



North Wales Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve Work Parties North-West Wales December 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 throughout December 2020 on our nature reserves in Anglesey, Conwy & Gwynedd & in our wildlife garden at our office in Bangor. Winter is a great time of year to work on 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 Rob Booth on 07764 897414 or 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**
- 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 Matt Cole on 01248 351541 or 07375 520493 or matt.cole@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk**
- 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 Llys Garth (our Bangor Office), 10 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 – although with coronavirus this has become more limited. 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.

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

Wednesday 2nd December

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd.

From 1865 until 1995 this site was home to a world-renowned explosives factory. The Wildlife Trust took over the site when it was decommissioned in 1998 & since then nature has flourished. Our work focusses on maintaining the variety of habitats whilst protecting the history of the site. We will be carrying out various tasks around the reserve. Please contact Rob for more details.

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Wednesday 2nd December

Cors Goch, near Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

Today we will be carrying out heathland management work. This work is essential to ensure that vulnerable plants such as the pale dog-violet and marsh gentian continue to thrive. Don't forget your wellies! Please contact Matt for more details.

Thursday 3rd December

Rhiwledyn, Llandudno.

Rhiwledyn, also known as the Little Orme, has stunning sea views and wonderful limestone grassland wildlife. We will be carrying out scrub control to prevent it overtaking the precious species-rich limestone grassland areas. There may even be time for a short walk to do some seal spotting! Please contact Rob for more details.

Friday 4th December

Spinnies, Aberogwen, near Bangor, Gwynedd, morning only 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

A variety of tasks around the reserve with an opportunity to do some bird watching! Meet at the nature reserve at 10 a.m. Contact Matt Cole for more information.

Wednesday 9th December

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd.

A variety of tasks around the nature reserve, including looking after some of the historic buildings which remind us of the site's industrial past. Please contact Rob for more details.

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Wednesday 9th December

Mariandyrys, near Llangoed, Anglesey.

Enjoy extensive views of the mountains and coast as we carry out small scale gorse management to benefit reptiles. Please contact Matt for more information.

Thursday 10th December

Gogarth, Great Orme, Llandudno.

This nature reserve is a slice of limestone grassland and maritime heath on the western slopes of the Great Orme, teeming with butterflies and wildflowers in the Summer. Today we will be carrying out scrub clearance to protect this valuable habitat. Please contact Rob for more details.

Friday 11th December

Morfa Bychan, near Porthmadog.

This is a truly maritime nature reserve, allowing a rare opportunity to experience the whole range of habitats within a dynamic dune system. Today we will be clearing scrub and cutting and burning willow. Please contact Rob for more information.

Wednesday 16th December

Cors Bodgynydd, near Betws-y-Coed.

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 Rob for more information.

Thursday 17th December

Gogarth, Great Orme, Llandudno.

Enjoy lovely views of the mountains and coast as we carry out scrub clearance to protect the limestone grassland and maritime heath. Please contact Rob for more details.

Friday 18th December

Eithinog, Bangor, Gwynedd.

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.

Wednesday 23rd December

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd.

This will be the last work party before Christmas. We will be carrying out a variety of jobs around the nature reserve including path clearance & scrub control, to maintain suitable habitat for nightjar and the many reptiles that live on the site. Please contact Rob for more details.

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Wednesday 23rd December

Cors Goch, near Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

The last task before Christmas. We will be carrying out more heathland management to help maintain the diverse range of habitats throughout the reserve. Please contact Matt for more information.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you.
2020 has been a very challenging year for everyone.
Thank you so much for your support throughout the
year.

