Summary

Alderney Community Woodland Development Plan

This document outlines the content of the Development Plan describing development process of the Alderney Community Woodland (ACW), having begun in 2010 and the proposed stages of continuing development from 2011 up until 2014.

The ACW Project aims to create a large (17ha), centralised, woodland habitat planted with native broadleaved species, accessible to the island Community. The development of the Woodland has been focussed within three core aims: Wildlife, Amenity and Resource.

_A wooded backbone_

The Woodland will provide a stronghold for wildlife, bridging the gaps between existing habitats and helping to protect our island’s environment for the future.

_A heart for our Community_

It will offer a focal point for the island’s residents and visitors, and which offers a new perspective on island life through Alderney’s cultural and natural environment.

_The sinew that sustains our island_

The woodland will help Alderney preserve and develop its natural assets in a renewable way and in doing so offer us the opportunity to will make our island a more sustainable place for future generations.

The amenity features of the woodland are listed below. These are discussed in detail in the Woodland Development Plan document.

- Children’s area
- Observation Platforms
- Viewing point over sand pit
- Woodland Bunker
- Nature Trail
- Historic Trail
- Orchard
- Memorial Scheme

The woodland structure itself will be an intricate mosaic of glades, hedgerows and scrub corridors in conjunction with the stands of native broadleaved woodland. The suggested planting scheme is illustrated below.

Whilst the Alderney Wildlife Trust are the driving force behind the progression of the ACW, works described within this 4 year development plan are ideal goals to be achieved through the support of the local community.