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Dartmoor gets Manaton cooking!

The community of Manaton is celebrating its success in securing all the funding needed to totally revamp the Parish Hall kitchen. The new, fully fitted kitchen offers professional standard facilities that can be used for the wide range of events and activities hosted by the hall and offers new opportunities too, including the ability for external caterers and cooks to hire the space commercially.

Dartmoor National Park together with The Foyle Foundation and Devon Community Foundation supported the Manaton Parish Hall team to achieve its funding goal and is delighted that the works have proved such a success.

‘The Dartmoor Communities Fund has supported a wide range of really practical community projects across Dartmoor and this is no exception. The new kitchen enables the hall to continue to attract quality events to Manaton and to offer wonderful facilities be it for a celebratory occasion or to help a start-up business. I won’t be the only one looking forward to the revival of the Hall’s Sunday afternoon cream tea when they start up again in July’ said Jo Rumble, Communities Officer for the Dartmoor National Park when she visited the Hall during its monthly produce market.

Graham Wilson, Treasurer of the Manaton Parish Hall Committee said ‘The committee aims to provide the very best facilities to the residents of Manaton and beyond within our limited budget. We therefore owe a big thank you to the various organisations who provided grants towards the cost of our new kitchen. Without their generosity we would not have been able to do it’.



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Notes for Editors

Dartmoor National Park Authority's purposes under the Environment Act 1995 are:

- to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the National Park;
- to promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the area by the public.

In carrying out this work, we are also required to seek to foster the economic and social well-being of local communities within the National Park.

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