



NEWSLETTER

February 2025

WMRA Diamond Jubilee Year

This summer sees the 60th Anniversary of West Moor Residents Association. The Association has always had a strong influence in the area, providing activities and groups for all. To celebrate this fantastic achievement, we are hoping to provide a range of celebration events throughout the year as well as produce a full colour brochure cataloguing the WMRA from its inception in 1965 through to the present day. If you would like to get involved or help in the putting together of the commemorative booklet, come along on **Tuesday 25th February** at 5pm to find out how you can get involved.

Children's Active Classes

The last batch of children's active sessions take place during the month of March, all funded by the UKSPF Grant.

Rugby Tots returns on 2 Tuesday March 4.15pm to 5pm for ages to years. (dates to be confirmed)

Little Ballers will be with us from 6th to 27th March, 2pm to 2.45pm for confident walkers to 4 years.

The sessions are free but please note that booking is required for all sessions.

As a result of previous free sessions, Active North Tyneside's' Mini Movers are at the Centre on a Wednesday morning, 11.45am to 12.30pm and these drop-in sessions are free to attend.

Community Choir

Our fabulous Community Choir will be giving an end of grant performance on **Wednesday 26th March** at 7.30pm. It's free to attend with no need to book. Come along to see how as a community we can come together, have fun whilst simply singing. Our sign language group will also be signing. Refreshments will be served.

Youth Club

West Moor Youth Club meets every Friday evening at the Community Centre. The session from 4 until 5.30pm is for school years 6 – 8 and years 9 to 13's session is from 5.30 – 7pm. Our programme of events is young person led, and the session is **free** to attend. At Christmas, the young people decided to do a social enterprise project to help local homeless and struggling individuals and they made 50 gift bags containing essentials that were distributed via The Peoples Kitchen. Come along and have a look, it's FREE!

Gardening News

The annual Plant Sale is taking place on **Thursday 1st May**, 9am to 3pm, with a selection of bedding plants, annual plants and vegetable plants. Orders are currently being taken for hanging baskets.

We will be holding a children's sunflower Competition again this year. Come and pick up your growing kit on **Saturday 5th April**, 10am to 12pm from the community garden behind the community centre.

We are always in need of help with our gardening projects. Would you like to volunteer as a casual volunteer, helping out when needed or when you have some spare time? Please leave your name and number at the Centre and we'll be in touch to discuss how and when you can help.

WMRA Enviro Squad

We are a group of enthusiastic local people who care about the village and the environment we live in and want to make a difference. Since starting in April 2024, our 11 active members have collected over 150 bags of rubbish from the area! We have also reported other environmental issues to the council like fly tipping, broken drains and overflowing bins which have all been acted upon. In September we did a call out to the wider community to help with a bigger clean up, it was lovely to see a couple of families with children supporting the project. Please get in touch if you would like to join the group. You don't have to attend every session; come along when you can!

Creative Writing

As we went to print, we were trying to finalise creative writing sessions at the Centre but we ran out of time. Keep an eye on the Facebook page for details.

Bunny Run

This years Bunny Run takes place on **Friday 18th April** at 10am. Tickets can be bought from the Centre from Monday 10th March. Tickets cost £6 per family ticket. Come and enjoy a hop around the village, collecting sweet treats on the way and then return to the Centre for Easter treats and cups of tea.

Wine Tasting

After the success of the first evening, a second Wine Tasting Evening is being held at the Community Centre on **Friday 28th March** at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £12 per person from the Centre and includes a selection of wine to taste and grazing board. Come along and take part in an enjoyable evening with friends or neighbours.

Policing update

We have been made aware of increased thefts in the area and a few residents have had cars broken into. The local community officer will be at the Community Centre on Monday 14th April 7.30pm to 8.30pm to answer any questions. Come along to ask questions on crime and disorder and see what is being done proactively in the area. There is also a new way of staying informed and reporting incidents to the police via this link;
<https://www.northumbriaconnected.co.uk/>

SUB

SUBs for the 2025/26 year become payable from 1st April 2025. The cost is £6 full price and £5 concessions, and all SUBs collected go towards running all that the Association does, both at the Centre and the wider community. SUBs can be paid in person or online. Our details are as follows. Account No; 60913839 Sort Code; 20-59-61 Account Name; West Moor Residents Association. If you are a taxpayer, it would be helpful if you could pop into the Centre and complete a Gift Aid form or give us a call to see if you have already completed one.

Salsa Anyone?!

Funded by the UKSPF grant, come and take part in a couple of free latin dancing evenings on **Wednesday 12th & 19th March** at 7pm. No need to book, just pop on your dancing shoes.

Sip & Paint

Thanks to funding from the UKSPF grant, we will be holding a children's Sip and Paint session on **Tuesday 25th February** 10.30am to 12pm. The class is aimed at 8- to 12-year-olds and is free to attend. Places can be booked via the office from Friday 21st Feb.

Thank-You

Thank you to our friends at Alexander Hudson Estates for donating £175 from their Christmas Selfie campaign. Thank you to everyone who came along to Carols Around the Tree on 17th Dec. The collection raised £140 for St Oswald's Hospice.

Tai Chi & Qigong

Continuing from the UKSPF funded sessions, a new community Tai Chi class is starting at the Centre on Monday 3rd March at 1pm. The cost is £3 per session.

Tea Dance

We recently received funding under NTCs Warm Spaces Fund, Puzzle books and refreshments are available on a Thursday, 1pm to 3pm. We will be holding a Tea Dance on **Tuesday 11th March**, 2pm to 4pm. It is instructor led, includes refreshments and is free!

AGM

This year's AGM is taking place on **Thursday 22nd May**, starting at 7.30pm. Why not come along to the Centre to find out what the Association has been doing this past 12 months. Come along and meet the trustees and ask them any questions and make suggestions.

Community Bingo

Due to popular demand, we have teamed up with West Moor Social Club to increase the number of afternoon bingo sessions available. The first Tuesday of every month, the session will be at the Community Centre and the 3rd Tuesday of the month will be at West Moor Social Club. Both sessions start at 2pm with tea, coffee and a cake included in your ticket price. There is also a raffle too. Come along for a great afternoon.

Volunteering with WMRA

The WMRA has a range of open volunteering opportunities we are actively looking to fill. Volunteering is a fantastic way to donate your time, the WMRA relies on the skills and experience of those who support us. We're currently looking for individuals to fill the following positions: Gardening, Event Support, Grant Applications / Fundraising. If you think you have experience in these areas and would like to know more, please get in touch, we'd love to discuss the opportunities on offer.

Wellness Sessions

We have a number of Wellness sessions taking place, funded by the UKSPF grant. Auricular Acupuncture takes place on **Mon 10th March** and Self Care sessions take place on **Mon 17th & 24th March**. All are starting at 7.30pm, are free to attend and there is no need to book, just come along.

Fall Prevention Classes

A new round of Fall Prevention classes is taking place at the Centre on a **Wednesday morning** at 9.30am until 12th March. The classes are free, thanks to UKSPF Funding. Why not come along?

Trauma Kits

Our friends at KPM First aid training, recently received funding from the UKSPF grant to provide Trauma Kits to the community. The kit contains a trauma dressing, haemostatic dressing and a tourniquet. WE truly hope that it never needs to be used, but it is held in the Centre if needed.

Panto Time!

We have been able to secure Panto tickets for the Theatre Royal show this December. The performance will be on Tue 2nd Dec at 7pm. Tickets will go on sale on 10th May at 10am. Please note that SUBs for 2025/26 will need to have been paid prior to this date.