



North Wales Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve Work Parties in NE Wales (Denbighshire, Flintshire & Wrexham) May 2021

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. It's a great time of year to discover the plants & animals that make our nature reserves such special places.

This programme lists the volunteering opportunities that are available throughout May 2021 on our nature reserves in Denbighshire, Flintshire & Wrexham and as part of our Woodlands for Water project. **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.** Thank you.

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** 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.

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 or Jordan Hurst on 07764 897416 or jordan.hurst@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk**
- A volunteer work day on the 2nd Friday of the month at Big Pool Wood, Gronant. **Contact Mark Hughes on mjdughes1108@gmail.com or 07800 771570.**
- A work day every Wednesday at either Minera or Marford Quarry nature reserve, nr. Wrexham. **Contact Peter Aiken on aikenfamily@talktalk.net or 07749 558148.**
- Various work days on sites within the Woodlands for Water project area, near Mold. **Contact Sarah Ellis on sarah.ellis@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk or 07494 962909.**

Wednesday 5th May

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.

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Wednesday 5th May

Cilcain, 5 miles west of Mold. 9.30 a.m. until 4.30 p.m.

We will be spending today carrying out 'riparian coppice planting' – also known as tree & hedge planting (!) in Clicain. Please contact Sarah Ellis if you would like to help out.

Thursday 6th May

Cilcain, 5 miles west of Mold. 9.30 a.m. until 4.30 p.m.

We will be spending another day carrying out 'riparian coppice planting' in Clicain. Please contact Sarah Ellis if you would like to join us.

Friday 7th May

Aberduna, Maeshafn, near Mold. Meet at the office car park. 10 a.m. until 4.30 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 carrying out work in the tree nursery at Aberduna. Please contact Sarah Ellis if you would like to attend.

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Friday 7th May

Aberduna, Maeshafn, near Mold. Meet at the office car park. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

We will be carrying out footpath and step improvement works. There will also be an opportunity to learn how to identify & record butterflies. Please contact Mike Klymko if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 11th May

Aberduna, Maeshafn, near Mold. Meet at the office car park. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

We will be carrying out more footpath and step improvements. There will be another opportunity to learn how to identify & record butterflies. Please contact Mike Klymko if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 12th May

Marford Quarry, Marford, near Wrexham. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Join our Marford Quarry Volunteers who meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month. With over 1000 recorded species, Marford Quarry is a wildlife oasis & one of the best places in Wales for invertebrates. The site was quarried for many years but nature has truly reclaimed it. We will be carrying out various jobs around the nature reserve. Please contact Peter Aiken if you would like to attend.

Friday 14th May

Big Pool Wood, Gronant. Parking is available for volunteers in the Bridlewood Riding Stables car park, next to the nature reserve. 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. Big Pool Wood volunteers meet on the 2nd Friday of each month. Today we will be enjoying the fruits of this year's labours - checking out the new pathways & boardwalk & surveying for plants, birds & butterflies. You can also learn how to record these findings on COFNOD (the Environmental Records Centre for North Wales) and gain an understanding of why it is important to record your wildlife sightings. Please contact Mark Hughes if you would like to attend.

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Friday 14th May

Aberduna, Maeshafn. Meet at the office car park. 10 a.m. until 4.30 p.m.

We will be spending today working in the tree nursery at Aberduna. Please contact Sarah Ellis if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 18th May

There will be **no task this Tuesday**. Why not take the time to visit one of our nature reserves in your local area?

Wednesday 19th May

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

Why not become one of our Minera Quarry Volunteers? Our volunteers usually meet here on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month. 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.

Friday 21st May

Blaenyweirglodd, near Llansannan. Parking off-road near the reserve. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

This secluded peat bog is home to a colourful array of specialist plants and animals. Today we will be maintaining the footpath around the reserve and measuring the water levels in the dip wells on this rare peat bog habitat. Please contact **Jordan Hurst** if you would like to attend.

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Aberduna, Maeshafn. Meet at the office car park. 10 a.m. until 4.30 p.m.
Today we will be working in the tree nursery at Aberduna. Please contact Sarah Ellis if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 25th May

Maes Hiraddug, Dyserth. Meet at the nature reserve. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.
We will be gently pruning back the woodland paths; checking for ash die back; cutting back and removing strands of bramble from the meadow and surveying for plants, insects & birds. Please contact Mike Klymko if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 26th May

Marford Quarry, Marford, near Wrexham. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.
Join our Marford Quarry Volunteers as they carry out various tasks around this impressive nature reserve. Please contact Peter Aiken if you would like to attend.

Friday 28th May

Starting at Ddôl Uchaf, near Afonwen, Flintshire. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.
We will be carrying out roving path checks on our nature reserves in the Alun Valley. We will start at Ddôl Uchaf and then move on to Coed y Felin & Coed Trellyniau. It's a good opportunity to visit 3 of our nature reserves in one day and check all of the paths before the upcoming Bank Holiday. We will also survey for any emerging Himalayan Balsam. Please contact Mike Klymko if you would like to attend.

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

