

Media Release from Alderney Wildlife Trust

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Alderney Wildlife Trust launches list of key habitats and species

Today, the Alderney Wildlife Trust (AWT) announces the publication of its first list of key habitats and species that has been tailored to Alderney's unique environment, marking an important milestone in the Alderney State of Nature project.

The list brings together habitats and species that are particularly important for Alderney and its territorial waters, drawing on global and regional conservation lists, long-term biological records, and feedback from the local community about what matters most to them. By combining these sources, the Trust has produced a list that reflects Alderney's unique environment and represents the most robust assessment of the island's wildlife and habitats to date.

The list will be used to guide AWT's ecological survey programme, helping to focus monitoring efforts and ensure data collected can be used to track changes in species populations and habitat conditions over time. It will also help inform the management of Alderney's nature reserves by identifying conservation priorities and key pressures, supporting effective and sustainable long-term monitoring and management.

"By combining robust ecological evidence with community insight, we can be clearer about where to direct our effort, resources and monitoring, and work together to look after Alderney's nature for the future," said Dr Tara Cox, Senior Ecologist at AWT.

The list underpins the wider Alderney State of Nature project, a three-year initiative led by AWT and funded by the Social Investment Fund (SIF) Guernsey. The next phase of the project will assess patterns of change in the key habitats and species identified, and whether they are currently in favourable conservation status. This builds on baseline data collected by the AWT for over twenty years on a wide variety of species and habitats, with the project looking to make as much of this data publicly available as possible. The full State of Nature assessment will be published later this summer.

The Very Reverend Tim Barker, SIF's Chair, said "SIF is proud to have funded such an important piece of work for Alderney and the conservation of its unique natural environment. SIF places great emphasis on the impact that our grants make. It's clear that

the work we have supported will have a long-lasting legacy for conservation management in Alderney”.

The list can be found on the Alderney Wildlife Trust’s website here:

<https://www.alderneywildlife.org/key-habitats-and-species>.

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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 over 20 years ago and since then the AWT has received incredible support from a dedicated team of wildlife enthusiasts. 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 organisations 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

Notes to Media

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Input from Channel Island organisations, including **charities and specialist interest groups**, has helped ensure the list reflects scientific evidence, regional priorities, and the values and concerns of the Alderney community.