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Firstly we would like to wish you all a Happy New Year for 2017.

At this time of year scrub clearance is a major part of our winter work and is likely to be taking place somewhere on our land in the next few months. It can look dramatic, but is vital for the restoration of the protected coastal grasslands. The aim is to keep a mosaic of scrub patches for shelter and use by breeding birds and to increase the diversity of both the flora and fauna on the site. We then bring the ponies to do their part by grazing these areas, which helps manage the gorse re-growth. The ponies at Wembury Point were moved into the radar field for the Christmas break and will be moved back down onto the coastal slopes to continue their conservation grazing in January.

Winter is also the time when storms become more frequent and so thank you to all the people who help keep our beaches litter free, doing a bit of litter picking everytime you walk the area really helps and is very much appreciated.

A project expected to start in January is the replacement of the gates along Revelstoke Drive with new oak gates, this will improve the access along this popular walk and be more sympathetic to the landscape and environment.

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

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