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Well, the summer holidays have arrived. I cannot believe how quick this year is going. There are lots of great National Trust places to visit during the holidays and plenty of downloadable walks so take a look on the National Trust website for some inspiration. The South Devon team have events running during the holidays which are noted down at the bottom of this article and we post them up on our Facebook page (National Trust South Devon Countryside) as a reminder too.

I would like to say thank you for everyone's co-operation while the road and wall repairs occurred at Wembury Beach car park. The works were due to take place from the meadow side of the wall, keeping the car park open, however it was completely unexpected how severely the road was compromised and subsequently collapsed once the works were started. Thank you to Wembury Church who kindly allowed us to use their car park for the week. Works to complete the rebuilding of the wall are ongoing but should not affect the access to the beach car park.

At Wembury Point there has been one more new addition to the pony herd, a new Dartmoor pony foal was born in July. The ponies are doing a great job of keeping the regrowth of the gorse, blackthorn and bracken to allow the grasses and wild flowers to flourish. We are having an increased number of reports of visitors feeding the ponies. Please do not feed the ponies as their stomachs are not designed to digest our food and this can cause stomach problems and in extreme cases the death of the mare and/or foal. When the ponies get used to being fed it means they will approach visitors at the site which we try to discourage as these ponies are wild and some visitors are frightened of the ponies approaching. Please do not disturb them, even if they walk up to visitors please ignore them and walk on past. Thank you for your co-operation.

We have several other events coming up in August.

Thursday 4th August and 18th August come along and have some beach fun with the National Trust Rangers and the Marine Centre wardens with a rock pool ramble at **Wembury Beach** between 11am and 1pm. No need to book, just turn up on the day.

11th, 25th and 30th August – Beach fun events and games running from 11am – 1pm at **South Milton Sands, near Thurlestone**.

Saturday 10th September join the Rangers and the AONB team at their annual Big Night on the Beach event at **South Milton Sands**. Beach activities from 4pm – 9.30pm.

For further information please look on www.nationaltrust.org.uk

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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