



Dolphin Conservation Trust

Today we're pleased to have on the show Alice Bussell from the Dolphin Conservation Trust. Tell us about the Trust, Alice.

Well, obviously its is to in seas It tries to raise people's of the these marine creatures are suffering because of and other It started and it's one of the animal charities in the country - although it's still fairly compared with the in animal protection. We are particularly proud of the work we do in- last year we a huge number of in different parts of the country, going round to talk to aged In fact, about of our members are The charity uses its to

.....- for example, for in
..... and so forth.

It hopes to be able to its first
biologist - with dolphin expertise - to monitor populations. Of course, many people
give their services on a basis and we now have
.....working in, ... and other things.

I should also tell you about the we won from the Charity
Commission- for Although
..... an enormous amount of for us, it has
..... even and
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In the long term it but we're hoping it'll have
this effect.

Is it possible to see dolphins in UK waters?

Yes. In several locations. And we have a in the
east part of Scotland. This has long been a haven for dolphins because it has very
little shipping. However, that may be about to soon because
..... want to there. We're
..... because, although there'll be
....., exploration creates a lot of

It means the dolphins

This is how I became interested in dolphin conservation in the first place.

I had and I particularly Then I came across this story about a who had to in the Moray Firth because of the and about a who campaigned to I
- I was hooked.

I'm sure our listeners will want to find out what they can do to help. You mentioned the 'Adopt a Dolphin' scheme. Can you tell us about that?

Of course! People can choose one of our dolphins to They receive a of it and I'd like to tell you about four which are currently being adopted by our members: Moondancer, Echo, Kiwi and Samson. Unfortunately, Echo is being rather elusive this year and by our observers

but we remain optimistic that he'll be out there soon. All the others have been out in force - Samson and Moondancer are often but it is Kiwi who's our real 'character' as she seems to and we've

They all have their own- Moondancer is very and curves out and into the water very smoothly, whereas Samson - he's always leaping out of the water with great vigour.

You'd probably - quite - that's Kiwi - but Samson's of our dolphins to be chosen for the scheme.

Kiwi so we can often pick her out straightaway. Echo and Moondancer are, but Moondancer's because she has a particularly, which makes her

So, yes, they're all very different...