

West Moors Dementia Action Group
Meeting Notes 19th January 2026
5.30pm at St Mary's Church, West Moors

Present: Lynne M(chair), Jo B (Deputy Chair), Penny Y WMTC, Martyn J WM Library, Celia M (Switch), Lauren(Brook View), Karlene (Brook View).

Apologies : Kate M, Caroline F.

Welcome: to Celia, Lauren and Karlene.

Actions: from last meeting:
Switch and Admiral Nurse explorations - see below

Communications:

Lynne had a phone call from a local resident, Maureen, looking to help regarding dementia in some way. Conversation indicated her desire to support Carers and was signposted in that direction.

Jo was contacted by Celia from Switch who was interested in being part of this group. Jo invited her to come along and see.

DAG Publicity:

a) West Moors Directory - We continue to be offered this space for free. Jo wrote a piece about dementia potentially being a stigma, for the February edition.

b) Living Well - Lynne attended a 'Review meeting' last week and planning is now underway for the late spring/early summer edition due out end of March(4 monthly). Any activities for the 'What's on' in West Moors or Verwood should be with Lynne by 4th February at the latest. Any known additions or amendments to distribution should also be sent to Lynne asap.

Updates & Planning:

a) Christmas Tree Festival - went really well. The tree looked great. Thanks to Jo and her team for overseeing this.

b) Carols on the Petwyn: Jo, Kate and Martyn ran this stall. It was in prime position next to Kellys and they had much interest, conversations and good financial response too with the Lucky dip, coconut ice, and the table collecting box with a total of £60.76.

c) Collection boxes - most are now almost all gathered in. Just over £100 from them and the stalls has been 'paid in'. The overall total from the collection boxes in 2025 is £275.65.

d) ART4dementia - this is low on numbers at present. Lynne has done a couple of local radio interviews, had a new poster produced, and

getting the word out as far as possible. We will see what the next few months bring. All think the idea and provision is good. (*since our meeting - the ART team have decided to widen it and welcome people from care homes as well). Also to approach Carers groups as this gives them a couple of hours respite. We are also registered with CAN, a Community Networking online resource that anyone looking for something on health and wellbeing can access.

- e) Community Switch - Lynne attended this open event. Switch is an online resource for people to see what is available or going on. The meeting was very well attended by health, care, and community groups across the wider region with good representation from West Moors, including our Parish Council and local Surgery. We should now be on their listing online.
- f) Admiral Nurse - We are waiting to hear from the other groups on whether they would like to look into this further. Only one has responded so far. The new members of our group here tonight were briefed on the journey so far.
- g) Pocket Prompt Cards - Jo & Kate are now waiting for the better and slightly warmer weather to revisit this.
- h) The Year Ahead - dates for the diaries:
 - a) 16th April, 7pm WMTC Annual Meeting, St Anthony's Hall. DAG stall. Jo plus two other volunteers(?) to set up and 'man'.
 - b) 18-24 May, Dementia Action Week nationally. We have agreed to have two mornings with our stall (+gazebo if needed) and literature on Tues. 19th and Thurs. 21st May 10-12noon, on Station Road near the shops. Plan in detail at March meeting.
 - c) WESTIVAL - West Moors annual fun day. 11th July 12-4pm. Stall with Gazebo, Lucky Dip etc. Plan in detail at May meeting.

Accounts: Lynne's printer is temporarily not working, but she had photographed the online bank statement and passed that round for all to see. Monies paid in £103, Monies out - bank charges. Balance is just under £2k for DAG and just over £1k for ART4dementia. Our gratitude to all who generously give to this work to support the people of W.Moors.

AOB: Martyn informed us of the 'Warmer Space' project in the Libraries again. This is on Thursday mornings at W.Moors Library.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 16th March, 5.30 p.m.
at the Hall, St Marys Church, W.Moors.