



Cardigan Bay Marine Wildlife Centre
New Quay
Wales

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ShoreFin Project Volunteers 2019

ShoreFin is our dedicated land-based, bottlenose dolphin photo-ID project. The aim of the project is to build up an understanding of bottlenose dolphin site usage within the New Quay Bay area, to find out which individuals visit the bay and discover more about the ecology and life history of these animals.

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

What You Will Gain

Joining the ShoreFin team is a unique opportunity for you to carry out marine mammal research and contribute towards conservation. You'll learn about the bottlenose dolphins 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 ShoreFin volunteers will assist with the delivery of our Living Seas research focused on the bottlenose dolphins of Cardigan Bay. Volunteer responsibilities include (but not limited too) –

- Photographing dolphins and other marine mammals in New Quay Bay
- Conducting photo ID – sorting/matching images
- Analysing data and writing the ShoreFin report
- Compiling the CBMWC bottlenose dolphin photo-ID catalogue
- Providing updates for our social media and dolphin adoption scheme
- Reporting back to the Living Seas Staff
- You may also assist with other areas of our work including field surveys, manning our visitor centre and community engagement activities



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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
- 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 cetaceans (desirable)
- A background in biology/marine biology (desirable)

ShoreFin volunteers will receive training in marine species identification and observation, survey techniques, camera use, photo-identification and data processing.

Volunteer Dates 2019

We are looking for two ShoreFin volunteers for the period of 25th March – 5th July 2019 and another two volunteers for the period 1st July – 4th November 2019. Priority will be given to those that can volunteer for the full research season from 25th March – 4th 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.

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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Many volunteers undertake part time, evening work to help cover the accommodation

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 with "ShoreFin 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.