

DONATE FOR DARTMOOR

Your donations to 'Donate for Dartmoor' help to maintain and improve moorland access through a ring-fenced fund. Organisers of all large events are encouraged to make a voluntary donation of £2.00 per participant to help repair damage, mitigate erosion, and to maintain bridges, stiles and, gates. Residents and walkers are also encouraged to donate.

Ten Tors donations have supported many projects, examples of which are below:



The new Clapper bridge over the Western Wella Brook, that Ten Tors donations helped to fund, together with path and drainage improvements on the associated public right of way, which are part of both the Abbot's Way and the Two Moors Way.



Thanks to the skilled work of Rangers and a local blacksmith, and supported by Ten Tors' donations, repairs were completed to Manga Rails on the River Teign at SX 640861.



Ten Tor's donations helped to repair the Abbots Way bridleway between Nuns Cross and Princetown. Once complete, Nuns Cross Path will provide a 20km circular, high quality, sustainable walking and cycling route from Princetown, boosting tourism and the local economy.

A major contribution came from the British Mountaineering Council's Mend Our Mountains donations. In places, the path had widened up to seven meters and work has been done to restore the sensitive moorland habitat.

Additional work is planned for this Summer. As a guide it costs £30 - £40 per linear metre to repair upland paths and restore moorland.

Future Work



Repairs to the Drift Way bridleway (west of Postbridge) took place last year. Phase 2, improvements to the footpath, will take place this spring. Widening the route will require the removal of intrusive vegetation and stabilisation of the path.

Your donations will help to improve this route, which is frequently used by Ten Tors.



Hartland Tor, west of Postbridge, has become severely eroded by frequent use, bikers and water drain off.

The repairs will involve installing channels to divert the water, levelling the surface, planting moorland vegetation to heal the damage and creating alternative routes.

Volunteering



There are also opportunities for volunteering to maintain Dartmoor under the guidance of National Park Rangers.

Some have come to help after completing Ten Tors and other groups within schools have taken the opportunity to learn more about Dartmoor while giving a helping hand.

This group from Teign School helped uncover some of the granite railway at Haytor.

All walkers can help the National Park Rangers by picking up litter and informing them of any damage.

If you have any suggestions for suitable projects, want to know more about volunteering opportunities or have noted some damage, please contact Rob Steemson at rsteemson@dartmoor.gov.uk