



# Skomer Island Volunteer Application Form 2019



South and West Wales  
De a Gorllewin Cymru

It is essential that prospective volunteers are in good health and have a reasonable level of fitness and are able to swim. You will need to be able to walk several miles each day and to carry luggage up a steep flight of steps several times a day. You need to be healthy and robust enough to enjoy working outside in all weather conditions including strong sunshine, heavy rain and strong wind. Please see the website section on Skomer volunteering for a guide to what happens on a weekly basis.

**Personal details** (please circle or underline as appropriate and fill in)

**Full Name:**

**Preferred Name** (This will go on your name badge):

**Gender:**

If not applying with a specific person or you are happy to be a reserve; Would you be happy to share a room with:  a Man  a Woman  Either

**Address:**

**Date of birth:**

**Home telephone number:**

**Mobile telephone number** (this is important as the island may need to contact you about sailings):

**Email:**

**Occupation:**

If English is not your first language, how well do you speak it?

Fluent  Competent  Beginner

Do you have a current DBS check?

Yes  No

Are you a member of the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales?

No       Yes, membership no. \_\_\_\_\_

Explain in a few sentences why you are interested in volunteering on Skomer and what you hope to gain from the experience?

## Experience, Skills and Ability

Have you volunteered on Skomer before? (If so when was the last time you volunteered?)

Yes in \_\_\_\_\_       No

Volunteering on Skomer is a physically demanding job. Please be aware that you will have to be able to walk 5 miles per day, lift luggage and go up and down 90 steps several times a day, however, if you are not able please get in contact and we can discuss in what ways you can still get involved.

Please select one of the following:

I am confident that I am physically fit to complete all volunteering task on Skomer.

I am not confident that I am physically fit to complete all volunteering task on Skomer and would like to discuss how I can participate.

Please Select →	Excellent	Good	Competent	Beginner
Ability to swim	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ornithological Experience	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General Practical Skills (please detail below)	<input type="checkbox"/> *	<input type="checkbox"/> *	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

\*Please detail any specialist skills:

Do you wish to pursue a career in conservation?

Yes      No

Please circle/underline any of the following that relate to you and provide details.

### Previous job in conservation

Yes       No      Details:

### Previous volunteering in conservation

Yes       No      Details:

### Degree in conservation or visitor management related subject

Yes       No      Details:

Please note any other qualifications which may be relevant on Skomer (e.g. brush cutter license, first aid, electrical, carpentry, bat license etc.)

Are you able to help out at short notice and would you like to be added to our reserves list?

Yes                       No

Are you interested in helping with maintenance work parties - either as worker or cook?

Yes as worker                       Yes as cook                       No

Are you interested in giving a presentation to staff/hostel guests during your volunteering stint? If Yes, Please give some detail as to the topic and we will contact you if we are able to arrange it.

Yes on \_\_\_\_\_                       No

## Dates

Please give a choice of start dates from 23 March-21 September (bookings start on Saturdays and you will be committing to 7 nights stay, leaving the following Saturday AT MIDDAY). Please give notes about availability. Specify here if you will need to leave at 9 rather than 12 on the following Saturday. (\* note that this will decrease your chances of being allocated a space, and if you don't specify here we cannot guarantee that you'll be able to leave early, but closer to the time it may be possible to pre-arrange this with AW)

	Date of the Saturday (start of the week)	Need to leave at 9 on the following Saturday? *	Notes
1 <sup>st</sup> choice		<input type="checkbox"/>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> choice		<input type="checkbox"/>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> choice		<input type="checkbox"/>	
4 <sup>th</sup> choice		<input type="checkbox"/>	

Additional Availability notes (i.e. if you are available all summer apart from certain weeks):

If you are coming with a friend/friends, please give their name/s and state whether you wish to share a room. Note there are NO single rooms!

Name/s:

Share

Yes                       No

Please specify any medical conditions, medication or any known allergies

## Emergency contact

Name:

Relationship:

Telephone numbers (home and mobile):

Completed application forms have to be sent by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 via email to:  
[skomer.assistant@welshwildlife.org](mailto:skomer.assistant@welshwildlife.org)

For more information please contact the booking office on 01239 621600/621212 or the assistant warden on 07816 990371.

I enclose a supporting letter applying for a free bursary place

Yes

No

## Payment and Skalmey Bursary places

There will be a nominal fee of £35 per person per week which will be payable on being offered a place. This is to help with the administration of the scheme and the upkeep of accommodation and infrastructure. If you wish to cancel, the fee, less a £15 administration charge, will be refunded providing your written (to the Cilgerran address) or emailed (to the islands email address) cancellation reaches us 28 days before the start of your volunteering period. No refunds will be made after that date.

A number of free places will be funded through the Skalmey Bursary for students, unemployed and people on low incomes. Send the application form to Island Bookings with a covering letter explaining your reasons for applying for the bursary place. Students should enclose a letter from their course tutor giving the name of their college or university, the title of their course and the start and finish dates. Unemployed and low income applicants must give proof of their status for the application.

**Declaration:** I understand work will be allocated to me by the island staff according to my abilities.

Accommodation is provided but I am responsible for my own travel expenses and for providing and cooking my own food during my stay. Insurance for travel, medical treatment and personal effects is my responsibility.

Any observations made during my visit may only be published with prior permission from the Trust.

I may come into contact with confidential information and agree to keep this material confidential.

It is understood I may come into contact with young people and know of no reason why I might be considered unsuitable to work with young people and/or vulnerable adults.

I confirm that the information that I have provided in this form is correct and complete. If information declared on this form is found to be incorrect, it may disqualify me from this role or result in the termination of my volunteering (for now and in the future).

Signed ..... Date.....

If under 18 (minimum age 16) when wardening starts approval of a parent or legal guardian is needed for your participation in **all** aspects of the scheme.

Signed .....(Parent/guardian) .....Date .....

Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales safety information: The personal information collected here is for H&S purposes only and will be destroyed at the end of the season. If there is a serious accident and we need to involve the emergency services this information will be made available to them, we will use it ourselves prior to their arrival in case they need information in advance. You have a right to complain to the Information Commissioners Office if you feel there is a problem with how we manage your personal information.