

# Project Update 5: June / July 2010



**The Countryside Mobility scheme is working to improve access to the countryside for people with limited mobility living in and visiting the South West region.**

Tramper all-terrain mobility buggies ([www.tramper.co.uk](http://www.tramper.co.uk)) are available for hire to Countryside Mobility members from countryside sites and visitor attractions across the South West region. The first Countryside Mobility funded wheelchair accessible 'Wheelyboat' ([www.wheelyboats.org](http://www.wheelyboats.org)) will also be available to hire soon.

The equipment is available to hire to anyone becoming a Countryside Mobility member. Membership costs £8.50 per year and the Trampers can be hired for £2.50 per hour. Wheelyboats are operated differently and hire costs will vary from site to site...watch this space for more details.

Visit [www.countrysidemobility.org](http://www.countrysidemobility.org) for an up to date list of our sites and for more details about the membership scheme.

## June / July Highlights

The first Countryside Mobility sites, Stover Country Park (Newton Abbot) and Durlston Country Park (Swanage), started hiring Trampers at the beginning of June.

Our first members have joined the scheme, and it has been encouraging to receive numerous enquiries and requests for more information and membership application packs.

## Tell us about you're the places you want to visit!

We are always looking for new sites to join the scheme and need your help to find them. If you or your family or friends cannot currently visit a site or visitor attraction because it's not physically possible, or if you are a business or organisation that manages a countryside site and would like to become more accessible then please let us know!

Sites ideally need to have an accessible toilet, parking and staff on site to hire out the equipment as well as a network of paths or stretch of sheltered water.

Email us at [info@countrysidemobility.org](mailto:info@countrysidemobility.org) or phone 01392 456522 with your ideas.



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## New Sites!

The Forestry Commission have this week launched the scheme at **Haldon Forest Park** near Exeter. There are two trails that the Trampler can be used on giving access to the forest as well as the excellent 'Ridge' café for refreshments. There are plans to expand the scheme to include more trails in the future. See <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/haldonforestpark> for more site details.



**Berry Head National Nature Reserve** will start hiring their Trampler from the beginning of August. Perched on the cliff top overlooking Torbay, it is an internationally-acclaimed heritage site, home to a fascinating variety of wildlife and history, with recently restored Napoleonic-War fortifications. Enjoy the stunning views and superb local food at the new Guardhouse Cafe, visit the brand-new Visitor Centre, and explore the ramparts as the soldiers did 200 years ago. See <http://www.berryhead.org.uk/> for more site details.

South West Lakes trust is also aiming to start hiring their Trampler at **Siblyback Lake Country Park** (nr Liskeard) during August. A newly completed lakeside cycle trail means Trampler users can complete a three mile circuit of the reservoir amongst the peace and tranquillity of Bodmin moor. A Wheelyboat is also available for hire and a café for refreshments. See <http://www.swlakestrust.org.uk/lakes-and-facilities/the-lakes/siblyback-lake> for more site details.

Visit [www.countrysidemobility.org](http://www.countrysidemobility.org) for an up to date list of our partner sites and for more details about the membership scheme. Alternatively phone us on **01392 456522** and we will send you information in the post.

**Countryside Mobility** is a Big Lottery funded project (through Natural England's 'Access to Nature' grant scheme) aiming to improve access to the countryside for people with mobility impairments living in and visiting the South West.

If you would like more information about the project then please visit our website or contact us on 01392 456522, or email: [info@countrysidemobility.org](mailto:info@countrysidemobility.org)

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