



West Moors Town Council

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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

As you are very aware, the country is facing a mammoth challenge regarding the Coronavirus (Covid-19). West Moors is not immune to this challenge, and so we must do whatever it takes to tackle this together. Although the village looks ghostly with shops closed and very few cars and people to fill the streets, this is EXACTLY what it needs to be like until the powers that be tell us it is safe to resume normality. In the mean time, the local Churches, Town Council and Dorset Council, are doing what they can to support those in the village that can not do it alone.

On March 24th the Council closed the children's play park at Oakhurst School. Please continue to respect this closure and do not try and access the park.

The Fryer Field Children's play park cannot be closed off due to its location, so we ask that you respect the Government's instructions and do not use this play area, the skate park or try to access the tennis courts, MUGA or BMX track. If you use the Fryer Field for exercise please please practice social distancing (2 metres apart). We want all our West Moors residents to stay safe.

To follow guidance, on Wednesday 18th March, it was decided to cancel all meetings of the Council and committees until further notice. Using the flexibility provided by recent change to regulations made under the Coronavirus Act 2020, it is hoped that on Thursday 30th April, the Full Council will hold their first ever virtual meeting via video communication for which an agenda will be displayed on our notice board and website as normal. Minutes will also be available on our website as per protocol.



Diary dates

Due to the uncertainty of this crisis, the following past and upcoming events have been cancelled, much to the Council's dismay.

ANNUAL VILLAGE LITTER PICK - Saturday 28th March (will be rescheduled)

ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING - Thursday 16th April (Will take place in 2021)

VE DAY CELEBRATIONS - Friday 8th May (Visit our Facebook on May 8th)

The Council will be laying a wreath on the War Memorial to commemorate this event on behalf of the community of West Moors.

WESTIVAL - Saturday 11th July (hope to take place in 2021).

The Council office is currently closed but as soon as normal practices resume, the office staff very much look forward to seeing you again.

If you do have any enquiries, please email office@westmoors-pc.gov.uk.

We are still here for you even if it is not face to face.



Community and Council Support



The ChatHealth text messaging service can help young people in Dorset with a range of issues, including mental health.

Young people aged 11-19 can text the ChatHealth school nursing messaging service on 07480 635511 about any concerns they have. Visit www.nhs.uk/apps-library/chathealth

Dorset Council

Calling young carers

If you need help during coronavirus call

01305 221000 or email:

communityresponse@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk



If you know a young carer please let them know. More helpline information here:

<http://orlo.uk/kwbnH#DorsetTogether>



If you or someone you know needs support with access to food, medicine or other vital help and support, phone 01305 221000 between 8am and 8pm or email:

communityresponse@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

No bonfires PLEASE

Bonfires can upset neighbours and cause breathing problems for those with underlying medical conditions or suffering from the virus.

Also, Bonfires can get out of control quickly. [DWFireRescue](#) have had many calls to fires that have been bonfires. They need to concentrate on sending their resources to where they are needed most.



[#DorsetTogether](#) [#StayHomeSaveLives](#)

REVIVE TRADITION

Local Funeral Directors are urging people to bring back an old tradition to support people mourning during the coronavirus outbreak. Facebook posts from Nicholas O'Hara ask members of the public to "stop and stand for a moment when a hearse passes, as a mark of respect. Perhaps bow your head or take off your cap."

During these times, funerals are limited to only a very few close family. The revival of this old tradition would show people that their loss is noticed and shared by us all. It would mean the world to the family in their time of sadness and grief.

Community Spirit



Immediately after self isolation started, there was a proactive response from Pinehurst Community Church. In co-ordination with the Pastor Adam Parrett, the Town Clerk and members of the community helped deliver support information leaflets to hundreds of vulnerable residents of West Moors. This was crucial to inform people where they could turn for help. So quickly, many volunteers came forward offering their help and still are!

Pinehurst Community Church and their Action Group have been very busy:

Many residents have been called for chats as well as queries in the hope that loneliness can be reduced during isolation.

Approximately 295 people have received help and approximately 34 people are still on the list.

We have a brilliant community in West Moors, who in difficult circumstances, are looking out for each other and coming together.

If you still need help, please call us on 01202 892776 and leave a message.

A thank you MUST go to Adam Parrett and everyone who has volunteered to make deliveries, collecting shopping or just taking the time to help others.

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Good Citizen Award for West Moors 2020



In June 2019, West Moors Council members implemented a 'Good Citizen Award' for West Moors where an individual or group is formally recognised for their service to the Community.

A "Good Citizen" is one who undertakes selfless acts for the good of the community without financial motive. Or, just someone who is uplifting and makes a difference to your life.

There were no Junior Good Citizen nominations received but there were four for the Adult Citizen (18+) category.

A panel of three councillors met in early March and reviewed all applications.

Unfortunately, there can only be one winner and this year, we are pleased to announce it goes to Mrs Moya Botterill.

For nearly 30 years, Moya has acted as a fund raiser, non-profit club organiser, volunteer on various charities and a very good friend to many. The other 3 nominees were (in no particular order):

1. Mr Martin Rowley (resident of West Moors and dedicated, proactive website monitor for local organisations and West Moors Council)
2. Mr Malcolm Adams (resident of West Moors and dedicated Volunteer Litter Warden for West Moors Council)
3. Mrs Angela McVeigh (West Moors Library Manager)

Mrs Botterill will receive a small trophy and certificate and the three nominees will each receive a recognition certificate.

It was the intention to carry out the presentations at the Annual Public Meeting, scheduled for April 16th. However, due to the current pandemic, this is no longer possible.

Therefore, it is hoped that when practices return to normal, the next Full Council meeting that takes place at The Pavilion, Fryer Field, will include this presentation.

In the interim the winner and nominees received their laminated certificates by hand.

West Moors Town Council congratulate them all and thank them for being a wonderful example to society.

Food Caddy bags delivery service.

If you are a vulnerable resident of West Moors self-isolating and need food waste bags, West Moors Town Council are offering a delivery service on a Wednesday. All you need to do is contact 07561 652603 or email office@westmoors-pc.gov.uk and we will endeavour to reply asap to arrange. When leaving a message please leave a contact phone number and address for delivery. We do understand that this is not an essential item, but it is a convenient one and the Council would like to uphold as much of a service as possible during these uncertain times. Please note we are only providing this service within the boundaries of West Moors.

If you run out of food caddy waste bags, please leave the indoor caddy unlined or use newspaper.

YOU CAN INCLUDE IN YOUR FOOD CADDY:

All cooked and uncooked food, including: meat, fish and bones, fruit and vegetable peelings, cheese and dairy produce, cakes, bread and pastries, leftovers, including plate scrapings, tea bags and coffee grounds, pasta, rice and eggshells.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT THESE THINGS IN YOUR FOOD CADDY: carrier bags/plastic bags, food packaging, garden waste, pet waste, liquids, oil or liquid fats.

If you need an actual food waste caddy bin, please contact us on the above number and we will try to get one to you.



What to do if you fall ill and think it's Coronavirus

It is important that you keep yourself up to date with the current advice from the Government and the NHS. If you have any of the following symptoms:

- High fever
- Shortness of breath
- New constant cough

Then you need to self isolate for 7 days. If a family member is showing symptoms then you need to isolate for 14 days.

DO NOT:

- Go to your GP, Hospital or Chemist, work
- Shopping or outside
- Visit elderly or other vulnerable people
- Use public transport or socialise with others

CALL 111 www.111.nhs.uk/covid-19

West Moors Town Council wish you all good health through this challenging period and hope the impact is minimal.

SECURITY ALERT !!

Sadly, some are exploiting the current pandemic by knocking on doors offering a variety of things such as: cleaning materials, Coronavirus Testing and antibacterial gel. However desperate you are **DO NOT BUY**. Where possible, do not answer the door and speak through your door or a window. Say no thank you and ask them to leave. The Police advise that you should call 999 if they are still there and in your area or 111 at a later time. **DO NOT** click on links or email received via text message from HMRC ref payments, this is a scam.

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THE OFFICE IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**