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## PRESS RELEASE

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**2,000 Trees for 2,000 People!**

**The Alderney Wildlife Trust, in partnership with the States of Alderney, is making it possible for everyone on the island to plant a tree!**

**In honor of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the Alderney Wildlife Trust (AWT) has ensured that every single resident of Alderney is entitled to a free tree to plant this year. With this campaign, by spring of 2023 there will be at least an additional 2,000 trees in the ground.**

The species available are either native to Alderney or to the Channel Islands region and include, but are not limited to:

- English Oak
- Hazel
- Silver Birch
- Crab Apple
- Field Maple

These can be planted at home in gardens or at an organized tree-planting event held by the AWT, allowing everyone to become involved in this momentous campaign whether you have your own green space or not.

The AWT hosted a stall at the Party on the Bute's on Thursday the 2nd of June as part of the Queen's Jubilee, where numerous residents of Alderney enthusiastically signed up. If you missed us there you can still sign up at our Wildlife Information Centre on Victoria Street and it's as simple as providing a few contact details and choosing your tree species. Would you like to attract more birds to your garden, then a Rowan might be the way to go or if you want a more pollinator-friendly tree then a Hawthorn might be for you. Don't forget the English Oak, which supports a higher number of other species than any other UK tree. If you would like help picking out a species, then don't hesitate to ask one of our helpful members of staff!

Furthermore, the AWT are committed to helping those who wish to plant additional trees and create coppice's or small woodlands by providing good-quality trees at cost (around £1.70 per plant).

The trees will be delivered to the island in Autumn 2022 and we will contact all participants to keep you up-to-date on the scheme. A tree-planting event will also be organized following the arrival for anyone wishing to plant their tree in the Alderney Community Woodland.

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## Background

### **Tree species available under the scheme**

- Downy Birch
- Silver Birch
- Holly
- Hornbeam
- Small Leaved Lime
- English Oak
- Hazel
- Hawthorn
- Blackthorn
- Rowan
- Guelder Rose
- Field Maple
- Common Beech
- Wild Privet
- Dog Rose
- Crab Apple

### **About the Alderney Wildlife Trust**

The Alderney Wildlife Trust is one of the 46 Wildlife Trusts working across the British Isles. Support from our members and volunteers allows us to manage over 130 hectares of terrestrial land for wildlife - quite considerable on an island of only 800 hectares. We also manage over 20 km of footpath to ensure public access to the Island's countryside whilst minimising the impact on the wildlife that lives there. 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***

### **About the Alderney Community Woodland**

The Alderney Community Woodland (ACW) was established by the AWT in 2009, with the designing of what was to become the largest Community Woodland in the Channel Islands (it covers 2% of Alderney). This was followed by mass plantings between 2010 and 2013 with more than 11,000 native trees planted, the creation of 3 miles of woodland trail and interpretational features. Today the site is a popular spot for walkers, and it regularly welcomes schools' groups to come and explore.

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The ACW is situated on States of Alderney land, and is currently managed by the AWT in partnership with two tenants and a number of closely involved groups, societies and businesses.