



## Media Release from Alderney Wildlife Trust

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### Winter Waters Around Alderney Teeming With Wildlife With A Humpback Whale, Dolphins and Tuna Spotted

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**The waters around Alderney are brimming with marine life this winter, with regular sightings of bottlenose dolphin and blue fin tuna—and now, an incredible appearance by a humpback whale.**

Winter can be a good season for marine mammal sightings around Alderney, the northernmost of the Channel Islands. However, the recent flurry of activity, including large pods of dolphins spotted by AWT ecologists, kayakers and local fishermen, has been extraordinary. The highlight came with a humpback whale sighted to the northwest of Alderney's iconic Casquets Lighthouse.

A remarkable video of the whale breaching was shared on Facebook and has garnered significant attention. [Watch the footage here.](#)

The Alderney Wildlife Trust (AWT) conducts year-round monitoring of the island's waters, including extensive survey work in Alderney's Ramsar site, a wetland of international importance. This monitoring work helps to build a comprehensive photographic record of seals, dolphins, and other marine life that frequent the fast-flowing waters around the island.

AWT's work highlights the importance of understanding and protecting Alderney's rich marine ecosystem, which continues to surprise and inspire residents and visitors alike. For more updates and to support marine conservation efforts, visit the Alderney Wildlife Trust website or follow us on social media.

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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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