



## **Press Release:**

# **Introduction of Apprentice / Vocational Training Grant Award scheme**

## **APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR JULY 2016**

West Moors Parish Council are constantly looking for new ways to help young people reach their full potential. In addition to the Legacy Award Grant we are pleased to announce the introduction of an Apprentice and Vocational grant scheme.

In recognition of the difficulties often faced by young people entering into apprenticeships or vocational training schemes, particularly in terms of costs incurred during that training, the parish council have introduced a scheme to support young people aged between 16 and 20 years to assist them with purchase of related tools and equipment essential to their training. The parish council feel that many young people need support and that such a scheme will help to create a bond between young people and the local community and instil a sense of pride on both sides.

### **THE GRANT**

Up to £250 can be awarded to a single individual as a lump sum.

The grant will only be given for items (tools or equipment) that are essential to the training being undertaken.

Proof of costs incurred, or to be incurred, by the successful applicant will be verified before any money is released.

### **THE APPLICANT**

Must be a resident of West Moors for 12 months prior to the date of application.

Must be able to prove their acceptance and/or attendance on a recognised apprenticeship or vocational training scheme.

The successful applicant must agree that West Moors Parish Council can publicise the grant awarded, including the use of photographs, at any time in any form of media.

### **THE APPLICATION PROCESS – APPLY NOW in time for the first grant in July.**

An official application form is required to be completed and can be submitted anytime during the year.

Applications will be considered 3 times a year, no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> September, 31<sup>st</sup> January, 31<sup>st</sup> July each year.

Closing date for applications will be one month before the consideration dates shown above.

**If this is of interest to you or anyone you know please contact the parish office on 01202 861044, email [westmoorsparish@btconnect.com](mailto:westmoorsparish@btconnect.com) or alternatively visit us at 4 Park Way, West Moors, Dorset, BH22 0HL or download an application form the <http://www.westmoors-pc.gov.uk>**