

# North Wales Wildlife Trust Volunteering opportunities North-West Wales February 2019

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with North Wales Wildlife Trust. With 36 nature reserves to manage throughout North Wales, there is always lots of work to be done and we would love you to come along and join us. This programme lists the activities taking place throughout February on our nature reserves in Anglesey, Conwy & Gwynedd & as part of our Anglesey Fens Living Landscape project.

In summary there is usually:

- A work party every Tuesday on one of our Anglesey Fens Living Landscape sites (Llangefni, Benllech & Moelfre area), 10 a.m. at Bay View Road car park, Benllech – approx. 3 p.m. Contact Henry Cook on 07940 008799 or henry.cook@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk
- Regular weekly work parties every Wednesday on one of our Anglesey or Bangor reserves, 10 a.m. at the reserve – approx. 4 p.m. Contact Matt Cole on 01248 351541 or 07375 520493 or matt.cole@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk
- A weekly Wednesday work party at our Gwaith Powdwr reserve, near Penrhyndeudraeth, 10 a.m. at the reserve – 3.30 p.m. Contact Rob Booth on 07764 897414 or rob.booth@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk
- A work party every other Thursday on one of our reserves near Llandudno, 10 a.m. at the reserve approx. 3.30 p.m. Contact Rob Booth on 07764 897414 or rob.booth@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk
- A monthly work party at the Spinnies, Aberogwen, near Bangor, held on the first Friday of the month – 10 a.m. at the reserve until 1 p.m. Contact Kate Gibbs on 01248 681936 or kategibbs.nwwt@gmail.com
- A monthly work party at Eithinog, near Bangor, held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month 10 a.m. at the reserve until 3.30 p.m. Contact Matt Cole on 01248 351541 or 07375 520493 or matt.cole@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk
- Gardening workdays each month at Llys Garth (our Bangor Office), 10 a.m. 1 p.m. contact Anna Williams on 07917 455367 or anna.williams@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk

Our work parties provide an interesting and lively mix of practical work and informal training. Each work day will consist of a brief introduction to the nature reserve and its management. There will also be some training in tool use and appropriate health and safety issues. **Details of the locations of our nature reserves can be found on our website** <a href="https://www.northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk">www.northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk</a> Lifts can sometimes be provided. To arrange a lift, please contact the member of staff who is leading the task (contact details below). You will need to wear work clothes and stout boots/wellingtons and bring along waterproofs and a packed lunch and a drink.

To confirm details, arrange a lift or to let us know that you will be meeting on site, please contact the relevant member of staff. This is important as details and dates may change.

## Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February (a.m. only – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

Spinnies, Aberogwen, near Bangor.

A variety of tasks around the reserve - one of the regular monthly work parties on this excellent bird reserve. Meet at the nature reserve at 10 a.m. Contact Kate Gibbs for more information.

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Anglesey Fens Living Landscape Project – working in the area between Llangefni, Benllech & Moelfre, on Anglesey.

Join our Project Officer, Henry Cook, to do some hands-on conservation work on one of our Anglesey Fens Living Landscape sites. Activities vary week-to-week and will include coppicing; hedge laying; pond digging; hedge planting & wildflower meadow creation. Please contact Henry for more details.

#### and

#### Eithinog, Bangor.

Eithinog is a haven of herb-rich meadows, mature hedgerows, gorse scrub, copses, rush pasture, willow and alder carr. The fields are rich in wildlife and are nationally important for their grassland fungi. We will be working with volunteers from the Snowdonia Society carrying out grassland management & scrub clearance. Extra pairs of hands welcome! Please contact Matt for more details.

#### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Mariandyrys, Anglesey.

Fencing repairs and scrub clearance on this grassland/heathland site overlooking Traeth Lafan. Contact Matt for more details.

#### and

Morfa Bychan, nr Porthmadog.

Willow control on the dune grassland. Contact Rob for more details.

## Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Coed Crafnant, Llanbedr, near Harlech.

We will be carrying out path maintenance and fencing repairs in this beautiful ancient oak woodland. Please contact Rob for details.

## Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Anglesey Fens Living Landscape Project – working in the area between Llangefni, Benllech & Moelfre, on Anglesey.

Join our Project Officer, Henry Cook, to do some hands-on conservation work on one of our Anglesey Fens Living Landscape sites. Activities vary week-to-week and include coppicing; hedge laying; pond digging; hedge planting & wildflower meadow creation. Please contact Henry for more details.

## Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Cors Goch, Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

Willow management on the fen near Penllyn. Contact Matt for more details.

#### and

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

Rhododendron clearance. Contact Rob for more details.

#### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Gogarth, Great Orme, Llandudno.

Limestone grassland and maritime heath management. Contact Rob for more details.

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

Nantporth, Bangor.

Join Matt Cole, our Anglesey & Bangor area Reserves Officer, to help with woodland management & footpath maintenance. Contact Matt for more information.

## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Mariandyrys, Anglesey.

Join us on our weekend volunteering day when we will be working with students from Bangor University's Conservation Society. Enjoy amazing views of the mountains & coast as we carry out heathland & grassland management work. Please contact Matt for more information.

## Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Llys Garth (Bangor Office), Garth Road, Bangor LL57 2RT

**Introduction to Wildlife gardening.** We are running taster days in our own garden welcoming everyone from total beginners to experienced gardeners to develop a buzzing wildlife garden whilst having fun ourselves and learning new skills. Please contact Anna for more information.

## Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Cors Goch, Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

Fencing repairs and construction around the Rhuddlan Fawr part of the nature reserve. Contact Matt for more details.

#### and

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

Heathland management & scrub clearance to benefit reptiles and ground nesting birds. Contact Rob for more details.

#### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Eithinog, Bangor.

Scrub clearance and other work as part of the grassland management around the nature reserve. Contact Matt for more details.

## Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bird Watch Day, Spinnies, Aberogwen, near Bangor.

Call in and see what's about with experts on hand to help identify the birds and chat about wildlife. Best views approximately an hour before or after high tide. Assistance dogs only. Please contact Kate Gibbs on 01248 681936 for more information.

#### **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

Anglesey Fens Living Landscape Project – working in the area between Llangefni, Benllech & Moelfre, on Anglesey.

Join our Project Officer, Henry Cook, to do some hands-on conservation work on one of our Anglesey Fens Living Landscape sites. Activities vary week-to-week and include coppicing; hedge laying; pond digging; hedge planting & wildflower meadow creation. Please contact Henry for more details.

#### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Cors Goch, Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

Heathland management at the southern end of the reserve. Contact Matt for more details.

#### and

Caeau Tan-y-Bwlch, near Clynnog Fawr.

We will be clearing willow from the mire – don't forget your wellies! Contact Rob for more details.

## Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Gogarth, Llandudno.

Scrub clearance to maintain limestone grassland glades. Contact Rob for more details.

#### Friday 1st March (a.m. only - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

Spinnies, Aberogwen, near Bangor.

A variety of tasks around this excellent bird reserve. Contact Kate Gibbs for more details.

# We would like to thank Natural Resources Wales for supporting our conservation management work.

