



## **News from the South Devon National Trust Team.**

The summer is a distant memory and the leaves are falling from the trees but there is no better time to get out and about enjoying the beautiful autumnal colours of the countryside. The beaches and coastal paths are quieter so it is a great time to go out walking and watch the harvest being gathered.

The South Devon National Trust Volunteers (a group of volunteers who help out at National Trust properties all over South Devon and East Cornwall every other Sunday) have once again got physical down at Wembury Beach helping the rangers to clear the stream that runs through Mill Meadow to the beach. The stream, which is home to a wide variety of freshwater wildlife including small trout, is cleared annually of overgrown vegetation to help encourage wildlife back around the moving water. Overall the work carried out by the SDNTV group has been great and their help is greatly appreciated. "Getting your wellies filled up with dirty stream water and getting pretty soaked doesn't seem half as bad when you're working with such a lovely, hard working group!" commented Marc Hoskins, South Devon National Trust Ranger.

The Dartmoor ponies have had a lovely summer and are all fit and healthy. The foals have grown a lot over the last few months and will soon be going back to the moors, for veterinary checks and to mature in their natural setting. The ponies on the cliff are well and lively as ever, enjoying all the lush green grass a little too much as they give the ranger team a good bit of exercise whilst moving them to a different grazing compartment.

Please be aware that we have had recent reports of the ponies being chased and sheep being killed by dogs at New Barton Farm, so we ask that all dogs are kept on the lead when livestock are grazing.

As part of the National Trust walking festival, the rangers are holding a guided walk on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> from Wembury beach to Wembury Point and then back along the sea shore and strandline. The walk starts at 1.30pm and finishes at 4pm. To book a place on this walk or for further info please call 01752 346585

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## **Events in October**

### **Green Wood Working – Countryside Skills Workshop**

*Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 10am – 4pm Tuckenhay Nr. Totnes*

Join the National Trust ranger team for two days of wood work. Discover how to turn wood and learn the crafts of coppicing and cleaving in a beautiful woodland setting. Make your own rake, spoon, mallet and gate.

*Adult £50 BE*

### **Paddle Power – A Canoe Adventure (fullday)**

*Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 9am – 4pm Millbay*

Join us for an adventure upstream on board a Canadian canoe, paddling from Salcombe to Kingsbridge. Learn essential paddling techniques and discover history and wildlife whilst exploring shallow creeks and hidden beaches along the estuary. Suitable for more experienced paddlers. 16+ years.

*Adult £50 BE*

### **After Dark – Halloween at Overbeck's**

*Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 6.30 – 9pm Salcombe*

Take a torch lit walk through the house with our resident friendly ghost. Discover strange after dark activity in the garden looking for bats and other wildlife that goes bump in the night.

Finish with a sausage sizzle and Halloween games. All children in Halloween costume will receive a toffee apple.

*Adult £7 Child £5 ☺ BE*