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Date	Time	Location	Task	Lead / contact
Tues 7th	10:00	Big Pool Wood, Gronant	Why not start the new year with a task at this lovely nature reserve where we will be removing wind-blown willow and poplar branches from the reed bed before they set root. Wellies and water proofs advisable.	Mark Hughes Mike Klymko
Wed 8th	10:00	Marford, Wrexham	Join our regular 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday with the 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 invertebrate assemblage.	Peter Aiken
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Big Pool Wood, Gronant.	Big Pool Wood Volunteers meet on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month. Experience the recently donated bird hide overlooking the reed bed and pool, you may see a Teal or water rail. This month we will be working to remove over-shading willows from the reed bed.	Mark Hughes Mike Klymko
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Maes Hiraddug, Dyserth	Coppicing trees that over-shade this important grassland site, scalloping the blackthorn edge to enhance the reserves biodiversity.	Mike Klymko
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Minera Quarry, 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 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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.	Peter Aiken
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Coed Cilygroeslwyd, Pwllglas	Day 1 - Coppicing trees along the historic coal track to enable more light to reach the woodland floor and hopefully benefit the limestone woundwort the County flower of Denbighshire. Meet Siop Pwllglas car park	Graham Berry

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Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Big Pool Wood, Gronant	<b>A bonus task here to undertake willow and reed bed management from the pool area. Wellies and water proofs essential (waders even better).</b>	<b>Mark Hughes Mike Klymko</b>
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00	Aberduna, Maeshafn. Meeting in the office car park	Aberduna volunteers meet on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month; we'll be coppicing an area of hazel woodland to diversify the woodland structure and benefit woodland plants and animals.	Mike Klymko
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00	Marford, Wrexham	Join our regular Marford Quarry Volunteers on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, 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 invertebrate assemblage.	Peter Aiken
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00	Marchwiell nature reserve	The Wildlife Trust is helping to clear and repair an overgrown boardwalk at this community owned nature reserve. An interesting wetland habitat that has been neglected and is now undergoing major renovation works including pond enhancement, scrub control and woodland management.	Lawrence Maxwell
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 Lift from Aberduna Mold area 9 am	Cors y Sarnau, Sarnau nr Bala	A visit to this wild reserve to continue restoration of this rare lowland peat bog habitat – We'll be dealing with invasive beech, birch and spirea with a little help from our Dee Invasive species officers. Wellington boots advisable! Lift available from Aberduna / Mold area 9am	Graham Berry

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Mon 27th	10:00	HOYA on the Wrexham industrial estate	Help to do your bit to fight climate change by planting a mixed native woodland. This site has real ecological potential and consists of an established meadow and woodland area leading to a large neglected football and recreation area. As part of the Trusts Wrexham Industrial Estate Living landscape Project (WIELLP), we are creating an eco-park complete with orchard, woodland, wildflower and picnic recreation areas for local workers and the public to use.	Lawrence Maxwell
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Maes Hiraddug, Dyserth Meeting on the reserve	Coppicing over-shading trees at this important grassland site and scalloping the blackthorn edges to enhance the reserves biodiversity.	Mike Klymko
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	TBC (To Be Confirmed)	End of the month catch up task to be confirmed	Peter Aiken
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	10:00	Coed Cilygroeslwyd, Pwllglas	Day 2 – Coppicing a small area of the woodland to benefit the rare Limestone woundwort and giant bell flower that once flowered here. Meet at Siop Pwllglas car park	Graham Berry

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Sat 1st	10:30	Y Graig, Tremeirion	Become a friend of the stunning Y Graig nature reserve overlooking the Vale of Clwyd and Snowdonia; help to cut back brambles and 'pop' encroaching tree saplings to protect the valuable rock rose habitat.	Martin Baxter
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Coed Cilygroeslwyd, Pwllglas	Day 3 - Copping a small area of the woodland to benefit the rare Limestone woundwort and giant bell flower that once flowered here. Meet at Siop Pwllglas car park.	Mike Klymko
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Minera Quarry, Wrexham LI11 3DE	Why not join the Minera Quarry Volunteers who meet every 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at this impressive nature reserve? There will be a variety of tasks to cater for all abilities including improving access, signage, scrub clearance, grass cutting, fencing and species surveys.	Peter Aiken
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Coed Cilygroeslwyd, Pwllglas	Day 4 - Copping a small area of the woodland to benefit the rare Limestone woundwort and giant bell flower that once flowered here. Meet at Siop Pwllglas car park.	Graham Berry
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Cappers Lane, Wrexham Industrial Estate, east of Bryn Lane	Help us reopen an old footpath along an old drovers road. Thanks to the good work of Jonny Hulson and Gordon Emery we have managed to re instate a forgotten right of way along an old drovers lane that lies upon the possible remains of an ancient roman road in the heart of the industrial estate. <b>Meeting place to be confirmed?</b>	Lawrence Maxwell
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Big Pool Wood, Gronant	A further bonus task here to undertake willow and reed bed management, to be completed before the beginning of bird breeding season	Mark Hughes Mike Klymko

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Weds 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Marford, 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 invertebrate assemblage.	Peter Aiken
Fri 14 <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.	Mark Hughes Mike Klymko
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Aberduna, Maeshafn	Day 1 - Join the Aberduna volunteers to help restore the limestone grassland flora by clearing scrub (hawthorn and blackthorn) from flower rich grassland areas. Meet at the office car park.	Mike Klymko
Wed 19 <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 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00	Aberduna, Maeshafn	Day 2 - Join the Aberduna volunteers to help restore the limestone grassland flora by clearing scrub (hawthorn and blackthorn) from flower rich grassland areas. Meet at the office car park.	Mike Klymko
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Big Pool Wood, Gronant	Reed bed management and tree felling	Mark Hughes Graham Berry
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Marford, Wrexham	Join our regular 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 invertebrate assemblage.	Peter Aiken
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Big Pool Wood, Gronant	Reed bed management and tree felling	Mark Hughes Mike Klymko

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Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00	Maes Hiraddug Meet on the reserve	Coppicing over-shading trees at this important grassland site and scalloping the blackthorn edges to enhance the reserves biodiversity.	Mike Klymko
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 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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	Cors y Sarnau Lift from Aberduna Mold area 9 am	A visit to this wild reserve to continue restoration of this rare bog land habitat – Wellington boots required	Mike or Graham
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	TBC	A catch up task day, venue to be confirmed	TBC
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Marford, Wrexham	Join our regular 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 invertebrate assemblage.	Peter Aiken
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 Mike Klymko

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Wed 18 <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 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Ddol near Afon Wen	Workshop maintenance day, including the replacement of a leaky roof panel.	Mike Klymko
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Blaen y Weirgloedd near Llansannan	Tree popping of invasive scrub and fence repairs	Mike Klymko
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Marford, Wrexham	Join our regular 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 invertebrate assemblage.	Peter Aiken
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	TBC	Last Friday of the month catch up task	TBC
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup>	TBC	TBC	Last day of the month catch up task	TBC

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