

Curriculum Vitae

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Profile

A dedicated marine mammal observer with extensive experience conducting land and boat-based surveys monitoring the distribution of local cetaceans. Volunteer for Sea Watch Foundation since 2000 and a trained marine mammal medic, on call to rescue stranded and sick animals. Also experience of organising surveys, dealing with members of the public and public speaking.

MMO Experience

2000 – Present: Sea Watch Foundation (Regional coordinator, 2006-present)

Volunteer work collecting data on local cetaceans from land and boat-based surveys. Includes detailed recording of data, studying behaviour patterns, collection of photo-identification images. Also work with members of the public, educating and increasing local awareness, including presenting to local schools and organizations.

Boat hours: 2022hrs

Species identified: harbour porpoise; bottlenose dolphin; white-beaked dolphin; common dolphin, Risso dolphin, minke whale, humpback whale, pilot whale, killer whale and sperm whale.

2008 – Present: Marine Mammal Medic, British Divers Marine Life Rescue (BDMLR)

Trained to rescue, handle and treat injured marine mammals in all environmental conditions and surroundings. To rescue all stranded, beached and abandon animals such as seal pups, birds and cetaceans to return healthy mammals safely to their environment surroundings.

December 2009 Stonehaven Dolphin Research Trust

Founder member and director of a small local charity, Stonehaven Dolphin Research Trust (SC041083). Aim of charity to monitor local cetaceans, working independently and alone side other cetacean organisations, mainly Sea Watch Foundation and Aberdeen University.

Freelance Tour Guide 2006-2007

Tour guide to local historic and scenic surrounding areas i.e. Dunnottar Castle and bird sanctuary at Fowlsleugh. Involved organising and coordinating the boat-based tours, also insuring safety on board and aiding in any sick or unwell observers.

Employment History

2005-2009 - Relief Janitor

Employer: Mackie Academy Stonehaven; Aberdeenshire County Council

Duties: Cleaning of class rooms, corridors, changing rooms and grounds. Dealing with staff and students, general light maintenance, security work, disposing of rubbish and recycling.

2003-2005 - Self employed

Self employed gardener and general maintenance including lawn mowing, trimming of hedges, weeding, raking and digging.

2000-2003 - Chef

Employer: Mowat Hospital, Stonehaven; Aberdeenshire County Council

Duties: Cooking and preparation of daily meals breakfast, dinner, teas for residential patients

1998-2000 - Chef

Employer: Splash Cafe, Stonehaven; Aberdeen County Council

Duties: Cooking fast food and snacks for all customers and staff.

1995-1998 - Chef

Employer: Gino's Restaurant, Stonehaven

Duties: Preparation of food including salads and cooking meals for customers, including pasta dishes, soups, toasties, omelettes and fresh pizza's

Higher Education

2010-2011: Aberdeen College Higher Education

City and Guilds: Computing & Information Technology

1995-1998: Aberdeen College Higher Education

SVQ General and SVQ Assessments: Baking and cake decorating Profession Cooking, SQA Hospitality 11 and Hospitality 111

SQA Higher National Unit: Food and Hygiene Applications

Additional certificates

JNCC Approved MMO certificate: 14/05/2011

Personal Survival Techniques: Date 21/04/2011

Personal Details

Status: Married 1982
Age: 54 years old
Date of birth: 26th March 1957
Place of Birth: Northern Rhodesia, Lusaka Zambia
Nationality: British
Driving licence: Full/ clean

Medical Status

Medical Certificate: Date 12/04/2011

Diabetes type two controlled by tablets and diet.

Hobbies

Theatre, opera, musicals, classical and popular music, DJ presenting community radio and fitness training.

Referees

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