

Job Description



**Scottish
Wildlife
Trust**

Title	Handa Island Ranger
Term	6 Month – Fixed Term (March-September 2022)
Hours	35 hours per week OR 24.5 per week per person if job share
Salary	
Based	Handa Island, Sutherland
Dept/Region	Conservation
Line Manager	Reserves Manager, North East

Our Mission

For 60 years, the Scottish Wildlife Trust has worked with its members, partners and supporters in pursuit of its vision of healthy, resilient ecosystems across Scotland's land and seas. The Trust successfully champions the cause of wildlife through policy and campaigning work, demonstrates best practice through practical conservation and innovative partnerships, and inspires people to take positive action through its education and engagement activities. It also manages a network of around 120 wildlife reserves across Scotland and is a member of the UK-wide Wildlife Trusts movement.

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Our Values

- We are pioneers
- We are always learning
- We act with integrity
- We are evidence-based
- We are impact focused
- We are collaborative

Overall Purpose of the Role

To manage day-to-day operations on Handa Island Wildlife Reserve during the visitor season (March-September).

Key Success Areas

The successful candidate(s) will have sufficient management and organisational skills to organise and supervise the activities of their long and short term, volunteers, and work parties and have the practical skills to carry out or arrange necessary maintenance on the island.

Main Objectives

- Responsibility for every aspect of the day-to-day running of this island reserve.
- Manage Handa Island to the highest standard of nature conservation and as a visitor destination, in accordance with Handa Management Agreement and Management Plan.
- Ensure a high standard of compliance with Health and Safety laws and Trust policies.
- Maintain good communication between Scottish Wildlife Trust and stakeholders, including Scourie Estate and Handa Ferry.
- Ensure that visitor satisfaction levels are maintained at a consistently high level.
- To monitor the populations and productivity of seabirds on Handa according to SMP methods. To conduct survey work of other taxa as required.
- To carry out monitoring and control of brown rats.
- Induct and supervise a programme of up to six long term placements
- Monitor work carried out by contractors and work parties.
- To organise a programme of reserve maintenance to ensure buildings and infrastructure are maintained to the required standards and are presentable and tidy.
- To produce the annual reserve report and present this to the reserve management group.
- Update the Handa Ranger's Manual at the end of the season and conduct an on-island induction for a successive Ranger.

Key Internal & External Contacts

- Reserves Manager
- Reserve Management Committee and Scourie Estate
- Operator of the Handa Ferry, contractors and suppliers
- Scourie Community Council, Highland Council Ranger and other local contacts
- Volunteers
- Island visitors from a range of backgrounds (eg tourists/naturalists/academics)
- Various contacts within the Scottish Wildlife Trust

Qualifications, Experience (desirable)

The successful candidate will ideally have a degree or professional qualification in Ecology or a related discipline.

Ideally, the successful candidate will:

- Have experience in a similar role
- Have experience or be knowledgeable about Handa Island

Key competencies	Essential
Independent working	X
Organisation and planning	X
Flexibility	X
Teamwork	X
Great communication skills and diplomacy	X
Great personnel management, supervisory and leadership skills	X
Basic IT Skills with knowledge of MS programmes	X

Additional Requirements	Essential	Desirable	Not applicable
Right to work in the UK	X		
Full Driving Licence	X		
Protection of Vulnerable Groups membership			X
First Aid Certificate		X	
Credit Check			X

Author	Nort-East Reserves Manager
Closing Date	8 th January 2025
Interview Date	16 th January (provisional)
Start End/Date	17 th March to mid Sept

***Applications from both job-share or individual candidates will be considered.**

****Please send your application form to: recruitment@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk by the closing date.**

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