



Media Release from Alderney Wildlife Trust

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Step into Spring 2025: Celebrate the Season with Alderney's Nature-Based Programme 10th April to 28th April 2025

ALDERNEY – As the island awakens to the beauty of spring, the Alderney Wildlife Trust invites visitors and locals alike to embrace the season with **Step into Spring 2025**, a programme of nature-based activities for all ages. Running from 10th to 28th April, this year's event promises an exciting mix of wildlife adventures, family-friendly activities, and new additions to delight nature enthusiasts.

From children to adults, there's something for everyone to enjoy. The programme features a variety of regular wildlife activities, including:

- **Moth Trap Opening** (Saturdays): Discover the fascinating diversity of moths visiting our moth traps and learn about our moth recording system.
- **Seabird Boat Trips** (Tuesdays and Thursdays): Observe gannets, puffins, and other seabirds in their natural habitat on boats.
- **Bats and Hedgehogs Walks** (Thursday evenings): Use bat detectors to find bats and search for Alderney's iconic blond hedgehogs.
- **Forest School at the Community Woodland**: A fun and educational experience for kids.

This year, *Step into Spring* introduces several new and exciting events:

- **Wild About Birds – Seawatch and Walk**: Join Alderney's Ramsar Ecologist on a birdwatching adventure from Fort Tourgis through Bonne Terre Valley to Giffoine, one of the best spots to see the island's gannets.
- **Glanville Fritillary Caterpillar Quest**: A family-friendly walk-through Longis Nature Reserve to search for Glanville Fritillary caterpillar nests, guided by terrestrial ecologists.
- **Great Eggcase Hunt Walk and Workshop**: Discover the sharks of Alderney's seas with Dr. Mel Broadhurst-Allen, AWT's Living Seas Coordinator, who will show you how to find, identify and record shark eggcases.
- **Record Your Nature Spot**: Learn how to record wildlife sightings on iNaturalist and iRecord, contributing to Alderney's wildlife database.
- **Anguilla's Wildlife and the National Trust**: Get to know about the wildlife of the Caribbean island of Anguilla and the conservation work led by the Anguilla National Trust through a talk delivered by a representative of the Anguilla National Trust.

Young marine enthusiasts can also look forward to marine-based activities, from Wilder Seas to Crab, Ormer and Eelgrass surveys. These events are a collaboration between Abigail de Castella, Team Wilder Community Support Lead and Dr. Mel Broadhurst-Allen, Alderney's Living Seas Coordinator.

“Whether you're passionate about land or sea, *Step into Spring 2025* has something for everyone. It's a great opportunity to connect with nature, learn about Alderney's unique wildlife, and create lasting memories with family and friends.” Thanh Doan, AWT's intern.

Don't miss this chance to celebrate the arrival of spring in Alderney.

To download the full programme, please click [here](#).

Thursday, 10th April

Bat and Hedgehog Walk

-1.5 hours | Meeting @ AWT office before sunset | Time confirmed upon booking
£10/adult, £6/child, 50% off for members
Embark on a guided walk with us to discover Alderney's nocturnal wildlife, including bats and hedgehogs. Use bat detectors to detect bats and listen to their captivating echolocating sounds. Look for the island's iconic blonde hedgehog.



Saturday, 12th April

Moth Trap Opening

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM | Meeting @ Essex Farm Donation-based
Observe various moths retrieved from the moth trap, learn about Alderney's moths and the moth recording scheme from our expert moth recorders, and then release these flying beauties back into the wild!



Tuesday, 15th April

Wild about Birds - Seawatch & Walk

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Tourgis | Meeting @ Platte Saline carpark
£10/adult, £6/child (50% off for members; 20% off for families)
Interested in the avian world? Join us on a walking tour introducing you to Alderney's birdlife, including the world's fastest avian hunters, from gannets to peregrines. Learn about bird identification, their calls, and fascinating facts about their lives.



Glanville Fritillary Caterpillar Quest

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Longis Nature Reserve
Meeting @ Longis Common carpark
£5/adult, £3/child, free for members | Family-friendly
Search for Glanville Fritillary caterpillar nests in Longis Nature Reserve and learn about these rare butterflies from our expert ecologists.



Wednesday, 16th April

Discover Alderney's seabirds by boat

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM | £30/adult, £22/child, 20% off for members (must be booked in advance) | Meeting outside the Sailing Club
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.

Wilder Seas - Shoresearch

2:00 PM - 4:30 PM | Longis Bay
Meeting @ Raz End
For children aged 5-9, £10/child (Limited slots, must be booked in advance)
Connect with Alderney's coastline through beach-based activities and learn about Alderney's marine life on a shoresearch. Together we'll collect species for the next day's Marine Tank Exhibition.



Thursday, 17th April

Marine Tank Exhibition

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM | The Moorings
Donation-based
Come have a look at all the interesting marine creatures that were collected during



the shoresearch the day before and chat with our marine experts about Alderney's marine life.

Bat and Hedgehog Walk

-1.5 hours | Meeting @ AWT office before sunset | Time confirmed upon booking
£10/adult, £6/child, 50% off for members
Embark on a guided walk with us to discover and learn about bats and hedgehogs.

Saturday, 19th April

Moth Trap Opening

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM | Meeting @ Essex Farm Donation-based
Observe various moths retrieved from the moth trap, learn about Alderney's moths and the moth recording scheme from our expert moth recorders, and then release these flying beauties back into the wild!

Discover Alderney's seabirds by boat

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM | £30/adult, £22/child, 20% off for members (must be booked in advance) | Meeting outside the Sailing Club

Record Your Nature Spot

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Meeting @ AWT office | Donation-based
For all budding naturalists and anyone wanting to learn about the new recording methods, we'll help you set up your iNaturalist or iRecord account and guide you on how to start recording your findings. Discover how your data contributes to the broader understanding of the island's ecosystem. We'll also head out shortly to use the app during a short walk if the weather permits.



Tuesday, 22nd April

Forest School

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM | Community Woodland
For children aged 5-9, £20/child
(Limited slots, must be booked in advance)
Have fun, develop skills and confidence
through multiple nature-based activities with
our certified Forest School Leader.

Wednesday, 23rd April

Forest School

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM | Community Woodland
For children aged 5-9, £20/child
Discover Alderney's seabirds by boat
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM | £30/adult, £22/child,
20% off for members (must be booked in
advance) | Meeting outside the Sailing Club

Thursday, 24th April

Bat and Hedgehog Walk

-1.5 hours | Meeting @ AWT office before
sunset | Time confirmed upon booking
£10/adult, £6/child, 50% off for members

Great Eggcase Hunt Walk & Workshop

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM | Meeting @ Braye Hotel
Cinema | Donation-based | Family-friendly
Discover the sharks that live in our seas from
their egg cases (mermaid's purses). We will
guide you how to find, identify and record
your shark eggcases!

Friday, 25th April

Anguilla's Wildlife & the National Trust

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM | Alderney Museum
Donation-based
Join us for an engaging talk to discover the
wildlife of the Caribbean island of Anguilla



and learn about the vital conservation efforts
led by the Anguilla National Trust.

Saturday, 26th April

Moth Morning Mayhem

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM | Memorial Gardens
Donation-based
Discover enchanting moths with our moth
trap! You can try identifying diverse species
and learn about the moth recording scheme.

Discover Alderney's seabirds by boat

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM | £30/adult, £22/child,
20% off for members (must be booked in
advance) | Meeting outside the Sailing Club

Wilder Seas - Ormers and Crabs

11:30 AM - 2:00 PM | Longis Beach - Raz End
For children aged 8+, £8/child
(50% off for members) | Connect with
Alderney's coastline through beach-based
activities and go rockpooling for crabs and
ormers. Bring a packed lunch.

Monday, 28th April

Wilder Seas & BEEP

1:45 PM - 3:30 PM | Longis Bay
Meeting @ the Nunnery | Donation-based
Ages 7+ Adult supervision required
Join us as we take a low tide walkover of
Longis Bay looking for one of Alderney's most
precious species with Dr. Mel.

Become a member to enjoy great discounts!

Book events at Wildlife Information Centre,
48 Victoria Street or
Email: admin@alderneywildlife.org
Tel: +44 (0)1481 822935
Please note all events are subject to change.

Step into Spring

10th - 28th April 2025

Official programme



Events to explore and connect with
Alderney's nature

There's something for everyone!



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Background

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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