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Ponies grazing on the moor.

And also, the other thing is, the ponies in the spring absolutely love the burnt gorse, its got carbon in it or something, which probably does something, I don't know, but if you burn a bit of gorse up on the moors, ponies will come from wherever they are to eat it, so it must be something they need when they're carrying the foals at that particular time of year, something to do with their metabolism, and they will come from everywhere and eat it, because they live on gorse you see, the ponies, if it's a bad winter, because gorse is one of the very few things that flowers all the year round, gorse flowers 365 days of the year – there's a saying on Dartmoor: 'When the gorse isn't in flower kissing is not allowed', and you have a look and there will be gorse flowers 365 days of the year.