



PRESS RELEASE

15th – 20th August

Alderney Wildlife Weekend 2023! Celebrating Two Decades of Festivities

This weekend (18th – 20th August), the Alderney Wildlife Trust (AWT) are hosting our annual Wildlife Weekend! Alderney has a reputation as being the 'wild' Channel Island; not only is it more isolated, surrounded by surging tides and often exposed to wind and low cloud, but it is also home to some of the last major seabird populations in the English Channel. On top of this, rich displays of wildflowers and an abundance of fauna species (insects, bats and so much more) are ever-present.

In 2023, we are celebrating over two decades of Wildlife Weeks and Weekends. As always, for Wildlife Weekend 2023, we have an engaging and diverse programme including an Anemone Safari, Sensory Nocturnal Nature Walk and Storytelling in the Woods to name a few. There really is something for everyone!

Furthermore, on Wednesday 16th we will be holding a Meet & Greet with the AWT Team over light refreshments at our Wildlife Information Centre in St. Anne. We invite everyone who has any questions about the AWT to come along, say hello and ask away!



Friday 18th August



Anemone Safari

14:00 | Longis Bay (Fort Raz end)

Price: Donation-based

Our Marine Team will be heading to Longis with one aim: to find as many sea anemones as possible! Come along to discover these fascinating and colourful sea creatures of which there are over 1,000 species globally!

Note: this is a rock-pooling session, so please wear suitable footwear and clothes.

Sensory Nocturnal Nature Walk

20:00 | Essex Farm

Price: £7 adult, £4 child (20% members discount)

A Nocturnal Nature Discovery walk with a twist! Keep warm with a hot cacao, listen to the crickets chirping and focus on the bright stars above, will you be able to spot the new moon setting? This evening we'll take you on a sensory journey into the beautiful nighttime world we often overlook.

Saturday 19th August

Morning Moth Mayhem

08:00 | War Memorial Garden

Price: Donation-based

This Wildlife Weekend, we'll be bringing our moth trap to St. Anne's War Memorial Garden! Join us to learn all about the mysterious world of moths, from the small Cherry Blossom moth to the grander Poplar Hawk-moth, if you're lucky (and gentle) you may even be able to handle one!

Kayak Tour: Braye to Saye!

Two 2-hour slots, starting from 9:00 AM | Braye Beach

Price: £30 adult, £24 child (20% members discount)

Come along as we take to Alderney's waters to see the island from a different point of view. We'll be gliding through the island's crystal clear waters, discovering Alderney's history and beautiful marine world while making our way to Saye!

Storytelling in the Woods

15:00 | Community Woodland

Amphitheatre (path from Blanchards)

Price: Donation-based

An opportunity to sit and relax within our Community Woodland. Surrounded by nature, while listening to a variety of immersive and magical animal stories, told by Bridget McEwen.

Note: this is an hour-long event and to prevent the magic from being broken we recommend ages 12+ only.

Wednesday 16th August Meet the AWT Team!

11:00 – 12:30 PM

Do you have any questions about our staff and volunteers, the AWT organisation or Alderney's environment? Now's the time to ask! We'll be at our Wildlife Information Centre with refreshments, ready to answer any questions and say a friendly hello!

Sunday 20th August



Kids Carboot Sale and Outdoor Swish

14:00 | Essex Farm

Price: £2 to participate in the Swish, all other activities are donation-based

Have you got some pre-loved toys to sell or clothes to swap away? We've got the event for you: an outdoor Kids Table Top Sale and Clothes Swish Party at Essex Farm! Featuring refreshments, ice cream and other entertaining activities, this Sunday Funday is for everyone!

Note: to participate in the Swish, please bring at least two items of clothing (adults or childrens!). If you would like to sell your items at the kids carboot sale, please let us know in advance at our Wildlife Information Centre.



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 'TeamWilder'. 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

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