



Alderney
Wildlife Trust



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Woodland Week and the Alderney Queen's Platinum Jubilee Woodland

Alderney Woodland Week (AWW) is now entering its 12th year. In 2022 AWW is combining with the Alderney Jubilee Woodland Project, to see 2,000 trees planted on Alderney over two weeks from the 26th November to the 3rd of December.

As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Woodland the Alderney Wildlife Trust, in partnership with the States of Alderney, is making it possible for every person on the island to plant a tree. This has been enabled by a grant from the States of Alderney and the dedicated work of the Alderney Wildlife Trust's Conservation Volunteer team.

With more than 700 trees chosen by residents to be planted at home, a further 1300 trees will be planted within the Alderney Community Woodland (ACW). The ACW is also entering its 12th year and has already seen more than 13,000 trees planted within the 17ha site at the heart of the island, making it the largest 'Community' woodland in the Channel Islands. The Platinum Jubilee Woodland planting takes tree planting to a new level on Alderney with the focus on the community taking action to restore native woodland cover.

The Programme for Woodland week is:

Collect a Tree - Wednesday 9th to Wednesday 16th November

Anyone who has ordered a tree for their own land can collect them from the Wildlife Centre in Victoria Street (between 9am and 4pm). Anyone who didn't manage to get in their order before the deadline can still drop in for a tree as we have more than enough for every resident.

Plant a Tree Sessions – Saturday 26th, Wednesday 30th November and Saturday 3rd December - 2pm onwards at the Alderney Community Woodland (Les Rochers), sign-posted on the day.

For anyone in the community who has ordered a tree to be planted in the woodland, or who would simply like to get their hands dirty and get some trees in the ground, these three sessions will give you a chance to meet the volunteers who help maintain the woodland and choose where you would like to see new trees take root. We will

also be creating a mural in the woodland bunker to celebrate the Jubilee Tree Planting.

From Young Oaks Sessions

The AWT, working with St Anne's School, will be organising planting sessions for Alderney's children at the Community Woodland. We will also be running tree-themed activities at the playgroup and youth group over the course of the week.

Business - the Wooded Heart of our Community –Wednesday 30th 2pm or by arrangement

The AWT is inviting any island business which would like to invest some effort into helping to create native sustainable woodland to get in touch to organise a planting session for their staff. These sessions allow those small businesses which make Alderney's community possible take action to create a habitat which will not only help Alderney's wildlife thrive but will form a wooded heart for our community.

Woodland Walks - Saturday 26th November and 3rd December – 12am (1hr) FREE

Join the staff and volunteers of the Alderney Wildlife Trust on a short walk around the largest community woodland project in the Channel Islands. With over 13,000 trees planted, several km of footpath and important heritage sites, the ACW really is an adventure playground to explore. This walk will take in both the positives of thriving tree growth and wonderful woodland trails, as well as the challenges which have arisen over the years such as ash die-back. A great family-friendly activity, this is a great way to explore potentially new areas of the island.

Ends

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. We are the youngest of the Wildlife Trust, forming 20 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

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. 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.

Notes to Media

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