



Volunteering at Cemlyn



What would volunteering involve?

There are a variety of tasks that may need doing, but from May – August, one of the most useful is assisting the two summer wardens with their work - either at the tern viewing area on the shingle ridge, at one of the car parks, or on other parts of the reserve.

You don't have to be an experienced birdwatcher or naturalist (although any experience or interest is valuable) – the main thing is to enjoy being outside, and to be approachable and willing to talk to people.

When you're on site, different aspects of the job might be:

- keeping an eye on the tern colony (e.g. noting any predation of eggs or chicks)
- answering people's questions
- giving out leaflets and information
- offering people a view through the NWWT telescope
- preventing disturbance by people (making sure no-one strays onto the wrong side of the ridge)
- keeping a note of visitor numbers
- helping with guided walks (on Saturdays and Sundays during June and July)
- carrying out monitoring work on the terns (e.g. simple feeding studies, recording the fish being brought in to chicks)

Training on these and other aspects of voluntary wardening will be given by NWWT staff as needed. There will be a raincoat with a logo to identify you as a volunteer warden.

What questions might you get asked by visitors?

- What are the different kinds of birds nesting?
- How are they doing this year? (no.s of nests)
- How can you tell them apart? (there is a special NWWT leaflet available for tern I.D.)
- What's the history of the strange building at the end of the lagoon (Bryn Aber)?

- You will be given the information for these, and other likely enquiries by the wardens. If you are local to Anglesey yourself, you may be able to help with general questions about the island. If you speak Welsh that would be a bonus, but isn't essential.

What would you need to bring?

Binoculars if you have them (there may be spare pairs), notebook, pen and weatherproof clothing (Cemlyn is a windswept site so can feel very fresh even in summer).

When / how long would you volunteer for?

It's up to you. You can bring lunch and come for a whole day, or just do an hour or two at a time – both are worthwhile. Ideally you could let NWWT know dates/times you might be available in advance (so we can plan warden days off etc), but if its hard to give dates, leave your details with the NWWT office and we can contact you when help may be needed.

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