



Shorewatch partner groups

The objective of the WDCS Shorewatch Programme is for partner groups and community volunteers to become stewards of whales, dolphins and the marine habitat in which they live. Does your group or organisation want to get trained to collect valuable data about the whales and dolphins that visit your local coastline? Are you able to host Shorewatch equipment to be used by local volunteers? Do you want to contribute to conservation initiatives in your area? **Become a WDCS Shorewatch partner group!**

WDCS will provide:

- Training to conduct Shorewatches, to identify local species of whales and dolphins and to be comfortable talking to members of the public about cetaceans and the issues that they face in Scottish waters;
- Equipment to conduct Shorewatches at your site;
- Site visits by the WDCS Conservation Officer and support / promotion of events supporting Shorewatch and marine stewardship;
- Data collection and management – data will be used to inform local and national conservation efforts; *and*
- Regular feedback in the form of regular e-newsletters and current events.

Partner groups will undertake:

- To host Shorewatch equipment and provide regular access to a site with a suitable view of the sea for shore-based cetacean observations;
- Attendance of all observers at a WDCS Shorewatch training day;
- Regular 10 minute watches (hourly, daily, weekly or even monthly!) regardless of whether a whale or dolphin is seen;
- Completion and return of data sheets, regardless of whether whales / dolphins were seen;
- Conversation and outreach to members of the public who may be interested in what you are doing and hearing more about whales, dolphins or Shorewatch; *and*
- A sense of fun, enthusiasm and adventure – you'll be outside with the opportunity to enjoy the stunning Scottish coast and the chance to see a whale or dolphin!

Contact us at shorewatch@wdcs.org or 01343 820 339

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