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The Dartmoor pony.

Can you tell me about the importance of the Dartmoor pony on the moor?

Well the pony is the emblem of the Dartmoor National Park, as you probably know, and has been on Dartmoor for centuries, no one knows quite how long, but Dartmoor has its own indigenous breed which is the Dartmoor breed, which in fact you can see some magnificent examples out here now, they're small brown ponies that usually have very little white on them and at maximum are 12.2 hands high, and a hand is 4 inches high, so that makes it 50 inches maximum in height, and they are quite different to some of the other ponies you'll see which are multi coloured and they're cross breeds that have been brought in from elsewhere.