

Wembury Review for November

Autumn has arrived! There has definitely been a chill in the air when the sun hasn't peeped out from behind the clouds. But, along with the cold nights and 'dragons breath' in the early morning and spiders webs all covered in dew comes the abundance of delicious fruit, nuts, and fungi all available in the countryside and hedgerows ripe for foraging. On 30 September we ran a Walk Talk and Munch event at Noss woods where 15 people learnt about food we could forage throughout the woods and estuary edge. After the walk we then cooked and tasted some delicious samples and recipes . I'm converted into eating seaweed but still not sure about acorn coffee!

Both herds of Dartmoor ponies, which are doing an excellent job with our conservation grazing on Wembury cliffs and at Wembury Point, are doing well. We recently have put a trough system at Wembury Point so the ponies will have constant fresh water in the troughs and therefore no need for the trailer and bowser system we had been using. During November the ponies at Wembury Point will be taken back to Dartmoor where the owners will be able to get all the foals their equine passports and micro-chipped. The owners will be bringing a herd of new ponies to Wembury point to ensure we have grazing throughout the year.

On October 4th we welcomed 2 new full time volunteer Rangers, Katy and Sophie, to the South Devon ranger team. They will be assisting the team with all elements of practical estate management as well as supporting and leading on events and other projects. We also have to say farewell and good luck to Alice who has been a full time volunteer ranger for our team since October 2009. Alice has been a valuable member of our team and we wish her all the best with her future countryside management career.

Some of our upcoming events are:

Devon Hedges - Learn to lay a hedge

Ayrmer Cove , Ringmore.	Wednesday 03 November , 10am – 4pm	Adult £10
Beesands, outside the cricket inn.	Friday 05 November, 9.30am – 3.30pm	Adult £10

Learn the art of hedge laying in great surroundings. Discover how to keep them alive and thriving by traditional cutting and laying. These days will be a good introduction to hedgelaying. Receive a NT South Devon skills certificate at the end of the day.

Paddle Power - Canoe adventure

Short stay Kingsbridge car park	Friday 12 November, 9am – 4pm	Adult £50
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Join the National Trust ranger team for a paddle downstream in a Canadian canoe from Kingsbridge to Salcombe. Explore the shallow creeks and hidden beaches along the way and discover more about the history and wildlife of this beautiful area. The trip includes various stops with short walks and picnic spot. Finishing at Mill Bay and a lift back to the starting point at Kingsbridge. Lunch included.

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