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I thought that in this article I would explain a bit about the area that the South Devon team manages. In our team there are 5 permanent and at present one seasonal member of staff. This is our core team and the area we cover is from Wembury Point in the West to Dartmouth in the East, some 8000 acres and 40 miles of coastline. In order to make it easier to manage and for the local communities to understand who to contact we have divided it in half with the West side managed by myself and Joel (Wembury Point round to and including Bigbury) and the East side managed by Emma and Ricky (South Milton Sands round to Dartmouth). As you can appreciate this is a massive area for a small team to cover and we only manage due to the help and generosity of our volunteers and with the help of our local communities. All this area costs us money to maintain, improve and conserve; each mile of coast path costs £3000 each year to maintain. That is why donations, car parking charges and most importantly memberships taken at our car parks are crucial for our team to continue looking after these beautiful areas forever for everyone.

We have said goodbye to our Full time Volunteer Countryside Ranger George Blake who has been working with us for the last 6 months gaining experience so he can gain employment in the countryside management sector. George at present is still applying for jobs and has headed back to his home in Warwickshire where he will be volunteering until he finds employment, which with his skills and experience we hope to be quite soon. As George left we had a new volunteer start, Will Leyland. He has just finished his degree in countryside management and will be working with us for 6 months to gain practical experience.

If you are interested in volunteering with the National Trust or want to learn more about the work in your area 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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