



Cardigan Bay Marine Wildlife Centre
New Quay
Wales

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Marine Conservation Volunteers 2026

Join the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales' Marine Conservation Team at the Cardigan Bay Marine Wildlife Centre! Gain valuable experience whilst helping us to collect research data on the marine mammals of Cardigan Bay and inspire and educate the public through our visitor centre and community engagement events.

What You Will Gain

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to carry out marine research and become involved in environmental education and awareness raising work. You'll learn about the marine species of Cardigan Bay and gain experience in field work, processing data, environmental education, community engagement and more!

Past volunteers have gone on to further their academic careers, work as Marine Mammal Observers or to work for conservation or governmental organisations.

The Volunteering Role

Volunteers will assist with our vital marine megafauna research and community engagement work. Volunteer tasks include (but not limited to) –

- Land based marine mammal surveys (daily)
- Boat based marine megafauna surveys *
- Running our visitor centre and inspiring visitors
- Entering and checking research data
- Analysing bottlenose dolphin photo identification images
- Auditing bottlenose dolphin acoustic recordings
- Producing content for our social media
- Assisting with community engagement events
- Conducting beach cleans
- There will also be the opportunity to assist with other tasks e.g. fundraising, joining our Living Seas youth forum (ages 9-24).

*** Time conducting boat surveys is subject to weather conditions and boat availability.**

Volunteers will take turns to be involved and during times when boat surveys aren't scheduled you will spend more time carrying out shore-based activities.



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Volunteer Training

Our team of experts will provide volunteers with the following training –

- Induction to CBMWC and WTSWW
- Marine species identification
- Marine survey techniques
- Data processing
- Community engagement

There may also be the opportunity to gain boating and wildlife guiding experience through our partnership with Dolphin Survey Boat Trips.

Volunteer Qualities

- A passion for marine wildlife and the environment
- Enthusiastic and willing to communicate with the public and other volunteers
- A mature and responsible attitude
- Proactive with the ability to carry out tasks independently
- Flexible approach to volunteering as tasks are weather dependant and may involve early/late starts

Please note that enthusiasm and passion for our work and the marine environment are as valued as experience, since full training is provided.

Volunteer Dates 2026

Volunteer positions are available on the dates below. You must be able to volunteer for an entire block.

- **Block 1** – 23rd March-27th April (5 weeks) *
- **Block 2** – 27th April-1st June (5 weeks) *
- **Block 3** – 1st June-6th July (5 weeks)
- **Block 4** – 6th July-7th September (9 weeks)
- **Block 5** – 7th September-2nd November (8 weeks) *

*** The accommodation for these blocks is subsidised through the Nature Networks Fund**



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Volunteer Accommodation

Shared accommodation can be arranged for successful volunteers at a cost of £85 a week, including bills, payable 4 weeks in advance.

Thanks to support from the Nature Networks Fund, WTSWW are able to part-fund the accommodation fee for Blocks 1,2 and 5. The cost for these blocks will be £42.50 a week, payable 4 weeks in advance. The accommodation subsidy is intended to assist those facing financial barriers to taking part. The Nature Networks Fund is being delivered by the Heritage Fund, on behalf of the Welsh Government.

A refundable £50 deposit is also required and will be returned if the accommodation is left in the same condition it is found in. Please be aware that volunteers will **share same gender bedrooms**. Volunteers are responsible for their own travel, food and accommodation costs.

CBMWC does not own the property. Volunteer accommodation is provided by a local landlord.

Opportunities for part-time evening work are available in the local area if volunteers wish to seek paid employment during their time in New Quay. For those wishing to volunteer for multiple blocks there may also be the opportunity to work as a Wildlife Guide with Dolphin Survey Boat Trips.

Volunteer Admin Fee

An administration fee of £45 will be required from all successful applicants.

How to Apply

[Download an application form here](#) and email it to cbmw@welshwildlife.org with "Marine Seasonal Volunteer App 2026" in the subject line.

Please provide as much detail as possible, highlighting your experience and skills gained, in the application form. Incomplete applications will not be assessed so please make sure you complete the form fully, including availability.

Deadline – 23:59pm Sunday 1st February. Please note places will be offered to suitable candidates on a first come first serve basis.