHT for our DAG leaflet; and Sandra Berry link for the Carer Money Matters programme of Carer Support Dorset.

b) DAG WhatsApp - reminder to give your mobile number to Jo if you wish to be in this group.

6. **Publicity:**

a) West Moors Directory : June, July & August done and printed, September edition needs to be ready early August. It was agreed in discussion that Nadine should write about Time for Dementia in our DAG slot which she was very happy to do, and to liaise with Lynne, as Jo is not available through August.

Action: Nadine & Lynne

b) Living Well magazine - Summer edition is due to be delivered within the next day or two.

c) Facebook - we now have 96 followers.

7. **Updates & Planning** - DAG Actions

a) Collection boxes - These have been very successful and a good purchase. The 27 boxes raised £261 in May through many boxes being in our WM shops and businesses. 6 boxes are still out in various locations that are happy to have them for longer. They will need collecting at some point.

Action : Jo

b) Dementia Action Week stall- Some good conversations. There was a steady flow of people and we are getting our name out there.

c) WESTIVAL - July 12th - Again good conversations. The Lucky dip goes down well. Expenses for this: £10 stand fee, additional expenses £57.15, generously donated, with our thanks.

d) WM DAG Storage : At present Lynne & Jo are storing all WM DAG equipment and paper records & resources Feather banner, horizontal banner, gazebo which, if possible, needs to be shared out. Storage of our gazebo is needed. Caroline offered to store that as there was some storage space at her offices. The hand over of the Gazebo took place after the meeting.

e) Pocket Prompt cards - the main aim of these was for staff in local businesses. Many businesses have already been visited. Jo & Kate M to draw up a plan on how and when to cover the rest of WM businesses.

Action: Jo and Kate M

f) Stall at the Tap & Rail on 2nd August. Kate M and Lynne to organise this, with a lucky dip, quiz's as with Westival, and some basic literature.

Action: Kate & Lynne

g) ART4dementia - our new group/project for WMoors. Since our last meeting Lynne put in a Grant Application to Dorset Council and a conditional offer has been received. A maximum of 80% is the most ever given and the meeting agreed to cover the rest from our funds, as needed. It was not expected to be more than £300. Condition of grant is to work with Volunteering Dorset to enable the new group to be properly set up and managed. There is still a lot to do, but it is hoped it can be launched in September.

Action : Lynne

8. Account/Finance

Income and Expenditure - Lynne provided the meeting with the latest statements and talked through the key parts. We have done well with fund raising , especially the collecting boxes, and are grateful for the generosity of the people of West Moors and our team. The balance stands at £1900. Account summary was available for everyone to inspect.

9. There was no other business.

10. **Date of next meeting** - This was arranged for Tuesday 23rd September at 1 p.m. in St Mary's Church Hall..
The meeting closed approx 2.15pm.