

## Newsletter RSPB South Stack February 2017

Welcome to this newsletter, the first of a monthly series about the goings on at the Visitor Centre and on the Reserve at South Stack.

**2017** is a very special year for RSPB South Stack, we are celebrating our 40th birthday this year. We will be holding special events throughout the year. With its fascinating history, breathtaking landscape and wonderful wildlife, this reserve is one of Anglesey's treasures. Whether you've visited our reserve previously, or have never been before, then this is the year to experience what it has to offer.



**On the Reserve** February sees the guillemots and razorbills start to return to the cliffs during the day time in readiness for the nesting season.

Our winter residential volunteer Sarah is busy digging our pond and nature garden that has been paid for with thanks to funding that we won from the Tesco Bags of Help scheme.

We are undertaking a small amount of cutting work using a Rytec cutting machine on the Range. This work will only be carried out when the weather is dry to minimize damage to the paths.

We are also continuing with our public consultation and information meetings to tell residents about our plans to close shepherd graze on the Range for 40 days. Close shepherd grazing is a method of grazing where the shepherd and his dog remains with the sheep all day and controls the areas that they graze.

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**Photography Competition**

Come and join us to celebrate  
a year of wildlife on the reserve  
through the camera lens

To mark our 40th birthday in 2017, RSPB South Stack is thrilled to announce a photographic competition to find iconic images that celebrate the wildlife, people or landscape of the reserve throughout the seasons. Each month we'll select winners. The winning image from each month will in turn be exhibited in the visitor centre. At the end of the year the public will have their chance to vote for their favourite image in the People's Choice Award. The winner of the People's Choice Award will have their photograph on the cover of RSPB Cymru's member magazine, Y barcud.

For entry details please visit our website

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A special **photography competition** will be held throughout the year to celebrate the iconic wildlife, people or landscape of RSPB South Stack throughout the seasons. A winner will be selected for each month, and at the end of the year, members of the public can vote their favourite work for the People's Choice Award. The prize will be the publication of the winning photograph on the cover of RSPB Cymru's member magazine, Y barcud. Email your entry to [south.stack@rspb.org.uk](mailto:south.stack@rspb.org.uk)

**Café** Our café is open all year round, only closing on Christmas day. Cooked breakfast is served from 10-11am. Home cooked meals are served from 10am-3pm with cake and hot drinks served until 5pm. Produce is locally sourced and seasonal.

**Retail** We have a small retail shop at South Stack open 10-5 seven days a week. Although one of the smallest shops the RSPB has we pack the stock in selling bird food, souvenirs, books, clothing to name but a few items.