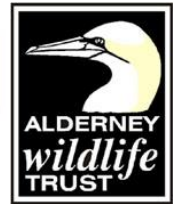




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Media Release

Coastal Fountain Fund Awarded to Alderney

EMBARGOED TILL 16th June 2021 – for World Refill Day

Alderney has won the Coastal Fountain Fund hosted by Sea-Changers, a UK based marine conservation charity. The fund will enable the installation of an outdoor water bottle filling station at Longis Bay car park, adjacent to Alderney's Roman Fort.

The application was submitted jointly by the Alderney Wildlife Trust and the States of Alderney and was supported by Alderney Shipping who have delivered the filling station to the island cost free.

The purpose of the fund is to reduce the impact of single-use plastic water bottles on coastal habitats by funding communities to install water drinking fountains in busy or environmentally important areas. It is sponsored by Bunzel Plc, with the station provided by MIW water cooler experts.

The Longis Bay car park on Alderney was selected due to its regular use and popularity by residents and staycationers. The area is recognised as a locally important site, both because of its beautiful bay and its proximity to the Roman Heritage Site at the 4th Century fort, known locally as the Nunnery. The filling station is also found along the island's coastal path and should provide a welcomed topping up point for those circumnavigating our beautiful island.

The award is to be publicised throughout the UK on World Refill Day – a global public awareness campaign to reduce plastic pollution, particularly single use plastics, such as plastic bottles.

Quotes:

Dr Mel Broadhurst-Allen, Living Seas Coordinator of the Alderney Wildlife Trust said "We are all thrilled to have won this award to purchase a water bottle filling station on Alderney. It is another step towards Alderney becoming a plastic free community in the long term. We are extremely grateful to the GSC, Alderney Shipping and MIW to enable this initiative."

Boyd Kelly, Member of the States of Alderney, Chairman of General Services Committee: "I am extremely grateful to Dr. Broadhurst-Allen for bringing to the attention of the General Services Committee the opportunity to win the fund that has enabled us to install a water filler on one of the island's beautiful and popular beaches. Any measure designed to reduce the amount of plastic used and discarded is to be welcomed and hopefully this filler will be well used."

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Image of a water bottle filling station (from MIW):

