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Date	Time	Location	Task	Lead / contact
Tues 1st	10:00	Maes Hiraddugm, Dyserth	Help us cut and clear the last of the grass at this rare wild flower meadow, before we introduce the belted Galloway cattle to graze what's left.	Mike Klymko
Wed 2nd	10:00	Minera Quarry, Maes Y Ffynnon Road, Minera Wrexham LL11 3DE	Why not become a Minera Quarry Volunteer and join a merry band of people who help out on this impressive nature reserve every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month? There will be a variety of tasks to cater for all abilities including improving access, signage, scrub clearance, grass cutting, fencing and species surveys. Please come and be part of this this impressive new nature reserve.	Peter Aiken
Fri 4th	10:30	Gors Maen Llwyd, Nantglyn	Moorland conservation, cutting down invading Sitka spruce conifers that have seeded from neighbouring forestry plantations. These non-native pine trees can quickly colonise and dominate the moorland.	Graham Berry
Tues 8th	10:00	Y Ddôl Uchaf, Afonwen	Flood prevention works on the Afon Pant-gwyn. We will be checking and clearing the culvert where the river leaves the reserve. We will also be checking for damaged trees following recent high winds.	Mike Klymko
Weds 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Marford Quarry, Wrexham	Marford Quarry volunteers generally Why not become a Minera Quarry Volunteer and join a merry band of people who help out on this impressive nature reserve every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month? There will be a variety of tasks to cater for all abilities including improving access, signage, scrub clearance, grass cutting, fencing and species surveys. Please come and be part of this this impressive new nature reserve.	Peter Aiken

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Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Big Pool Wood, Gronant	Come and join our 'Big Pool Wood Volunteers' who meet on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month, come and enjoy the newly donated bird hide. This month we will be clearing paths and glades of encroaching vegetation, also removing trees that have fallen into the pool.	Mark Hughes
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Aberduna, Maeshafn, nr Mold (Meet at the office car park)	The Aberduna volunteers meet on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. This week we will also be joined by staff from Hanson aggregates, who are kindly volunteering for the day to help coppice an area of hazel woodland to diversify the woodland structure and benefit woodland wildlife. We may be even have a go making a hazel hurdle! We'll also be scything some small areas of flower rich limestone grassland.	Graham Berry
Weds 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Minera Quarry, Wrexham LI11 3DE	Why not become a Minera Quarry Volunteer and join a merry band of people who help out on this impressive nature reserve every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month? There will be a variety of tasks to cater for all abilities including improving access, signage, scrub clearance, grass cutting, fencing and species surveys. Please come and be part of this this impressive new nature reserve.	Peter Aiken
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Cors y Sarnau, Bala	We will be paying a visit to this amazing wetland site for the first time in a while to establish the extent of the invasive plant <i>Spirea salicifolia</i> with help from the Dee Invasive Non-Native Species project. We will also check the paths are clear and undertake any maintenance. Wellington boots essential. Lift available from Mold area 9am or meet at Sarnau village.	Graham Berry

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Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Y Graig, Tremeirchion	<i>Become a friend of our stunning Y Graig nature reserve, which overlooks the Vale of Clwyd towards Snowdonia. Help us to cut back the brambles that are spreading onto the valuable rock rose habitat and 'pop' encroaching tree saplings.</i>	<i>Martin Baxter &amp; Mike Klymko</i>
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00	Gors Maen Llwyd, Nantglyn	Repairing a boundary fence and removing invading Sitka spruce conifers from this magnificent moorland reserve.	Graham Berry
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00	Marford Quarry, Wrexham	Join our regular Wednesday Marford Quarry Volunteers, where they will be undertaking a variety of tasks to maintain the special features of this site. Ranked in the top 3 sites in Wales for its aculeate invertebrates, over 170 spp of bees, wasps and ants. Also a great place for butterflies, slow worms and green woodpeckers.	Peter Aiken
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Aberduna, Maeshafn, nr Mold	<i>We will be continuing our woodland management theme with further hazel coppicing, creating clearings / glades, important for woodland flora and fauna.</i>	Graham Berry
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	10:00		Last Tuesday of the month catch up task – to be confirmed	
Weds 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Marford Quarry, Wrexham	Join our regular Wednesday Marford Quarry Volunteers, where they will be undertaking a variety of tasks to maintain the special features of this site. Ranked in the top 3 sites in Wales for its aculeate invertebrates, over 170 spp of bees, wasps and ants. Also a great place for butterflies, slow worms and green woodpeckers.	Peter Aiken

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Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	10:30	Cors y Sarnau, Bala	We will be continuing works started in October to restore this nationally important peat land. Bring your Wellington boots! Lift available from Mold area 9am or meet at Sarnau village.	Mike Klymko
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Coed Trelyniau, Rhes-y-Cae	A general maintenance day at this enchanting ancient woodland site. We will be installing kissing gates to replace stiles at the entrance points and replacing some broken fence posts along a fence line.	Graham Berry
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Minera Quarry, Wrexham LI11 3DE	Why not become a Minera Quarry Volunteer and join a merry band of people who help out on this impressive nature reserve every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month? There will be a variety of tasks to cater for all abilities including improving access, signage, scrub clearance, grass cutting, fencing and species surveys. Please come and be part of this this impressive new nature reserve.	Peter Aiken
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Y Ddôl Uchaf, Afonwen	<b>“Keeping the Edge - tool sharpening day”</b> where we maintain the tools that we have been using such as scythes before putting them away for the winter and sharpen the tools we will be using e.g. bill hooks, axes and loppers etc. Please park in the lay-by on the Mold to Denbigh road and walk up the road to the tool store.	Graham Berry
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Big Pool Wood, Gronant.	Come and join our ‘Big Pool Wood Volunteers’ who meet on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month. This month we hope the conditions will be favourable for further removal of willows from the pool edges and cutting of reeds.	Mark Hughes
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Graig Wylt, Graigfechan	Woodland glade creation and building habitat piles. We’ll also be installing new interpretation panels at the entrance of the reserve. All helping hands gratefully received!	Mike Klymko

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Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Old Pulford Brook Meadows, Poulton, nr Rossett	Felling and removing willow trees that have encroached into the flood meadow. Please confirm nearer the time just in case the meadow is flooded.	Graham Berry
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Marford Quarry, Wrexham	Join our regular Wednesday Marford Quarry Volunteers, where they will be undertaking a variety of tasks to maintain the special features of this site. Ranked in the top 3 sites in Wales for its aculeate invertebrates, over 170 spp of bees, wasps and ants. Also a great place for butterflies, slow worms and green woodpeckers.	Peter Aiken
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Y Ddôl Uchaf, Afonwen	Come and try your hand at art of traditional hedge laying when we lay a section of hedgerow. (Day 1)	Mike Klymko
<b>Sat 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Y Ddôl Uchaf, Afonwen</b>	<b>Come and try your hand at art of traditional hedge laying when we lay a section of hedgerow. (Day 2)</b>	<b>Graham Berry</b>
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Aberduna, Maeshafn, nr Mold (Meet at the office car park)	The Aberduna volunteers meet on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. This week we will also be joined by Severn Trent Community Champions, staff who are kindly volunteering for the day to help clear scrub (hawthorn and blackthorn) from flower rich limestone grassland areas.	Mike Klymko
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Minera Quarry, Wrexham LI11 3DE	Why not become a Minera Quarry Volunteer and join a merry band of people who help out on this impressive nature reserve every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month? There will be a variety of tasks to cater for all abilities including improving access, signage, scrub clearance, grass cutting, fencing and species surveys. Please come and be part of this this impressive new nature reserve.	Peter Aiken

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Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30	Blaen y Weirgloedd, Llansannan.	We will be repairing the perimeter fence of this upland peat bog as well as further ditch blocking and scrub removal, this will benefit the peat forming sphagnum mosses and a host of other rare bog plants and invertebrates. Wellington boots & waterproofs essential!	Graham Berry
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>			To be confirmed	
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Marford Quarry, Wrexham	Join our regular Wednesday Marford Quarry Volunteers, where they will be undertaking a variety of tasks to maintain the special features of this site. Ranked in the top 3 sites in Wales for its aculeate invertebrates, over 170 spp of bees, wasps and ants. Also a great place for butterflies, slow worms and green woodpeckers.	Peter Aiken
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Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00	Coed Cil-y-groes-lwyd, Pwllglas nr Ruthin	This unique ancient woodland site grows out of the limestone pavement with the largest area of yew woodland in Denbighshire and home to the county flower, Limestone Woundwort. Today we will be starting to coppice some of the woodland to benefit the woodland plants and animals. Meet at Siop Pwllglas car park.	To be confirmed
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Minera Quarry, Wrexham LI11 3DE	Why not become a Minera Quarry Volunteer and join a merry band of people who help out on this impressive nature reserve every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month? There will be a variety of tasks to cater for all abilities including improving access, signage, scrub clearance, grass cutting, fencing and species surveys. Please come and be part of this this impressive new nature reserve.	Peter Aiken
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Coed Cil-y-groes-lwyd, Pwllglas nr Ruthin	Further coppicing to create diverse woodland structure in this unique ancient woodland. Meet Siop Pwllglas car park	Mike Klymko
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Y Ddol Uchaf, Afonwen	Annual pond clearing task when we will be removing a percentage of the vegetation from each pond to create ideal conditions for great crested newts.	Graham Berry
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Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Big Pool Wood, Gronant	Support our 'Big Pool Wood Volunteers', meeting on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month. Water levels permitting – join the adventures of reed bed cutting to maintain areas of open water for over-wintering waterfowl.	Mark Hughes

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Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Aberduna, Maeshafn, nr Mold	This will be the last Aberduna volunteers task of the year, so why not a pre-Christmas gathering to include; hazel coppicing and hurdle making along with a some jacket spuds and mulled wine around the camp fire.	Mike Klymko
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Minera Quarry, Wrexham LL11 3DE	This will be the last task of 2019, and for the Minera Quarry volunteers this is traditionally marked by a Christmas BBQ, so why not don your favourite Christmas jumper and bring a turkey burger or veggie sausage to bung on barbie! You never know, Pete might bring one of his legendary Christmas cakes to share!	Peter Aiken



*Merry Christmas to you and a Happy New Year*

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