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Date	Time	Location	Task	Lead / contact
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00	Maes Hiraddug, Dyserth.	Please join us on our final push to remove ash saplings from this amazing wild flower meadow. This year marks the 10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary since the Trust started to save the meadow from becoming woodland. Since 2008 wild flowers and insects have flourished.	Graham Berry
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Marford Quarry, Wrexham.	Join our regular Wednesday Marford Quarry Volunteers, where they will be undertaking a variety of tasks to maintain the special features of this site. Ranked in the top 3 sites in Wales for its invertebrate assemblage.	Peter Aiken
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Gors Maen Llwyd, Nantglyn, Denbigh.	We'll be heading for the stunning moorland setting of the Mynedd Hiraethog to fell small conifer trees that have become established on the moorland. Meet at the Bryn Maen car park of Gors Maen Llwyd.	Mike Klymko
Tue 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Y Ddol Uchaf, Afonwen.	Come and help us manage the species rich grassland that abounds the ponds, to benefit amphibians and the rare Grass of Parnassus.	Mike Klymko
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup>	10:00	Marford Quarry, Wrexham.	Join our regular Wednesday Marford Quarry Volunteers, where they will be undertaking a variety of tasks to maintain the special features of this site. Ranked in the top 3 sites in Wales for its invertebrate assemblage.	Peter Aiken

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Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00	Aberduna, meet at the old <a href="#">Aberduna Quarry Offices</a> on the Maeshafn Road, ½ mile from Gwernymynydd.	This will be our first coppicing task of the season, combined with a hands-on demonstration of how to construct a green wood stick chair.	Mike Klymko
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Maes Hiraddug, Dyserth.	We will be installing bird boxes in the woodland which were made by volunteers from CAIS as well as keeping check of encroaching blackthorn and 'popping' out any trees invading the meadow.	Mike Klymko (Cais group visiting)
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Minera Quarry, Minera, Wrexham, LL11 3DE.	<b>NEW</b> – why not become a Minera Quarry Volunteer and join an enthusiastic group of people who help out on this impressive nature reserve every 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. There will be a variety of tasks to cater for all abilities including improving access; signage; scrub clearance; grass cutting; fencing and plant & animal surveys. New volunteers are very welcome!	Peter Aiken
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Aberduna, meet at the old <a href="#">Aberduna Quarry Offices</a> on the Maeshafn Road, ½ mile from Gwernymynydd.	We will be continuing our coppicing in the woodland. There will also be the opportunity to learn how to build a green wood stick chair using a draw knife and a shave horse.	Mike Klymko
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Big Pool Wood, Gronant.	Come and join our 'Big Pool Wood Volunteers' who meet on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. This month we will be clearing reeds from the reed bed and removing willow from the pool.	Mark Hughes
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Marford Quarry, Wrexham.	Join our regular Marford Quarry Volunteers, where they will be undertaking a variety of tasks to maintain the special features of this site.	Peter Aiken

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Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> November	10:30	Siop Pwllglas, Pwllglas.	Installation of a new wildlife sign outside Siop Pwllglas. We will also be planting wild daffodils and clearing a woodland glade at Coed Cilygroeslwyd nature reserve in preparation for transplanting wild daffodils in the spring.	Mike Klymko
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Y Graig, main entrance, near Tremeirchion.	Join 'Friends of Y Graig', and enjoy stunning views whilst helping install a new entrance gate. We will also be cutting back encroaching scrub & brambles. This work will help us conserve valuable rock rose habitat.	Martin Baxter
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Aberduna, meet at the old <a href="#">Aberduna Quarry Offices</a> on the Maeshafn Road, ½ mile from Gwernymynydd.	The 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month is Aberduna task day. We will be continuing our coppicing in the woodland. We will also develop our green woodworking theme with a hands on demonstration of how to cleave green wood.	Graham Berry
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00	Minera Quarry, Minera, Wrexham, LL11 3DE.	Why not become a Minera Quarry Volunteer and join an enthusiastic group of people who help out on this impressive nature reserve every 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. There will be a variety of tasks to cater for all abilities including improving access; signage; scrub clearance; grass cutting; fencing and species surveys.	Peter Aiken
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>		TBC	Catch up task TBC	Graham Berry
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Blaen y Weirgloedd, 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.	Graham Berry
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Marford Quarry, Wrexham.	Join our regular Marford Quarry Volunteers, where they will be undertaking a variety of tasks to maintain the special features of this site. Ranked in the top 3 sites in Wales for its invertebrate assemblage.	Peter Aiken

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Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> November	TBC	TBC	Last Friday of the month catch up task	Mike Klymko

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Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Coed Cilygroeslwyd, Pwllglas, Rhuthun.	Opening up a woodland glade in readiness for transplanting wild daffodils in spring 2019.	Mike Klymko
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Minera Quarry, Minera, Wrexham, LL11 3DE.	Join our enthusiastic group of volunteers who help out on this impressive nature reserve every 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. There will be a variety of tasks including improving access; signage; scrub clearance; grass cutting; fencing and plant and animal surveys.	Peter Aiken
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Graig Wylt, Graigfechan, Rhuthun.	A day of path and scrub clearance, with opportunities to take in the breath taking views of the Vale of Clwyd.	Graham Berry
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Big Pool Wood, Gronant.	Support our 'Big Pool Wood Volunteers', meeting on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	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 the creation of bare sandy ground to benefit rare invertebrates.	Peter Aiken
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Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> December	10:00	Aberduna, meet at the old <a href="#">Aberduna Quarry Offices</a> on the Maeshafn Road, ½ mile from Gwernymynydd	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month is Aberduna task day and on this last Tuesday task of the year why not join us for coppicing/green woodworking and baked potatoes on the fire – bring a filling!	Graham Berry
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Minera Quarry, Minera, Wrexham, LL11 3DE	The very last task day of 2018! Why not become a Minera Quarry Volunteer and join a merry band of people who help out on this impressive nature reserve every 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. There will be a variety of tasks to cater for all abilities and a Christmas BBQ – weather permitting!	Peter Aiken

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