



News from the National Trust – January 2011

I would like to start by wishing everyone a Happy New Year. I hope everyone's Christmas was enjoyable and full of festive cheer, and that all those New Year's resolutions are getting off to a good start!

At the National Trust, Christmas started off on the 11 December with our 'Deck your halls with holly' event in Wembury Woods. We were joined by people of all ages who got creative and made some highly original Christmas decorations! From traditional Christmas wreaths to pine cone animals and pipe cleaner angels, the items produced were festive and beautiful. We gathered materials from the woods including holly and ivy and made use of pine cones and Christmas tree off cuts collected previously from other areas of our estate. Children and adults alike got stuck into the glitter and glue, and when the weather got a little chilly, went and warmed up around the fire with cups of tea and hot chocolate. It was the ideal way to get into the Christmas spirit. Don't forget that Wembury Woods is a great place for a New Year's walk, so come and have a wander around this beautiful oak woodland.

Have you ever fancied volunteering for the National Trust? We are looking at establishing a Volunteer Ranger service for the Wembury area. It's not just undertaking practical works, but could be surveying paths and other structures, being eyes and ears for the area, checking our herds of Dartmoor ponies or being an information point for visitors to the area. David Bassett a regular volunteer for our team is taking on the role of volunteer co-ordinator and he will be the main point of contact, ensuring that all volunteers have tasks and regular information updates. If you would like further details we are holding a volunteer recruitment event on January 15 between 2pm and 4pm held at the marine centre, Wembury beach. So please pop by and have a chat with one of the rangers to see if you can make a difference to your local area.

With Christmas and overindulgence ending, it's time to get fit for the New Year, so why not go on a coastal walk around Revelstoke drive, Noss Mayo, or take part in one of our events. From hedge laying to photography, we have something for everyone. Details are below.

Countryside Art Exhibition – 1 January – 4 March 2011

An art competition open to all ages living in the South Hams area. Showcase your talent on the theme of 'Time Well Spent' illustrating amazing National Trust landscapes. All work will be exhibited in Kingsbridge. Adult £5, Child £0

Work off the Yule log-Coppicing workshop, Wembury – Wednesday 5 January

You enjoyed the festivities and now it is time to work off the excesses. Learn the art of coppicing hazel and other woodland shrubs. At the end of the day receive a South Devon NT skills certificate. Adult £10 & Child £5

Life and landscape through a lens. Digital camera workshop – 18 January 2011

Find out how to get that perfect shot and make great, memorable photographs. Get inspired by the beautiful coast and small harbourside village of Noss Mayo. Photographer, Dave Bassett will be running the day. Baked potato snack lunch provided. Adult £10

Devon Hedges. Learn to lay a hedge, Snapes Point – Sunday 6 February

Discover the wonders of Devon hedges and help keep them alive and thriving by traditional cutting and laying. This day will give you a good introduction to Midlands style hedge laying. Adult £10 & Child £5

Booking is essential for all these events. For more information and to book a place please contact south.devon@nationaltrust.org.uk or telephone 01752 346585.

Please stop and have a chat to the team if you see us out working or if you have any comments about the work of the National Trust. For further information please call Lorna Sherriff on 01548 562344 or email lorna.sherriff@nationaltrust.org.uk