Chair's Annual Report Members

2025-2026

It is my pleasure to present this report on behalf of the Alderney Wildlife Trust Board. The Board meets approximately quarterly with additional ad hoc and subcommittee meetings as needed.

As part of its duties, and in preparation for Annual Members Meeting, the Board spent a day reviewing, discussing and developing AWT strategies. Even a cursory look at the Manager's report and the accounts show that AWT is a growing and increasingly complex organisation delivering a wide range of services for the environment and wildlife of Alderney. We employ more staff to provide these services and financial and other compliance requirements are increasing.

It is reassuring, therefore, that the Board consists of individuals with the professional backgrounds to provide appropriate support and challenge for the staff team as well as effective governance to one of Alderney's largest organisations.

The Board is committed to ensuring a focus on delivery for Alderney's environment and wildlife and in increasing engagement with the Island community. The Hut will be a visible focus for much of this activity in the future.

Alderney Wildlife Trust Enterprise is one of the means of making our work possible and is proving to be an important source of funding for major projects such as rodent control on parts of the South Coast to increase successful breeding by seabirds. Membership subscriptions, applications to charitable funds and grants are all important sources of income.

Membership also shows that a significant proportion of the Island Community supports the work of the Trust, and in itself is an important aspect when applying for external funding. Every member is important to us and thank you for your support

The accounts presented alongside this report reflect a year of meaningful financial progress. Although total income reduced following the conclusion of the RSWT Team Wilder funding, the annual deficit fell significantly from £51,459 in 2024 to £18,396 in 2025, supported by the careful management of expenditure, strong community and membership income, and the strategic realisation of investment gains. The Trust's investment portfolio and balance sheet remain stable, and AWTE delivered outstanding income growth of over during the year. This grow provides revenue which supports the Trust in meeting its objective, the work that AWTE undertakes also provides its own conservation gains by generating new data and we hope soon its own actions for wildlife. The Board has reviewed the financial position and is satisfied that the Trust continues to operate on a sound footing, while remaining attentive to the importance of diversifying and growing its income streams in the years ahead.

The Board maintains a risk register covering all AWT and AWTE activities, developed and kept current with the support of the CEO and reviewed as a standing part of Board meetings. This ensures that the principal risks facing the organisation, whether financial, operational, or environmental, are identified monitored, and managed in a structured and timely way. The Board is satisfied that appropriate arrangements are in place and that risk management is embedded in the way the organisation is run.

I shall conclude by thanking fellow Board Members, the staff team and volunteers for their commitment and hard work on behalf of AWT.

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