

Member update – for you to share with parish/community magazines



Spring mire restoration workshop – 7 & 8 October

Working in partnership with Dartmoor Headwaters Project, the [Foundation for Common Land](#) is delivering a practical one-day workshop in Spring Mire Restoration led by experienced contractor, Andy Coleman, Quantock and Exmoor Ltd.

This one-day workshop will cover the basics of practical spring mire restoration: building leaky dams, flow deflectors, woody dam blocks, low peat bunds and peat hag reprofiling. It will also inform you of the archaeology and other regulations that need considering when working in protected landscapes.

Dartmoor Headwater Natural Flood Management (NFM) Project is managed by the Environment Agency and DNPA.

The project tests the effectiveness of using natural river processes, land management and soft engineering approaches to reduce the risk of flooding and improve water quality and biodiversity.

There are two dates available for the workshop: Friday 7 October or Saturday 8 October. Both workshops run from 9am – 4pm and take place at Harford Moor.

Book a place via [EventBrite](#).

Exhibition traces Dartmoor's rivers and paths

A photography exhibition devoted to the paths and rivers of Dartmoor is on from 2 September – 17 November at the National Park Visitor Centre, Princetown.

The exhibition *As Heath Flowers Bloom* features work by Jake Tebbutt, a photographer working in and around the South West of England currently studying for a BA (hons) in Photography at the University of Plymouth.

Tracing the rivers, woods, valleys and moorland that make the National Park, *As Heath Flowers Bloom* is a photographic exploration of the landscape.

Working in collaboration with the Dartmoor Hill Farm Project, and the farmers who help manage this environment, Jake's study follows the routes often used by those seeking to protect the area, nurturing it for future generations.

Rebecca Martin, Dartmoor National Park Authority's Visitor Services Manager, said: "We're delighted to be putting on this exhibition and displaying Jake's work. Many people will know Dartmoor for its tors, but its rivers, woods and valleys are equally as fascinating and have their own stories to tell.

"At the same time people can browse our retail range and pick up books, guides, leaflets, or gifts - many of which are sourced locally. Visiting our exhibitions helps support locally-based artists as does buying local, and we look forward to welcoming people."

Half term activities this October

Family friendly 'spooky' events are taking place this October half term at Dartmoor's visitor centres.

DNPA is putting on activities and events throughout the week 22 – 30 October including mask-making, creating puppets and a haunted trail or two!

The events are part of an ongoing programme aimed at helping people explore Dartmoor, learn about its special qualities and understand how important it is.

Events are:

Spooky Tales and Haunted Trails from Postbridge Visitor Centre

Pick up a haunted trail map and follow the spooky route of the History Hunters around Bellever Forest. Discover a Dartmoor legend at each stopping point and learn more about how our Bronze Age ancestors honoured the dead in this landscape. Suitable for all the family

Moor Masks – all visitor centres

Witches, wisht hounds and bats. Choose from our wild and spooky mask templates to colour in and decorate to discover another side to Dartmoor's spooky story. Visit the craft table at each visitor centre to take part in this self-guided activity

Wednesday 26 October Moppets, Muppets, and Ghostly Puppets

1.30pm -3.30pm Princetown Visitor Centre.

Bring the spooky stories and legends of Dartmoor to life with DNPA's Andy and Claire. Make a 'petrifying puppet' inspired by Dartmoor's folklore. This creative workshop is open to children and families of all ages.

Book a place through the visitor centre. Phone 01822 890414 or email princetown@dartmoor.gov.uk

Farmers continue to care for Dartmoor with protected landscapes funding

Restoring habitats and endangered species, conserving historic farm features, and helping farm businesses – these are just a few examples of how farmers are using protected landscapes funding to enhance Dartmoor.

It is one year since the launch of the Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) programme and already more than £500,000 has been awarded to Dartmoor farmers and land agents.

So far, funding has been granted to more than fifty applications with an estimated eighty-five more in various stages of development. FiPL is a Defra-funded programme, delivered locally, which offers funding support to farmers and land managers in National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs).

Grant funding allows them to carry out one-off projects that benefit the protected landscape.

In the first 12 months, farmers on Dartmoor have:

- Planted and enhanced of 690metres of hedgerows
- 220 hectares (ha) of habitat improvement for biodiversity including priority species such as the lapwing and curlew
- Carried out archaeological surveys to map historic features with recommendations for conservation and community participation
- Created 12 ha of woodland
- Launched soil quality projects
- Restored dry stone walls and stone faced bank
- Removed non-native invasive plant species.

Summary of projects is on the [DNPA website](#) alongside information on how Dartmoor farmers can apply.