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## Statement on AWT income from and services delivered to States of Alderney

Since its founding the AWT has aimed to support objectives of the States of Alderney which are relevant to its aims. This has been done since 2020 under a Service Level Agreement with the States, with the AWT receiving funding of £16,000, this compares to just over 1% of the Public Works Budget and in 2022 enables the AWT to undertake the following primary works:-

1. maintaining over 20km of footpaths for public access, including steps, information points, bird hides, nature reserves and signage.
2. supporting SoA with provision of free access on all tours, activities and boat trips run by AWT for visiting Journalists, States Members and dignitaries, as requested.
3. Labour costs for supporting the SoA's use of Puffin Cam and Gannet Cam in creating marketing and media opportunities.
4. monitoring and responding to the threat of invasive species in the island which threaten native species.

This work is undertaken by AWT staff and volunteers with an estimate of 950 hours labour at a notional cost of £16,890. Costs are based on the 2021 SoA basic labour rate of £11p.h. and AWT basic consultancy rate of £25p.h. for all management, planning and reporting work. **The cost of equipment, vehicle expenses, materials, use of workshop and accommodation costs for volunteer placement staff is met by the AWT.**

This income meets the States strategic priority of protecting, enhancing and promoting the environment as well as the priorities in the grant scheme of: employment for local people, delivering direct benefit to residents, encouraging tourism and involving people in improving island life.

A separate grant of £1,000 is provided for the AWT Community Woodland project.

There is also a SoA **budget**, drawn down as a grant in States accounts, for the Alderney Ramsar site, which is a government designated owned and maintained site. The AWT currently fulfils the role of Ramsar Secretariat on behalf of the SoA, **on a costs only basis**. Funding received from this budget in 2021 was £11,700 with actual expenditure of £11,760, not including additional costs such as the need to own and operate its own vessel and staff effort equating to more than 1 full time member of staff. Other organizations and providers including the ABO also draw from this budget, which has a programme of works approved on a 5-yearly basis through after public consultation, review by the States Ramsar Advisory Group and approval by the General Services Committee. In addition there are annual action plans approved by GSC.

The AWT occasionally applies for one-off grants for other projects which are often match funded.

**All other AWT funding is generated by the AWT, including consultancy and other contract work, grants from other charitable bodies and public donations. In 2021 this other funding was more than 9 times the amount provided directly by the States of Alderney, FOR SERVICES RENDERED, and this figure does not include the 10,000 plus hours of volunteer time also committed to support its work. All this funding and volunteer effort is invested back into the Island of Alderney.**

Yours sincerely



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