



With spring on its way, and the weather slowly improving the majority of the damage caused by the heavy rainfall is being dealt with. The footpath along Wembury Point has been diverted due to a landslip with a section being closed off. The post and rail fencing, which ran alongside the coast path has now been taken out with the help of the National Trust South Devon Volunteers and a dead hedge has been put in place to block off the section which has been heavily eroded. This looks a lot better than the red and white hazard tape that was previously in place. The Post and rail fencing will be re-used as a boundary fence between two fields at Wembury Point so the materials will not be wasted.

Did you know that the field on the Eastern edge of the National trust land at Wembury point is a great habitat for Cirl Buntings and therefore is managed with this species in mind jointly with the RSPB. Whilst removing the fence on Sunday the Rangers also distributed a large amount of seed to help the Cirl Bunting population through the winter months. Cirl buntings were present in many parts of southern Britain but population has decreased with South Devon still being one of the little birds strongholds

Interns Daniel Campbell and Hollie Ferris have been down to Wembury beach to carry out a litter pick. There was an abundance of rubbish by the boat park and the interns managed to fill five large black bin liners. A lot of rubbish had been placed by the dog waste bins, which had blown into the boat park and surrounding areas. Although there is a dog foul bin this is used solely for dog waste, so please do not put litter into it. This year will be testing as the bins which were provided by South Hams Council have now been removed and so we remind users of Wembury beach please take your litter home with you.

Wembury car park opened on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February for the new season. Martin, Trisha and Mike have returned to the posts of car park membership recruiters, so make sure you have a chat with them when you are next down at the beach.

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