

Letters to the Editor

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The Island's beaches are home to many species

● From Keith Pyman.

IN regard to recent and previous articles and comments about dog walking and other activities on our beaches, none of us should lose sight of the fact that our beaches are home to a myriad of species that conduct their lives in relative secrecy but are reliant on the good health of the environment that the beach and intertidal area provides.

These species are an essential part of the food chain which supports our marine ecology and, as part of that, provide a food source for the many species of fish that inhabit the area and are also a food source for the many locally resident and also the migratory bird species that in autumn travel, in some cases thousands of miles, to feed here over the winter before returning north to mate and breed.

Jersey and the other Channel Islands are part of the East Atlantic Migration Flyway and provide an important stopover for birds, some of which have returned to the same lo-



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cation on our beaches for many seasons, which is evidenced by the records that have been kept since the mid-20th century by the Société Jersiaise.

In any considerations regarding potential changes of legislation of the use of beaches, the interests of all creatures that inhabit these areas, who have no

representation, but subliminally are such an important part of what makes natural Jersey such a special place, must be taken into account and all beach-users informed why legislation is not just for human activities.

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