



## North Wales Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve Work Parties in NE Wales (Denbighshire, Flintshire & Wrexham) March 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 when you feel able to join us.

**If you wish to attend any of the work days, you must book ahead directly with the task organiser (their contact details are listed below). Please do not travel to attend a work day without the task organiser having expressly acknowledged that it is OK for you to attend.**

This programme lists the volunteering opportunities that are available throughout March 2021 on our nature reserves in Denbighshire, Flintshire & Wrexham and as part of our Wrexham Industrial Estate (WIE) Living Landscape project. Now that the first signs of spring are beginning to emerge – it’s a great time of year to visit our nature reserves and discover why they are such special places.

Our work parties provide an interesting and lively mix of practical work and informal training. **Details of the locations of our nature reserves can be found on our website [www.northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk)** Please wear work clothes and stout boots/wellies and bring waterproofs and a packed lunch. We will supply work gloves, tools and hand washing facilities. Social distancing will be observed.

In summary there is:

- A volunteer work day every Tuesday & Friday on one of our nature reserves in NE Wales. **Contact Mike Klymko on 07880 033562 or [Mike.Klymko@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:Mike.Klymko@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk)**
- A volunteer work day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month at Big Pool Wood, Gronant. **Contact Mark Hughes on [mjdughes1108@gmail.com](mailto:mjdughes1108@gmail.com) or 07800 771570.**
- Various work days on sites within the Wrexham Industrial Estate Living Landscape project area. **Contact Henry Cook on [henry.cook@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:henry.cook@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk) or 07940 008799.**
- A work day every Wednesday at either Minera or Marford Quarry nature reserve, nr. Wrexham. **Contact Peter Aiken on [aikenfamily@talktalk.net](mailto:aikenfamily@talktalk.net) or 07749 558148.**

### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

Aberduna, Maeshafn, near Mold. Meet at the office car park. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Today we will be continuing our seasonal hazel coppicing and clearing bramble to benefit woodland flora and the small pearl bordered fritillary butterfly. Please contact Mike Klymko if you would like to attend.

### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Minera Quarry, Coedpoeth, near Wrexham. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Why not become a Minera Quarry Volunteer and witness the incredible power of nature as it slowly reclaims this former lead and limestone quarry into a wildlife haven? In the long term, we aim to create a mosaic of habitats showing the full successional story from bare rock to established woodland, as well as protecting important populations of protected species, such as bats. There will be a variety of tasks to cater for all abilities including improving access, signage, scrub clearance, grass cutting, fencing and wildlife surveys. Please contact Peter Aiken if you would like to attend.

### **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

Aberduna, Maeshafn, near Mold. Meet at the office car park. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Aberduna is a striking 20-hectare reserve offering stunning views across the Alyn Valley to Moel Famau & the Clwydian Range. The entire site is underlain by limestone which influences the habitats found on the nature reserve. Today we will be continuing with the seasonal hazel coppicing which will benefit the woodland flora and the small pearl bordered fritillary butterfly. Please contact Mike Klymko if you would like to attend.

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### **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

Hedge laying at Agri-cation. Meet in Bangor-on-Dee by the church, LL13 0BU. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Today we will be restoring old hedges, using traditional methods, to provide better habitat for wildlife. Please bring wellies or boots and lunch. Places are limited so please contact Henry Cook if you would like to attend.

### **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

Glade creation at Village Bakery on the Wrexham Industrial Estate. Meet behind Clwyd House, Blackwood Business Park, Ash Road South, Wrexham LL13 9UG. 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. We will be creating a small glade to open up the woodland structure. This will benefit the ground flora and butterflies. Please bring sturdy footwear and lunch. Places are limited so please contact Henry Cook if you would like to attend.

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### **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

Minera Quarry, Coedpoeth, near Wrexham. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Join our Minera Quarry Volunteers with a variety of tasks, catering for all abilities, including improving access, signage, scrub clearance, grass cutting, fencing and wildlife surveys. Please contact Peter Aiken if you would like to attend.

### **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

Hedge planting at Agri-cation. Meet in Bangor-on-Dee by the church, LL13 OBU. 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Today we will be planting hedging plants to fill gaps in the existing network on this site. Please bring wellies or boots. Please contact Henry Cook if you would like to attend as places are limited.

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### **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

Big Pool Wood, Gronant. Parking off the road, close to the reserve entrance. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

A wonderful reed bed and woodland site filled with wildflowers and birdsong and facilities that allow you to get closer to wildlife. This week we will be clearing the pathway in preparation for board walk and path improvement works. **Places are limited on this work party – booking is essential.** Please contact Mark Hughes if you would like to attend.

### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

Can it for a greener planet! Meet at Redwither Tower car park, First Avenue, Wrexham LL13 9XT. 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Join us on a socially-distanced litter pick around the wilder parts of the Wrexham Industrial Estate. Places are limited so please contact Henry Cook if you would like to attend.

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### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

Aberduna, Maeshafn, near Mold. Meet at the office car park. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Today we are teaming up with the 'River Guardians' group. We will be continuing our woodland coppicing work and crafting some stakes in preparation for future step construction and pathway improvements. Please contact Mike Klymko if you would like to attend.

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Minera Quarry, Coedpoeth, near Wrexham. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Join our Minera Quarry Volunteers as they carry out various tasks around this impressive nature reserve. Please contact Peter Aiken if you would like to attend.

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### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Removing Snowberry from Erlas Black Wood. Meet behind Clwyd House, Blackwood Business Park, Ash Road South, Wrexham LL13 9UG. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Today we will be cutting down invasive Snowberry from the understory of the wood and treating it to stop regrowth. Bring sturdy footwear and lunch. Places are limited so please contact Henry Cook if you would like to attend.

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Coed y Felin, Hendre, near Mold. Meet in the east car park. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. We will be filling out erosion ruts by the car park entrances and cutting regenerating scrub to benefit the scarce Deptford Pink, *Dianthus armeria*. Please note this involves working close to or on a steep slope. Sturdy footwear with good tread is essential! Please contact Mike Klymko if you would like to attend.

### **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

Big Pool Wood, Gronant. Parking off the road, close to the reserve entrance. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

We will be carrying out path improvements at Big Pool Wood with our Volunteer Wardens, Mark Hughes & Roger Riley. We are limiting the number of volunteers to ensure that we can work safely. Please contact Mike Klymko to book your place.

### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Location to be confirmed but it will be either Minera or Marford Quarry, near Wrexham. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Please contact Peter Aiken for further information.

### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

Big Pool Wood, Gronant. Parking off the road, close to the reserve entrance. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

We will be continuing with path improvements at Big Pool Wood with our Volunteer Wardens, Mark Hughes & Roger Riley. We are limiting the number of volunteers to ensure that we can work safely. Please contact Mike Klymko to book your place.

### **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

Big Pool Wood, Gronant. Parking off the road, close to the reserve entrance. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

We will be continuing with path improvements at Big Pool Wood with our Volunteer Wardens, Mark Hughes & Roger Riley. We are limiting the number of volunteers to ensure that we can work safely. Please contact Mike Klymko to book your place.

### **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Location to be confirmed but it will be either Minera or Marford Quarry, near Wrexham. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Please contact Peter Aiken for further information.

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

