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DHFP 20 year anniversary
REFLECTING ON PAST AND PRESENT

The Independent Dartmoor Review
THE IMPORTANCE OF CONFIDENCE IN AGREEMENT

Farm for the Future
A NEW SEASON STARTING

Wool
ADDING VALUE IN PRACTISE

A WORD FROM THE CHAIR

Right Choice at the Right Time?

Recent sporting events reminded me of the importance of decision making. Perhaps the difference between a memorable try or a great goal is the ability under pressure to make the right move; not only natural ability but the confidence and cognitive sense to take the right decision at the right time.

As a farm business I am inclined to think the same rules apply when assessing risk. Perhaps the key difference is that within sport the participants know the rules and can operate in the knowledge (or hope!) that the referee will ensure fair play. Where this fails in football they can refer to the Video Assistant Referee (VAR). If only farming were so simple given so many challenges outside our control! How then do we take good decisions and provide the best chance for success?

It is crucial to have access to consistent performance

data and on-going reliable advice. Within this framework, decisions can be made with a degree of confidence and relationships and strategies adjusted over time. I consider that there are some issues here for The Independent Review of Protected Sites Management on Dartmoor. A clear concern amongst many whose commons are notified revolves around how data is gathered, interpreted and shared. It's important therefore that we find a way forward where all parties have confidence in the process and relationships can be re-built.

The role of The Independent Review may perhaps be likened to that of the VAR in Football where the referee will take a second look. I would encourage you all to engage in the process and to submit your thoughts to the panel in the knowledge that events on Dartmoor are being closely watched by other upland areas.

Russell Ashford - Chair, DHFP

THE INDEPENDENT REVIEW ON THE MANAGEMENT OF DARTMOOR'S PROTECTED SITES.

Anyone interested in the management of Dartmoor's protected sites (SSSIs and the Special Area of Conservation) is being invited to submit their written views to the Independent Review that was commissioned by Defra ministers following the parliamentary debate on the extension of Higher-Level Stewardship agreements on Dartmoor.

The Review reflects the government's commitment to supporting farmers, land managers and all those living and working on Dartmoor in joining with the appropriate statutory bodies to improve its management and safeguard its protected sites.

Chaired by David Fursdon, with input from a panel of experts, the Review will report to Defra ministers in the Autumn and its findings will be published, providing an independent perspective on the management of Dartmoor and the content of current and future agri-environmental agreements on areas including protected sites within them.

Views are welcomed on any topic falling within the remit of the Review, but the Panel it is particularly interested in hearing:

- How Dartmoor's protected sites can achieve and maintain favourable condition, whilst still contributing to the long-term, sustainable delivery of other public priorities on Dartmoor, reflecting its designation as

a National Park. These could include agricultural production, maintaining and improving biodiversity, supporting carbon capture and good hydrological management, managing appropriate public access, preserving Dartmoor's rich history and culture, facilitating military training, protecting archaeology and preventing and controlling wild- fires.

- What support is needed by farm businesses and other land managers to manage Dartmoor effectively (including by appropriate grazing) and achieve SSSI favourable condition on its protected sites.
- The adaptations required to adjust successfully to climate change and other environmental/ecological challenges on Dartmoor and any associated implications for the achievement of favourable condition on particular sites.

Written submissions should be sent to **Dartmoorreview@defra.gov.uk**, to be received by midnight on 29 September 2023.

The panel will also be conducting field visits and holding a limited number of sessions to hear directly from invited individuals and organisations with a particular perspective or expertise. Anyone interested in participating in such an event, should send their details to the e-mail address above.

Simon Lunnis - Dartmoor Review Secretariat, RPA



Adding Value to Wool – A Pilot Project

Dartmoor wool logs being
installed in Peatland
restoration sites

How many of us have scratched our heads and wondered why a natural product such as wool appears to have lost its value? Whilst we can't change fashion, we can perhaps make a difference at the local level to try to stimulate interest and new market places.

Working with the South West Peatland Partnership and the Duchy of Cornwall we have been identifying new opportunities on Dartmoor to use wool. The initiative has been developed with Ruth Lindsey of Dales Natural Wool Products and became possible following our study tour to Yorkshire and the Lake District in 2022. This highlighted the work Ruth had developed using felted and scoured wool to create 'logs' that could be integrated into peatland restoration, something that had also been considered in the southwest but without gaining sufficient support to gain traction. Ruth's 'raison d'être' is to add value to Swaledale fleeces drawing on her knowledge and experience in the industry, whereas ours was simply to add value to hill flocks. United by a shared vision in August 2022 we procured 5 tons of greasy Dartmoor wool, mainly from Blackface ewes with some Swale and Cheviot. Many of the suppliers were in areas identified for peatland restoration with a view to using graziers wool as part of the works delivery.

The wool was purchased at a premium of 50p/kilo with the support of the SWPP who kindly funded the pilot project. This recognised the value of an integrated approach to peatland restoration but was based on a scientific field evaluation which would compare the performance of wool against current uses such as timber and pure peat plugs.

The wool was sorted, baled and transported to Bradford for scouring (washing). There are only 2 commercial wool scourers left in the UK both in Yorkshire. A percentage of the clean wool went on to be needled into felt. This material creates the fabric to make the logs which are stitched by another processor before bags and wool are transported back to Devon. A number of felted rolls were kept back for piloting for other purposes along with a supply of 1m logs for use by the Environment Agency as a Natural Flood Management tool.

Once at Okehampton a local team of young farmers led by Steve Alford helped pack, stitch and transport the pillows to Ockerton Court for installation by the SWPP contractor. In total around 100 pillows from 1 metre to 3 metres were placed in gullies as stand-alone features or in combination with peat. A range of other monitoring measures were then added from water dip wells to vegetation baseline surveys, repeated on parallel gullies where timber and peat bunds had been used. Monitoring will continue, allowing SWPP to assess the effectiveness of this approach, and understand if there is greater potential use of local wool in shallow peat areas going forward. At the time of writing a further 15 tons of greasy wool has been procured for works in 2023-4 and 2024-5.

In addition to the use of Dartmoor wool in peatland restoration, work has been ongoing to pilot the application of the felted wool rolls for other purposes. The majority have been destined to be used as mulch mats for tree planting, suppressing weed growth around trees, both around existing trees and planting through with saplings on new schemes. The mats are well suited for this purpose being reasonably long lasting, yet naturally biodegradable as well as soaking up and holding rainwater for the tree. Other novel uses have been trialled from use as geotextile membrane for use in horticulture or footpaths to seat cushions, in total 14 different uses have been identified in ongoing trials since spring. Moving forwards the Hill Farm Project will be working with users to analyse the performance of the trial mulch mats and how they can be improved, as well as working on identifying markets and whether this can achieve economic viability at a larger scale. ■



Wool tree mulch mat

OUR UPLAND COMMONS



Our Common Cause:
Our Upland Commons

Stone walling skills

As part of Our Upland Commons, the Hill Farm Project coordinates free skills training workshops on boundary restoration. These two-day courses with a qualified trainer are delivered on farms across Dartmoor who are connected to commons grazing. So far this year courses have covered a wide range of boundary types, including stone face earth banks, drystone and newtake walls, Corn Ditches, as well as hedge laying. A remarkable 140m of walls have been repaired and over 100m of hedge has been laid.

However these courses not only provide a chance to repair and conserve our heritage but for those interested a possible path into a new career. Therefore, it is appropriate that the participants who have caught the walling 'bug' explain what the courses mean to them.

The Hill Farm Project will be offering more walling and hedgelaying opportunities throughout the autumn and winter months. Please contact hfp@dartmoor.gov.uk to register interest. ■

What draws me to the stone walling courses? Connecting with ancient heritage. Outdoors-ing surrounded by beauty where my mind can be free. Working with a collection of interesting people. Supported through passionate mentorship from the finest craftsmen around. The best night sleep, guaranteed. These are a few of the reasons why I keep coming back to stone-walling. I've learned the process of developing and repairing different styles of stone walls over several events and look forward to the many more to come

AN INTROSPECTIVE VIEW FROM A PROSPECTIVE DRY STONE WALLER



Stone walling this summer at Teignhead Farm

Healthy Livestock Project

As part of Our Upland Commons, we have been working with commoners on South Dartmoor to explore health related challenges for livestock grazing the moor. This has involved all of the active graziers on Harford and Ugborough and four farms on Holne Moor.

The focus in 2023 has been on dung beetles working with local entomologist Clive Turner. We have undertaken three field surveys in April, June and September on the commons and the in-bye of the participating farms referenced against a control site. In addition, medicine use has been mapped with a calendar of when and where the products have been applied. This data has allowed us to explore health challenges and with veterinary input begin to develop commons health plans.

Results from the fieldwork have been positive showing good species diversity but abundance has been variable due to a range of factors. A core group of beetles have been identified that are widespread along with several 'rare' or 'local' species of interest many dependent on sheep dung. This included *Atholus bimaculatus* (as pictured) a Clown Beetle last seen in the southwest in 1905 which was discovered adjacent to Harford Moor.

The fieldwork has been enthusiastically supported by the graziers ('Top of the Plops' Awards!) and has highlighted



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the importance of grazing livestock for dung fauna. Currently the group are finalising recommendations and conclusions which will be fed into the Independent Review of Protected Sites on Dartmoor. An open talk and issue of the final report is planned for later in the year.

Vitamin B12 Pilot: Stop Press

The Vitamin B12 supplementation for lambs has been piloted over the summer using a long-lasting injection. Lambs were injected at three weeks old before turn-out onto the common alongside a control group. Data is still coming in but to date shows a 1KG difference in favour of injected lambs. Issues such as mortality and morbidity are yet to be reviewed but will be reported on later in the year. ■



Trialling vitamin B12 supplements has seen a positive response from lamb weights

Dartmoor Tests and Trials



Now midway through the second Test and Trial for 2023-2024, the project has been investigating alternative approaches that could inform the upcoming Environmental Land Management schemes (ELMs) being rolled out by Defra. Taking inspiration from the Burren in Eire (Ireland) amongst others, the Dartmoor Test and Trials project has been developing a plan for a Payment by Results (PBR) approach on commons to reward farmers based on costs incurred and outcomes delivered with a shift away from management prescriptions.

Over the last 6 months, Dartmoor National Park Authority have helped to facilitate work involving Prof. Janet Dwyer of the Countryside and Community Research Institute (CCRI), Dr James Moran of the Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology, Gwyn Jones of the European Forum on Nature Conservation and Pastoralism (ENFCP), and several other stakeholders involved in Dartmoor's management.

The Test and Trials team have been working alongside commoners and stakeholders from across Dartmoor through multiple interviews, meetings, and workshops, to hear their thoughts and ideas on how Payment by Results could work to benefit the environment, commoners, and wider public interests. This includes learning about the different challenges that commoners currently face and how these can be mitigated going forward. As a result, Test and Trials have held several meetings with commoners to determine what the governance

requirements will need to be, and if current governance structures can be improved upon to support a Payment by Results approach. Gwyn Jones (ENFCP), with the help of Janet Dwyer, has also been working on the scorecard system to ensure PBR fits the upland landscape on Dartmoor and is accessible for commoners to use.

Looking ahead, the next steps for the remainder of this project will include trial use of Payment by Results models on clusters of commons across Dartmoor. This will allow the Test and Trials team to see how it will function in practice and will be an opportunity for farmers to give their feedback. This will feed into the final report for Defra in March 2024.

Meanwhile, two French students under Prof. Janet Dwyer have been analysing the history of farming on Dartmoor from the 1960's onwards, with a particular view on how political and economic changes have impacted the landscape. Having conducted their research over the summer, they will now be preparing to present their findings in the Autumn.

This presentation will take place on the evening of the 18th of September at Parke (Bovey Tracey). This event will be open to any Dartmoor farmers, and those who helped Lucie and Paul in their research are encouraged to attend. Please contact Ellenor Litobarski via email elitobarski@dartmoor.gov.uk to book a place as space will be limited. ■



Dartmoor Hill Farm Project 20th Anniversary 2003 - 2023



The Dartmoor Hill Farm Project marks its 20th Anniversary later this year, from first discussions, leading into an official launch in early 2004.

Trawling through the archives in the DHFP office has unearthed a few gems and its interesting to note those key issues that are not only a priority but remain so throughout this time. Projects have focussed on healthy livestock, next generation, working in collaboration, skills & training and always with a view towards adapting with the direction of where agriculture and land use is heading. There have been significant policy changes in those 20 years, too many to list in this article and poignant that having been established to help support and promote Dartmoor farming following the impacts of the Foot & Mouth crisis, we are now having to manage other external drivers which will shape the future. Not least Policy change, Brexit, climate crisis, social and economic factors including a growing population with changing dietary demands, or increased cost of living. Thanks to our funders, consistently Dartmoor National Park Authority and the Duchy of Cornwall throughout, we have managed

to maintain a DHFP presence here on the moor throughout this timeframe, hopefully establishing a role not only as a useful point of contact, but also a trusted source of information and advice, representing farming interests across Dartmoor, encouraging collaboration for mutual benefit. We also like to think that we have made a lot of friendships in this time. Recognition and thanks must also go to our long serving Chairs, Maurice Retallick and Russell Ashford, plus all staff on the Team including Christine Malseed and Sandra Dodd to name just two, for their input and continued support

Looking forward across the next 20 years, we foresee challenges of course, but we also recognise the true values that farming on Dartmoor represent. Some of the 'new' agricultural initiatives are based around traditional, extensive, low impact farming and this is where our landscapes have the opportunity to capitalise on their provision and management of natural resources as part of their wider approach, sustaining the environment and the farming community as part of this. ■





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Farm for The Future - Half Time

August saw the latest BPS payment arrive in the Bank and in 2023 this represents a 35-40% reduction (depending on the level of value) since the start of payments being delinked in 2021.

DHFP have been delivering the Farm for the Future programme for two seasons now, in partnership with the Royal Countryside Fund (previously the Prince's Countryside Fund) – which is designed to help farmers understand the implications of the Agricultural Transition on their own business, and what some of their new options might be. As we are roughly at 'half time' with another two more seasons to deliver, what do we know so far and how are our Dartmoor farms coping?



Our Farm for the Future Environment workshop with Defra speakers last December.

With over 100 farm businesses from across Dartmoor involved so far, the resounding answer is “We just don’t know all the options yet” or “We are waiting to hear more before making any major decisions”. If you are unsure what the changes will mean to your farm, you are not alone and that in itself, is perhaps worth reflecting on.

We have run events that considered how to assess your productivity and efficiency, with a focus on getting livestock to hit the mark and score best possible market prices. We have had guest speakers from Defra, in an attempt at ‘straight from the horses’ mouth’ news, plus a range of topics up for discussion.

What we are clear about is that people need greater clarity over their options as this is a continually evolving situation – those who thought they knew the best route six months ago, discover there are new options now available. To this end, the Hill Farm Project is seeking to offer a more tailored approach in the coming season with greater emphasis on one-to-one

time, the ability to offer personal advice rather than just group events, and a recognition for those who really struggle perhaps through being more isolated, or less able to cope with the digital age.

If you are more confident about your opportunities, and can tell your Mid-Tier from your ELMs, it can still be daunting to deal with the application process itself which we feel is one of the biggest barriers. We are therefore aiming to run a few small group sessions to help guide people through this in practical steps, as part of the programme. It is our intention that this programme works alongside our wider DHFP work and that all the events complement each other to accommodate peoples interests or needs.

Feedback from those who have taken part so far has been positive, and we aim to reflect the interests of the group through the subjects and speakers. ■

“The events helped provide more information to focus the mind and refine options, even if they were things I was already considering. The fact they are locally tailored with someone you can speak to and able to help as a point of consistent contact made it very valuable and provided the opportunity to meet other farmers for discussion.”

“Would be pleased to hear about any changes in Government direction going forward, in the meantime thank you for your help and hard work on this, it is much appreciated”

“I want to say thank you for all your hard work with the Farm for the Future. I found it very beneficial and hope to be part of next year’s projects. It’s a really important tool to keep us up to date with what seems to be a forever changing world in our industry”

DARTMOOR FARMER GROUP FEEDBACK

This seasons Farm for the Future programme will run from September and you can contact us via hfp@dartmoor.gov.uk to sign up or check our website for latest details. Now that Defra have confirmed SFI application dates, its a perfect time to get to grips with what these new options might offer and DHFP can help you navigate these in practical terms.





Taking time out...

Despite everyone's busy lives, we have tried to incorporate a few more social events into the diary, which aim to provide an opportunity to meet up locally with other farming folk – old friends and new. A few recent examples below – food is generally involved (& tea)!

RABI have provided funding to run a pilot called 'Community Pillars', which is designed to offer a chance for small group social events and a space to chat for those who may struggle to just take time away from the farm. It was agreed to start with a women's group, who met initially at Princetown and will develop how they take this forward. It's very informal, aiming to fit around family life and may include guest speakers or visits in the future.



A recent farmer breakfast with FCN.
Numbers attending vary from 5-50!

"We should look for someone to eat and drink with before looking for something to eat and drink" as one ancient philosopher once said... We know that food is central to most cultures and communities and draws people together as part of that.

No less on Dartmoor where we continue to support a series of farmer breakfasts that are expanding all the time and have fed over 150 people at various locations from cafes to village halls or farm kitchens. FCN have helped with seed funding which in part was raised from the Witheridge to Frenchbeer event in 2022 and continues its legacy to raise awareness of mental health support. These groups organise themselves once they are up and running, easy and informal to work around their own numbers (some are just a group of five) or timing – we can help get them started, so if interested get in touch and we can help you organise one in your area.

Special mention should also be made for those involved in the mammoth task of catering; Sandra Vallance not only caters for several breakfast events, but with family hosted an Afternoon Tea at Kilworthy Farm where around 60 people enjoyed a tour of the historic buildings, escaping a drizzly afternoon chatting with friends or neighbours. The donations and raffle raised over £300 which will go towards more farmer get togethers on Dartmoor.

Taking advantage of a break in the weather, DHFP chose to run a social evening in July and invite along a number of people who have given up their time, helped out in various ways, contributed to our work or helped make things happen. We chose to run this with a sheepdog demonstration from recent summer training 'graduates', as well as their Trainers; Kenny & Jed Watson. Over 60 people joined us across all generations to enjoy food, company and a stunning viewpoint to watch the trials. ■





A CHALLENGE SHARED IS AN OPPORTUNITY?

A well-used word within the transition to the New Environmental Land Management Schemes (ELM) has been 'collaboration'. It appears as an integral component of the Landscape Recovery pilots and is also referenced in relation to Local Nature Recovery (now CS+) although the detail and mechanism for this scheme remains unclear. What we do know is that collaboration can deliver a wider range of benefits from economics to less quantifiable outcomes such as health and wellbeing. Here are two examples of different scale and focussed group initiatives on Dartmoor.



DARTMOOR FARMERS ASSOCIATION (DFA)

This is a good example of a large group of farm businesses working collaboratively to add value to red meat. Since its inception in 2007 DFA has grown its membership to over 100 businesses reflecting a broad range of family farms from small tenants to larger landowners. Members sign up to set of sustainable principles and the brand is strongly identified with Dartmoor which attracts consumers and key clients. Currently the major outlet for lamb is via national supermarket chain Morrisons, who were introduced by the new King, and are entering their 5th season of partnership. The offer is based on a finishing grid which reflects upland breeds. This has created an outlet for livestock reared on the common adding value to lambs finished by suppliers. Quality beef is also sold to both the hospitality trade and online farm shop through Goosemoor Foodservice at Exeter, as the DFA works closely with the company to provide access to their farms to help engage new chefs and retailers – and more recently extending their reach through 'Educatering' getting local meat into regional school meals.

Drill demonstration at Runnage Farm, part of the Central Dartmoor Farm Cluster

You can apply to join the Association and supply lamb or beef via the website www.dartmoorfarmers.co.uk.

Join us

and Peter Mann of DFA on Wednesday 20th September (11- 2PM) at South Brent to discuss finishing lambs on stubble turnips. Email hfp@dartmoor.gov.uk (see events on back page).

CENTRAL DARTMOOR FARM CLUSTER

This is a group of 10 owner occupied or rented farms located along the West Webburn and East Dart Rivers. They have been working together since 2019, initially through the Dartmoor Facilitation Fund and the Hill Farm Project, and latterly as a newly formed Community Interest Company. Their aim is to create an economically and environmentally sustainable future for the farms working within the local environment and enhancing natural processes. Collectively they have developed a longer term 'vision' for landscape scale change using their land and skills to attract funding through ELM or other private sector sources. They are currently working with South West Water on a field scale trial looking at herbal leys and have obtained grants for relevant equipment and machinery. A positive outcome has been a shared use of skills and resources and a greater sense of purpose and direction as a group. Further details on the cluster can be found: www.dartmoorfarmcluster.uk ■



The DFA are one example of farm collaboration to broaden their market for quality, local meat.



EVENTS PROGRAMME UNDERWAY

A focus on grazing and soils

The farm events this year have focused on grassland and soil health. So far events have covered herbal leys, finishing lambs to specification and results from comparing direct drilled and conventional crops.

June kicked off the programme with a visit to see the herbal ley pilots with the Central Dartmoor Farm Cluster (CDFC), who have been working with Westcountry Rivers Trust (WRT) to implement and monitor the herbal leys. Independent grassland advisor Charlie Morgan, who has been working with the cluster throughout the project explained the seed mix and the effectiveness of direct drilling establishment as well as an overview of the trials looking at different levels of Glyphosate and the effects. There was a machinery demonstration using a direct drill provided by Runnage Farm and a grassland aerator recently purchased by CDFC.

July focused on finishing lambs and the market requirements, with Consultant Peter Morris and Dartmoor Farmers Association. Hosted at Hughslade Farm, it provided a chance to see the start of

the farms use of herbal leys to finish lambs. There was discussion into the importance of knowing the specifications of the market, as well as knowing costs and balancing meeting the grade with keeping the animals on farm. Attendees were able to get 'hands on' with some sheep to better understand what the correct grade feels like.

August brought the results from the trial comparing direct drilling and conventional establishment at Youlden Farm. The results from the trial were very encouraging with the direct drilled brassica crop yielding 16% higher and costs being over 30% lower. Matt Kingdon, an agronomist at Pearce seeds said; 'The higher yield from the direct drilled crop may be down to several factors including a crop with better leaf-stalk ratio as well as the ground maintaining moisture better during the dry spell in the late spring. This has led to a healthier crop as well as one that yields higher.' Wendy Couch from WRT was on hand to evaluate and explain the importance of good soil structure as part of good practice and planning rotations. ■

The next event on the 20th September at Corringdon Farm will be on break crops for finishing lambs, along with local vets considering common ailments in livestock grazing winter brassicas. Dartmoor Farmers Association will be discussing the costs and benefits of finishing animals to specification as well as the markets they supply and the geographical differences.

We will revisit Youlden Farm on November 15th to review the results from the trial looking at brassicas sown with different crops and the effects on the crop and soil at this stage.

Our Grazing Discussion Group meet regularly, discussing topics around grassland and grazing management, please let us know if you are interested in coming along, its quite informal to attend when you can.

For more information on any upcoming events, visit our website www.dartmoorhillfarmproject.co.uk or email hfp@dartmoor.gov.uk.



A well attended on-farm event earlier this year looking at the practicalities of Electric Vehicles



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Events Diary

An overview of our events or training planned in coming months to cut out and keep. Full details are regularly updated on our website www.dartmoorhillfarmproject.co.uk where you can also subscribe for email news bulletins.

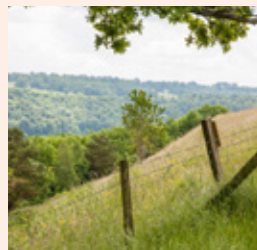
20 SEPTEMBER, 11am-2pm Finishing Lambs on Stubble Turnips



Practical discussion on finishing lambs on stubble turnips, with input from local vets on common animal health issues and management. A chance to meet representatives of Dartmoor Farmers Association who will discuss meeting demand and market specification, including insight into consumer behaviours

CORRINGDON FARM, SOUTH BRENT

25 OCTOBER, 7pm Grants & Funding Evening



Come along and hear what non – mainstream grants are available in the local area. A chance to discuss the options with organisations, both local and national, to find out what's new and what might assist any investment you have planned for your farm business.

TWO BRIDGES HOTEL, NR. PRINCETOWN

15 NOVEMBER, 11am-2pm Brassica Trial Results & Grazing Management



Results and discussion from the trial plots of different Hybrid brassicas and companion crops, and find out how they have effected the crop and protected the soil, with input from a crops & soils specialist and local agronomist.

YOULDEN FARM, NORTH BOVEY

22 NOVEMBER, 2-5pm Dungbeetle Workshop



A chance to come along and find out the work that has been happening throughout the year on monitoring dung beetle populations. Find out more about what they do and why they are important as well as how they can be effected by animal husbandry. This is linked to the findings and local activity of the Healthy Livestock initiative.

VENUE DETAILS TBC

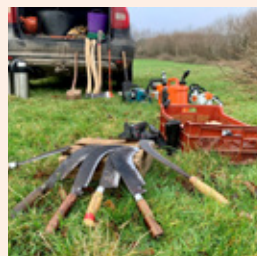
13 DECEMBER, 2-5pm Managing Dung & New Technologies



Come along to find out more about various biological products that can be used for improving and managing manures, with input from farmers who have been using the products.

TOR ROYAL FARM, PRINCETOWN

AUTUMN/WINTER Walling & Hedge Laying Courses



There are several walling and hedgelaying courses running through the autumn/winter. Please contact hfp@dartmoor.gov.uk to find out more.

MULTIPLE SITES ACROSS DARTMOOR

To book any of our events, please either visit our website www.dartmoorhillfarmproject.co.uk where you can use the direct Eventbrite links, or contact us via email hfp@dartmoor.gov.uk or call **01822 890913**.

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