



North Wales Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve Work Parties North-West Wales December 2019 & January 2020

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 on our nature reserves in Anglesey, Conwy & Gwynedd between December 2019 & January 2020. Winter is a busy time of year as there are always lots of jobs to be done – tree planting, coppicing and scrub clearance to name but three! Don't be put off by the colder weather - 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:

- 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 Katy Haines on 07948 402630 or katy.haines@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 Eurig Jones on 07764 897413 or eurig.jones@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 our Bangor Office - Llys Garth, Garth Road, Bangor LL57 2RT, 9 a.m. – 12 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.

Saturday 7th December, 11 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.

Plast-off! Beach clean event at Porth Trecastell (Cable Bay), near Rhosneigr, Anglesey (SH 333 707).

This is no ordinary beach clean! At this time of year, winter storms throw up lots of plastic on to our beaches. Why not join us as we try to remove as much of it as possible? We'll have food and hot drinks as a reward for all of your hard work. Dogs welcome. Donations encouraged.

Please contact Nia Jones on 01248 351541 or nia.jones@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk for more information.

Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th December, 2.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

Make your own Christmas wreath

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

Join us for a relaxing, fun and creative afternoon & make your own Christmas wreath.

Everyone welcome from beginners to experienced florists. Materials provided but feel free to bring along your own.

Cost: £15 (non-members); £12 (members) and £10 (students) to cover materials and refreshments. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL.** Please contact Anna Williams on 07917 455367 or anna.williams@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk to book your place.

Wednesday 11th December, 10 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.

Cors Bodgynydd, near Betws-y-Coed. Take home a Christmas tree!

Help us to protect this upland mire by pulling and cutting conifer seedlings and saplings and finding yourself a Christmas tree in the process! Wellies essential! Please contact Katy Haines for more details.

and

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

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

Tuesday 17th December, 10 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Greenacres nature reserve, Morfa Bychan, near Porthmadog.

Greenacres is a great example of increasingly rare dune habitat. Today we will be clearing willow in an effort to protect the special interest of the site. Weather permitting, we'll have a fire. Please contact Katy Haines for more details.

Wednesday 18th December

Cors Goch, Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

We will be managing recent areas of tree planting on this part of Cors Goch. The trees were planted to improve the hedgerows and woodland areas. Contact Matt for more details.

and

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

Today we will be coppicing and clearing invasive buddleia on parts of the nature reserve which provide important habitat for reptiles. Mince pies all round! Contact Katy Haines for more details.

Thursday 19th December

Gogarth, Bryn Pydew or Rhiwledyn, near Llandudno.

Today we will be carrying out scrub clearance and other jobs around one of our limestone grassland nature reserves near Llandudno. Please contact Eurig for more information.

Friday 20th December

Eithinog, Bangor.

Meet at the entrance gate to Eithinog Nature Reserve, Ffordd Eithinog before Ysgol Cae Top, Bangor (GR: SH 563 713).

Scrub clearance and other maintenance jobs around the nature reserve. Please contact Matt for more information.

Friday 3rd January

Spinnies Aberogwen, near Bangor.

If one of your New Year's Resolutions is to do more to protect your local environment then here's the perfect opportunity! We will be carrying out a variety of tasks around the reserve and there's always time for a spot of bird watching. Meet at the reserve at 10 a.m. Contact Kate Gibbs for more details.

Tuesday 7th January

Greenacres nature reserve, Morfa Bychan, near Porthmadog.

Greenacres is a great example of increasingly rare dune habitat. Today we will be clearing willow in an effort to protect the special interest of the site. Weather permitting, we'll have a fire. Please contact Katy Haines for more details.

Wednesday 8th January

Cors Goch, Anglesey.

Heathland management on the Castell section of the reserve. Please contact Matt for more information.

and

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

Today we will be clearing areas of the heathland to provide important habitat for nightjars and basking reptiles. Contact Katy Haines for more details.

Thursday 9th January

Bryn Pydew/Rhiwledyn/Gogarth, near Llandudno.

Today we will be working on one of our limestone grassland nature reserves near Llandudno. Please contact Eurig for more details.

Saturday 11th January, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Bird Watch Day at our Spinnies Aberogwen nature reserve, near Bangor (Grid Ref: SH 615724).

Come to the shore hide to see what's about, with experts on hand to help identify the birds and chat about wildlife. Dogs welcome. Donations encouraged.

Please contact Kate Gibbs on 01248 681936 or kategibbs.nwwt@gmail.com for more information.

Tuesday 14th January

Greenacres nature reserve, Morfa Bychan, near Porthmadog.

Greenacres is a great example of increasingly rare dune habitat. Today we will be clearing willow in an effort to protect the special interest of the site. Weather permitting, we'll have a fire. Please contact Katy Haines for more details.

Wednesday 15th January

Cors Goch, Anglesey.

Tree planting and aftercare to improve our recently planted hedgerows and woodland areas. Please contact Matt for more details.

and

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

Today we will be coppicing and clearing invasive buddleia on parts of the nature reserve which provide important habitat for reptiles. Contact Katy Haines for more details.

Monday 20th January, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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

Wildlife gardening work party in the garden at our Bangor office. Garden maintenance & work on the upper garden. Please contact Anna for more information.

Tuesday 21st January

Morfa Bychan, near Porthmadog.

Today we will be clearing scrub and willow on this maritime nature reserve. Please contact Katy Haines for more details.

Wednesday 22nd January

Mariandyrys, Llangoed, Anglesey.

Scrub clearance as part of the heathland management to maintain a diverse structure to benefit plants, invertebrates and reptiles. Please contact Matt for more information.

and

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

Today we will be carrying out heathland and grassland management to provide habitat for nightjars and reptiles. Contact Katy Haines for more details.

Thursday 23rd January

Bryn Pydew, Glanwydden, near Llandudno.

Join us for a spot of 'tree popping' and scrub clearance on this important limestone grassland nature reserve. Please contact Eurig for more details.

Friday 24th January

Eithinog, Bangor.

Scrub clearance as part of the grassland management as well as other tasks around the nature reserve. Please contact Matt for more information.

Sunday 26th January

Mariandyrys, Llangoed, Anglesey.

Join us on this weekend volunteer session with students from Bangor University. This nature reserve is an important site for reptiles. We will be carrying out heathland management. Lift available from Bangor at 9.15 a.m. Please contact Matt for more information.

Tuesday 28th January

Greenacres nature reserve, Morfa Bychan, near Porthmadog.

Greenacres is a great example of increasingly rare dune habitat. Today we will be clearing willow in an effort to protect the special interest of the site. Weather permitting, we'll have a fire. Please contact Katy Haines for more details.

Wednesday 29th January

Cors Goch, Anglesey.

A good opportunity to try your hand at post & wire fencing. Please contact Matt for more information.

and

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

We will be carrying out a variety of jobs around the nature reserve including grassland and heathland management. Please contact Katy Haines for more details.

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

