



North Wales Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve Work Parties in NE Wales (Denbighshire, Flintshire & Wrexham) June 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 June 2021 on our nature reserves in Denbighshire, Flintshire & Wrexham. **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 sun cream, 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 work day every Wednesday at either Minera or Marford Quarry nature reserve, near Wrexham. **Contact Simon Mills on 07768 461102 or simonmills@hotmail.com**

Wednesday 2nd June

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 Simon Mills if you would like to attend.

Friday 4th June

Ddôl Uchaf, near Afonwen, Flintshire. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Meet in the main car park – overspill parking is available in laybys along the Mold - Denbigh road (A541).

Woodlands, streams, wildflowers and ponds – this diverse nature reserve is filled with life and deeply connected to its unique geology. Today we will be removing the remains of a fallen willow and carrying out path & step maintenance work.

Please contact Mike Klymko if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 8th June

Aberduna, Maeshafn, near Mold. Meet in 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 you will have the opportunity to learn how to maintain Austrian scythes with Mike Babbidge. We will also be carrying out more footpath and step improvements and, weather permitting, recording butterflies along our butterfly transect. Please contact Jordan Hurst if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 9th June

Old Pulford Brook Meadows, south of Poulton, near Rossett, Wrexham. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Filled with colour & life in summer, these floodplain meadows were once a common sight along the River Dee. Today, however, they are a rare and threatened habitat, having declined dramatically during the last century. Come and join us to and help to conserve these special flower-rich meadows. Please contact Simon Mills if you would like to join attend.

Friday 11th June

Coed y Felin, Hendre, 4 miles NW of 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. It has a long post-industrial heritage. Today we will be surveying and removing the invasive non-native plant, Himalayan balsam, both in the reserve and along Dolfechas brook valley. Please contact Mike Klymko if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 15th June

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

Butterflies, bracken & thistles! Weather permitting, you will have the opportunity to learn how to identify & record butterflies, whilst managing the emerging bracken & thistles. Please contact Jordan Hurst if you would like to join us.

Wednesday 16th June

To be confirmed. Please contact Simon Mills for more information.

Friday 18th June

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. Weather permitting, we will also be surveying the many plants & animals that live on the nature reserve & so bring along your ID books & apps to help out! Please contact Jordan Hurst if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 22nd June

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

More bracken, butterflies and thistles! We will be managing the bracken & thistles as they start to emerge. There will also be another opportunity to learn how to identify and record butterflies. Please contact Jordan Hurst for more information.

Wednesday 23rd June

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

Why not become one of our regular Minera Quarry Volunteers? There is always a wide variety of work to be done including improving access, signage, scrub clearance, grass cutting, fencing and wildlife surveys. The nutrient-poor soil that has formed on the old quarry floor is a great place for orchids. Please contact Simon Mills if you would like to attend.

Friday 25th June

To be confirmed – this will be a catch-up task on one of our NE nature reserves. Please contact Mike Klymko if you would like to find out more!

Tuesday 29th June

Y Graig, near Tremeirchion, just off the B5429. Meet at the main entrance. Parking is available in a layby at SJ 083723, near Bueno's Huts, 5 minutes' walk from the main entrance. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Y Graig is a haven for wildflowers and butterflies with breath-taking views over the Vale of Clwyd & beyond! Today we will be keeping the paths and steps clear and managing the bracken and bramble on the limestone grassland. Enjoy the abundance of rock rose and the stunning views. Please contact Mike Klymko if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 30th June

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

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 Simon Mills if you would like to attend.

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

