

Somerset Wildlife Trust

Species reintroductions have frequently hit the headlines in recent years, so in this next **Wilder Matters webinar on 27 March at 7pm** we'll sort the facts from the myths and take a closer look at the benefits and challenges of living with the wildlife that makes a comeback.

What could beavers mean for Somerset? How about pine martens or white-tailed eagles?

Somerset hosts one of England's first wild-living beaver populations, and there are currently ongoing studies looking into reintroducing pine martens to the southwest and white-tailed eagles to Wales. These native species could return to Somerset — but they will be entering a very different landscape to the one they left, bringing both challenges and benefits.

In this **live webinar on 27 March at 7pm**, we'll be digging down into the truth about species reintroductions and taking a closer look at the reality of living with the wildlife that makes a comeback. **Find out about our speakers below.**

Jake Chant National Beaver Officer, Natural England

Jake supports licensed beaver reintroduction projects and management partnerships formed around unlicensed populations of beavers in England. As the National Beaver Officer, Jake also oversees a programme of monitoring for these beaver populations.

Alicia Hallatt Human-Wildlife Co-existence Officer, Somerset Wildlife Trust

Alicia is particularly interested in supporting overlooked or 'hard-to-reach' stakeholder groups. Alicia is looking forward to the opportunity to co-design resources that fit with what local people want and need while also supporting nature recovery.

With the help of our expert guest speakers, we'll be answering questions like:

Why do species protections and reintroductions matter?

What might this mean for Somerset?

How can you find out more?

Event details

Date: Tuesday 27 March 2024

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

This webinar is **FREE** to attend online.

We hope to see you there!

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PS. This is a live event and we recommend you join us on the night for the full experience as we cannot guarantee recordings will be made available promptly after the event. For your privacy, the Q&A session will not be recorded.