

## Natural Crafts



*A learner collecting natural materials from the hedgerows*

### **Christmas crafts**

On 11<sup>th</sup> December tutor Penny Evans led a group in the countryside around the Wembworthy Centre collecting natural materials such as holly and ivy from the hedgerows. Back at the Centre the learners created Christmas wreaths with the things they had gathered. A full-time carer, attending the session was a rare day out for first-time learner Valerie. 'It was really good fun and walking through the woods, getting to know the other learners and collecting our own materials made it very personal,' said Valerie, who attended the session with her daughter Sam. 'And I now have a lovely wreath which is going on my mother's grave. The session was an excellent idea – basic, simple and very effective.' Talk Training in Teignmouth has run a similar session. On 12<sup>th</sup> December 14 new learners made Christmas decorations from natural materials that they also had gathered themselves.



*A learner proudly displays the wreath she has made*