People’s Landscapes in the South West

This summer, two new artworks will reflect and respond to the stories of people in two unique places in the South West: the Tolpuddle Martyrs’ tree and the Tin Coast.

‘Paint Freedom’ in Dorset

The Tolpuddle Martyrs met under the tree to discuss their poor wages and living conditions, and in 1834 were arrested and subsequently convicted for swearing a secret oath as part of the formation of a union. We’ve commissioned the British contemporary artist Bob and Roberta Smith, who will be reflecting on the history of the tree and the Martyrs, and the themes of justice, freedom and rights, through a piece of work titled Paint Freedom.

Of the artwork Bob says: ‘Trees are amazing things, they are symbols of life and this tree has been around for many years in Tolpuddle. So my idea was to invite people to paint their version of the tree on a placard, and to use these to create a ‘forest of trees’. The placards will also feature portraits of people who we think might have a similar fate to the Tolpuddle Martyrs.’

You can read more about Bob’s participatory work, and others in the national programme, in your Magazine.

Paint Freedom is part of a series of activities, including walks and family events, taking place in the area throughout the summer. Find out more at nationaltrust.org.uk/tolpuddle

‘Gorthwedh: contrasts of the Tin Coast’

Set within the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site, the Tin Coast ‘Gorthwedh’ (meaning ‘contrast’ in the Cornish language, and pronounced gorse-weth) is a project that will be reflecting on the area’s industrial past, its social changes and its meaning to residents and visitors today.

Calum Mitchell, a Cornish-born artist, will be working with the National Trust team on the Tin Coast, Falmouth University BA (Hons) Architecture students and other local artists.

The work will pose the question ‘why is this place special to you?’ and will include the creation of temporary structures on the landscape that will tell the stories as they start to take shape.

Of the commission Callum says: ‘The themes, challenges and potential of the project are all very appealing to me and I’m confident that together we can create something that is innovative and engaging, as well as being representative of the local community.’

Gorthwedh is part of a series of events happening on the Tin Coast in summer and beyond. For more information and updates to this project, head to nationaltrust.org.uk/tin-coast
Wood, fashion and 100 years of the Forestry Commission

‘Tree of Life’ is the new fashion exhibition upstairs in Killerton House, Devon, celebrating Killerton’s link to the founding of the Forestry Commission in 1919.

MP Francis Acland, whose family owned the Killerton estate, was instrumental in the creation of the Forestry Commission a hundred years ago.

The exhibition – revealing fabulous pieces from the National Trust’s largest fashion collection – demonstrates how materials processed from various species of trees can be used to make fibre, cloth, dyes, paper, footwear and headgear.

It includes examples of clothing made from these materials, as well as decorative pieces patterned with motifs inspired by seasonal trees, leaves, blossom and fruit.

The story of Francis Acland’s role in the Forestry Commission continues on the ground floor of Killerton House with another new exhibition: ‘Seeing the wood and the trees.’ This exhibition looks at what happened in 1919 when the Forestry Commission was founded and how the National Trust team at Killerton today is working to look after woodlands and trees on the estate for the future.

For more information visit: nationaltrust.org.uk/killerton

Ancient grain for new flour at Dunster Mill

They’re grinding spelt at Dunster Watermill in Somerset. Following requests from visitors for spelt flour Stephen Hayes, who is the Mill Operations Manager, decided to start working with the ancient grain which is popular due to its distinctive nutty flavour.

The mill at Dunster Castle already produces 10 tonnes of wholewheat flour each year, on a site with a tradition of milling dating back at least to the Domesday Book of 1086.

It’s a rare example of a working 18th-century mill with double overshot waterwheels, meaning it operates with two separate wheels allowing the mill to run one or two millstones.

You’ll be able to see the mill in action on the first Wednesday of every month, and certain other dates throughout the year. The Watermill Tea-room serves bread made with this very locally produced flour, and you can buy bags of spelt and wholewheat flour from the shop.

Floralia: a celebration at Stourhead

In ancient Rome, Flora was a goddess of flowers. At Stourhead this May and June look out for floral arrangements and Roman symbols of fertility throughout the garden, including at the Temple of Flora, above left, which was the first of three temples to be built here in 1745.

As the rhododendrons and azaleas come into bloom there’s also a chance to learn more about the floral stars of the collection. Stourhead’s gardeners will be leading free tours at 2pm every Tuesday and Thursday in May and June. Spaces are limited and can be booked on arrival.

The Floralia programme will run from 1 May to 30 June. Find out more at nationaltrust.org.uk/stourhead

nationaltrust.org.uk/southwest
Events near you for summer 2019

**COTHELE**
Near Saltash PL12 6TA

**Nancy Belle boat trips from Cotehele Quay**
Various dates and times, see website for details
Starting from Cotehele Quay, the ‘Nancy Belle’ takes a two hour trip up the river Tamar. Float past riverside woodlands, accompanied by a commentary on the valley’s fauna, flora and history.
Booking essential 01579 351346 £15

**Water and colour** in Cotehele Gallery
Daily from 8 Jun, 10am-5pm
Cotehele Gallery exhibits and sells the work of West Country artists and craft makers. This exhibition features watercolour paintings, ceramics and jewellery.

**Cotehele unlocked**
Thu 20 Jun, 11am-4pm
Explore areas that are usually closed to visitors and meet the staff and volunteers who care for Cotehele. Peek into offices, the old potting shed, and climb the spiralling 55 stone stairs to the roof (weather permitting).

**Costume Sundays at Cotehele Mill**
Every Sun, 28 Jul – 1 Sep, 11am-4pm
You’ll be able to meet the mill team dressed in Victorian costume, watch milling and baking demonstrations and buy a bag of Cotehele Mill flour to take home.

**Look sharp!**
Mon 29 Jul, 5, 12, 19 & 26 Aug, 12 noon-3pm
Take a closer look at the bladed weapons that usually hang on the walls. Don’t forget your camera, you’ll be able to amaze all of your friends.

**Apple weekend at Cotehele**
Sat 21 – Sun 22 Sep, 11am-4pm
There’ll be tastings, displays, guided tours, children’s activities and more.

**Seasonal wreathmaking**
Wed 25 Sep, 10.30am-12.30pm
Make your own wreath from seasonal flowers and foliage with artisan florist Miranda Hackett.
Booking essential 01579 351346 £10 (includes materials)

**East Pool Mine**
Near Redruth TR15 3NP
**Chimney walks**
Sat 15 Jun & Fri 20 Sep, 11am-2.30pm
Take a walk through time with an expert guide, bringing to life the iconic remains of the once prosperous mining world.
Booking essential 01209 315027 £10 (includes pasty and drink)

**Trevithick Tuesdays**
Tue 30 Jul, 6, 13, 20 & 27 Aug, 11am-4pm
On these days filled with science and mining history, learn about a range of mining topics with an expert guide, including mining techniques, the evolution of mining methods and the role of women in mining.
Booking essential 01209 315027 £10 (includes pasty and drink)

**Chimney walks**
Sat 21 - Sun 22 Sep, 11am-4pm
Celebrate the apple harvest: the Victorian cider press will be in action.

**Meet Anna Maria Fox**
Sat 21 Sep, 2-4pm
Step back in time and meet the niece of Alfred and Sarah Fox (who began Glendurgan in the 1820s). Anna Maria’s performance provides an insight into the lives of the famous Quaker Fox family.

**Glendurgan Garden**
Near Falmouth TR11 1LZ
**Silent Space at Glendurgan**
Wed 5, 12, 19 & 26 Jun, 12 noon-3.30pm
Relax and engage with nature in the tranquility of the Olive Grove and School Room in the Silent Space in the garden. Explore the opportunities to reflect without interruptions of daily life.

**Beach cleans**
Sun 14 Jul, 10am-12 noon & Sat 21 Sep, 2-4pm
Help to keep the beaches along the Helford River clean. Gloves, bags and litter-pickers provided. Finish with a complimentary hot or cold drink and cake in the Fish Cellar in Durgan village.

**Creative colour workshop**
Sat 22 Jun, 10am-5pm & Sun 23 Jun, 10am-2pm
Learn about colour and create vibrant work with artist Julia Rowlands over two days.

**Find out more**

The selection of events here is a small part of what’s on offer. You can visit the events page of the website at nationaltrust.org.uk/whats-on and use the search function to find out everything that’s going on near you, or at your favourite place.

Facilities and access information can be found on each place’s homepage on the website, as can contact details if you require further information.

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Devon and Cornwall

**How to book**
We have indicated where there is an event charge and where booking is necessary. Please note that normal admission charges apply unless you are a member. All children must be accompanied by an adult. And please check beforehand as to whether or not dogs are welcome. We do take every effort to ensure that all event details are correct at the time of going to press. The National Trust reserves the right to cancel or change events if necessary. Tickets are non-refundable.
North Cornwall coast and countryside

St Agnes coastal walk series
See website for dates and times
Local historian Roger Radcliffe gives a series of walks through myth and history around St Agnes.
Booking essential 0344 249 1895

Herbacous border workshop
Thu 27 Jun, 10.30am-12.30pm
Lanhydrock’s expert gardening team share their knowledge and experience about the planting and maintenance of the herbaceous border.
Booking essential 0344 249 1895
£7

Seed and sow
Thu 12 Sep, 10.30am-12 noon
Collect some seeds from the herbaceous borders and sow them at Lanhydrock’s plant nursery.
A great opportunity to learn collection and sowing techniques from the award-winning gardeners.
Booking essential 0344 249 1895
£7

Lanhydrock 10 mile run
Sat 21 Sep, 1.30pm
Challenge yourself to take in fantastic views on this multi-terrain 10 mile run.
See website for registration details and prices

Lizard Peninsula

Shipwrecks, signals and the strange tale of the undersea bell
Thu 18 Jul, 1-3pm
Take a guided walk along the coastal path to Lizard Point as part of the Festival of British Archaeology, and hear tales of shipwrecks, rescues, and maritime history.
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Pickhards, mills and serpentines
Thu 18 Jul, 1-3pm
Learn about the Poltrec Valley, home to the ruins of a Victorian showpiece factory, on a guided walk; part of the Festival of British Archaeology.
£3

Batty about bats
Thu 22 & 28 Aug, 8.30-10pm
Spend a summer evening in the woods at Penrose watching bats emerging to feed. Help to identify what species we see with a bat detector.

South West Outdoor Festivals
Fri 27-Sun 29 Sep
This annual celebration of outdoor adventures is coming to Penrose. Featuring trail running, climbing, cycling, paddle sports, walks, talks, target sports, stargazing, live music, local food and drink and more. Come and camp or visit for the day.
Further details and booking at nationaltrust.org.uk/SWOF

Ranger day - balmsal bashing
Sat 15 Jun, 10.30-3.30pm
Help to remove balsam, an invasive plant, from the Lanhydrock estate, followed by a well-earned pasty lunch.
Booking essential 0344 249 1895

Veryan Bunker tours
Sun 23 Jun, 28 Jul, 4 & 22 Sep, & 9 Jul, 9 & 16 Aug, 10.30am & 1.30pm
Discover the Cold War secrets hidden on Nare Head and find out what went on in a nuclear bunker, in this tour with local expert Lawrence Holmes.
Booking essential 01872 792324 £5

Gribbin Daymark open days
Every Sun, 30 Jan, 4 & 11 May, 10.30am & 1.30pm
The Gribbin Daymark gives spectacular views of St Austell Bay to the west and the Fowey estuary to the east. 12 people can fit up the tower at once.

Summer fun days at Lansallos
Every Thu, 25 Jul - 29 Aug, 9am-3pm
Have fun out and about with the rangers. Something different each week, see website for details

Tintagel Old Post Office
Tintagel, PL14 0DB

Quilt exhibition
Mon 30 Jan - Sun 23 Jun, 10.30am-3.50pm
A quirky collection of quilts, from Victorian bedspreads to modern masterpieces, are on display throughout the house.

Embroidery workshop
Wed 12 Jul, 11am-1pm
Spend some time learning to cross stitch a sampler or stitch a complete letter from the Old Post Office sampler.
Children welcome to try larger-holed fabric and plastic needles.
£3

Festival of archaeology
Sat 15 - Sun 24 Jul, 10.30am-5pm
Unearth how this historic house would have looked over 600 years ago and find out how it has evolved over time.

Gardener’s world
Wed 7 Aug, 11am-4pm
Budding gardeners can explore the back garden and learn lots from Gardener Kate. Plant up a pot, nurture it at home and enjoy the harvest.
£1

Make your own hunting
Wed 14 Aug, 11am-4pm
Design your own strip of hunting to take home. Materials provided.
£1

Create wild art
Wed 28 Aug, 11am-4pm
Let your creativity run wild using natural materials to make a piece of art. All materials provided.
£1

If walls could talk
Mon 9 - Sun 22 Sep, 10.30am-3pm
What would the walls of the house tell us if they could talk? Discover snapshots of people associated with this house and garden, from former residents and staff to present day.
£3

Embroidery workshop
Wed 14 Aug, 11am-4pm
Parents and children can try embroidery, from old mine workings.
£3

Bat Night at Pentire Head,
Near Polzeath
Wed 24 Jul, 8.30-10.30pm & 7 & 8 Aug, 8-10pm
Join National Trust rangers for a talk about British bats, followed by the chance to see and hear greater horseshoe bats emerge after sunset from old mine workings.
Booking essential 0208 863046
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Put a plant to grow
Wed 14 Aug, 11am-4pm
Gardener Kate. Plant up a pot, nurture it at home and enjoy the harvest.
£1

Trengwainton Garden
Near Penzance TR20 8RZ

Father’s Day garden trail
Sun 16 Jun, 10.30am-3pm
Take a stroll around the garden and discover the stories of the men behind some of the special plants here.

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**A Perfect World** Wed 17 Jul, 7.30pm
Moo Barn Theatre presents with an adventure about feisty young woman as she ventures into a world of undiscovered jungles, treasure maps, camouflages and peekholes.

**Bookings essential**: Ticket price £13
Adult £11, child (under 16) £8, concession tickets available

**Tudor costume day**
Every Mon, 29 Jul - 26 Aug, Adult £13, child £10
Step into 16th-century Cornwall with the Trescore Costume Group and try on recoloured period clothes.

**Summer of sport - archery** Sun, Tue & Thu, 26 Jul - 3 Sep, 11am-3pm
Are you up to the challenge of defending Trescore? Only a proven marksman (or woman) will do... Using Archery GB approved kits, have a go at archery with Trescore volunteers.

**Heritage Open Day** Sat 16 & Sun 17 Sep, 10.30am-5pm
Free entry for all, as part of the national celebration of our heritage.

**West Cornwall coast and countryside**

**Arable weeds guided walks** Mon 29 Jul-2 Sep, 10am-12pm
Join ranger Simon at Boscregan Farm to discover the different and rare arable weeds on the farm such as the Purple Viper's Bugloss.

**National Meadows Day bee trail** Sat 6 Jul, 11am-3pm
Can you find all the hidden bee posts in the wildflower meadows? Pick up a trail sheet from the hut in Carij Cornwall car park.

**Beach rugby tournament** Sat 20 Jul, 10.30am-3.30pm
RFU England and the National Trust bring you the annual five-a-side beach touch rugby tournament on Marazion beach, open to experienced and novice players aged nine and over. Family activities to keep both players entertained.

**Arlington Court and the National Trust Carriage Museum**
Near Barnstaple EX31 4LP
- 'The Tempest' Sat 11 Jun, 10.30am
Iphigenia perform Shakespeare’s classic tale of magic and adventure, against the backdrop of Arlington Orchard. Bring a picnic and enjoy an outdoor theatre performance like no other.
- Autumn programme Sat 27 Jul - Sun 11 Sep, 11am-4.30pm
Find all the animals hidden around the abbey. But in order to become the Master painter, you'll also need to complete the outdoor trail.
- Outdoor games Sat 27 Jul - Sun 6 Aug, 10am-4.30pm
On the green you'll find the Elizabethan tent which is full of Tudor games for families to play.
- Pine cone snowy owl making Sat 27 Jul - Sun 6 Aug, 10am-4.30pm
Make your very own pine cone snowy owl to take home.
- Summer of fun with the ranger team Select through summer details, on website, 12 noon-3pm
A chance to be a ranger for the day, with nature walks and activities, from making wild art, to spotting animal prints.
- Tudor teddy bears' picnic Fri 4 Aug - Sun 6 Aug, 10am-4.30pm
Bring along your favourite teddy for a picnic under the Tudor Tent. Bring a Tudor inspired picnic or treat yourself to something delicious from the restaurant. Dressing up encouraged.

**Castle Drogo**
Dartmoor EX6 8PB
- Hydro turbine open house Sun 27 Jul, 11am-4pm
The hydro turbine building on the river Teign will be open for a look inside, with guides sharing the history of this building, how it was restored and how it works.
- What's the story trail Sat 11 Jul - Sun 12 Sep, 10am-12pm
Follow this trail around the garden, reading and answering questions about popular story books. Completed trails win a badge.
- Butterfly safari at Fingle Woods Sun 5 Aug, 10am-12pm
Help Butterfly Conservation and the Fingle Rangers carry out the Big Butterfly Count, and join in with butterfly crafts and games.

**South Devon coast and countryside**

**Compton Castle**
Marldon TQ14 7TA
- Summer nature spotter trail Thu - Thu, 2 Jul - Sun 26 Aug, 10.30am-12pm
Follow the summer nature spotter to discover the gardens and orchard at Compton Castle.

**East Devon coast and countryside**

**Moth morning** Wed 12 Aug, 12-3pm
Discover the diversity of moths and their role in nature, by joining the ranges at Branscombe as they swivel a moth trap catch and identify the moths. Finish with a tea or coffee.

**Bookings essential** 01752 346585

**Orcombe Point meadow walk** Sat 6 Jul, 10am-12.30pm
Join the rangers on a guided walk around the high lands of Orcombe Point to celebrate National Meadows Day. Find out about the amazing wildflowers and wildlife here.

**Bookings essential** 01752 346585

**Finch Foundry**
Near Okehampton EX20 2NW
- Rural skills and crafts fair Sun 5 Sep, 11am-4pm
At the fair, get an insight into the historical crafts and skills which used to frequent the landscape of Dartmoor, and meet the people who keep them alive for all to see.
**Greenway**
Near Brixham TQ5 0ES

- **Literature week at Greenway**
  Saturday 1 - Sunday 9 June, 10.30am-5pm
  Each day of the very first Greenway Literary Festival has a special theme, with a varied programme of workshops, talks and activities, based in the festival marquee.
  Booking essential 01803 842382
  Additional ticket fees apply for some events.

- **Nature writing day at Greenway Literary Festival**
  Monday 3 June, 10.30am-5pm
  Talks by nature writers, with Miriam Darlington, author of ‘Other Country and Owl Sense’; Tim Dedde, BBC producer and author of ‘The Running Sky’; and John Wedgewood Clark, author of ‘Ghost Pot’ and ‘Landfill’.
  Booking essential 01803 842382 £5 per talk

- **Greenway garden blitz**
  Every Wed in Aug, 2-4pm
  Join a ranger for a walk through the garden? No gardening skills necessary. Tea, cake and garden tools supplied.
  Booking essential: seadogfoods.com

- **D-Day 75th anniversary mini talks**
  Thu 6 June, 11am-4pm
  Short pop-up talks in the house sharing Greenway’s Second World War history. At the Literary Festival, author events with Second World War theme will take place.

- **Pre-booked parking essential**
  Booking and additional charges apply for Literary Festival talks: 01803 842382

- **Outdoor theatre**
  Fri 7 June, 6.30-8.30pm: ‘Ala Babi’ with Noia Theatre Company
  Fri 22 June, 6.30-9pm: ‘Wuthering Heights’ with Heartbreak Productions
  Fri 29 June, 6.30-9pm: ‘An Inspector Calls’ with Dartington Drama Society

- **Greenway Literary Festival dinner**
  Sat 8 June, 7-10pm
  Devote into the literary heritage of Greenway at this five-course champagne meal and after dinner talk at Agatha Christie’s holiday home.
  Booking essential 01803 842382 £100

- **Countrywide walk with a ranger**
  Fri 21 June, Thu 27 June, Fri 4 July & Thu 26 Sep, 11.30am-1.30pm
  Join a ranger for a walk through the garden and estate to find out about the work done to care for this special place.

- **Pre-booked parking essential**

- **Summer storytamer outdoor quest**
  Sat 29 June - Tue 5 July, 10.30am-4pm
  Make a story for your summer by following a self-led trail round the garden at Greenway. Spot the story points, or make up your own story.
  Pre-booked parking essential

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**Evening bat walk**
Wed 11 Sep, 8.30-10.30pm

**Pre-booked parking essential**

**High brown ferrilitory trail**
Mon 30 Jun - Fri 4 Jul, 10.30am-1pm

**Knightshayes**
Near Tiverton EX16 7RQ

- **National Meadows Day**
  Sat 6 Jul, 10.30am-3.30pm
  Get in touch with your inner Poldark as we welcome a professional scyther to Knightshayes.

- **Amazing maze quest**
  Wed 24 Jul - Sun 1 Sep, 10.30am-5pm
  Navigate your way through the holidays, solving mazes, games and puzzles in the garden. Challenge the whole family - who can solve them quickest?

- **Terrific tomato day**
  Sat 7 Sep, 11am-2pm
  Find out more about the varieties of tomato heritage grown here, ranging in size, taste and colour. Have a taste, join a tour or seed saving demonstration.

- **Heritage Open Day**
  Sat 14 Jul, 11am-4pm
  Free entry for all; find out about this gothic revival mansion and its acers of award-winning gardens and parkland as part of Heritage Open Days.

- **Lydford Gorge**
  Near Tavistock EX20 4BH
  **Wild kitchen**
  Sat 15 Jun, 11am-2pm
  Forage for elderflowers around the Lydford orchard and rustle up a batch of elderflower cordial, then lunch on trout cooked over the open fire with seasonal wild garnishes.
  Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £15

- **Making wild woodland sculptures**
  Sun 30 Jun & Sat 11 Jul, 1-3.30pm
  Make a piece of wild art to take home using found materials, natural tools and materials. Work together to create one as a family or make one individually. Not just for children.

- **Animal tracks summer trail**
  Tue 23 Jul - Sun 8 Sep, 10am-4.30pm
  Can you discover which wild animals have left their footprints all around the gorge? Check sheets available for a donation from visitor reception.

- **Make a Lydford pixie door**
  Sat 27 Jul, Tue 7 and Sun 18 Aug, 12 noon-3pm
  Create and decorate a miniature door for a Lydford pixie (or any magical creature you like).

- **North Devon coast and countryside**

  - **Seaside summer at Kippscombe Farm**
    Tue 7 Jul, 11am-7pm
    Enjoy award-winning food and live music in Kippscombe Farm’s Tithe barn. A night of long table feasting, featuring innovative seasonal dishes celebrating local ingredients and the beauty of Exmoor.
  
  - **Booking essential: seadogfoods.co.uk/events**

  - **Holiday cottages in North Devon**
    Booking: blackbeam.co.uk/tickets
  
**Saltram**
Near Plymouth PL7 1LH

- **Celebrate the 180th century at Saltram**
  Daily 9am-5.30pm
  Pick up a leaflet to follow the design decisions in the house and garden that created Saltram as we know it today. An exhibition shows the conservation work carried out in the Salamis, and kids can complete a trail.

- **Garden tours**
  Every Wed, 11-12am
  Join a friendly gardener for a stroll around the garden to see what’s looking good at the moment and hear about the garden’s history. A chance to ask for tips for your own garden.

- **Trust 10**
  Sun 23 Jun, 28 Jul, 25 Aug & 22 Sep, 9-11am
  A free 10k run around Saltram park.
  Come along and enjoy a fully marked and marshalled course for fun, training or as a fitness goal.

- **Big Butterfly Count**
  Fri 9 Jul - Sun 11 Aug, 10-5pm
  Join in this nation-wide event by collecting a spotting sheet from the Welcome Centre and spending 15 minutes in a sunny spot in the garden looking for butterflies.

- **Saltram’s summer grand tour**
  Thu 25 Jul - Sun 7 Aug, 9-5pm
  Embark on a grand tour of this garden this summer, following in the footsteps of the Parker family as you explore on this adventure trail. Extra fun in the garden most weekdays with nature activities, storytelling and craft.

- **World Ranger Day**
  Wed 31 Jul, 10-4pm
  Try your hand at a variety of woodland skills, find out more about what it takes to be a ranger and to look after the natural environment.

- **Apple and cider day**
  Sun 29 Jul, 10-4pm
  Celebrate the apple harvest by helping to press apples from the Saltram orchard to make juice and cider. Taste last year’s cider and apple juice, see ancient crafts and enjoy other demonstrations of country life.

- **South Devon coast and countryside**

  - **The Rock - watersports weekend**
    Sat 8 - Sun 9 June, 1-7pm
    A weekend of fun on the water and the beach at South Milton Sands. Have a go at stand-up paddle boarding, kayaking, wild swimming, rockpooling, windsurfing, surfcasting and lots more.

  - **Bollberry bug hunting**
    Wed 7 Aug, 2-4pm
    Discover the butterflies, grasshoppers, beetles and more that live in the meadows on Bollberry Down. Tick off one of your 30 things to do before you’re 18!

  - **Big night out on the beach**
    Sat 14 Sep, 9.30pm
    Try out watersports, beach games, storytelling, bird watching, and lots more, and see the sundown parade at South Milton Sands. In partnership with South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
The calm after the storm

The winter of 2018 is one that the team at Newark Park won’t forget. The Beast from the East’s storms meant the Tudor house suffered a water leak in the East Wing, causing major damage. Fortunately the leak was discovered and stopped quickly but the staff and volunteers at Newark Park then had a huge amount to do to get the house back to normal - starting with drying it out. They had to remove floorboards and some wallpapers, using specialist dehumidifiers and vacuum cleaners to extract the moisture from the cavities between the different floors. In addition, they had the considerable task of moving items from the extensive collection to dry rooms, to minimise any risk of damage to these precious objects.

Fast-forward to today, and the house is fully open again having been repaired, restored and conserved, and the team at Newark are enjoying welcoming visitors back to enjoy the breadth of this fascinating and much-loved house once again.

Drake comes home

Don’t miss a rare opportunity to see this painting of Sir Francis Drake in his former home at Buckland Abbey.

Search online for ‘Arlington Court woodland appeal’.

Watering at Woolacombe

Over the summer, rangers at Woolacombe Warren will be creating a pond and water trough system to bring water to the cattle grazing the land.

By creating this natural, sustainable and free water source, the rangers will be saving the Trust the cost of transportation and fuel involved in taking water to the cattle.

The work is being carried out with careful consideration so it won’t disturb the existing natural flow of water or the habitats and resident wildlife it currently supports.

Once the new reservoir system is in place, it should also create a thriving environment to be colonised by water-loving creatures like frogs, toads, newts, dragonfly larvae and water boatmen, and plants such as greater bird’s-foot trefoil.
Glorious gardens

We care for lots of gardens across the South West. Whether you’re a passionate plant-spotter or looking for a colourful, fragrant spot to stop for a picnic we’re sure you’ll find a garden to suit you.

Find out more by searching online for ‘National Trust South West summer gardens’.

Love the countryside? Love nature? Then join us this summer at BBC Countryfile Live

This year’s Countryfile Live takes place at Blenheim Palace from 1–4 August and Castle Howard from 15–18 August, and we’d love to see you there.

Special National Trust passes for members start at £44* for two adults at Blenheim Palace and £35.20* for two adults at Castle Howard and include a car parking pass, making this great value for money. Use code NT19 to book. For more information about this year’s offer, visit nationaltrust.org.uk/countryfile-live and to book tickets visit countryfilelive.com *including 10% booking fee.

Drogo: the end is in sight

After six years of major restoration work, the ambitious project to save Castle Drogo in Devon is nearing its conclusion. Outside there will still be building work and scaffolding, but inside the castle you can watch the big task of moving all the contents back in. Some rooms are already back to normal with others still to be returned throughout the year to redisplay the Drewe family home.

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