

BROWNSEA ISLAND VOLUNTARY WARDENS

Guidelines for booking a holiday at Rose Cottage

Holidaying at Rose Cottage is a privilege earned by previous service as a Voluntary Warden. It is this experience that is so valuable to the National Trust and to have wardens staying overnight and thereby providing a presence outside normal opening hours means that the island is still being looked after when the day's visitors have departed.

- Rose Cottage is available for wardening holidays to all fully experienced qualified wardens during the open season. The Cottage is not available to wardens during their probationary year.
- Anyone booking the cottage must be proficient in the use of the cottage and associated equipment as no outside help is available except for emergencies.
- Bookings for the season are taken from the **5th January** each year and should be submitted to the bookings officer, currently Mrs Linda Nother. Any booking submitted before this date will be returned and marked as "received too early".
- Bookings for BIVW work parties will always take priority. Cottage bookings will be allocated on a first come first served basis after this.
- During the period 5th January to 1st March one booking per family/household will be accepted for a single period of between three and seven consecutive nights, or one weekend booking of up to three consecutive nights (the weekend booking must include a Saturday night). This period is to allow all eligible wardens a reasonable time to submit a booking.
- On 2nd March the bookings list will be opened up for eligible wardens to book another week or weekend on a first come first served basis. Any applications submitted for extra dates before 2nd March will be returned and marked as "received too early".
- Should any period an eligible warden attempts to book be already allocated, the booking will be returned to choose an alternate period. It is therefore advisable to supply a second choice of dates when submitting any booking.
- Confirmation of acceptance of your booking will be sent by the bookings officer along with guidelines for your stay at Rose Cottage, the guidelines can also be found at www.bivw.co.uk
- The person who has booked the cottage should be in residence for the whole of the period booked. If they are not able to be in residence the bookings officer should be informed, it must not be given to other BIVW's, friends or family as there may be a waiting list of other wardens wanting a wardening holiday.
- Should you not be utilising the cottage for any dates you have booked please notify the bookings officer as soon as possible. This will enable other eligible wardens to be allocated dates as quickly as possible.
- Persons who make use of Rose Cottage for a holiday will be asked to participate in the annual spring clean which takes place over two Sundays just before the new season starts.

The above guidelines will be strictly adhered to thus allowing fairness for all BIVW members who wish to book a holiday at Rose Cottage.