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Well, the colder wintry weather has finally come but thankfully the high winds of mid January didn't cause as much damage as last year. We are still in full flow with our winter works programme, with plenty of scrub cutting and tree works still to be completed.

Wembury Point will be having some scrub management works occurring in order to maintain the maritime grassland in the area. This year's cutting will take place on the hillside above the coast path just past the old tidal swimming pool. The machine, a small tracked mini digger with a flail head attachment is more efficient and quicker than cutting by hand and over the years using this technique, we have monitored the results of the work to ensure they are as beneficial as hand cutting. Once cut the ponies then graze the young re-growth keeping the area open increasing the diversity of flora in the area which then allows a greater number of invertebrates to thrive on the site.

This month we would like to welcome and introduce some new members to our team. Matthew Hopton previously worked as a full time volunteer for the National Trust in North Pembrokeshire. Matthew says 'I am really excited to join the South Devon team and to work in such a beautiful area. I'm looking forward to working on new sites and getting stuck-in to new projects across the property'. We would also like to introduce Vicky Tregelles, Caitlin Searle and Anna Matheson who have all started with the team as volunteers on an internship program.

Wembury car park will be manned on the 14th through to 22nd February. After half-term the car park will be open weekends only until 28th March and then open full time through the summer season. We are all looking forward to another sunny summer at the beach.

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 Marc Hoskins on 01548 562344 or email marc.hoskins@nationaltrust.org.uk

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