



North Wales Wildlife Trust

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

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 Anglesey, Conwy & Gwynedd. **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.**

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 or Katy Haines on 07948 402630 or katy.haines@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 or Katy Haines on 07948 402630 or katy.haines@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**

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.

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

Wednesday 5th May

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd.

From 1865 until 1995 this site was home to a world-renowned explosives factory. The North Wales Wildlife Trust took over the site when it was decommissioned in 1998 & since then nature has flourished. Our work will be a mixture of enhancing buildings for wildlife and people; path maintenance; species surveys and habitat management – anything from painting a giant ballistic pendulum to surveying for slow worms! Please contact Rob if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 5th May

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 a variety of different work around the nature reserve which will benefit wildlife & people. Don't forget your wellies! Please contact Matt if you would like to attend.

Thursday 6th May

Rhiwledyn, Llandudno.

Rhiwledyn, also known as the Little Orme, has stunning sea views and wonderful limestone grassland. We will be carrying out fencing repairs and mowing and raking areas of rank grassland to encourage the development of more species-rich limestone grassland. There may even be time for a short walk to do some seal spotting! Please contact Rob if you would like to attend.

Friday 7th May

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 12th May

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd.

Today we will be carrying out a variety of different jobs which will benefit the wildlife which lives on the nature reserve and the people who visit. Please contact Katy if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 12th May

Mariandyrys, near Llangoed, Anglesey.

Enjoy extensive views of the mountains and coast as we carry out heathland management work. There will also be an opportunity to take part in plant & reptile surveys. Please contact Matt if you would like to attend.

Thursday 13th May

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 working in the limestone pavement areas as well as controlling non-native cotoneaster to prevent it overtaking the precious areas of limestone pavement & grassland. There will also be an opportunity to check out our promoted walk which passes through the nature reserve & out into the wider countryside, carrying out any minor path clearance works if required. Please contact Katy if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 19th May

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

Our work focusses on maintaining the variety of habitats whilst protecting the history of the site. Today we will be carrying out a variety of different jobs around the reserve. Please contact Katy if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 19th May

Cors Goch, near Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

Cattle, sheep & horses are used to help us manage this important nature reserve. Today we will be carrying out a number of jobs including post & wire fencing – so if you would like to try your hand at fencing, why not come along and join us. Please contact Matt if you would like to attend.

Thursday 20th May

No task today as we are carrying out First Aid training.

Wednesday 26th May

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

This nature reserve is an important site for reptiles including Grass snakes & Slow worms. If the weather conditions are favourable, you will have the opportunity to take part in a reptile survey as well as helping to enhance buildings for wildlife and people; path maintenance and habitat management. Please contact Katy if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 26th May

Cors Goch, near Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

Discover the spectacular patchwork of habitats, each with its own unique character and array of wildlife. Today provides an opportunity to master the art of scything using an Austrian scythe. It's very relaxing and much quieter than using a brushcutter! Please contact Matt if you would like to attend.

Thursday 27th May

Cors Bodgynydd, near Betws-y-Coed.

The wide variety of wetland habitats at this remote, upland nature reserve in the Gwydir Forest were created when water levels were raised artificially in the 19th century to supply water for the mining industry. Today we will be carrying out fencing repairs to ensure that the site is stock-proof. Volunteers who are keen walkers can check out our promoted walk which passes through Cors Bodgynydd, carrying out small-scale path clearance as required. Wellies essential! Please contact Katy for more information.

Friday 28th May

Eithinog, Bangor, Gwynedd.

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. Please contact Matt if you would like to attend.

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



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