



Alderney
Wildlife Trust

Alderney Wildlife Trust AGM

Chairman's Report 2025

The Board has continued to actively advise and challenge the staff team as well as provide the corporate governance that every organisation requires. The wide range of experience and expertise amongst Board Members provides a useful resource for the leadership team and helps inform robust evidence-based discussion and decision making when required. As their Chair I am grateful for all the time and effort they put in on behalf of the membership for the Trust.

The AWT is one of the larger organisations in Alderney and enjoys the concrete support through membership of about 20% of the resident population which is an extra-ordinary statistic for an environmental charity. Increasingly our work involves the wider community ensuring that people remain involved and engaged with nature and the environment at every stage of their lives.

Membership fees from residents and non-residents are an important part of our budget and will be increasing for the first time in many years. We need to increase our income to keep up our programme of work, and to ensure we are not over reliant on any one source of funding. I would urge you all to continue to support our work through membership and to use the benefits which membership brings.

We continue to be successful in attracting funding from the third sector, and we have a Service Level Agreement and good relationship with the States of Alderney, which provides partial recompense for some of our environmental work. AWTE is increasingly important as an income generator. All of these efforts contribute towards a balanced budget, but require continued effort.

AWT enjoys positive and constructive relationships with the wider network of Wildlife and environmental organisations across the Channel Islands and more widely and we enjoy the benefits of being part of the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts. It has been particularly pleasing to note recently an improving relationship with the Alderney Bird Observatory.

The staff team has gone from strength to strength over the years and Alderney is fortunate to have such a well-qualified and enthusiastic team. We also benefit from our team of AWT volunteers without whom we would not be able to deliver our programme of work.

Brian Heath

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