

VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION



Volunteer Role / Title
Handa Monthly Volunteer
Location
Handa Island, Sutherland
How many volunteers are needed?
Up to 2 volunteers per month (April to August).
How many hours per day/per week are you needed?
35 hours with flexible working. You may be required to undertake some weekend working but we will give you time off in lieu.
On which days are you needed?
Any day Monday to Saturday but we will ensure you get 2 full days off per week.
On what date do we want you to start?
Ideally start of April but we will be flexible according to your availability.
End Date (if applicable)
1 month after starting.
Minimum commitment we require from you (eg 1 day per week for 6 months).
Minimum commitment is 4 weeks, but we can offer a longer placement if necessary.
Objective(s) of your volunteer role
To work with the Handa Ranger and within a small close-knit team of volunteers to deliver visitor and conservation management on Handa Island Wildlife Reserve.
Tasks
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assist with disembarking and embarking of ferry passengers using the portable jetty• Invite visitors to Visitor Shelter and present a 5-minute welcome and safety talk <p>If time allows there are also opportunities to get involved with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practical tasks (such as boardwalk repairs, collecting wood for the bothy, beach cleaning)• Monitoring tasks (seabirds, general biological recording)

Description of the personal attributes/skills/qualifications required

- Experience with a variety of hand tools
- Ability to live & work with others in a communal environment in a remote setting
- Good level of health and fitness
- ability to work independently and as part of a tight team
- Confident dealing with and talking to the general public
- A love of being outside- whatever the weather!

Support/training?

All on job training, support and health & safety awareness will be provided by the Handa Ranger and long-term volunteers.

Who is the contact person/line manager for enquiries?

Peter Gilbert, Volunteer Development Officer pgilbert@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk

Closing date for applications

No deadline but we will recruit as we receive applications.

When will interviews be held?

We will arrange a convenient date to have a Teams chat with you.

Can the Trust provide expenses e.g. for travel or branded clothing?

We will offer use of Trust branded clothing whilst you are on Handa. We can offer limited help with travel & a food allowance for your period on Handa.

Will you want references for volunteers before appointing or PVG disclosure?

We may choose to check references. There will be no PVG requirements.

Other (Any age restriction, lifts available? Disabled access?)

This opportunity is suitable for those over 18 only.

You will be required to make your own travel arrangements to Handa to coincide with your start date.

Free on site basic but comfortable accommodation provided. Please look at the information and videos on our website before applying. <https://scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk/how-to-help/volunteer/volunteering-on-handa/>