



Hello from the South Devon Ranger team.

We now have more additions to our herd of Dartmoor Ponies at Wembury Point, with three foals being born. We have added photographs onto our Facebook page of the adorable foals if you would like to take a look, or even have a walk round Wembury point to see them. There is also another pony which is due to give birth soon.

Some of you may remember our campaign '50 things to do before you're 11  $\frac{3}{4}$ ' which was launched last year. This year the campaign has been released again with a new and adapted list of things to do before you are twelve. To celebrate the campaign the Rangers, along with Devon Wildlife Trust and the Blue Sound Project are holding an event at Wembury Beach on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The event will start at 4 o'clock and include fun activities including snorkeling, rock pooling, mini raft racing and Beach BBQ. So come along to join in the fun and bring your own food to cook on the BBQ.

There has been some work carried out near the boat park at Wembury beach. A new gate has been put into the entrance to Lower Mill Meadow as stock will be introduced to the area for conservation purposes. Introducing stock to the area will help with grazing, which will in turn help with biodiversity of flora and fauna in the meadow. When fitting the new fence an inspection was made of the area, which resulted in observing that the trees and shrubbery near the boat park were dying back. The rangers resolved the problem early by taking the dying plants out, and replacing them with native species trees. These will hopefully soon thrive and fill out the area.

In February's newsletter article you may recall us mentioning that we had taken out the post and rail fencing at Wembury Point. The removed fencing is now being used as another boundary fence which will define the Eastern field at Wembury Point which is an area for conservation of Cirl Buntings. This fence will stop the stock from going into the field to allow the Barley to thrive, producing plenty of seed to feed the Cirl Buntings.

As many of you would have noticed the Old Mill Café at Wembury beach is currently closed. We are in the process of re-letting the café and beach shop and hope to have it open before the summer season starts. If you are interested in this exciting opportunity which will be let by informal tender please contact Jo Wyles, Rural Surveyor, 01392 883123 or [joanne.wyles@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:joanne.wyles@nationaltrust.org.uk)

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