



Now that the summer is coming to a close, there is plenty to reflect on; not only the exciting events programme but also on the busy summer season as a whole. Now that autumn is slowly on its way, there is a lot to look forward to; it's the time of year to harvest wild food growing in our hedges, but with all of this beautiful sunshine we have been having, there is still plenty of time to enjoy the coast.

Wembury beach has been as busy as ever over the summer period. With its proximity to Plymouth, it is a great area of focus for us to draw people into experiencing the coast in their 'back yard'. With this in mind, the rangers have recently written two new and exciting downloadable walks. These look out to sea; at the boats floating on the water around Wembury Point, and at the strandline and the sea life found in the rockpools. These walks are each about 2 hours in length, and easily downloaded from the National Trust webpage. It is a great way to look at a familiar area from a different perspective.

The summer holidays are always a great time to come and experience one of our events. For the second year we have held an overnight wild camp in Wembury Woods. It is always a fantastically fun event for the whole family, and a great opportunity to learn more about the nocturnal creatures found in the woods. With story telling whilst bats and owls swoop by, waking up to the dawn chorus, and morning bacon butties; it's a family event that is always enjoyed and a great way for people to experience the countryside.

You may have noticed the new bridge installed at Wembury, Mill Meadow. This memorial bridge was installed by a group of dedicated local volunteers. The bridge looks superb and as our first memorial bridge in South Devon, it is a great way for people to commemorate a loved one and support the preservation of the countryside.

The allotments at Wembury have been a firm part of the community for 3 years now. The fruits of everyone's labour are beginning to show; with courgettes, salad, peas and beans growing gloriously in the summer sunshine. Growing your own is a great way to save money, reduce your food miles, and taste fruit and veg at its best!

With the South Devon blog now up and running (www.southdevoncountryside.co.uk), it has never been easier to keep up to date with what the rangers are up to in your local area, information on our up and coming events and to get involved with the National Trust team. This is my last Wembury newsletter as a countryside intern with the South Devon team as I have been offered a fantastic opportunity of a Ranger position with the National Trust at Polesden Lacey starting in September. It has been a

great experience getting to know and love this stunning part of the country.
Thanks everyone for a tremendous time!

By Sophie Ellis
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Events in September:

Green wood working - Countryside skills workshop

Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 10-4pm Adult £50

Noss Mayo

Join the National Trust ranger team for two days of working with wood. Making rakes, spoons, mallets and gates. Discover how to turn wood and learn the crafts of coppicing and cleaving in a beautiful woodland setting. Gain a NT rural skills certificate. 16+ years. BE

Walk, talk and munch - Nature ramble

Sunday 28 10-1pm All £10.00

Noss Mayo

Take a stroll through Noss Woods with a National Trust ranger and discover the bounty of edible nuts, fruits and plants. Then stop off at the fire and cook up some tasty and unusual 'treats'. In partnership with the Marine Biological Association as part of South Hams Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty's Walking Festival 2011. BE