



As you will have seen if you have walked along the coast path at Wembury point the ponies are now grazing on the lower coast path compartment. The ponies are doing a fantastic conservation grazing job at the Point, ensuring scrub re-growth is kept to a minimum which in turn allows the semi natural species rich grassland to flourish. Please do not feed or try to touch the ponies as these are wild animals.

Last month we have the sad task of collecting the dead seabirds being washed up on the Wembury beach and Wembury point. We collected over 100 dead sea birds and disposed of them via the council Environmental Health team, whilst noting the numbers and species collected to pass this information onto the Wildlife Trust who were collating numbers of this devastating incident. The Wildlife trust have stated that the number of seabirds recorded washed up on beaches in the two incidents along the English Channel, covered in polyisobutene (PIB) has now passed 4,000.

The sunshine drew many families to Wembury beach during the bank holiday weekend to join the Rangers on their '50 things to do before you are 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ ' event. Local Families joined in a variety of activities in the afternoon including mini raft building, kite making, family orienteering challenge and an evening rock pool ramble led by the Devon Wildlife Trust marine centre wardens. It was a successful day which the Rangers thoroughly enjoyed and was great to see the families work together. The mini raft's that were produced were spectacular, and the families put just as much effort into cheering them on in the race. The children managed to complete many of the challenges at the event, and we gave them plenty of ideas where to complete the rest along our beautiful South Devon coastline.

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