



North Wales Wildlife Trust - Conservation Volunteer Tasks

Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham

July – September 2018



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Date	Time	Location	Task	Lead / contact
Tues 3rd	09:30	Aberduna, Maeshafn, Mold Quarry office car park	Teaming up with Hawarden High School pupils to tackle a thistle 'invasion' learning to use scythes and slashers <u>safely!</u>	Graham Berry
Wed 4th	10:00	Minera Quarry, Wrexham LL11 3DE	Teaming up with Hawarden High School pupils for a bit of tree popping! Pulling up birch and willow saplings from species rich limestone grassland.	Graham Berry
Weds 4th	10:00	Aberduna, Maeshafn, Mold	Volunteers will be helping to clear the way for our new NE Wales office at the former Aberduna Quarry.	Peter Aiken
Fri 6th			NO TASK TODAY SORRY!	
Tues 10 th	10:30	Big Pool Wood, Gronant.	Come and join our 'Big Pool Wood Volunteers' who meet on the 2 nd Tuesday of each month. This month we will be clearing paths and vegetation from in front of the hide. Also an opportunity to carry out a botanical survey to identify some of the less well known plants at the reserve – bring any plant ID books along.	Mark Hughes
Weds 11 th	10:00	Marford Quarry, Wrexham	Come and join the "Marford Quarry Volunteers" who meet every Wednesday to help manage this special site. This week we will be finishing a survey of the rare Wild Liquorice and tackling some of the invasive cotoneaster which is easy to spot at this time of year.	Peter Aiken
Weds 11 th	10:00	Layby on A541, Y Ddol, Afonwen (Grid Ref SJ140712)	WAM Wednesday! Himalayan balsam pull: A day on the river tackling this invasive non-native plant on the River Wheeler to help local wildlife.	Amy Green

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Fri 13 th July	10:30	Blaen y Weirgoled, Llansannan	Blanket bog restoration - ditch blocking and tree popping. We will be following up last year's installation of pile driven plastic dams along the main ditches to retain water on the site. This will benefit the peat forming sphagnum mosses and a host of other rare bog plants and invertebrates.	Mike Klymko
Tues 17 th	09:00	Maes Hiraddug, Dyserth (TBC)	From this point forwards we'll be looking for a weather window to carry out our annual summer hay cut at Maes Hiraddug, be ready for a call to arms! In the meantime an opportunity to scythe around the magnificent ant hills where the machines won't reach!	Graham Berry
Tues 17 th – Fri 20 th	TBC	Piw Gwyn, Nannerch, Mold, CH7 5RQ	Scything and hay making. Come and help to manage this meadow in the traditional way with scythes, hay rakes and the hand hay balers!	Amy Green
Weds 18 th	10:00	Minera Quarry, Wrexham L11 3DE	Come and help the "Minera Quarry Volunteers" with a variety of tasks including installing our new nature reserve signs.	Peter Aiken
Fri 20 th	09:00	Maes Hiraddug, Dyserth (TBC)	Hopefully we could be turning the hay cut on Tuesday ready for bailing next Tuesday the 24 th .	Mike Klymko
<i>Sunday 22nd</i>	<i>10:30</i>	<i>Pwllglas Village Hall, nr Ruthin LL15 2PJ</i>	<i>An introduction to identifying summer wild flowers on our Coed Cilygroeslwyd reserve led by Joe Philips and a team of plant enthusiasts.</i>	<i>Mike Klymko</i>
Tues 24 th	09:00	Maes Hiraddug, Dyserth (TBC)	If all goes to plan and the weather has been good, we could be baling the hay cut the previous week.	Graham Berry

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Weds 25 th	10:00	Minera Quarry	The Minera Quarry Volunteers plan to undertake some structural works to prevent people accessing the Hoffman kiln, a scheduled ancient monument and important bat roost. These works are subject to a Protected Species Licence and could therefore change.	Peter Aiken
Weds 25 th July	10:00	Layby on A541, West of Afonwen (SJ121717)	WAM Wednesday! Himalayan balsam pull. A day on the river tackling this invasive non-native plant on the Wheeler to help local wildlife.	Amy Green
Fri 27 th	10:00	Coed Y Felin, Hendre, Mold	Himalayan Balsam survey and management on the Dolfechlas Brook	Mike Klymko
Tues 31 st	10:00	Y Ddol Uchaf, Afonwen	Stream management and repairs to a sluice.	Graham Berry

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Wed 1st	10:00	Three Cornered Meadow, Pulford, Wrexham	Come and help us maintain this rare flood plain meadow nature reserve, where we will be cutting the rank grass on the field margins and pulling up any Himalayan Balsam from the ditches.	Peter Aiken
Wed 1 st – Fri 3 rd	10:00	Coed Gelli Bach, Rhes y Cae, CH7 5QR (SJ176690)	Come and learn the art of dry stone walling and help us to reinstate a boundary between the woodland and a field. No experience necessary. Booking essential!	Amy Green
Fri 3 rd	10:00	Coed y Felin, Hendre, Mold	Join our volunteers to undertake a host of jobs including bracken bashing, meadow scything and some stream management.	Mike Klymko
Tue 7 th	10:00	Big Pool Wood, Gronant.	Support our 'Big Pool Wood Volunteers', meeting on the 2 nd Tuesday of each month. This month help to build a new bridge using recycled oak planks, hopefully squeezing in some botanising along the way!	Mark Hughes
Weds 8 th	10:00	Minera Quarry, Wrexham	Come and have a go using an Austrian Scythe when we'll be cutting areas of species rich grassland and spreading the hay containing seeds of wild flowers including orchids to other areas of the nature reserve.	Peter Aiken
Weds 8 th	10:00	Afonwen area	WAM Wednesday! Himalayan balsam pull. A day on the river Wheeler tackling this invasive non-native plant to help local wildlife.	Amy Green
Fri 10 th	10:30	Three Cornered Meadow, Pulford, Wrexham	Come and help us maintain this rare flood plain meadow nature reserve, where we will be cutting the rank grass on the field margins and pulling up any Himalayan Balsam from the ditches.	Graham Berry

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Tues 14 th	10:30	Aberduna, Maeshafn, Mold.	We'll be improving the magnificent views from the top of the quarry by installing a new fence. Additionally we'll be recording any butterflies we see on our transect.	Graham Berry
Wed 15 th Aug	10:00	Minera Quarry, Wrexham	Come and have a go using an Austrian Scythe when we'll be cutting areas of species rich grassland and spreading the hay containing seeds of wild flowers including orchids to other areas of the nature reserve.	Peter Aiken
Fri 17 th	10:30	Blaen y Weirgloedd, Llansannan.	Blanket Bog restoration continues with a further ditch blocking and tree popping day. We will be following up last year's installation of pile driven plastic dams along the main ditches to retain water, this will benefit the peat forming sphagnum mosses and a host of other rare bog plants and invertebrates.	Graham Berry
Sat 18 th		<i>To be confirmed</i>	<i>Weekend task every 3rd Saturday</i>	
Tues 21 st	10:00	Coed y Felin, Hendre	Himalayan Balsam survey and management on the Dolfechlas Brook.	Graham Berry
Weds 22 nd	10:00	Bodfari area	WAM Wednesday! Himalayan balsam pull. A day on the river tackling this invasive non-native plant on the Wheeler to help local wildlife.	Amy Green
Wed 23 rd	10:00	Aberduna, Maeshafn, Mold	Come and have a go using an Austrian Scythe when we'll be cutting areas of species rich grassland and spreading the hay containing seeds of wild flowers including orchids to other areas of the nature reserve.	Peter Aiken
Fri 24 th			NO TASK TODAY SORRY! HAPPY BANK HOLIDAY!	
Tues 28 th			NO TASK TODAY SORRY!	

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Wed 29 th	10:00	Minera Quarry, Wrexham	Come and help the “Minera Quarry Volunteers” with a variety of tasks including installing our new nature reserve signs.	Peter Aiken
Fri 31 st		To be confirmed	A catch up task to tackle ‘the unexpected’. Contact us for more details.	Mike Klymko

September 2018

Date	Time	Location	Task	Lead
Tues 4 th Sept	10:30	Pisgah Quarry, Froncysyllte, Wrexham	Enjoy the commanding views over the Dee and Vale of Llangollen toward Castell Dinas Bran whilst we cut the calcareous grassland glade	Mike Klymko
Weds 5 th	10:00	Marford or Minera Quarry, Wrexham	Come and help us maintain these special sites, we’ll be undertaking a range of tasks including access improvements, scrub clearance and creation of bare sandy ground to benefit rare invertebrates.	Peter Aiken
Weds 5 th	10:00	Layby on A541, West of Afonwen (SJ121717)	WAM Wednesday! Himalayan balsam pull. A day on the river tackling this invasive non-native plant on the Wheeler to help local wildlife.	Amy Green
Fri 7 th	10:30	Coed Cilygroeslwyd, Meet Siop Pwllglas car park	Join in to help with our annual meadow cut using Austrian scythes, learn about the rare limestone woundwort, Denbighshire’s County flower.	Mike Klymko
Tues 11 th	10:30	Big Pool Wood, Gronant.	Support our ‘Big Pool Wood Volunteers’, meeting on the 2 nd Tuesday of each month. Water levels permitting – join the adventures of reed bed cutting to maintain areas of open water for over-wintering waterfowl.	Mark Hughes

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Wed 12 th	10:00	Marford or Minera Quarry, Wrexham	Come and help us maintain these special sites, we'll be undertaking a range of tasks including access improvements, scrub clearance and creation of bare sandy ground to benefit rare invertebrates.	Peter Aiken
Fri 14 th	10:30	Big Pool Wood, Gronant	Another day reed cutting to benefit the waterfowl and other species on site.	Mike Klymko
Sat 15 th		<i>To be confirmed</i>	<i>Weekend task every 3rd Saturday</i>	
Tues 18 th Sept	10:30	Coed y Felin, Hendre, Mold	Weather permitting, we'll be doing the annual cut of the limestone grassland area next to the main car park.	Graham Berry
Wed 19 th	10:00	Marford or Minera Quarry	Come and help us maintain these special sites, we'll be undertaking a range of tasks including access improvements, scrub clearance and creation of bare sandy ground to benefit rare invertebrates..	Peter Aiken
Fri 21 st	10:30	Y Ddol Uchaf, Afonwen	End of season scything session to manage the species rich grassland around the ponds.	Mike Klymko
Tues 25 th		To be confirmed	An end of the month catch up task to tackle 'the unexpected'. Contact us for more details.	Graham Berry

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