



## Media Release from Alderney Wildlife Trust

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### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July A day of wildlife and horticulture with Professor Chris Baines

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The Alderney Wildlife Trust (AWT) is delighted to welcome Prof. Chris Baines to the Island. Chris is an international renowned horticulturalist and a leading British environmental campaigner, as well as being the Vice President of the British Wildlife Trusts.

As part of a day celebrating Alderney's public green spaces the Alderney Wildlife Trust in collaboration with States of Alderney will be running a **Bioblitz on Braye Common from 2-4pm**. Braye is one of the Island's most popularly used public spaces. This year the Island's Public Works Department has pioneered an outstanding programme of public access and green space management to allow the common's wildflowers and wildlife to flourish, whilst continuing to encourage public access. The Bioblitz is being organised by the AWT's State of Nature Team

This event will be open to all to join the teams and Prof. Baines to explore the Common, exploring the rich wildlife and helping to record it. An event accessible to all ages you can just turn up on the day and take part, whatever the weather.

That same evening the Braye Beach Hotel will be hosting **An Evening with Prof. Baines, 7pm**. This event will see a small audience able to join Chris and his wife to hear about his life and experiences and discuss his visit, all over a 3-course dinner. Spaces are very limited, and can be booked via the Alderney Wildlife Trust on 01481 822935 or [admin@alderneywildlife.org](mailto:admin@alderneywildlife.org). Any profits from the meal will go to the charity for its work on the Alderney Waste to Food Project. This is a project run in collaboration with local grower Alderney Roots and will be launched later this month, and which Chris will be visiting to offer the benefit of his experience in horticulture, composting and soil health.

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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 organizations from around the world. We work with the local community to engage them with their natural environment 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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For further information, or to arrange an interview, please contact:

Bioblitz – Tara Cox; [ecologist@alderneywildlife.org](mailto:ecologist@alderneywildlife.org)

An evening with Pro. Baines – Roland Gauvain; [manager@alderneywildlife.org](mailto:manager@alderneywildlife.org)

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