

May I through your page thank all the local people and business who volunteered and/or provided sponsorship for both Pirates Day and West Bay Day this year.

The events raised about £1900 to set up a fund to provide grants for smaller local groups who work for the good of our community. The day also brought in £ 393 for Weldmar by selling candles for the Candlelit Walk on the Jurassic Pier, The RNLI took £651 at the Salt House with their Cream Teas, and the Somerset Air Ambulance gained £562 from a collection and Raffle at the Classic Cars rally on the Esplanade. 14 other local traders or charities attended on the day and raised over £1000 for their own causes bringing in further income to the area and showcasing some of the great resources West Bay has to offer. Every business we spoke to in the bay said they had a bumper day's trade and altogether it is estimated that over £10,000 was added to the economy of West Bay.

We would like to mention especially the Harbourside Carnival Club for their support by manning the overflow Car Park, Simon Warry from the Crown Inn for the excellent outside Bar, the Classic Car owners and Bridport Classic Bike Club (who also provided and erected the Marquee). Sponsors; John Hooke, Clive Richards, Townsends, West Dorset Leisure, Simon Radcliffe, Nick Dunford, Morrisons, Jewsons, West Bay Websites, Wynns Fun Fair. Chesil Model Planes Club for their wonderful demonstration, Chesil Theatre Supplies for lighting up the East Cliff and once again Cains Farm without whose massive vehicles we would not have a stage for the bands to perform on, Dave Goulden and Wessex FM. Finally West Dorset District Council and the Harbourmaster's team.

These events are only two of those organised by the WEST BAY DAYS group of volunteers who worked extremely hard to make them such a success.

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