

Warden's Report (October 2010 – April 2011)

1 Staff

- 1.1 Chris Flower left Lundy in January after almost five years as island Ranger
- 1.2 Steve Pratt has now been appointed ranger, he was the seasonal volunteer last year and stayed on Lundy over winter to work with the maintenance team.
- 1.3 Sophie returned to Lundy on 14 March after a four month sabbatical. With several staff changes and a team member down over the winter months, it has been an extremely busy winter
- 1.4 Reece Woolgar has been appointed the seasonal volunteer, he joined the team on 29th March and has already settled in well

2 Marine

- 2.1 RIB – frustratingly the RIB was out of service for the entire season last year, so we fully intend to make the most of it in 2011
- 2.2 Grey Seals: Sophie and I will be doing RIB based seal surveys this season. This has been highlighted as a high priority, so hopefully I will have some more data to report in October.
- 2.3 Cetaceans: No reports over winter. I have purchased 2 C-Pods, which are acoustic monitoring systems that detect porpoises, dolphins and toothed whales by recognising the trains of echo-location clicks. These will be deployed over the next few weeks and should add to our current monitoring and supplement that data that is gathered from the local vessels taking part in ongoing recording.

On Friday 15th April Sophie saw a small pod of common dolphins off the North West of Lundy with one bottlenosed dolphins and two Minke Whales
- 2.4 Seaflex moorings. Appledore SAC with Derek visually checked the Visitors Mooring and the Wardens Mooring; both require maintenance on the mooring lines and will need to have their anchor eyelets replace, replacement parts are on order and I hope to have the work done within the next few weeks

3 Survey & Monitoring

- 3.1 Seabirds:
The first puffin of the year was seen by Grant on 25th March, on the water at Jenny's Cove and we have begun surveys, early signs are looking positive with eight active burrows identified at Jenny's so far and a high count of 18 puffins on 18th April

Manx Shearwaters have been heard at night, Tim Guilford's survey team are planning to return to continue the tracking survey.

Sophie and I have scaled down our annual productivity surveys and will not be monitoring the Guillemots or Fulmar this year, but we will continue with Puffin surveys and Kittiwake Productivity.

4 Interpretation & Events

- 4.1 The 2011 Lundy Splash-IN been scheduled for 18 – 19 June, we have once again received generous sponsorship
- 4.2 Leaflet's; Sophie is currently working on a Seal leaflet that should be finalised and ready for production this summer
- 4.3 Marine Guide: We have almost completed the Marine Guide, as with all of the interpretation we have produced, the design and content management and proofing takes a considerable amount of work and more so with a detailed guide. The guide has been split into three sections; a 56 page guide booklet and two ID guides, a 24 page underwater species ID guide and an 18 page intertidal & snorkelling species ID Guide.

- 4.4 The MCZ Website is under production and I am hoping to have it completed and ready for launch at the 40th anniversary celebrations on 3 July; again the production is taking a considerable amount of work and we may have to prioritise the content in order to come in on time & on budget.
- 4.5 Beach Building: The new 'sturdier' dibond boards have been put up in the beach building & the original boards have been relocated to the Hartland heliport.
- 4.6 Logo boards in the beach building & Hartland and all the leaflet logo straplines have been updated to remove DSFC which has been replaced with DSIFCA
- 4.7 Six new boards have been designed for the mainland and we have had 17 panels printed for various locations in Bideford, Ilfracombe and Clovelly
- 4.8 Mainland school visits took place in October last year and again in March, unfortunately we may not be able to do further visits in 2011 due to other work commitments

5 Media

- 5.1 Devon Life are running a 'Lundy Special' in their May issue
- 5.2 Diver magazine have a feature article on Lundy in their current issue
- 5.3 At the end of March BBC were over with Chris Packham filming for a three part series. Lundy features in part 2 on 23rd May on BBC
- 5.4 BBC Oceans were filming last year and have now confirmed the series is called Britain's Secret Seas and the series starts broadcast Sunday 8th May at 8pm on BBC2. Lundy features in the first episode 'Giants of the west'.
- 5.5 Coastwise were over filming on Lundy at the beginning of April. The series began on 5 April and Lundy will feature in episode 6 which will be broadcast ITV on Tuesday 10 May

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