



North Wales Wildlife Trust

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

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 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**
- 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 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 2nd June

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 2nd June

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. This will include bracken control – scythes at the ready! Don't forget your wellies! Please contact Matt if you would like to attend.

Thursday 3rd June

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 grassland. Please contact Rob if you would like to attend.

Friday 4th June

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 9th June

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 Rob if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 9th June

Mariandryrs, 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 10th June

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 clearing bracken & non-native cotoneaster to protect this valuable habitat. Please contact Rob if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 16th June

Caeau Tan-y-bwlch, near Clynnog Fawr.

Swathed in wild flowers in spring & summer and offering lovely views of the coast, these traditional hay meadows offer a glimpse of our countryside's past. An opportunity to see the flower-rich hay meadows at their best as we undertake some bracken control – a good opportunity to try your hand at scything. Volunteers who are keen walkers can check out our promoted walk which passes by Caeau Tan-y-bwlch, carrying out small-scale path clearance as required. Contact Rob for more details.

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Wednesday 16th June

Porth Diana, Trearddur Bay, Anglesey.

A visit to this small coastal reserve to carry out the **annual count of the charming little spotted rockrose** – Anglesey's county flower. In the afternoon we will be doing some practical work as well, clearing footpaths. Why not make time for a swim at the end of the day? Please contact Matt for more details.

Thursday 17th June

Rhiwledyn, Llandudno.

Rhiwledyn, also known as the Little Orme, has stunning sea views and wonderful limestone grassland. We will be carrying out various tasks to encourage the development of more species-rich limestone grassland. Volunteers who are keen walkers can check out our promoted walk which passes through Rhiwledyn, carrying out small-scale path clearance as required. There may even be time for a short walk to do some seal spotting! Please contact Rob if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 23rd June

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

This nature reserve is an important site for reptiles including Grass snakes & Slow worms. Today you will have an opportunity to master the art of scything using an Austrian scythe. It's very relaxing and much quieter than using a brushcutter! If the weather conditions are favourable, you will also have the opportunity to take part in a reptile survey. Please contact Rob if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 23rd June

Cors Goch, near Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

Discover the spectacular patchwork of habitats, each with its own unique character and array of wildlife. Today provides another opportunity to try your hand at scything. Please contact Matt if you would like to attend.

Thursday 24th June

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. Wellies essential! Please contact Rob for more information.

Friday 25th June

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. Today we will be building a boardwalk and maintaining some of the footpaths which cross the nature reserve. Please contact Matt if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 30th June

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

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 Rob if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 30th June

Cors Goch, near Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

Today we will be bracken bashing using Austrian scythes. 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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