

## States of Alderney Media Release

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## The Nunnery

The General Services Committee of the States of Alderney has agreed the principles for the future use and management of the Nunnery. The historic site was leased to the Alderney Wildlife Trust until the end of February but is now back in the hands of the States.

The States will retain ownership and control of the Nunnery because of its heritage significance. Users of parts of the Nunnery building and site will be issued with a licence which sets out their obligations and rights. The Alderney Bird Observatory will be seeking a licence to operate the hostel accommodation in the Nunnery and to continue to make use of the Bird Ringing store on site. A flat on site will be advertised for letting to a residential tenant. And the regular summer access of the archaeology project will also be accommodated in the arrangements.

The GSC is also keen to ensure the site is open to the public and will be announcing the dates and times that the public can access the site shortly. The Committee intends to work with the Alderney Society to ensure that the different historical elements of the site can be interpreted by the public. The States will maintain the site and look after its security.

Speaking after the meeting, the Chairman, Graham McKinley said "This is the most pragmatic and positive way ahead. It makes use of the asset and generates some income whilst ensuring that its cultural value is recognised and accessible."

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