



## North Wales Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve Work Parties North-West Wales September 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 September 2019 on our nature reserves in Anglesey, Conwy & Gwynedd & as part of our Anglesey Fens Living Landscape project. As summer leads into autumn, it's a great time of year to visit our nature reserves and discover why they are such special places.

In summary there is usually:

- Surveying or practical 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September (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. Today we will be scything the meadow & cutting back the perennials. We will also be making plans to transform the front garden – all ideas welcome! Please contact Anna for more information.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.**

Stone Science, Talwrn, Anglesey.

Meet in the parking area at Tai Lon Newydd, Talwrn (grid reference SH48945 77189) at 10 a.m. or lift offered from Bangor Office at 9.30 a.m. (Llys Garth, LL57 2RT).

We will be scything & raking a wildflower verge to help seeds germinate next year. Please bring lunch & sturdy footwear. Hot drinks and snacks offered. **The date may change – please contact Henry in advance.**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

Mariandyrys, Llangoed, Anglesey.

Firebreak cutting and bramble management. Please contact Matt for more details.

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**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

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

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.**

Pentraeth, Anglesey.

Meet at the Pentraeth triangle at 10 a.m. (grid reference SH 51640 79698) or a lift offered from the Bangor Office at 9.30 a.m. (Llys Garth, LL57 2RT). We will be raking and clearing a cut wild flower verge to help seeds germinate next year. Bring lunch and sturdy footwear. Hot drinks and snacks offered. **The date may change and so please contact Henry in advance.**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 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 reserve at 10 a.m. Please contact Kate Gibbs for more information.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.**

Meet at Llangefni church hall car park at 10 a.m. (grid reference SH 45857 75908) or lift offered from Bangor Office at 9.30 a.m. (Llys Garth, LL57 2RT).

Himalayan Balsam bashing –this will be the final session of the year to get the last of the plants. We will be working at several sites during the day. Bring lunch and wear sturdy footwear. Please contact Henry for more information or to arrange a lift.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

Various tasks around the nature reserve including surveying for reptiles. Contact Rob for more details.

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**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

Cors Goch, Anglesey.

We will be cutting firebreaks on the heaths and fen areas of the nature reserve. Contact Matt for more information.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

Rhiwledyn, Llandudno.

We will be mowing and raking the scrubby bank above the public footpath. Please contact Rob in advance.

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**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.**

Benllech, Anglesey.

Meet at Llanbedrgoch village hall at 10 a.m. (grid reference SH 51057 80500) or lift offered from Bangor Office (Llys Garth, LL57 2RT).

Join Henry for a day of sowing yellow rattle seeds. Yellow rattle will help to keep grasses under control in verges which are being specially managed for wildflowers. Please bring lunch and sturdy footwear. Contact Henry for more information.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 11.30 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.**

Spinnies, Aberogwen, near Bangor.

Meet at the shore car park (grid reference SH 616 723) at 11.30 a.m.

**Wildlife at the Spinnies event.** There will be a guided walk around the nature reserve, with optional extension to visit nearby Eithinog. Bring your binoculars and lunch. Sorry – no dogs. Donations encouraged. Please contact Janet Baker on 07812 659593 or [jemmole@hotmail.com](mailto:jemmole@hotmail.com) for more information.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

**Snowdonia Society's 'Make a Difference' weekend based at Craflwyn, Beddgelert.**

An opportunity to volunteer & work with various organisations involved in conservation work all over Snowdonia. There will be different activities including tree planting; litter picks; invasive species removal & footpath maintenance at a variety of locations around Snowdonia, including Cors Bodgynydd and Gwaith Powdwr. There will be a BBQ & live folk music on Saturday evening & the opportunity to camp at Craflwyn in Beddgelert. Please contact Claire Holmes via e-mail on [claire@snowdonia-society.org.uk](mailto:claire@snowdonia-society.org.uk) or 07748 162947 for details.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.**

Tyddyn Isaf Caravan Park, Anglesey.

Meet at small car park by A5025 in Brynrefail at 10 a.m. (grid reference SH 48047 86894) or lift offered from Bangor Office at 9.30 a.m. (Llys Garth, LL57 2RT).

We will be thinning out trees from a planted woodland to make way for a wider diversity of trees. Please bring lunch and wear sturdy footwear. Please contact Henry for more information.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

We will be carrying out a variety of tasks around the reserve. Please contact Rob in advance.

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### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

Cors Goch, Anglesey.

We will be cutting fire breaks on the fen – an opportunity to try out your scything skills!  
Contact Matt for more details.

### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.**

Bodgylched, Anglesey.

Meet at Llangefni church hall car park at 10 a.m. (grid reference SH 45857 75908) or lift from the Bangor Office at 9.30 a.m. (Llys Garth, LL57 2RT).

Today we will be strimming to help clear undergrowth in this woodland near Llangefni.  
Please bring lunch and wear sturdy footwear. Contact Henry for more information.

### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

A variety of tasks around the reserve, please contact Rob in advance.

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### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

Mariandyrys, Llangoed, Anglesey.

We will be cutting firebreaks on the heath and small scale gorse management to benefit reptiles. Please contact Matt for more details.

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### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.**

Fagwr Bach, Anglesey.

Meet at the parking area at Tai Lon Newydd, Talwrn at 10 a.m. (grid reference SH 48945 77189) or lift offered from Bangor Office at 9.30 a.m. (Llys Garth, LL57 2RT).

Learn how to lay a hedge that has got leggy and in need of rejuvenating using this traditional method. Please bring lunch and sturdy footwear. Contact Henry for more information.

### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

Gogarth, Llandudno.

Mowing and raking the limestone grassland glades and maritime heath. Please contact Rob in advance.

### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

Eithinog, Bangor.

This is one of our monthly tasks to help us keep on top of site management. Work will include clearing footpaths and bramble and blackthorn management. Please contact Matt for details.

### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.**

Plas Newydd, near Llanfairpwllgwyngyll, Anglesey LL61 6DQ

Set in the grounds of Plas Newydd, the **Anglesey Woodland Festival** is an event that showcases traditional woodland crafts and skills, with demonstrations from experienced craftspeople, locally sourced food and stalls selling handmade items. There are lots of fun activities for all of the family. Entry is free but donations are welcome! See

[www.angleseywoodfest.co.uk](http://www.angleseywoodfest.co.uk) for more information.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.**

**Eithinog nature reserve, Bangor - Fungus Foray**

Meet at the gate on Ffordd Eithinog before Ysgol Cae Top (grid reference SH 563 713). We'll be exploring one of the finest sites for fungi in Wales – come and discover waxcaps, earth-tongues and fairy clubs amongst the grassland. Donations encouraged. Please contact Anna Williams on 07917 455367 or [anna.williams@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:anna.williams@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk)

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.**

**Cors Goch, near Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey - Bee Walk**

Park in the layby at Bryn Golau on the eastern side of the nature reserve along the road from Llanbedrgoch to Brynteg at 1 p.m. (grid reference SH 50471 81673) or lift offered from Bangor Office at 9.30 a.m. (Llys Garth, LL57 2RT).

A monthly walk to record the bumblebees on the nature reserve – no experience necessary. Wear sturdy footwear. Please contact Henry for more information.

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