

Press Release

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All Aboard!

Isle of Man Post Office representatives join Manx National Heritage and the Manx Wildlife Trust to mark anniversary.



Vice Chairman IOMPO Chris Thomas and staff from the Stamps & Coins division were delighted to join representatives from Manx National Heritage (MNH) on a visit to the Calf of Man on Monday 17th May 2021, to mark the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Manx National Trust. The trip was organised by Shaun Murphy, Property Manager for MNH, and Dr Erica Spencer, Environmental Planner and Ecologist for MNH, as a sign of appreciation for all the hard work the IOMPO team have invested to produce the Calf of Man stamp collection which was released in April.

The team were met on the Calf by Dr Lara Howe of Manx Wildlife Trust (MWT) who was forthcoming in sharing her knowledge of the Island and describing the conservation work she undertakes as part of the contribution of the Island to our biodiversity. Guests also had the opportunity to meet the wardens, view some of the locations featured on the stamps and encounter more wildlife including seals, Manx loaghtan sheep, hares, birds and fascinating insects, all of which highlight the important role the Calf of Man plays in nature conservation and the significant contribution it has made to the Isle of Man's designation as a UNESCO Biosphere.

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Shaun Murhpy, Property Manager MNH said: “*Manx National Heritage and Manx Wildlife Trust were delighted to welcome the Isle of Man Post Office team over on the Calf of Man to give them an opportunity to see the Calf of Man stamp issue display at the Observatory, as well as to see at first hand the beautiful landscape and natural environment showcased in the issue.*” **Dr Lara Howe, MWT** added: “*For over 70 years the Calf of Man has been a very special place for wildlife and conservation. It’s great to see this work celebrated in this new range of stamps.*”

Chris Thomas MHK, Vice Chairman IOMPO said: “*Isle of Man Post Office is delighted to be partnering with Manx National Heritage to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the founding of Manx National Trust. The Calf of Man stamps are a fitting tribute to this celebration and we are proud to be able to promote this unique and stunning Nature Reserve and Bird Observatory around the world with this spectacular stamp issue. We would like to thank everyone involved for their invaluable support.*”

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NOTES TO EDITOR

- For images of the stamps, please visit [here](#)
- Attachment 1: Image of the team at the Bird Observatory on the Calf of Man (from left to right): Chris Thomas (Vice Chair IOMPO), Shaun Murhpy (MNH), Dr Erica Spencer (MNH), Charlie Jordan (IOMPO), Paul Ford (IOMPO), Dr Lara Howe (MWT), Aron Sapsford (Bird Warden), Robert Fisher (Assistant Estate Warden), Mollie Kirk (Assistant Bird Warden) and Daniel Woollard (Estate Warden).
- Attachment 2: Vice Chairman Chris Thomas on the Calf of Man
- Attachment 3: Press Release Word Document
- **Manx National Heritage**, the trading name of the Manx Museum & National Trust, is a registered charity no.603 and the national heritage organisation for the Isle of Man. The organisation’s role includes management of a significant proportion of the Island’s physical heritage assets including over 3,000 acres of coastline and landscape. For further information please visit: manxnationalheritage.im.
- **Manx Wildlife Trust**: The Calf of Man Bird Observatory houses a team of Manx Wildlife Trust wardens and volunteers who run a number of projects to record and help a range of native wildlife. For further information please visit: www.mwt.im
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