

Media Release from Alderney Wildlife Trust

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Wildlife Week 2023 Programme Announced

This year's Wildlife Week programme has been announced and we've got a jam-packed week full of events for everyone to enjoy! Bringing back some ever-popular events, such as our foraging walks, we will be celebrating with some brand-new activities as well as a film premier!

The Alderney Wildlife Trust (AWT) has organised and celebrated Wildlife Week for over twenty years now - it began as a launch for our organisation. Over the years, we have worked in partnership with the [States of Alderney](#) to help promote the island as a whole and the incredible biodiversity within it and Wildlife Week is one way in which we aim to do this. This year it will be held from the 29th of May until the 4th of June. Our staff have been working hard to plan a variety of events that will cater to all ages, interests, and backgrounds and they have succeeded!

As part of Wildlife Week, the AWT will excitingly be hosting the Alderney premier of 'The Blue', a documentary by the Guernsey-based organisation [Wild Islands](#). This fascinating film focuses on marine life in the Bailiwick of Guernsey and will be followed by a talk from our knowledgeable Marine Team. Moreover, this year Wildlife Week runs into [#30DaysWild](#)! This is a national campaign brought about by the Wildlife Trusts, encouraging members of the public to do one 'wild' activity a day through the month of June. To kickstart this challenge, we will be hosting a 'Sensing Nature Walk' on Longis Common on the 1st of June. This mid-morning walk will inspire participants to connect to the surrounding nature through all their senses and (in classic AWT style) will have an element of foraging. Our staff have also been working closely with the local community, listening to their concerns, which led to the creation of a 'Go Green Family Fun Day'. This event will include (but is not limited to) a toy repair shop, children's garden stations, a reusable nappy stall and sing-a-longs!

These are just a handful of events that will take place throughout the week. Others to note include: 'Rockpools, Wildlife & Forage', a 'Butterfly Safari' and our seabird boat trips! To download the full programme, [click here](#).

We would be delighted to host any members of the press who would like to attend our events and if you are interested, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Wildlife Week 2023 29th May - 4th June

Monday 29th May

Morning Moth Mayhem

Come down to Essex Farm to learn all about the mysterious world of moths, with the bonus of locally sourced refreshments to kickstart Wildlife Week!

Foraging Along Footpaths

Join us for a gentle wander down some of the richest of Alderney's paths with your basket in hand as we explore and discover what wild foods are ready for

Tuesday 30th May

Annual Members Meeting

As the AWT enters its third decade we invite all AWT Members to join us for the Annual Members Meeting. Remote attendance is possible, with login available upon request.

Nocturnal Nature Discovery

An extra special Bat and Hedgehog Walk, this nighttime exploration with our resident experts will use our bat detectors as well as a thermal imaging camera and moth trap!



Wednesday 31st May

Butterfly Safari

Family fun in the Alderney Community Woodland! Get creative making your own butterfly wings from willow and enjoy a stroll through the woodland tracking the elusive colourful insects!

Discover Alderney's Seabirds by Boat

Trip out to Alderney's Puffins, Gannets and seals with an expert guide from the wildlife trust. Do you know your Puffins from your Razorbills? Now is the time to learn!

Thursday 1st June

Sensing Nature Walk

Begin your #30DaysWild journey by easing yourself into nature using all your senses! With a mid-morning walk, revel in the sights, sounds, smells, touch and even taste of Longis Common!

FILM PREMIER: The Blue

We will be premiering the Wild Islands documentary 'The Blue' at the Alderney Cinema! This film focuses on the truly incredible marine life in the Channel Islands.

Friday 2nd June

BEEP Talk & Snorkel

Join us for a talk by Dr. Mel Broadhurst-Allen about the fascinating BEEP project, followed by a snorkel session in the beautiful and picturesque Braye Bay!

Saturday 3rd June

Go Green Family Fun Day

Join us for this collaborative effort between the AWT and local community, to guide families towards a greener way of living! Included, will be a toy repair shop, storybook readings, childrens' gardening stalls and sing-a-long music!

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Magical Moon Watch

We invite you to come on down to Essex Farm where we'll have chairs, blankets and hot drinks at the ready. Share a story under the stars as the strawberry moon rises!

Sunday 4th June

Rockpools, Wildlife & Forage

Our Marine Team invite you to the foreshore to learn more about what makes Alderney so special. From sustainable foraging to getting wet discovering the island's hidden natural world - this is an event 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 21 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 'Team Wilder'. 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 organizations 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

About #30DaysWild

30 Days Wild, the UK's biggest nature challenge run by The Wildlife Trusts, invites people of all ages to connect with nature every single day during the month of June. This year there's a new twist: 30 Days Wild will take you on a week-by-week adventure moving through five different themes:

- Tune into the sense

- Movement and play
- Learning and discovery
- Helping nature
- Emotional connection to nature

Last year, over 500,000 people took part in the challenge, including 114,245 households, 11,740 schools, 898 care homes and 1,384 businesses. Popular activities include wildlife-watching, eating outdoors, planting wildflower seeds and listening to birdsong. Other favourite pastimes included bug-hunting, fruit-picking, growing plants and flowers, exploring a nature reserve, creating a mini pond or going on a beach or river walk.

New 30 Days Wild activity packs include a wild bee poster along with seeds and other materials to inspire you to do something wild every single day. To get your activity pack, [sign up here!](#)

We all know how much happier and healthier we feel when connecting with nature – and we have research to prove it – so save the date!

Notes to Media

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