

# North Wales Wildlife Trust Volunteering opportunities North-West Wales March & April 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 March & April 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). Lifts available at 9.30 a.m. from our Bangor Office & 10 a.m. at Bay View Road car park, Benllech. Contact Henry Cook on 07940 008799 or henry.cook@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk
- A volunteer work day 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 volunteer work day every Wednesday 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 volunteer work day 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 volunteer work day at the Spinnies, Aberogwen, near Bangor, held on the first Friday of every 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 work days 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. We will supply work gloves & all of the necessary tools.

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> March (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 5th March

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 making barn owl boxes, scrub clearance, pond creation & maintenance, hedge planting & wildflower meadow creation. Please contact Henry for more details.

# Wednesday 6th March

Cors Goch, Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

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

#### and

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

A variety of tasks around the reserve. Contact Rob for more details.

## Tuesday 12th March

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# Wednesday 13th March

Cors Goch, Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

Scrub clearance to help maintain the biodiversity of this varied site. Contact Matt for more details.

#### and

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

A variety of tasks around the reserve. Contact Rob for more details.

#### Thursday 14th March

Gogarth, Llandudno.

We will be carrying out work to conserve the limestone grassland habitat on this lovely nature reserve nestled on the western edge of the Great Orme. Please contact Rob for more details.

# Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March (a.m. only – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

Llys Garth, NWWT Bangor Office, Garth Road, Bangor LL57 2RT. Introduction to wildlife-friendly gardening. We are running taster days in our own office garden. Whether you are a complete beginner or an experienced gardener please come along and help us create a buzzing wildlife garden, whilst having fun and learning new skills. Please contact Anna for more details.

# Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Rhiwledyn, Little Orme, Llandudno

Non-native cotoneaster management. Please contact Rob in advance.

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#### Wednesday 20th March

Cors Goch, near Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

We will be doing some tree planting & fencing work on the Rhuddlan Fawr part of the nature reserve. Please contact Matt for more details.

#### and

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

A variety of tasks around the reserve. Contact Rob for more details.

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

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 carrying out a variety of tasks around the reserve to help us retain this diversity of habitats. Please contact Matt for more details.

#### Sunday 24th March

Cemlyn, near Cemaes Bay, Anglesey.

Join us on our weekend volunteering day when we will be working with students from Bangor University's Conservation Society. In preparation for the return of the terns, we will be distributing shelter boxes on the islands in the lagoon, installing the weir boards and getting the tern rafts in position. There should also be time for a spot of bird watching. Don't forget your wellies! Please contact Matt for more details.

# Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Identifying & recording Bumblebees workshop

Indoor session in our NWWT Office, Llys Garth, Garth Road, Bangor LL57 2RT, followed by a site visit to Eithinog nature reserve, Bangor. An introduction to common species of Bumblebees and the BeeWalk recording scheme with Clare Flynn from the Bumblebee Conservation Trust. Cost: £10. Booking essential – please contact Anna Williams to book your place.

#### Tuesday 26th March

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# Wednesday 27th March

Cemlyn, near Cemaes Bay, Anglesey.

We will be completing any unfinished work in preparation for the return of the terns. Don't forget your wellies! Please contact Matt for more information.

#### and

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth. Rhododendron clearance. Contact Rob for more details.

#### Thursday 28th March

Cors Bodgynydd, near Betws-y-Coed.

Fencing repairs and conifer control. Wellies required! Contact Rob for more details.

# Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April (a.m. only – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

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#### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Cors Goch, Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

Fencing repairs and construction around the nature reserve. Contact Matt for more details.

#### and

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

A variety of tasks around the reserve. Contact Rob for more details.

#### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April (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.

#### Tuesday 9th April

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#### Wednesday 10th April

Cors Goch, Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

Footpath maintenance around the reserve. Contact Matt for more details.

#### and

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

A variety of tasks around the reserve. Contact Rob for more details.

#### Thursday 11th April

Conwy area work party on one of our 3 nature reserves near Llandudno. Please contact Rob for more details.

#### Monday 15th April

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#### Tuesday 16th April

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#### Wednesday 17th April

Cors Goch. Anglesev.

Various work around the reserve including bramble clearance. Contact Matt for more details.

and

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

A variety of tasks around the nature reserve including reptile surveys. Contact Rob for more details.

#### Saturday 20th April, 10 a.m. until 1p.m.

Eithinog, Bangor.

A couple of hours of light work which will include helping to manage and reduce the extent of bracken and brambles and keeping the footpaths clear. Contact Freda Wyn (07786 302413 or <a href="mailto:fredawyn2@gmail.com">fredawyn2@gmail.com</a>) or meet at the main entrance to the nature reserve on Ffordd Eithinog at 10 a.m.

#### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

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# Wednesday 24th April

Cors Goch, Anglesey.

Footpath maintenance around the Penllyn end of the reserve followed by a woodland walk to look at spring flowers and birds. Contact Matt for more details.

and

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

Fencing, path maintenance and reptile and nest box surveys. Contact Rob for more details.

#### Thursday 25th April

Gogarth, near Llandudno.

Help us set up reptile surveys and clear non-native cotoneaster.

Please confirm with Rob in advance.

# Friday 26th April

Eithinog, Bangor.

A variety of tasks around the reserve including fencing repairs, path maintenance and removing young blackthorn. Meet at reserve gate on Ffordd Eithinog at 10 a.m. Contact Matt for more details.

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

