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Take a walk on the wild side with Jersey Heritage and Ogier

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Islanders are being encouraged to get closer to nature over the Easter holidays by following a new set of trails at Jersey Heritage's castles and museums.

The "Wildlife Warrior" trails, sponsored by Ogier, will be at Mont Orgueil Castle, Hamptonne Country Life Museum, Elizabeth Castle and La Hougue Bie over the school holidays, from 1–16 April.

Kate Kirk, Ogier's marketing director, said: "We're proud to continue our partnership with Jersey Heritage with a dedicated programme of family fun events, adventures, and activities. The latest event, Wildlife Warriors, celebrates our local environment and brings Jersey's historic landscape to life.

"Over the Easter holidays with the Wildlife Warrior series of self-guided trails, families will be able to explore historic buildings in a new way and discover the flora and fauna that make the castle walls or tranquil ancient treetops their home. It's a great opportunity to get outside and explore as part of a fun, family day out. Can you complete all the trails?"

Each site's trail has a different theme, including wall lizards, birds, trees and minibeasts, and will send families on a hunt for six wooden information boards. The trails can be completed individually, or families can complete all four to receive a Wildlife Warrior certificate.

Accompanying information sheets will include a QR code that would-be Wildlife Warriors can scan to access a hub on Jersey Heritage's website and find out more about how to get involved in protecting the island's wildlife.

Nicky Lucas, Jersey Heritage's community events curator, said: "The outdoor spaces surrounding our historic buildings are a haven for a wide variety of flora and fauna. The Wildlife Warrior trails have been designed to take full advantage of this, with plenty of fascinating facts and tips on how to protect the island's wonderful wildlife. "We know that trails are a firm favourite with families who are looking for ways to spend time together and Wildlife Warriors combines exploring the outdoors at our heritage sites with learning about Jersey's ecosystems and habitats. It's generally acknowledged that getting out and about in nature is good for our health and these trails are mutually beneficial as they will also teach youngsters why it is so important that we protect our natural environment."

Normal entry fees apply for the Wildlife Warrior trails, with free entry for Jersey Heritage members and children under six years old.

For more information, visit: <u>Wildlife Warriors | Jersey Heritage</u>

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