

Seabird Monitoring 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 2019 Seabird Monitoring Volunteer position will run from 24th of May till 29th of June.

The Seabird Monitoring Volunteer will be responsible for the following tasks:

- Conduct Manx Shearwater plot counts
- Assist with whole island seabird population counts from land and from sea

Furthermore the post holder will assist in other tasks if necessary

- Welcome talks to visitors
- Assist with loading and unloading of overnight visitors' luggage
- To help maintain, clean and manage the visitor accommodation and facilities
- To contribute to online activities (Twitter, Facebook, Skomer Island Blog)
- Island patrol and general wardening
- General island maintenance tasks (path clearance, building maintenance etc.)
- Butterfly, cetacean, reptile etc. surveys
- Assist in other tasks where 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 monitoring techniques, practical wardening, use of the boat, VHF radio and other tools and people engagement.

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

- Willing to work long hours on a small boat in potentially uncomfortable sea states
- 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
- 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 **25th January 2019**. The shortlisted applicant will hear from us within 7 days of the closing date.

Interviews (in person, by telephone or skype) will be held week commencing **11th February 2019**.

For further information please contact Sarah Parmor (Visitor Officer) on the following:

Please e-mail your application forms to:

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