



Volunteer Opportunity with Sea Trust in Pembrokeshire

Sea Trust Wales is a registered charity working to better understand and protect local marine wildlife and raise awareness within the local community, through our Sea Môr aquarium and community events.

Volunteer role title: Marine mammal & Photo ID Surveyor

Positions available: 5

Time commitment: Volunteers should be available for at least one day a week in order to take part in a survey. We ask each volunteer to remain with the project for at least 6 months, 12 months if you join our Wildlife Observer Course. Surveys take place between 11am and 2pm on your selected day.

Aim of the volunteering role:

To gather photographic data of marine mammals around the coast of North Pembrokeshire. The aim is to discover what marine megafauna are using the area, when and why. This includes our long-term porpoise photo ID project, which will identify and monitor individual porpoise using body markings. This volunteer position will help to establish baseline data for these animals, raise awareness in the local community and help to safeguard the local marine wildlife for the benefit of current and future generations. This will work towards improving the quality of life and employment prospects in the local community.

Tasks:

1. Observe and record marine megafauna presence and activity, including mammals, birds and fish in set locations (Strumble Head, Pen Anglas, Ramsey Sound, the Fishguard Bay North breakwater and Little Haven (separate team)).
2. Recognise and photographically record porpoise along with the Project staff and other volunteers.
3. Undertake relevant training.
4. Help to raise awareness of issues threatening local marine wildlife e.g. habitat degradation, overfishing, pollution (noise, plastic, chemical etc.) via the Sea Trust marine exhibit.

Place of work:

Main base: Ocean Lab, Fishguard Harbour, Goodwick.

Little Haven Base:TBC

Daily off-site work at several locations. All locations are outdoors, along the Pembrokeshire coastal path.

Transport needed:

You must be able to travel to either the Ocean Lab or Little Haven. From there travel will be provided to get you to each survey site. During times of COVID-19 you may wish to drive yourself to a site, this is fine and can be organised with you daily group leader. Please be aware, if you choose to drive yourself then you will be unable to survey at Ramsey Sound and The North Breakwater. Sites are confirmed the day before, which allows you to make a decision on whether you can join the survey that day. Travel expenses can be paid for your journey from the Ocean Lab to the site, should you choose to drive yourself.

Skills required:

1. Interest in local wildlife, particularly marine wildlife.
2. Interest in and ability to collect data in a methodical way (training provided).
3. Reliable and trustworthy, able to work unsupervised when required.
4. A good communicator, and able to use these skills to work well in a small team.
5. Able to walk at least half-an-hour on the coastal path.
6. Interest in acquiring new skills, whether for enhancing career prospects or simply gaining greater understanding and appreciation for the local physical environment.
7. Able/Willing to work outside in all weathers.

Benefits offered:

1. Training in wildlife photography techniques.
2. Opportunity to meet people from other age groups.
3. Volunteer recognition events/socials e.g. Christmas party.
4. Additional 'in-house' training on a variety of topics.
5. Full insurance cover.
6. Equipment provided.
7. Opportunity to attend accredited wildlife observer training course in June 2022.

Contact:

For more information or to apply, contact us at:

holly@seatrtrust.org.uk or 01348 874737 (10:00 - 16:45) and ask for Holly.

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