

## Another Brick in the Wall: Ponies, Pounds & Driftways Update 2016

Now in the second year of its delivery phase, the Moor than meets the eye Landscape Partnership Scheme made a huge stride forward in the Ponies, Pounds and Driftways project, following the completion of repairs at two historic locations; Poundsgate Pound and Bel Tor Driftway.



*Bel Tor Driftway after repair work has been completed*

The project is focused on halting the decline in the physical fabric of these iconic landmarks, with 5 sites being selected for repair over the 5 year Scheme. Under the direction of Head Ranger, Rob Steemson, the Poundsgate Pound and the Bel Tor Driftway have both undergone significant repair and restoration, including improvements to the driftway drainage. With the successful completion of Phase 1, planning is already underway for the next stage in this important project.



*Poundsgate Pound repair work in progress*

Driftways and pounds have traditionally been vital to management of the pony herds for which Dartmoor is famous. These features are part of the cultural heritage of Dartmoor and important in the management of the landscape. Drift ways are also used also by many visitors as a route to access the high moor.



*Postbridge Driftway is one of the historic driftways to be included in Phase 2 of the project*

For more information on the Ponies, Pounds and Driftways project please contact Rob Steemson, DNPA Head Ranger.