



North Wales Wildlife Trust

Nature Reserve Work Parties in NW Wales - Anglesey, Conwy & Gwynedd

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.

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 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.** 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 March 2021 on our nature reserves in Anglesey, Conwy & Gwynedd. Now that the first signs of spring are beginning to show - 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 Greenacres reserve, near Porthmadog or 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 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 Eithnog, 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**

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 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 3rd March

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 if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 3rd March

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 if you would like to attend.

Thursday 4th March

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 if you would like to attend.

Friday 5th March

Nantport, Bangor, Gwynedd, morning only 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Coastal waders and woodland birds await you in this lovely strip of woodland overlooking the Menai Strait. Today we will be carrying out path improvement work and woodland management. Please contact Matt if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 10th March

Greenacres, Morfa Bychan, near Porthmadog.

Greenacres is a great example of increasingly rare dune habitat. Located in a spectacular coastal landscape, the reserve contains dune grassland, scrub and willow carr habitats. Today we will be clearing willow in an effort to protect the special interest of the site. Weather permitting, we'll have a fire. Please contact Rob if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 10th March

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. Today we will be carrying out wetland management work, removing willow from the fen. Don't forget your wellies! Please contact Matt if you would like to attend.

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Gogarth, Great Orme, Llandudno.

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Wednesday 17th March

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

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Wednesday 17th March

Caeau Pen-y-clip, Menai Bridge, Anglesey.

Surrounded by agriculture and urban housing, these wildflower-rich fields and mature hedgerows create a haven for wildlife. Today we will be carrying out post and wire fencing. Please contact Matt if you would like to attend.

Thursday 18th March

Bryn Pydew, Glanwydden, near Llandudno.

Today we will be carrying out scrub control to protect the flower-rich grasslands and limestone pavements which make this nature reserve such a special place for wildlife. Please contact Rob if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 24th March

Greenacres, Morfa Bychan, near Porthmadog.

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Wednesday 24th March

Cemlyn nature reserve, near Cemaes Bay, Anglesey.

In preparation for the return of the migratory terns, we will be carrying out various tasks including installing fencing and nest boxes on the islands in the lagoon. Don't forget your wellies or waders if you have them! There should also be time for a spot of bird watching. Please contact Matt for more details.

Thursday 25th March

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 the scrub from 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 if you would like to attend.

Friday 26th March

Eithinog, Bangor, Gwynedd. 10 a.m. until 1.30 p.m.

Overlooking the Menai Strait on one side and with views of Snowdonia on the other, this is a much-loved wild oasis in the heart of Bangor. 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 if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 31st March

Cors Goch, near Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

There is a network of footpaths which cross the nature reserve. Today we will be installing wooden posts to waymark these routes to make them easier to find and follow. Please contact Matt if you would like to attend.

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



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