

North Wales Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve Work Parties North-West Wales July 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 July 2019 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 from our Bangor Office and 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** <u>www.northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk</u> 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.

Wednesday 3rd July

Cors Goch, Anglesey.

We will be bracken bashing and carrying out work on the footpaths which run through the nature reserve. Please contact Matt for more information.

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Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth. An opportunity to try your hand at making bat & bird boxes. Please contact Rob for more information.

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Wednesday 3rd July, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Recorders' day at Traeth Lligwy, Moelfre, Anglesey.

Meet at Traeth Lligwy northern car park (grid reference SH 49308 87340, small charge may apply) at 10 a.m.

Join Henry from our Anglesey Fens Living Landscape project & experts from Cofnod as they search for plants & animals in the Anglesey Fens Living Landscape area. We'll be recording species in the area between Traeth Lligwy & Tyddyn Isaf Caravan Park. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring lunch. Please contact Henry for more information.

Thursday 4th July

Bryn Pydew, near Llandudno.

We will be carrying out practical work to help maintain the biodiversity on the flower-rich limestone grassland. Please contact Rob for more information.

Friday 5th July, morning only (10 a.m. until 1 p.m.)

Spinnies, Aberogwen, near Bangor.

We will be doing various tasks around the nature reserve including grassland management; scrub clearance and path repairs. Meet at the nature reserve at 10 a.m. Please contact Kate Gibbs for more information.

Sunday 7th July, 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Explore Cemlyn with the warden – Cemlyn nature reserve, Cemaes Bay, Anglesey. Meet at Cemlyn NWWT nature reserve, West car park (grid reference SH 329 936). A perfect event for families – see the terns flying in with fish and hear about the 2019 breeding season. There will be an optional guided walk to learn more about the birds, flowers and insects living is this special area. Sorry – no dogs. Donations encouraged. Please contact Sue Carter on (01248) 371769 or <u>sue.gorad@gmail.com</u> for more information.

Wednesday 10th July

Cors Goch, Anglesey.

A day of two halves - grassland & heath management near Bryn Golau followed by hunting for medicinal leech in the fen. Contact Matt for more details.

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Wednesday 10th July

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

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

Saturday 13th July, 10.30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Butterfly hunt at Cors Goch, Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey. Park in the layby near the main entrance (grid reference SH 504 816); meet on the track leading to the nature reserve (LL76 8TZ).

The first part of a day-long event centred around Bryn Golau Cottage. Search for butterflies and their food plants in the meadows and heathland. Bring lunch. Donations encouraged. Contact Penny Radford on (01248) 713022 or <u>radfords713@btinternet.com</u> for more information.

and

Saturday 13th July, 3.30 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Meadow Magic at Cors Goch, Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey. Park in the layby near the main entrance (grid reference SH 504 816); meet on the track leading to the nature reserve (LL76 8TZ).

The second part of a day-long event centred around Bryn Golau Cottage. Come along and have a go at scything and learn all about the wild flowers on this wonderful nature reserve. Bring lunch and socialise beforehand (from 1 p.m.). Tea and coffee provided. Contact Chris Wynne on 07764 897411 or <u>chris.wynne@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk</u>

Monday 15th July (morning session only - 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.)

Llys Garth, NWWT Bangor Office, Bangor, LL57 2RT.

Wildlife gardening work party in our garden at Llys Garth in Bangor. Come & see what has grown! Garden maintenance & work on the upper garden. Please contact Anna for more information.

Wednesday 17th July

Cors Goch, Anglesey.

A variety of tasks around the reserve including footpath maintenance & bracken bashing. Contact Matt for more details.

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Wednesday 17th July

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth. A variety of tasks around the nature reserve. Contact Rob for more details.

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Wednesday 17th July, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Ad Astra Caravan Park, Brynteg, Anglesey. Meet at the California Hotel, Brynteg (grid reference SH 49492 82543). Today we will be fencing off part of a field from horses so that we can plant shrubs for the rare Yellowhammer to nest in. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring lunch. Tools & gloves provided. Please contact Henry for more information.

Thursday 18th July, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Ad Astra Caravan Park, Brynteg, Anglesey.

Meet at the California Hotel, Brynteg (grid reference SH 49492 82543).

Today we will be continuing to fence off part of a field from horses so that we can plant shrubs for the rare Yellowhammer to nest in. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring lunch. Tools & gloves provided. Please contact Henry for more information.

Thursday 18th July

Gogarth, Great Orme, Llandudno.

General reserve maintenance including path clearance, control of non-native cotoneaster and litter picking. Please contact Rob in advance.

Saturday 20th July, 10 a.m. until mid-day.

Eithinog, Bangor.

A couple of hours of light work to help manage and reduce the extent of bracken and brambles; clearing paths & checking fencing. Contact Freda Wyn (07786 302413 or <u>fredawyn2@gmail.com</u>) or meet at the main entrance to the nature reserve on Ffordd Eithinog (the road which leads to Ysgol Cae Top & Ysgol Friars) at 10 a.m. There is a layby opposite the entrance for parking.

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Saturday 20th July, 10 a.m. until 12.30 p.m.

Wildlife Walk & bug hunt. Bryn Pydew NWWT nature reserve, near Llandudno. Help us to discover the bugs of Bryn Pydew – bug hunters of all ages welcome! Donations encouraged. Why not stay on for the Wydden Valley Trust's annual fair in the afternoon? Meet at the Queen's Head pub car park, Glanwydden, Conwy, LL31 9JP. Contact Rob for more information.

Monday 22nd July, 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

Join Henry to collect wild flower seeds from our Cors Goch nature reserve and the surrounding area. The seeds will be used to help restore wild flower meadows in the Anglesey Fens Living Landscape project area. No knowledge of plants is required. Please bring sturdy footwear. Meet at Llanbedrgoch village hall (grid reference SH 51057 80500). Please contact Henry for more information.

Tuesday 23nd July

Penrhoslligwy, Brynrefail, Anglesey.

Himalayan Balsam bashing at Penrhoslligwy, near Brynrefail. Meet in the layby along the minor road leading from Brynrefail to Moelfre (grid reference SH 48867 86546). Please contact Henry for more details.

Wednesday 24th July

Cors Goch, Anglesey.

Bracken clearance around Penllyn and a further chance to explore parts of the fen in search of medicinal leech. Contact Matt for more details.

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Wednesday 24th July

Morfa Bychan, near Porthmadog.

Today we will be installing post & wire fencing and carrying out ditch maintenance. We will be working with volunteers from the Snowdonia Society. Please contact Rob for more details.

Thursday 25th July

Coed Crafnant, Llanbedr, near Harlech, LL45 2PF.

This nature reserve is a fine example of native woodland. Today we will be installing some new interpretation panels which will help to inform visitors about the history & wildlife of the site. Limited parking. Please contact Rob as we will try and car share from Llanbedr village.

Friday 26th July, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Meadow Magic at Eithinog, Bangor.

Come and learn how to scythe whilst helping us to manage the area for wildlife. There will also be an opportunity to learn more about the wild flowers growing at Eithinog. For more information contact Chris Wynne on 07764 897411 or chris.wynne@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk

Wednesday 31st July

Cors Goch, Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

We will be carrying out a variety of tasks around the nature reserve. Contact Matt for more details.

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Wednesday 31st July

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

Today we will be working with volunteers from the Snowdonia Society doing a variety of jobs including a litter pick in the picturesque estuary adjacent to the nature reserve. Please contact Rob for more details.

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Wednesday 31st July, 12.30 – 2.30 p.m. Bee Walk at Cors Goch, Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

One of our monthly walks around Cors Goch to record the bumblebees on the nature reserve. No experience necessary. Meet at 12.30 p.m. in the layby at Bryn Golau, on the east side of the nature reserve along the road from Llanbedrgoch to Brynteg (grid reference SH50471 81673). Bring sturdy footwear.

Thursday 1st August

Rhiwledyn, Llandudno. We will be treating and clearing non-native cotoneaster and surveying for rarities including white horehound and spiked speedwell. Please check with Rob in advance.

Friday 2nd August, morning only (10a.m. – 1p.m.)

Spinnies, Aberogwen, near Bangor.

Himalayan balsam control and other tasks around the reserve including scrub clearance and path repairs. Meet at the reserve at 10 a.m. Contact Kate Gibbs for more information.

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



