

Long-term Volunteer post on Skomer Island

Skomer Island is located just off the coast of the Pembrokeshire peninsula and is one of Britain's most important seabird colonies. Skomer holds roughly 50% of the world's Manx Shearwater population along with internationally important numbers of Puffins, Guillemots, Razorbills and Gulls. The island is open for up to 300 visitors a day, with up to 16 staying overnight.

The long-term volunteers will help with the day to day running of the island and assist the Field Worker and Wardens with wildlife monitoring and visitor engagement. The following positions are available:

Start Date	End Date	Positions available
01/04/17	15/07/17	Long-term volunteer x2
15/07/17	30/09/17	Long-term volunteer x1

The post holder will be responsible for the following tasks:

- To welcome overnight guests and day visitors to Skomer Island by giving a short introductory talk
- Assist in conducting:
 - Productivity studies (Razorbill, Guillemot, Kittiwake)
 - Puffin and all island seabird counts (from land and from boat)
 - Gull studies and breeding bird surveys
- Assist with loading and unloading of overnight visitors luggage from the boat and transport visitors luggage using the island's tractor (onsite training will be provided.)
- To help maintain, clean and manage the visitor accommodation and facilities
- To give and design guided walks and education events for visitors e.g. Family activities in August
- To contribute content for online activities (Twitter, Facebook, Skomer Island Blog)
- Island patrol and general wardening
- General island maintenance tasks (path clearance, building maintenance etc.)
- Assist in other tasks if necessary

The main benefit for the applicant will be the experience of island living and working on a high profile conservation site. The applicant will gain knowledge in people engagement, monitoring techniques (seabirds, moths, breeding birds, butterflies, cetaceans and more), practical wardening, use of the tractor, boat, VHF radio and other tools.

The volunteer will be expected to take on responsibility for at least one project. This may be one designated by the warden or one based on the volunteer's skills and ideas, for example moth trapping or nest recording.

Accommodation

Accommodation and boat travel will be provided, although accommodation may be shared from time to time.

Protective clothing will be supplied where required.

Food

Successful applicants will be expected to provide their own food.

The successful applicant should have the following experience/skills/attitude

Essential

- Love and enthusiasm for wildlife and conservation
- Hardy nature, happy to work in all weathers, unsociable hours and in remote locations
- High level of motivation, happy to work independently and within a small close-knit team
- Flexible attitude
- Able to engage with people and enthuse them about wildlife
- Physically fit
- Happy to spend long periods on the island without visiting the mainland

Desirable

- Experience in wildlife monitoring and surveying, especially seabirds
- Experience in people management, public speaking
- Experience in reserve management / DIY

How to apply

Please fill in the application form explaining why you are interested in the post, what you could bring to it and what you hope to gain from the position. No cover letters or CVs should be included as part of your application.

Application forms can be found at www.welshwildlife.org/about-us/jobs

Applications must reach the below address by email by **16th January 2017**. The shortlisted applicants will hear from us within 7 days of the closing date.

Interviews (in person, by telephone or skype) will be held week commencing **30th January 2017**.

For further information or to discuss potential projects please contact Leighton Newman (Skomer Visitor Officer) on the following:

Please e-mail your application forms to:

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