



2025 JERSEY

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Guide*

26
YEARS
OF KEEPING
BOAT-OWNERS
ON COURSE

NEWS ROUND-UP



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Help the Société by keeping an eye out for tagged ormers

THE MARINE biology section of the Société Jersiaise has tagged around 1,000 ormers so far in a scheme funded by the Government of Jersey's Ecology Trust Fund.

Initial surveys of the Island's first No Take Zone at Portelet Bay (see page 60) showed a healthy rise in ormer stocks so

it was decided that tagging the ormers would be a good way to monitor the increase and the areas they are colonising.

'By coupling this activity with tagging elsewhere around the Island and also on the offshore reefs certain comparisons can be made,' explained marine biologist Nick Jouault, who is leading the project.

'The ormers are measured before being fitted with a small numbered tag that is glued on, usually in a place on the shell that gives some protection

from any possible abrasion.

'The tagged ormer is then photographed, and its habitat and position recorded, with the details being entered onto a database that enables the information to be displayed and used in a number of ways.'

It is hoped that seasonal and annual growth rates will be recorded for the various areas and that return visits to tagging sites, to retrieve and record the

ormers, will take place on a regular basis.

The Alderney Wildlife Trust is also tagging ormers and data is being exchanged between the two groups.

If you should come across a tagged ormer the Société would be grateful to receive the following details – tag number, length, breadth, a

photograph and the location.

Please forward these details by email to MarineBiology@societe.je or hand them in at the Pier Road office.

