

The Alderney Wildlife Trust Reserves and Sites Management Strategy 2025 - 2030

Stakeholder Feedback opportunity

Our 5-year management plan is due to be updated and we are looking for feedback on our current management, educational provision (e.g. events and workshops), site features/facilities, and our overall aims for the next 5 years to input into the new strategy.

Sites included within this strategy:

There are four sites that we primarily carry out management in, listed below. We also operate in many other areas of the island, for example to maintain footpaths or control invasive species, and these elements of our work will also be covered by this strategy.



Longis Nature Reserve

The Longis Reserve comprises coastal grassland, scrub, freshwater and intertidal wetlands. It has been managed by the AWT under a memorandum of understanding with the States of Alderney and private landowners since 2003. There are two bird hides open to the public, and sections are currently grazed by our conservation grazing herd to help maintain the species-rich grasslands.

Vau du Saou Nature Reserve

Despite its small size, the Vau du Saou reserve is an important site for many species, as it is the island's only coastal wooded valley. It was designated as a reserve in 2004 under a memorandum of understanding between the States of Alderney, private landowners and the AWT. The Wildlife Bunker provides an information and observation point for visitors to learn more about the island's wildlife and history.



Alderney Community Woodland

The Community Woodland project was started in 2010 with the aim of creating a sustainably managed woodland habitat of native broadleaf trees that also benefits the local community. It is owned by the States of Alderney, with management being carried out primarily by the AWT.

Bonne Terre Valley

The Bonne Terre Valley is an important natural and historical site, as a large area of broadleaved woodland with a small freshwater stream running down to the 18th century watermill. The AWT supports the States of Alderney and the Alderney Society with management within the valley.



Map of sites

Management activities that are carried out on all sites include:

- Footpath cutting (labelled in pink)
- Tree and woodland management
- Invasive species control
- Site features and facilities maintenance (e.g. signs, benches, bird hides)

Bonne Terre Valley

Longis Nature Reserve

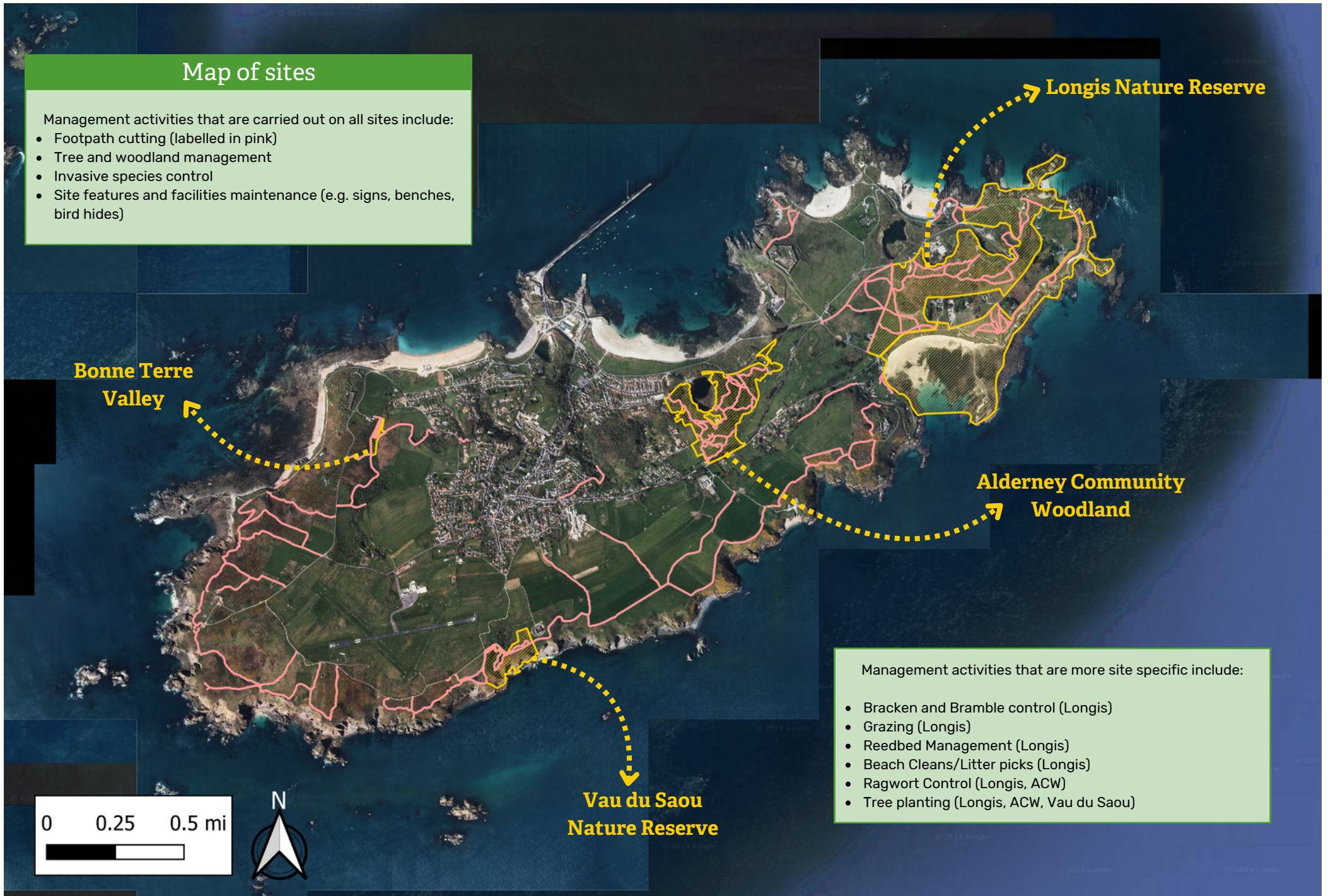
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Management activities that are more site specific include:

- Bracken and Bramble control (Longis)
- Grazing (Longis)
- Reedbed Management (Longis)
- Beach Cleans/Litter picks (Longis)
- Ragwort Control (Longis, ACW)
- Tree planting (Longis, ACW, Vau du Saou)

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Aims of the Strategy

These aims are the overarching goals we hope to achieve in the next 5 years, through practical conservation, community engagement and ecological research.

Champion - To raise awareness of and connection to the ecological value and sustainable management of these sites through community engagement, education, and by enabling access to these sites.

Study - To monitor the status and trends of the key habitats, species and features within the sites, as well as the interconnection between people and these places, to inform how we champion and protect them.

Protect - To conserve and, where appropriate, restore habitats and species of high ecological and community value, taking into account important historical sites and the island's culture and heritage.

Timeline



How you can contribute

If you have feedback relating to our current management, educational provision, site facilities, or our aims for the next 5 years, please fill out the Stakeholder Feedback form attached with this document. Extra copies can be requested by emailing conservation-support@alderneywildlife.org, there is an online version here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y97LJNM>, and paper copies will be available in the Wildlife Information Centre. The deadline for feedback is **22.04.24**.

If you have stories to share about your natural memories of any places on Alderney, consider contributing to our Memory Lane project - contact teamwilder@alderneywildlife.org for more information.

If you have specific queries or would like more information on the process, meetings can be arranged by contacting conservation-support@alderneywildlife.org. Meetings must be arranged by **15.04.24**

If you visit the sites regularly, we would welcome contributions to our survey collecting information about the use of these sites. The survey is available online here - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YZCSSP8> - and paper copies are available from the Wildlife Information Centre. We will also be carrying out the survey in person at selected sites (subject to weather). The deadline for submissions is **22.04.24**

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