



## Media Release from Alderney Wildlife Trust

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### Get Wild about Alderney with the Wildlife Week 2024 27<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June

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**Alderney Wildlife Week, the Alderney Wildlife Trust's annual event celebrating nature and full of exciting nature adventures kicks off this coming Monday.**

The Alderney Wildlife Trust (AWT) is thrilled to announce the programme for Alderney Wildlife Week 2024, taking place from Monday, May 27th to Sunday, June 2nd. This year Wildlife Week is packed with activities designed to appeal to all ages and interests from guided walks to fun and informative talks and lots of family-friendly activities.

***"It's the concentration of Alderney amazing wildlife. The little island has so much to offer with the bird life, marine life, beautiful butterflies, and our unique hedgehogs." – Lesley Green, AWT volunteer***

In addition to ever-popular activities like boat trips, nocturnal nature discovery walks, the Morning Moth Mayhem and Foraging Walks, this year boasts new activities such as the Wild about Woodlands' and 'Wild about Birds' walks, and a combined Pollinator Walk and Talk.

Alongside these events the AWT will be running the 'Wild About Woodlands' Forest School. Open to children from 5 to 9-years-old and led by our Team Wilder Community Support Lead. This Forest School includes six two-hour sessions, designed to foster a love of nature and learning, as well as building confidence exploring the outdoors.

For bird enthusiasts our knowledgeable Ramsar Ecologist will be the guide of the 'Wild About Birds' Walk starting at the majestic g Fort Tourgis, before winding through Bonne Terre valley and up onto the heathlands Giffoine to one of the best seabirds viewing points to see the Island's Gannets. The walk aims to help people grow their knowledge of birdlife and pick up new skills along the way.

The Pollinator Walk & Talk will be led by our Ecology Team. Focused on the beautiful town of St. Anne walkers will discover the beauty of Bloomin' Alderney while learning about the island's pollinators and finish the walk at the Island premier organic growers, Alderney Roots.

Whether you're interested in nocturnal or daylight creatures, land or marine life, Alderney Wildlife Week has something for everyone.

Connect with nature and learn about Alderney's wildlife with the Alderney Wildlife Trust!  
To download the full programme, please [click here](#).

### 27th May - 1st June

**Wild about Woodlands Forest School  
Community Woodland (Meeting at Blanchards Path)**

**Six-day programme Monday - Saturday  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM / £25 for all 6 sessions  
Age: 5-9 years old**

Join Team Wilder for a 6-day Forest School programme of woodland activities and nature discoveries that inspire nature connectivity. The week is designed to enhance your child's learning, whilst building confidence and resilience in the outdoors.

Contact [teamwilder@alderneywildlife.org](mailto:teamwilder@alderneywildlife.org) or call 01481 822935 to book a place.

### Tuesday 28th May

**Wild about Birds - Seawatch & Walk -  
Tourgis (Meeting at Platte Saline Car Park)  
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM / £10/adult, £6/child  
(50% off for members; 20% off for families)**

Interested in the avian world? Join us on a walking tour introducing some of Alderney's birds including gannets and other species encountered along the way. Learn about bird identification, their calls, and fascinating facts about their lives.

**Wildly Nutritious Foraging Walk - Longis  
(Meeting at Nunnery Car Park)**

**2:00 PM - 3:30 PM / £10/adult, £6/child  
(50% off for members; 20% off for families)**  
Bring a basket and come along for a leisurely stroll along Alderney's paths rich in wild



foods. Discover what's in season and learn more about how we can sustainably harvest wild produce from our island.

**Annual Members Meeting - Wildlife Information Centre**

**6:00 PM / No charge**  
We invite all AWT Members to join us for the Annual Members Meeting. Remote attendance is possible, with login available upon request.

### Wednesday 29th May

**Discover Alderney's seabirds by boat  
(Meeting outside the Sailing Club)**

**2:00 PM and 3:30 PM (approx 1.5 hour/tour)  
£30 adult, £22 child, 20% discount to members  
(must be booked in advance)**

Join our expert-guided boat tour to see Alderney's puffins, gannets, and possibly seals. Discover the island's diverse wildlife and immerse yourself in Alderney's stunning seascape and history.

### Thursday 30th May

**Nocturnal Nature Discovery - Essex Farm  
(Longis)**

**9:00 PM - 10:30 PM / £10/adult, £6/child;  
(50% off for members; 20% off for families)**  
Join our specialists learning more about Alderney's nocturnal denizens. Help set up a moth trap, observe the island's blonde

hedgehogs using a thermal imaging camera, and listen to bats echolocating. This is a nocturnal walk so dress warm and wear good walking shoes.

### Friday 31st May

**Seashore Foraging Walk - Tourgis  
(Meeting at Clonque Bay Car Park)**

**4:00 PM - 6:00 PM / £15/adult, £6/child  
(50% off for members; 20% off for families)**  
Embark on a rockpooling adventure to explore sustainable seashore foraging and learn about the hidden wonders of Alderney's waters. We finish with a cook up combining the wild harvest with produce from island suppliers.

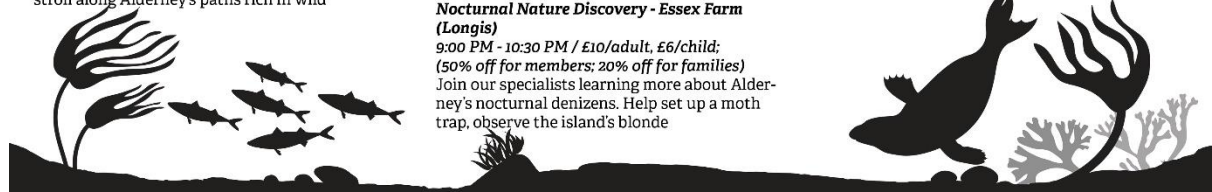
### Saturday 1st June

**Morning Moth Mayhem - Memorial Garden on  
Victoria Street**

**8:30 AM - 9:30 AM / Donation-based**  
Discover enchanting moths with our moth trap! You can try identifying diverse species and uncover the mysteries of these nocturnal creatures.

**BEEP Talk & Snorkel - Braye Beach Hotel (Cinema Room)**

**10:30 AM - 12:00 PM / Donation-based**  
Join us for a talk by Dr. Mel Broadhurst-Allen about the fascinating Bailiwick Eelgrass Exploration Project, followed by a snorkel session in the beautiful Braye Bay! Participants must be aged 16+ and bring their own snorkel gear.



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### Sunday 2nd June

**Pollinator Walk & Talk - Through Town (Meeting at AWT Office)**

**2:00 PM - 4:00 PM / Donation-based**  
Experience the beauty of Bloomin' Alderney on a gentle stroll through town led by our Ecology team. Discover the essential role of bees and butterflies as pollinators and learn about the diverse plant species they depend on for survival. The walk concludes at Alderney Roots. Invitation open to Cultural Exchange.

**Bloomin' Alderney** The Pollinator Walk & Talk is conducted in collaboration with Bloomin' Alderney.



## Let's get wild about Alderney!

Since its inception, Alderney Wildlife Trust (AWT) has enjoyed remarkable support from a devoted group of wildlife enthusiasts, what we like to think of as 'Team Wilder'. This diverse team extends beyond residents and AWT members, welcoming individuals from all backgrounds with a passion for our island's wildlife.

This Wildlife Week, we're inviting everyone to join in and celebrate Alderney's natural world! Whether you would enjoy discovering wildlife up-close with our Morning Moth Mayhem or appreciating the environment with our walks and talks. There's something for everyone!

### Booking Information

Book events at our Wildlife Information Centre, 48 Victoria Street

or  
Email: [admin@alderneywildlife.org](mailto:admin@alderneywildlife.org)  
Tel: +44 (0)1481 822935

Please note all events are subject to change.



## Wildlife Week 2024 Wild about Alderney 27th May - 2nd June Official Programme



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## Background

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### **About the Alderney Wildlife Trust**

The Alderney Wildlife Trust is one of the 46 Wildlife Trusts working across the British Isles. We are the youngest of the Wildlife Trust, forming over 20 years ago and since then the AWT has received incredible support from a dedicated team of wildlife enthusiasts, what we like to think of as the 'TeamWilder'. This team isn't just limited to residents and AWT members, it includes people from all walks of life who have an interest in our island's wildlife, as well as supporters and organisations. from around the world. We work with the local community to engage them with their natural environment in order to protect Alderney's wildlife for the future.

Our mission is to study, protect and champion Alderney's wildlife. We wish to see a thriving natural island where wildlife and natural habitats play a valued role in addressing our island's future and the climate and ecological emergencies that face us.

***Alderney is a very special place and by helping the work of the Alderney Wildlife Trust you can make a difference. After all, if you love where you live, you'll want to look after it - Dr. George McGavin, Patron AWT***

## Notes to Media

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