

Broadcast

C4 sends producer Wild for sole survivor doc

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Channel 4 will cross a frontier in survival programming by dropping a TV producer into the Canadian wilderness for 12 weeks with just a camera and a backpack.

Produced by Tigress, the 3 x 60-minute *Alone in the Wild* will see Ed Wardle left in isolation, recording his experiences of trying to survive mentally and physically.

Once a week, he will trek to drop off tapes in a dead letter box. They will later be picked up by a helicopter and taken to the edit suite.

Wardle, who has climbed Everest twice to film documentaries and whose credits include tsunami doc *Surviving the Wave*, will be dropped into the Yukon wilderness on 3 July.

His only contact with the outside world for the first 10 weeks will be one 140-character post on Twitter each day, to let followers know he is still alive.

Throughout the programme, Wardle will have to hunt and gather his own food and water. He will have a shotgun to protect himself from predators including black and grizzly bears.

When the series airs in September, it will start by going live to Wardle in Canada at the end of his experience.

Alone in the Wild is executive produced by Dick Colthurst and was commissioned by Tanya Shaw.

Shaw said: "Survival experts tell you how to survive in the wild. Ed will tell us what it feels like."