



North Wales Wildlife Trust Volunteering opportunities North-West Wales May & June 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 volunteering opportunities & events taking place throughout May & June on our nature reserves in Anglesey, Conwy & Gwynedd & as part of our Anglesey Fens Living Landscape project. It's a great time of year to discover the plants & animals that make our nature reserves such special places.

In summary there is usually:

- Survey work 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 4th 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 www.northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk** Lifts can sometimes be provided. To arrange a lift, please contact the member of staff who is leading the task (contact details above). You will need to wear work clothes and stout boots/wellingtons and bring along waterproofs/sun cream 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. Thank you.

Friday 3rd May (morning only - 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.)

Spinnies, Aberogwen, near Bangor.

A variety of tasks around the nature reserve including scrub clearance and path repairs. Meet at the reserve at 10 a.m. Please contact Kate Gibbs for more information.

Wednesday 8th May

Cors Goch, Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

Footpath and infrastructure maintenance, including installing way marker posts and repairing the boardwalk. Contact Matt for more details.

and

Wednesday 8th May

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

Surveys (reptiles and nest boxes), building maintenance & fencing repairs. Contact Rob for more details.

Thursday 9th May

Gogarth, Great Orme, Llandudno.

We will be controlling invasive non-native cotoneaster which will help us to conserve the flower-rich limestone grassland.

Please confirm with Rob in advance.

Monday 13th May (morning only – 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.)

Llys Garth, Garth Road, Bangor, LL57 2RT.

Wildlife gardening work party in the garden at our office in Bangor. Please contact Anna for more information.

Tuesday 14th May, 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cofnod 'Recorder's Day' at Plas-y-Brenin, Capel Curig, LL24 0ET.

Help us to record as many species as we can, with the help of experts from Cofnod (our local environmental records centre). Depending on numbers, we may also build a bug hotel. Contact Rob for more details.

Tuesday 14th May, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Yellowhammer survey at Brynteg, Anglesey.

A survey of the last breeding Yellowhammers on Anglesey. Meet at the California Hotel car park in Brynteg at 9 a.m. Please contact Henry for more details.

Wednesday 15th May

Cors Goch, Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

A range of tasks around the Bryn Golau part of the reserve, including a chance to look out for some of the early summer flowers. Contact Matt for more details.

and

Wednesday 15th May

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

A reptile-focussed day, including surveys and habitat management. Contact Rob for more details.

Friday 17th May

Nantport, Bangor.

We will be maintaining the steps on a section of the Wales Coastal Path which runs through this charming limestone woodland. This is a joint task with the Snowdonia Society. Please contact Matt for more details.

Saturday 18th May (morning only - 10 a.m. until mid-day)

Eithinog, Bangor. **Meet at the entrance gate to the nature reserve on Ffordd Eithinog at 10 a.m.**

Simple, light tasks to manage bracken, nettles, willow herb, ragwort, etc. We will also be doing some path clearance and checking the fencing.

Please contact Freda Wyn on 07786 302413 or fredawyn2@gmail.com

Wednesday 22nd May

Cors Goch, Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

A variety of tasks around the reserve including path maintenance, fencing repairs, bramble management and removing young blackthorn. Contact Matt for more details.

and

Wednesday 22nd May

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

Regular reserve maintenance tasks, possibly fencing at Morfa Bychan nature reserve subject to volunteer numbers on the day. Please contact Rob for more details.

Thursday 23rd May

Bryn Pydew (Glanwydden), Llandudno.

Meet at 10 a.m. at the Queen's Head pub car park, Glanwydden, LL31 9JP.

We will be mapping and clearing Himalayan balsam in the valley adjacent to Bryn Pydew nature reserve. Please confirm with Rob in advance.

Friday 24th May

Eithinog, Bangor.

A variety of tasks around the reserve including path maintenance, fencing repairs, bramble management and removing young blackthorn. Contact Matt for more details.

Tuesday 28th May

Bee Walk at Cors Goch, Anglesey.

Regular monthly 'bee walk' around the Cors Goch reserve for the Bumblebee Conservation Trust initiative. Meet at the Bryn Golau entrance to the nature reserve where limited parking is available. Time TBC. Please contact Henry for more details.

Wednesday 29th May

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

Regular reserve tasks such as fencing and path maintenance, possibly fencing at Morfa Bychan too, subject to volunteer numbers. Contact Rob for more details.

Thursday 30th May

Coed Crafnant, near Llanbedr, Gwynedd.

Various activities such as installing interpretation panels and benches, an oil beetle survey and checking how the pied flycatchers are doing in the nest boxes. A joint task with Snowdonia Society and Cofnod. Please confirm with Rob in advance as parking is very limited.

Tuesday 4th June

Cors Goch, Llanbedrgoch – an early evening wildlife walk: focus on flowers. 5.30 p.m. until 7.30 p.m.

A gentle early evening walk looking at flowers & wildlife at this fascinating wetland and limestone grassland reserve. Sorry no dogs. Donations encouraged. Park in the layby near the main entrance (SH 504816) & meet on the track leading to the reserve (LL76 8TZ).

and

Tuesday 4th June, 8 p.m.

Swift Survey in Pentraeth, Anglesey.

An evening survey of breeding Swift sites in the village and assessing buildings which may have potential for further nest-boxes. Meet at the Memorial Hall in Pentraeth (SH525784). Contact Henry for more details.

Wednesday 5th June

Cors Goch, Anglesey.

A **morning orchid walk** and a chance to see what's benefiting from all of our hard work over the winter! In the afternoon we will be doing some practical conservation work. Contact Matt for more details.

and

Wednesday 5th June

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

On-going reptile and bird surveys plus fencing at Morfa Bychan (subject to numbers). Contact Rob for more details.

Thursday 6th June (morning only - 10.30 a.m. until 1.30 p.m.)

Bryn Pydew, Glanwydden, Llandudno.

Wildlife Walk: Limestone flowers & butterflies.

Discover limestone flowers & wildlife at Bryn Pydew with expert Nigel Brown.

Meet at 10.30 a.m. at the Queen's Head pub car park in Glanwydden (LL31 9JP). Bring a picnic & stay for lunch. Please book in advance with Rob.

Friday 7th June (morning only - 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.)

Spinnies, Aberogwen, near Bangor.

A variety of tasks around the reserve, including scrub clearance and path repairs. Meet at the reserve at 10 a.m. Please contact Kate Gibbs for more information.

Monday 10th June (morning only – 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.)

Llys Garth, Garth Road, Bangor, LL57 2RT.

Wildlife gardening work party in the garden at our office in Bangor. Please contact Anna for more information.

Tuesday 11th June (early evening - 5.30 p.m. until 7.30 p.m.)

Early evening wildlife walk at Eithinog, Bangor.

Wildlife walk around our Eithinog nature reserve looking at flowers, listening to birds and meeting the Reserves Officer to learn more about how we manage the nature reserve. **Meet at the entrance gate to the nature reserve near Ysgol Cae Top, Ffordd Eithinog, Bangor, GR SH563 713 at 5.30 p.m.**

Wednesday 12th June

Cors Goch, Anglesey.

A variety of tasks around the southern end of the reserve based around Penllyn stables – path maintenance, fencing repairs & bracken bashing. Contact Matt for more details.

and

Wednesday 12th June

Gwaith Powdwr, Penrhyndeudraeth.

General maintenance work around the nature reserve. Please contact Rob for more details.

Saturday 15th June (morning only, 10 a.m. until mid-day)

Eithinog, Bangor. **Meet at reserve gate on Ffordd Eithinog at 10 a.m.**

Simple, light tasks to manage bracken, nettles, willow herb, ragwort, etc. Also some path clearance and checking stock fencing.

Please contact Freda Wyn on 07786 302413 or fredawyn2@gmail.com

Wednesday 19th June

Porth Diana, Trearddur Bay, Anglesey.

A visit to this small coastal reserve to carry out the **annual count of the charming little spotted rockrose** – Anglesey's county flower. In the afternoon we will be doing some practical work as well. Please contact Matt for more details.

and

Wednesday 19th June

Caeau Tan-y-Bwlch, near Clynnog Fawr.

A trip from Gwaith Powdwr to see the hay meadows at their best and undertake some bracken control. Some volunteers may stay at Gwaith Powdwr to undertake regular reserve maintenance tasks depending on numbers. Contact Rob for more details.

Thursday 20th June

Rhiwledyn, Little Orme, Llandudno.

Grassland management and control of non-native cotoneaster. We will also visit Angel Bay to check on the signage for the grey seals. Please confirm with Rob in advance.

Monday 24th June

Bee Walk at Cors Goch, Anglesey.

Regular monthly 'bee walk' around the Cors Goch reserve for the Bumblebee Conservation Trust initiative. Meet at the Bryn Golau entrance to the nature reserve where limited parking is available. Time TBC. Contact Henry for more details.

Tuesday 25th June, 7.30 p.m.

Swift Survey in Llangefni, Anglesey.

An evening survey of breeding Swift sites in the village and assessing buildings with potential for installing nest-boxes. Meet at St Cyngar's Church Hall, Llangefni, LL77 7EA at 7.30 p.m. Contact Henry for more details.

Wednesday 26th June

Cors Goch, Anglesey.

A spot of bracken bashing to help ensure it does not encroach into the species rich grasslands at Penllyn. Contact Matt for more details.

and

Wednesday 26th June

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

A variety of tasks around the nature reserve. Please contact Rob for more details.

Friday 28th June

Eithinog, Bangor.

A variety of tasks around the reserve including fence repairs and bramble management. Contact Matt for more details.

Saturday 29th June 10.00 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Caeau Tan-y-Bwlch, Clynog Fawr, LL54 5DL.

Greater butterfly orchid count and vegetation survey with Trevor Dines of Plantlife. Can we beat last year's total of over 4,000? Contact Rob for more details.

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



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