



North Wales Wildlife Trust - Conservation Volunteer Tasks

Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham

January – March 2019

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January 2019 – Happy New Year!

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| Weds 9 th | 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 11 th | 10:00 | Big Pool Wood, Gronant. | Come and join our 'Big Pool Wood Volunteers' now meeting on the 2 nd Friday of each month. This month we will be clearing reeds from the reed bed and removing willow from the pool. | Mark Hughes |
| Tue 15 th | 10:00 | Aberduna, meet at the old Aberduna Quarry Offices on the Maeshafn Road half a mile from Gwernymynydd. | NEW - every 3 rd Tuesday of the month will be an Aberduna Volunteers' day. This month we'll be practicing the traditional skills of coppicing & harvesting hazel in preparation for February's green woodworking and craft event. We'll also be completing some step repair work. | Mike Klymko |
| Weds 16 th | 10:00 | Minera Quarry, Minera, Wrexham, LL11 3DE. | NEW – why not become a Minera Quarry Volunteer and join a merry band of people who help out on this impressive nature reserve every 1 st and 3 rd 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. Please come and be part of this this impressive new nature reserve. | Peter Aiken |
| Fri 18 th | 10:00 | Coed Trellyniau, Rhes y Cae, Mold. | Woodland management and charcoal kiln maintenance in this peaceful, ancient bluebell woodland. | Graham Berry |
| Sat 19 th | TBC | TBC | A weekend task, every 3 rd Saturday. | TBC |

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| Tues 22 nd | 10:30 | Old Pulford Brook Meadows, Rossett, Wrexham. | Clearing hawthorn and willow from some of the ditches on this nationally important flood meadow. | Graham Berry |
| Wed 23 rd | 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 25 th | 10:30 | TBC | Last Friday of the month is catch-up task day. | Mike Klymko |
| Tue 29 th | 10:00 | Y Ddol Uchaf, Afonwen. | Come and help to maintain and replace damaged steps through this enchanting woodland reserve. | Mike Klymko |
| Tues 29 th | 10.00 | TBC, Mold. | Tree planting as part of our Wild About Mold project | Amy Green |
| Wed 30 th | 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 1 st | 10:00 | Big Pool Wood, Gronant. | Come and join our 'Big Pool Wood Volunteers' who will be clearing reeds from the reed bed and removing willow from the pool. [N.B. this group normally meets on the 2 nd Fri of the month, but because of a planned event at Aberduna on the 9 th Feb, this has been brought forward for this month] | Mark Hughes |
| Tues 5 th | 10:30 | Aberduna, meet at the old Aberduna Quarry Offices on the Maeshafn Road half a mile from Gwernymynydd. | Coppicing in the woodland for this season starts today, combined with a hands on demonstration of how to construct a greenwood stick chair. | Mike Klymko |
| Wed 6 th | 10:00 | Minera Quarry, Minera, Wrexham, LL11 3DE. | NEW – why not become a Minera Quarry Volunteer and join a merry band of people who help out on this impressive nature reserve every 1 st and 3 rd 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. Please come and be part of this this impressive new nature reserve. | Peter Aiken |
| Wed 6 th | 10:00 | TBC, Mold. | Tree planting as part of our Wild About Mold project. | Amy Green |
| Fri 8 th | 10:00 | Aberduna, meet at the old Aberduna Quarry Offices on the Maeshafn Road half a mile from Gwernymynydd. | Please come along to help us move materials and set up in preparation for tomorrow's event. | Mike Klymko |

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| Sat 9 th | 10:00 | Aberduna, at the old Aberduna Quarry Offices on the Maeshafn Road half a mile from Gwernymynydd. | Please let us know if you can help us at this event which will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try your hand at coppicing and green woodworking with Bodfari Woodland Skills Centre. • Plant an orchard in the village field. • Experience a mindfulness group session with Nick Howarth. • Join a guided walk to learn about wildlife and archaeology of the nature reserve. • Enjoy lunch and refreshments cooked on the open fire. • Woodland-themed craft activities for children. | Mike Klymko |
| Tues 12 th | 10:00 | Maes Hiraddug, Dyserth. | Join us to look for any early signs of spring on this gem of a meadow. We will be aiming to follow the work of grazing Belted Galloway's by nipping any encroaching scrub 'in the bud'. | Mike Klymko |
| Tues 12 th | 10:00 | TBC, Mold. | Tree planting as part of our Wild About Mold project. | Amy Green |
| Weds 13 th | 10:00 | Marford Quarry, Wrexham. | Join our regular 2 nd and 4 th Wednesday of the month 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 15 th | 10:30 | Coed Cilygroeslwyd Meet outside Siop Pwllglas, Pwllglas. | Help with coppicing in the woodland for the benefit of woodland flora and the removal of bramble to enhance habitat for wild daffodils. | Mike Klymko |
| Sat 16 th | 10:00 | TBC | Weekend task every 3 rd Saturday. | TBC |

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| Tues 19 th | TBC | Mold Library | Launch event for equipment hub. Every other Tuesday, a member of staff or volunteer will be at Mold Library with survey equipment for members of the public to borrow for a couple of weeks and use to create wildlife records in their local area. Come along to help us celebrate the launch of this exciting new venture! | Amy Green |
| Tues 19 th | 10:00 | Aberduna, meet at the old Aberduna Quarry Offices on the Maeshafn Road half a mile from Gwernymynydd. | Third Tuesday of the month – continuing our coppicing in the woodland. We continue our green woodworking theme with a hands on demonstration of how to cleave green wood. | Graham Berry |
| Wed 20 th | 10:00 | Minera Quarry, Minera, Wrexham, LL11 3DE. | Why not become a Minera Quarry Volunteer and join a merry band of people who help out on this impressive nature reserve every 1 st and 3 rd 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. Please come and be part of this this impressive new nature reserve. | Peter Aiken |
| Fri 22 nd | | TBC | Last Friday of the month is catch-up task day. | Graham Berry |
| Tues 26 th | 10:00 | Coed y Felin | Learn about the importance of conserving black poplars as we plant some examples of this endangered species. | Mike Klymko |
| Weds 27 th | 10:00 | Marford Quarry, Wrexham. | Join our regular 2 nd and 4 th Wednesday of the month 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 1 st | 10:30 | Coed Cilygroeslwyd Meet outside Siop Pwllglas, Pwllglas. | Celebrate St David's day by helping to improve habitat for wild daffodils. We will be coppicing in the woodland for the benefit of woodland flora and removing bramble encroaching into the wild daffodil areas. | Mike Klymko |
| Tues 5 th | TBC | TBC | TBC | TBC |
| Weds 6 th | 10:00 | Minera Quarry, Minera, Wrexham, LL11 3DE. | Please join the Minera Quarry Volunteers who help out on this impressive nature reserve every 1 st and 3 rd 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. Please come and be part of this impressive new nature reserve. | Peter Aiken |
| Fri 8 th | 10:30 | Big Pool Wood, Gronant. | Support our 'Big Pool Wood Volunteers', meeting on the 2 nd Friday of the month. Water levels permitting – join the adventures of reed bed cutting to maintain areas of open water for over-wintering waterfowl. | Mark Hughes |
| Fri 8 th | 10:00 | Bryn Celyn, Cilcain. | One day traditional hedge laying workshop, Booking essential, more information will be circulated closer to the time. | Amy Green |
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| Tues 12 th | 10:30 | Aberduna, meet at the old Aberduna Quarry Offices on the Maeshafn Road. | Hone your hedge planting skills as we plug gaps in some of the hedgerows planted on our new reserve. | Mike Klymko |

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| Wed 13 th | 10:00 | Marford Quarry, Wrexham. | Come and help us maintain this special site, 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 15 th | TBC | TBC | A catch-up task day. | TBC |
| Saturday 16 th | 10:00 | Y Graig near Tremeirchion, meet at the main entrance. | Be a 'Friend of Y Graig' whilst taking in the stunning views; help to remove bramble, 'pop trees' and fit a new gate under the guidance of warden Martin Baxter. Bring a picnic and something to share. | Martin Baxter / Mike Klymko |
| Tues 19 th | 10:00 | Aberduna, meet at the old Aberduna Quarry Offices on the Maeshafn Road half a mile from Gwernymynydd. | 3 rd Tuesday of the month is Aberduna task day, We will be continuing with the hedge planting theme when we plug gaps in some of the hedgerows planted on our new reserve. | Mike Klymko |
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| Fri 22 nd | 10:30 | Graig Wylt, Graigfechan. | A day of path and scrub clearance activity, with opportunities to experience breath taking views of the Vale of Clwyd. | Mike Klymko |
| Sat 23 rd | 10:30-12:30 | Aberduna, meet at the old Aberduna Quarry Offices on the Maeshafn Road half a mile from Gwernymynydd. | Using our senses to welcome Spring - a mindfulness experience walk with Nick Howarth. | Mike Klymko |
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