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**Dartmoor Pony Heritage Trust, PO Box 397, Newton Abbot, TQ12 9AT** or please make a donation online at [www.dpht.co.uk](http://www.dpht.co.uk)

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Adopting a pony  Leaving a Legacy

Fostering a foal  Buying a Dartmoor Pony

## Regular Gift Form

I wish to give £ \_\_\_\_\_ per month / quarter / year (Delete as appropriate) to **THE DARTMOOR PONY HERITAGE TRUST**, Account No. 3081924, Lloyds TSB Bank Plc, PO Box 1000, BX1 1LT, Sort Code 30-96-06 for \_\_\_\_\_ year(s) or until I notify you otherwise.

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Please pay The Dartmoor Pony Heritage Trust the above sum on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ (month) and on the same day of each succeeding month / quarter / year (Delete as appropriate) for \_\_\_\_\_ years or until I notify you otherwise.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

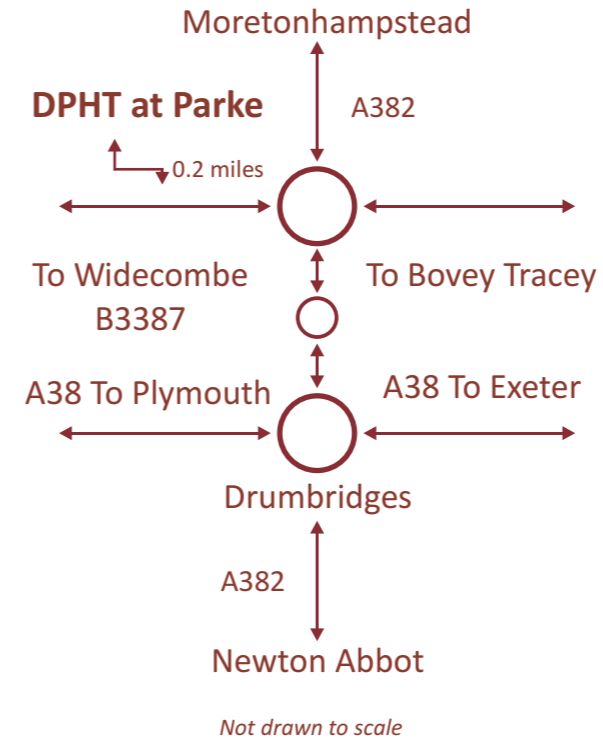
*You may cancel this banker's order at any time you wish*

**GIFT AID:** If you are a taxpayer we can claim any tax equivalent to your donation. All you need to do is tick this box and sign. I am / we are taxpayers and wish to register for gift aid. Signed \_\_\_\_\_



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Visit the DPHT Education and Visitor Centre at Parke Estate, Bovey Tracey, TQ13 9JQ  
Tel: 01626 833234 for daily opening times  
[www.dpht.co.uk](http://www.dpht.co.uk)



# PRESERVING THE DARTMOOR PONY



# CONSERVATION & EDUCATION



**Ponies have lived on Dartmoor since prehistoric times. Although herds of ponies roam freely on the moor, they all belong to different pony keepers. Most have not been handled so you should not approach them too closely.**

The owners round up their ponies every year in the autumn at the annual pony “drifts”. They then decide which ponies to keep on the moor and which to sell. The foals are usually weaned from their mothers at this time.

The ponies are very hardy and actually thrive on Dartmoor despite the harsh weather and poor vegetation. In fact, by grazing the moorland they play a vital role in maintaining a variety of habitats and supporting wildlife.

Because of their calm temperament, strength and surefootedness, the ponies have been used for many varying purposes, and this has led to the breeding and development of the different types that are seen on the moor today. Over the years they have been used as pit ponies, for shepherding and taking the family to market and, on occasion, carrying the postman to deliver the mail.

### **HAVE YOU SEEN A DARTMOOR PONY OR A PONY ON DARTMOOR?**

It is estimated that there are now as few as 1500 ponies kept on the commons of Dartmoor. But they are not all Dartmoor ponies.

The single coloured ponies are the traditional type and share some of the same ancestors as the “registered” pedigree Dartmoor Pony, which is famous worldwide. The very small ponies are the result of breeding with Shetlands and were used originally in the mining industry. Ponies with mixed colouring (e.g. brown and white, black and white and spotted) have been bred to meet more recent popular demand.

**The Dartmoor Pony Heritage Trust (DPHT) is a registered charity established in 2005.**

### **Mission Statement**

To preserve the indigenous Dartmoor Pony from extinction and to maintain its presence on Dartmoor, thus protecting our heritage for future generations.

### **Aims**

- To protect and preserve the Dartmoor Pony as one of the recognised emblems of Dartmoor and for its value to tourism.
- To utilize the Dartmoor Pony's superb temperament as a platform for learning through innovative and socially inclusive programmes.
- To provide the general public with education and information of the special heritage of the Dartmoor Pony.
- To increase opportunities for visitors to develop an appreciation of Dartmoor's cultural heritage by providing practical experiences in conservation.
- To encourage the use of the native Dartmoor Pony for conservation management.
- To seek public support and financial sponsorship to ensure the survival of the Dartmoor Pony and its future welfare.
- To work with all statutory / advisory bodies and the moorland farmers, to make the Dartmoor Pony more valued and valuable.
- To monitor and support the control of the number of indigenous Dartmoor ponies.

**The Trust runs a number of initiatives to assist pony keepers and to raise the value of the Dartmoor Pony.**

- Handling young stock with the aim of producing quiet ponies suitable for family homes.
- Castrating colt foals not suitable for breeding.
- Keeping an up-to-date sales list and holding private pony sales.
- Promoting the Dartmoor pony for conservation grazing and administering the Heritage Trust list (a database of approved unregistered Dartmoor ponies)

### **Promoting The Dartmoor Pony Through Innovative Education.**

In addition to working with farmers, the Trust runs an education programme, working with a wide range of learners. The Trust provides educational courses based on a Dartmoor Pony Experience aimed at primary schools, colleges and life long learners.

### **'Ponies Inspiring People'**

PIP is an innovative education programme aimed at special needs students and disadvantaged young people. We use our team of Dartmoor Ponies as a platform for learning and developing life skills.

The DPHT also provides a unique course where we teach people how to tame wild foals and ponies as a technique for teaching boundaries, control, respect and trust. It has been highly successful in turning young people back on to learning.

### **'Visitor Attraction'**

The centre at Parke provides all-weather facilities for wild pony handling sessions, school visits, and for the public to learn about the ponies' history and future on Dartmoor. It also serves as a shop window for farmers to sell the best quality ponies produced on the moor.

### **Why Volunteer For Us?**

All sorts of people have joined us as volunteers and, whatever the reason, they all find it a varied and rewarding experience.

### **What you get:**

Training and new skills, increased confidence, new experiences and friends.

### **Bellever**

DPHT has the grazing rights to 82 hectares at Bellever on Dartmoor. This site provides the Trust with many educational and conservation opportunities.

We provide a number of family / group conservation days and free guided walks.

Bellever is a secure site where we can mature Dartmoor ponies to an age where they can be sold for riding or conservation grazing. The site also provides a safety net for vulnerable herds which might otherwise be lost. Bellever has full public access and we encourage you to visit this 'jewel in Dartmoor's crown', where you can see Dartmoor ponies in their true habitat.

### **Visit [www.dpht.co.uk](http://www.dpht.co.uk) to learn more about the Trust, and to find out about:**

- Adopting a Dartmoor pony
- Fostering a Dartmoor foal
- Buying a Dartmoor pony
- Pony handling courses
- Conservation grazing courses
- Qualifications in pony care
- School and group visits
- Ponies Inspiring People courses
- Volunteering
- Free guided walks at Bellever (min. group size 6)