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I cannot believe it is December already, this year has flown by. The wall to the right hand side of Wembury beach entrance road has now been rebuilt by local walling contractor Maxine McAdams. It looks really good, much better than the overgrown crumbling wall bank that used to be there. Back at the beginning of November we also got a contractor in to dredge the bottom section of the stream running down beside the road to make sure that if we have any heavy winter rainfall all the pipes are clear and will ensure the stream flows freely and does not flow over the bank. This Winter will see a lot of works occurring at Wembury trying to rectify the damage caused by last Winters storms and high tides. We worked hard to ensure the site was safe for this year but had to hold off any of the main works in order to allow access and enjoyment of the area through the busy summer season. We thank you for your cooperation and our apologies for any inconvenience that may be caused during these works.

Christmas is getting closer so come along and join the Rangers on the free event at East Soar Outdoor Experience near Salcombe to celebrate the Winter Solstice on 21st December. Get creative and make your own wreath or a festive lantern and enjoy '50 Things to do before you're 11 ¾' activities including campfire cooking. Refreshments and delicious homemade cakes will be available from the café (charge applicable for refreshments). Drop in anytime between 12 and 3pm.

By the time you read this Area Ranger Lorna Sherriff will have started her maternity leave. She will be greatly missed but is looking forward to welcoming the 3rd addition to her family and will be returning to the team towards the end of 2015. Marc Hoskins will be covering the Area Ranger role whilst Lorna is away. Marc has been working with the South Devon team for the past 5 years as a Practical Ranger and knows the estate well. You can contact him on 01548 562344 or by email on marc.hoskins@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Over the Christmas period we will have Rangers on call, so if there are any issues or emergencies on the National Trust South Devon area then please call the office; and we will do our best to deal with it.

Finally the South Devon National Trust team would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

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Community Ranger Intern

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