

## **West Moors Parish Council Winner for Jean Ware Legacy Award 2017**

The Legacy Award was introduced in 2012 to mark the Olympic Games in London and has been very successful. In recognition of the commitment and hard work of the late Councillor Jean Ware, the Parish Council renamed the Legacy Award in her memory. The current purpose of the award is to recognise an exemplary young person living in West Moors and support them in Sport, Design, Drama, Music, or The Arts. The winning applicant is assessed not just on performance, but on their application and the mental strength that is required to go on and be the best that they can be in their chosen field.



On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017 prior to the parish council meeting, it was announced that this year's recipient for the award is Charlotte Ayton aged 17. The Chairman of the Council, Cllr Penny Yeo, presented Charlotte with an engraved glass trophy which she will keep as a reminder of her of her achievement. Charlotte will also be able to claim up to £1,000 to help her progression in her chosen sport. Over the last 8 years Charlotte has been a member of Wimborne Athletics Club and amongst other disciplines, has completed in many long jump competitions.

As well as the club, she has represented her school (previously QE Wimborne); the Dorset County; the South West Region and then in 2017 "the Midlands and South West" in the English School Games finals where she came third. For this an article was published in the December issue of the Stour and Avon Magazine.

Charlotte trains four times a week all year round in Blandford Camp and Wimborne. This shows her dedication and commitment. National competitions take her further to Gateshead, Loughborough or Birmingham. As a result of her success Charlotte has been selected to attend monthly the AASE (Advanced Level Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence) Programme in Bath. As she progresses she hopes to be invited

to compete in more national events. The Parish Council anticipate this being just the beginning for Charlotte and wish her every success in the future.

Applications are now open for the Jean Ware Legacy Award 2018. If you know of an aspiring young person please contact the parish office on 01202 861044 for an application form or visit our website [www.westmoors-pc.gov.uk](http://www.westmoors-pc.gov.uk).