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November is upon us and our winter works programme is now in full swing. This involves scrub management and woodland management works, including thinning and hedgelaying.

Some mechanical scrub control works will be occurring soon at Wembury Point to ensure the mix of wild flowers and grasses flourish and to stop the scrub from spreading across the whole site. This also means the ponies are free to roam the site grazing the re-growth.

The ponies at Wembury cliffs and Wembury Point are doing a brilliant job of keeping the scrub re-growth under control. Last month one of the ponies became unwell and we had to call upon an expert for advice. After an assessment it was concluded that the pony had Colic. They were concerned that the pony may have been fed some food or accidentally ingested some litter, so please could I remind visitors not to feed the ponies and to please take all litter home with you. I would also like to thank the walker who alerted us to the pony's condition.

In addition to the scrub management programme the team will be spending the next few weeks undertaking the annual tree inspections to ensure the trees on the estate are safe.

During the month of November you may see many different types of winter migrant birds off the coast at Wembury and in the estuary alongside Wembury woods, so make sure when you are out and about you take a pair of binoculars. Let us know of any unusual sightings by contacting us through Facebook: National Trust South Devon.

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