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PRESS RELEASE

RECORD BREAKING JUMBLE SALE

Last Saturday, 4th November, the Alderney Wildlife Trust (AWT) held one of its semi- annual Jumble Sale fundraisers. In total well over £1,500 was raised both from the Jumble and a raffle which was incredibly well supported with gifts and experiences from a wide range of businesses and individuals!

This total was by far the largest single amount ever raised from a jumble sale by the AWT in its 15 year history. The funds will be used to support its conservation work across the island, especially its public access effort (over 20km of footpath) and habitat management including grassland restoration and reed bank management on Longis Common. In fact last week saw the sad demise of a long suffering trailer, originally donated 10 years ago by local resident Colin Williams, which saw hard use hauling everything from hard core for building paths to timber from the Community woodland for building benches and some of the funds raised on Saturday will therefore be used to replace this workhorse.

What makes this an especially poignant moment is that this is the first jumble sale of the AWT's 15th year of existence, and shows a level of community support we could have only dreamed of in 2002. As if to demonstrate this, in September 2017 the AWT reached a figure of over 700 members for the first time, and especially important is the fact that almost 500 (70%) of these members are resident in Alderney or have homes on island. The AWT has also seen the creation of a further 125 plus dedicated Alderney Bird Observatory (ABO) members in the last 18 months since it created the new organisation.

This milestone helps to illustrate the real value and concern residents and visitors have for Alderney's natural beauty, its unique ecology and the peaceful, precious environment. These are assets that Alderney can offer to a hectic world and are a core part of why people reside in, and visit, Alderney.

On behalf of the Board and staff of the AWT I would like to express our profound gratitude to everyone who donated, volunteered and spent their hard earned money on Saturday; and to all those who have joined us in the battle to keep Alderney's environment protected, thank you!



Roland Gauvain
Alderney Wildlife Trust Manger (2002-2017)

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If anyone has any comments or questions please do contact the AWT on - 01481 822935 or by email at manager@alderneywildlife.org