

North Wales Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve Work Parties in NW Wales - Anglesey, Conwy & Gwynedd January 2021

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with North Wales Wildlife Trust. Although Wales is currently under Coronavirus Alert Level 4 restrictions, we are able to continue to run a programme of conservation tasks that volunteers are allowed to attend, given that travelling to provide "voluntary or charitable services" is permitted by Welsh Government. However, we completely understand that some people may not wish to travel or volunteer under the current conditions and we look forward to seeing you again when you feel able to join us.

We have re-assessed all of our planned work and where necessary amended our work plans to ensure that they can be delivered safely. If you wish to attend any of the work days, you <u>must</u> book ahead directly with the task organiser (their contact details are listed below). Please do <u>not</u> travel to attend a work day without the task organiser having expressly acknowledged that it is OK for you to attend. Please note, unfortunately we are unable to provide lifts to anyone at the present time.

This programme lists the volunteering opportunities that are available throughout January 2021 on our nature reserves in Anglesey, Conwy & Gwynedd. Winter is a busy time of year as there are always lots of jobs to be done – fencing, 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 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 <u>matt.cole@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk</u>

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** <u>www.northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk</u> 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, tools and hand washing facilities. Social distancing will be observed.

Please remember, if you are interested in attending a particular work party, you must contact the relevant task leader in advance. Thank you!

Wednesday 20th January

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 20th January

Cors Goch, near Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

Today we will be carrying out fencing & 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 21st January

Bryn Pydew, Glanwydden, near Llandudno.

The limestone pavements, flower-rich grasslands & ash & yew woodlands found on this nature reserve support a wealth of plant & animal life. Today we will be carrying out scrub control to prevent it overtaking the precious species-rich limestone grassland areas. We will also be clearing some of the footpaths. Please contact Rob for more details.

Friday 22nd January

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 27th January

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 27th January

Cors Goch, near Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

The complex geology and wealth of different habitats make Cors Goch one of Wales's most diverse, colourful nature reserves & part of an internationally significant network of fens in Anglesey. We will be carrying out more heathland & wetland management to help maintain the diverse range of habitats throughout the reserve. Please contact Matt for more information.

Thursday 28th January

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.



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