



Job Description

Job Title: Seasonal Worker

Reporting to: Bird Care Team Leaders and Deputy Bird Care Team Leader

Salary: £24,785.00 pro rata

Hours: Up to 30 hours per week. Minimum of 3 days/ 18 hours per week

Contract length: Fixed term contract for May – October 2026 (Exact start date to be confirmed. The end date of this contract is subject to the needs of Hospital and its patients).

Location of work: Mousehole Wild Bird Hospital, Raginnis Hill, Mousehole

About Mousehole Wild Bird Hospital

Mousehole Wild Bird Hospital Cornwall provides high quality care to sea birds from around the Cornish Coast. Established in 1928 the core of what we do remains the same - our aim is to treat and rehabilitate wild birds at our care and return them to the wild.

Over the last two years we worked with 15 different species of seabirds – 4 on the red list and 9 on the amber. We are proud of our contribution to Cornwall's unique coast and marine environment and seascape.

Role Summary

Mousehole Wild Bird Hospital is hiring Seasonal Workers to support the hospital operation and care of seabirds within a rehabilitation setting during the 2026 peak season, May – October.

Our hospital is open 7-days-a week, from 08.30 to 17.30. We are looking to recruit Seasonal Workers who are required to work from 09.00 and 16.00 (with an hour for lunch) up to a 30 hours per week. Applicants must be able to work a minimum of 3 days a week, and weekend working is required.

This role covers a variety of responsibilities relating to maintaining a bio-secure environment for avian patients and daily cleanliness of the hospital, diet preparation, facilitating enrichment, chemical handling, patient observations, laundry, waste management, supporting the work of the Bird Care Team and other duties as assigned.

We are looking for applicants who can work well within a team and be confident in carrying out duties independently, have the ability to prioritise the needs and welfare of patients, have good time management and a problem-solving mindset.

This role requires a reasonable fitness level, and applicants are prepared to work outdoors in all weathers.

Full training, PPE, uniform and wellies will be provided.



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All online and in person training must be attended and completed before you can be onsite and start the position.

This role requires you to be 18 years of age. The nature of the work is physically demanding on a unique site in all weathers. Seasonal workers must be confident working around all avian species and have a keen passion for wildlife, care and rehabilitation.

This opportunity will give experience in the exciting and demanding sector of wildlife rehabilitation, animal husbandry and front-line conservation efforts.

Skills you need:

- Confident working around wild birds
- Passionate in gaining or building on an understanding of rehabilitation, animal care and welfare
- Self-motivated
- Strong sense of cleanliness and understanding of hygiene in animal care
- Ability to prioritise the needs of the patient
- Problem solving skills
- Can follow instructions and use initiative
- Reasonable fitness level
- Strong communication skills and ability to work within a team

Duties:

- Daily cleaning, disinfecting and maintenance of assigned aviaries and care spaces to a high standard of husbandry
- Maintenance, housekeeping and general upkeep of site
- Diet preparation and feeding duties
- Chemical preparation and adherence to COSHH
- Providing enrichment to patients
- Mentoring and supporting volunteers
- Assisting in observation duties and reporting to the Bird Care Team
- Supporting the Bird Care Team in other duties as and when required.

To apply for this position, please email info@mouseholebirdhospital.org.uk with a copy of your CV and a Cover Letter telling us about yourself, your interest in wildlife rehabilitation and evidence of your experience covering the listed skills and duties in this Job Description.

Please specify the days/ hours you are looking to work in your application.

Deadline for all applications is: 12pm on 31st March 2026