



Media Release from Alderney Wildlife Trust

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Alderney's Ramsar site and work brings Alderney national attention

Alderney's rich marine environment has been featured in several national newspapers.

The Alderney Wildlife Trust's (AWT) monitoring of gannets by drones with Seabird Watch, marine surveying on Alderney along with the Alderney State of Nature Project were mentioned in the news, including The Independent, Glasgow Times, and Yahoo! News.

Most of the activities highlighted in the news took place within the Ramsar site, an internationally important wetland. Situated on Alderney's west coast and across to Burhou Islands, the site was established in 2005 and was the first Ramsar site in the Bailiwick of Guernsey. It is also one of eight Ramsar sites in the Channel Islands. Good management of the Ramsar site conserves the important wetlands of Alderney, nurtures thriving wildlife, and facilitates the wise sustainable use of its natural resources.

The Alderney Wildlife Trust are delighted to know that Alderney's nature – marine and seabird species – attracts interest from UK researchers and international media, and that the hard work of the team and the volunteers is recognised.

The Trust extend sincere thanks and appreciation to their Living Seas project coordinator, the Alderney State of Nature team and our dedicated volunteers, as well as the Porcupine Natural History Society, Seabird Watch, and the Alderney Ramsar Secretariat.

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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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