

Bardsey Bird and Field Observatory Staff for 2008



From left: Richard Else, Richard Brown, Steven Stansfield, Emma Stansfield, Connor Stansfield



Steve Stansfield – Warden

Having been the Assistant Warden at Sandwich Bay and North Ronaldsay Bird Observatories from 1990 to 1998, Steve took the position of Warden at Bardsey in 1998 and is now in his 11th Season. His main duties are managing the day to day running of the Observatory and overseeing all aspects of the Observatory's work.

Away from birds and the Observatories his main interests are photography and technology (Gadgets!) Steve is an 'A' permit ringer with a training endorsement.



Emma Stansfield – Mrs Warden!

Emma moved to the island full time in 2001, after completing her MA in Natural History Illustration at the Royal College of Art in London. Having been the Assistant Warden at two Youth Hostels, Emma now plays a key part in the general upkeep of the Observatory and its two shops, and helps Steve with the day to day administration and other work. Emma holds a scientific 'A' class licence for Manx Shearwater and a general 'C' class ringing licence.

Emma spends much of her time looking after Connor (Her's and Steve's son) and educating him on the island.



Connor Stansfield – Newt Warden!

Connor was born in Bangor in April 2002. He has lived all his life on the island and thoroughly enjoys it, though does enjoy the occasional trip to the mainland. His main interests (at the moment!) are Dinosaurs, Palmate Newts, Shrews and Mice. He can often be found showing interested visitors the newts in the ponds by the Observatory. He does not yet hold a ringing licence but occasionally rings a bird or two.



Richard Brown –Assistant Warden

Richard has just spent the previous 2½ seasons working as the Assistant Warden on Skomer Island NNR. Richard has also worked as a researcher on Yellow Wagtails for the BTO for and on Pink Pigeons on Mauritius. Richard's main duties on the island include undertaking the daily census of migrant birds, censusing the breeding landbird population, attending lighthouse attractions and ringing birds, as well as various domestic duties and helping with the general running of the Observatory. Richard also holds a general 'C' class ringing licence



Richard Else – Manx Shearwater Researcher

Richard spent ten weeks on Bardsey last season; four weeks in spring as a volunteer and was then employed for a six weeks in autumn to digitise historic ringing data and assist with the general running of the Observatory.

Richard has also volunteered on Fair Isle having won the John Harrison memorial fund award in 2006.

Richard's main duties on the island will be to undertake the census of the Manx Shearwaters breeding population and to monitor their breeding success. He also assists with the daily census of migrant birds and ringing, as well as helping with the general day to day running of the Observatory. Richard is a trainee ringer.