



Cardigan Bay Marine Wildlife Centre  
New Quay  
Wales

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## SeaSeal Project Volunteer 2019

SeaSeal is our dedicated land-based, Atlantic grey seal photo-ID project. The aim of the project is to create a catalogue of individual grey seals in Cardigan Bay to discover more about their travelling habitats and areas that are important to them.

We are looking for volunteers to continue the SeaSeal project for the 2019 field season.

### What You Will Gain

Undertaking the SeaSeal project is a unique opportunity for you to carry out marine mammal research and contribute to conservation. You'll learn about the Atlantic grey seals of Cardigan Bay and gain experience in field work, wildlife photography, photo-ID, data entry, report writing and much more. This role can be a stepping stone to a career in marine research or conservation.

Past volunteers have gone on to further education, work as Marine Mammal Observers and work for other conservation or governmental organisations.

### The Volunteering Role

The SeaSeal volunteer will assist with our Living Seas research focused on the Atlantic grey seals of Cardigan Bay. Volunteer responsibilities include (but not limited too) –

- Conducting land based seal surveys (weather dependant)
- Photographing seals and other marine mammals
- Assisting with the annual seal pup survey (During October)
- Conducting photo ID – sorting/matching images
- Analysing data and writing the SeaSeal report
- Providing updates for our social media
- Reporting back to the Living Seas Staff
- You may also assist with other areas of our work including land and boat based surveys, manning our visitor centre and community engagement activities

### Volunteer Skills/Qualities

- Experience with DSLR cameras and wildlife photography
- Previous experience of photo-ID
- ICT skills, including MS Office and GIS
- Experience of data analysis and report writing



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- A mature and responsible attitude
- Proactive with the ability to work independently and unsupervised
- Flexible approach to work as you will volunteer outside of normal office hours
- An interest and knowledge of British marine mammals (desirable)
- A background in biology/marine biology (desirable)

### Volunteer Dates 2019

We are looking for a SeaSeal volunteer for the period of 25<sup>th</sup> March – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and another volunteer for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Priority will be given to those that can volunteer for the full research season from 25<sup>th</sup> March – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

### Volunteer Admin Fee

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

### Volunteer Accommodation

Shared accommodation will be arranged for successful volunteers (where required) at a cost of £50-£55 a week, including bills, payable 4 weeks in advance. 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 sex bedrooms**. Volunteers are responsible for their own travel, food and accommodation costs.

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**Please note CBMWC does not own the property. Volunteer accommodation is provided by a local landlord. The accommodation fee is paid directly to the property owner and CBMWC does not receive any payment.**

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### **How to Apply**

Download a [CBMWC Living Seas Project Volunteer App Form](#) and email it along with a CV and covering letter (no more than one side of A4) detailing your motivations for applying to [volunteer@cbmw.org](mailto:volunteer@cbmw.org) with "SeaSeal App 2019" in the subject line.

**Please provide as much detail as possible, highlighting your experience and skills gained, in the application form rather than referring to your CV.** Incomplete applications will not be assessed so please make sure you complete the form fully, including availability and be sure to attach your CV and covering letter.

**Deadline for applications is 23:59pm on Sunday 6th January.**