



## Media Release from Alderney Wildlife Trust

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### Proceeds from Lord Pickles' Alderney Expert Review Book to Support Alderney Wildlife Trust

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**In a recent announcement from Lord Pickles' office, it was revealed that all proceeds from the sale of the *Lord Pickles Alderney Expert Review* book, published by Blue Ormer, will be donated to the Alderney Wildlife Trust (AWT). The AWT was selected as the beneficiary of the proceeds, with the possibility of another charity being chosen for future print runs, should demand permit.**

However, AWT CEO Roland Gauvain clarified that the Trust had not been consulted about this decision and had no involvement in the development of the 'Review' itself.

“We have not been involved in the decision making around this initiative. While we appreciate the support, we would prefer to see the funds directed towards projects more closely aligned with the Review's purpose. My only thinking behind the AWT receiving the funds is that we have been managing and maintaining public access to both government and private land around the Longis Nature Reserve for over 20 years. Longis Common was a centre point in the Review's consideration.”

Although the Trust has yet to receive official communication from Lord Pickles' office regarding the donation, Mr. Gauvain confirmed that the AWT will be writing to Lord Pickles Office asking that any funds received for the book sale not be directed to the AWT but either to a suitable heritage charity who can better support the memorialisation of the horrific events that took place on the island during World War II, or to the States of Alderney, to be used to for the preservation of Alderney's historical sites.

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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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