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During November at Wembury Point a contractor undertook 5 days worth of mechanical scrub (Gorse, Blackthorn and bramble) cutting. The majority of Wembury Point is managed for its maritime grassland and scrub habitats which are fantastic for wildlife and plants. The scrub should be of different ages to provide the best quality nesting and feeding habitats for many animals, insects and birds. The ponies will now be following up the work of the machine by grazing any scrub regrowth which will allow the grassland and wild flowers to flourish where they were once smothered by the scrub.

The National Trust is installing Pay and Display machines at the majority of its main car parks. Wembury is one of the National Trusts car parks that will be installing pay and display machines in early 2016. These machines will be used instead of the current honesty box system. The pay and display machines will be located toward the back (landward) side of the car park to reduce the impact on the landscape. Parking will remain free to all National Trust members displaying a valid car park sticker and able to present a current membership card on request and the car park will still be manned during the main season.

Over the other side of the estuary at Noss Mayo we are replacing the old information panels with new updated panels and looking at a complete overhaul of the deteriorating signage around Revelstoke Drive and Stoke Point. This should give a real lift to the area and make the visits and walks around that stunning section of coast even more enjoyable.

If you fancy a bit of festive fun why not join the Ranger team at East Soar Outdoor Experience, East Soar Farm near Marlborough on Sunday 20th December between 12noon and 3pm for their free Festive Fun event. You can get creative and make your own wreath from natural materials or make your own festive lantern to take away and have a go at campfire cooking and '50 Things to do before you're 11 ¾' activities. All with the warmth of a camp fire and café for refreshments (charge applies for refreshments). For further information please look <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk> or call 01752 346585.

The South Devon Ranger team would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy Healthy New year.

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

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