



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

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with North Wales Wildlife Trust. With 35 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 **July 2021** on our nature reserves in Denbighshire, Flintshire & Wrexham and as part of our 'Woodlands for Water' project. Our 'Woodlands for Water' project aims to create, connect and enhance habitats within the catchments of the Afon Alun and Afon Chwiler, with a particular focus on woodlands and improving water resource management within the two catchments. The project involves many partner organisations including the Welsh Dee Trust, Tree Shepherds, the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, as well as Flintshire and Denbighshire County Councils. Every Wednesday, Thursday & Friday there are opportunities for you to volunteer with our Woodlands for Water project. Specific details of each work day are not given in detail but if you are interested in helping out, please contact Sarah Ellis (contact details below).

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.

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. 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 Jordan Hurst on 07764 897416 or Jordan.hurst@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk or Mike Klymko on 07880 033562 or Mike.Klymko@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk**
- Opportunities to volunteer with our Woodlands for Water project, near Mold. These are usually held every week on Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays. **Contact Sarah Ellis on sarah.ellis@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk or 07494 962909.**

Thursday 1st July

An opportunity to volunteer with our Woodlands for Water project. Please contact Sarah Ellis if you would like to attend.

Friday 2nd July

Join our Woodlands for Water project for a day of volunteering in and around the Mold area. Please contact Sarah Ellis for more information.

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Friday 2nd July

Gors Maen Llwyd, 7 miles south-west of Denbigh. Choose between meeting at the Aberduna Office car park at 10 a.m. to travel in the minibus or meet in the top car park at Gors Maen Llwyd at 11 a.m. (Grid Reference: SH97071 58065; what3words: education.monks.grow).

Spend a day enjoying a walk around one of our largest nature reserves. We'll visit the Llyn Brenig visitor centre and then walk around Gors Maen Llwyd to carry out various jobs as we come across them on the walk. Please contact Jordan Hurst if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 6th July

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 scything bracken in the terraces; pulling thistles and, weather permitting, recording butterflies along our butterfly transect. Please contact Jordan Hurst if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 7th July

Join our Woodlands for Water project for a day of volunteering in and around the Mold area. Please contact Sarah Ellis for further information.

Thursday 8th July

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Friday 9th July

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Tuesday 13th July

Aberduna, Maeshafn, near Mold. Meet in the office car park. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Butterflies, bracken & thistles! Weather permitting there will be an opportunity to learn how to identify and record butterflies. We will also be managing emerging bracken & thistles. Please contact Jordan Hurst if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 14th July

Join Sarah Ellis for a day of volunteering with our Woodlands for Water project. Please contact Sarah for more information.

Thursday 15th July

Another opportunity to work with our Woodlands for Water project in and around the Mold area. Please contact Sarah Ellis if you would like to attend.

Friday 16th July

Coed Trellyniau. Meet in Ddôl Uchaf Nature Reserve car park. We will then car share (with face masks) to the reserve. We will only have a small group today due to the lack of suitable parking at Coed Trellyniau. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

This nature reserve is a fragment of a once larger ancient woodland. It sits within an agricultural landscape and is linked to other scattered woodlands by ancient hedgerows and tracks that are the last refuge for many native plants and animals. Today we will be carrying out path clearance to improve accessibility for our visitors. We will also be managing the brambles & bracken. Please contact Jordan Hurst if you would like to attend.

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Friday 16th July

Come and join our Woodlands for Water project on a work day in & around the Mold area. Please contact Sarah Ellis for more information.

Tuesday 20th July

Aberduna, Maeshafn, near Mold. Meet at the office car park. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Learn how to 'peen' scythes and sharpen hand tools. With newly sharpened scythes, we will be scything bracken; pulling thistles and, weather permitting, there will be an opportunity to learn how to identify and record butterflies. Please contact Jordan Hurst if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 21st July

An opportunity to join our Woodlands for Water project in and around the Mold area. Please contact Sarah Ellis for more information.

Thursday 22nd July

Why not volunteer with our Woodlands for Water project? To find out more, please contact Sarah Ellis.

Friday 23rd July

Coed y Felin, Hendre, near Mold. Meet in the east car park. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Coed y Felin is an ancient oak/ash woodland planted with sycamore, beech and sweet chestnut. The woodland has a long post-industrial heritage and its timber has been used to support the local mining village for centuries. Today this peaceful woodland & sunny grassland are filled with colour & life, including the nationally rare Deptford pink and dozens of other wildflowers. Today we will be cutting the west meadow, using scythes to cut nettles, bracken & docks. Please contact Mike Klymko if you would like to attend.

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Tuesday 27th July

Cors y Sarnau, Sarnau, 4 miles north-east of Bala. Meet in the village of Sarnau. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Today we will be installing new information threshold panels; clearing paths and enjoying a wander through the magical willow carr and peatland bog. Wellies essential! Please contact Jordan Hurst if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 28th July

Join our Woodlands for Water project in and around the Mold area. If you would like to attend, please contact Sarah Ellis.

Thursday 29th July

Another opportunity to volunteer with our Woodlands for Water project. Please contact Sarah Ellis for more information.

Friday 30th July

Coed y Felin, Hendre, near Mold. Meet in the east car park. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Today we will be surveying and removing non-native invasive Himalayan Balsam, both in the nature reserve and along Dolfechas brook valley. 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.

