



North Wales Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve Work Parties North-West Wales February 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 throughout February 2020. Winter is a busy time of year as there are many jobs to be done – fencing, coppicing and scrub clearance to name but three! Please 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. – 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 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 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.

Tuesday 4th February

Morfa Bychan nature reserve, Morfa Bychan, near Porthmadog.

Cattle & horses are used to help us manage this nature reserve and today we will be installing a new section of post & wire fencing to make sure that the site is stock proof. We will also be carrying out willow & scrub control. We will be working with our friends from the Snowdonia Society - please come along and join us. Contact Katy Haines for more information.

Wednesday 5th February

Cors Goch, Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

Join Matt Cole, our Reserves Officer, for an opportunity to try your hand at post and wire fencing – no experience needed. Please contact Matt for more details.

and

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

We will be carrying out management work on the heathland area to provide valuable habitat for reptiles and nightjar. Please contact Katy Haines for more details.

Thursday 6th February

Rhiwledyn, near Llandudno.

Help us to control the scrub & invasive non-native cotoneaster on this important limestone grassland area. Please contact Eurig for more information.

Friday 7th February (a.m. only – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

Spinnies, Aberogwen, near Bangor.

A variety of tasks around the reserve and there may even be time for some bird watching – you might catch a glimpse of our not-so-elusive kingfishers! Meet at the nature reserve at 10 a.m. Contact Kate Gibbs for more information.

Tuesday 11th February

Greenacres, 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. We will be working with our friends & volunteers from the Snowdonia Society. Please contact Katy Haines for more details.

Wednesday 12th February

Cors Goch, Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

We will be carrying out heathland management work. Please contact Matt for more details.

and

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

We will be carrying out scrub control, including the removal of buddleia & rhododendron, to protect the heathland areas which provide important habitat for reptiles and nightjar. Contact Katy Haines for more details.

Thursday 13th February

Cemlyn, near Cemaes Bay, Anglesey.

In preparation for the return of the terns, we will be carrying out work on the islands in the lagoon. There should also be time for a spot of bird watching. Don't forget your wellies!

Please contact Matt for more details.

Wednesday 19th February

Mariandyrys, near Llangoed, Anglesey.

Enjoy amazing views of the mountains & coast as we carry out heathland & grassland management work. Please contact Matt for more information.

and

Greenacres nature reserve, Morfa Bychan, near Porthmadog.

More willow clearance in an effort to protect the special interest of the site. Weather permitting, we'll have a fire. Don't forget your wellies! Please contact Katy Haines for more details.

Thursday 20th February

Gogarth nature reserve, Great Orme, Llandudno.

Come along and help us clear non-native cotoneaster & scrub on this special limestone grassland nature reserve. Enjoy lovely views while you work. Please contact Eurig for more information.

Sunday 23rd February

Greenacres, Morfa Bychan, near Porthmadog.

Join us on this weekend session with students from Bangor University Conservation Society. We will be clearing willow to protect the special interest of the site. Don't forget your wellies!

Contact Katy Haines for more details.

and

Bird Watch Day, Spinnies, Aberogwen, near Bangor.

Call in and see what's about with experts on hand to help identify the birds and chat about wildlife. Please contact Kate Gibbs for more information. Donations encouraged.

Wednesday 26th February

Coed Porthamel, near Brynsiencyn, Anglesey.

Today we will be carrying out woodland management work & path clearance. Please contact Matt for more information.

and

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

Tree thinning & scrub clearance. Maintaining glades (or open areas) and grassy rides is important to provide basking areas for the resident reptiles and habitat for butterflies and other insects. Please contact Katy Haines for more details.

and

Gogarth, Great Orme, Llandudno.

Gogarth is an important limestone grassland nature reserve and scrub control is an important part of the site's management. Please come along and help us remove non-native cotoneaster (which is very invasive). Lovely views while you work! Please contact Eurig for more information.

Friday 28th February

Eithinog, Bangor.

Meet at the entrance gate to Eithinog Nature Reserve, Ffordd Eithinog, just 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.

Monday 2nd March, a.m. only (9.00 a.m. until 1 p.m.)

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

As spring approaches, there's lots of work to be done in our wildlife-friendly garden. Please contact Anna Williams for more information.

Wednesday 4th March

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

Gwaith Powdwr is an important site for reptiles and every year staff and volunteers carry out reptile surveys to gain an understanding of their numbers. In preparation for our 2020 surveys we will be carrying out maintenance work on the tin and felt 'refugia' which are located across the nature reserve. Please contact Katy Haines for more information.

and

Cors Goch, Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

Today we will be way marking some of the footpaths around the nature reserve. Please contact Matt for more information.

Thursday 5th March

Bryn Pydew, Glanwydden, near Llandudno.

Today we will be carrying out management work on the limestone pavement and grassy glades. Please contact Eurig for more information.

Friday 6th March (a.m. only – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

Spinnies, Aberogwen, near Bangor.

A variety of tasks around this excellent bird reserve. Please contact Kate Gibbs for more details.

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



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