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Three handmade picnic benches have now been installed above the car park at Wembury Beach. Their setting offers fantastic views of the bay and the Mewstone. Like us on Facebook and email a photo of your picnic at Wembury. We have also installed a new honesty box, sited at the top of the path down to the beach after the previous one was vandalised.

The Dartmoor ponies at Wembury Point are due to be moved down into the bottom section of the site onto the fields adjacent to the coast path. The ponies need to graze this area to ensure a rich diversity of plant species and to keep the re-growth of scrub under control. To ensure the ponies remain safe and secure in the area we have just installed a new gate and steps down onto the slipway so walkers can use the smaller self closing gate, rather than the big field gate ensuring the site is stock proof at all times.

Thank you to the team from EDF Energy, who volunteered with Ranger Chris Birks for a beach clean down at Wembury Beach and Wembury Point at the beginning of August. The group of 13 volunteers helped to remove several bin bags of litter, making a real difference to the appearance and safety of the beach.

The ground works at South Milton Sands to repair the slipway following damage during the storms at the start of the year, have now been completed. Fencing has also been installed in front of the dunes to help to reduce erosion and promote dune stabilisation.

The teams' newest member, Practical Ranger Intern Amelia Elvins is settling in well after starting her internship at the end of July. Amelia has moved from North Devon after completing a degree in Archaeology at the University of Exeter. She is hoping to gain practical skills and broaden her knowledge of countryside management through her work with the ranger team.

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](mailto:lorna.sherriff@nationaltrust.org.uk)

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