



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

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with North Wales Wildlife Trust. As we head into Autumn, it's a great time of year to volunteer on our nature reserves and discover why they are such special places.

This programme lists the volunteering opportunities that are available throughout **October 2021** on our nature reserves in Denbighshire, Flintshire & Wrexham. You can also volunteer with our Woodlands for Water & Our River Wellbeing projects. Specific details of work days on these two projects are not listed, but if you are interested in helping out, please contact Sarah Ellis or Helen Carter-Emsell (contact details below).

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](http://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.

**If you wish to attend any of the volunteer work days, you must book ahead directly with the task organiser (their contact details are listed below). 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](mailto:Jordan.hurst@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk) or Mike Klymko on 07880 033562 or [Mike.Klymko@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:Mike.Klymko@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk)**
- A volunteer work day at Minera or Marford Quarry on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. **Contact Simon Mills on [simonmills@outlook.com](mailto:simonmills@outlook.com) or 07768 461102.**
- Opportunities to volunteer with our Woodlands for Water project, near Mold. These are usually held every Tuesday & Friday. **Contact Sarah Ellis on [sarah.ellis@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:sarah.ellis@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk) or 07494 962909 for more information about the project.**
- Opportunities to get involved with Our River Wellbeing Project, in NE Wales. Sessions are usually held every Tuesday. **Please contact Helen Carter-Emsell on [helen.carter-emsell@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:helen.carter-emsell@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk) or 07375 520494 for more information.**
- A volunteer work day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month at Big Pool Wood, Gronant. **Contact Mark Hughes on [mjdhughes1108@gmail.com](mailto:mjdhughes1108@gmail.com) or 07800 771570.**

### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

Cors y Sarnau, Sarnau, 4 miles north-east of Bala. Meet at Ysgol Ffridd y Llyn school in Cefnddwysarn LL23 7HE. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

A visit to this rare wild bog-land reserve to remove invasive trees and clear pathways – wellies essential! Please contact Jordan Hurst if you would like to attend.

### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

Big Pool Wood, Gronant. Parking off the road, close to the reserve entrance.

10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet at the entrance to the reserve.

A wonderful reed bed and woodland site filled with wildflowers and birdsong and facilities that allow you to get closer to wildlife. Continuing on from last month's work, we will be managing reeds in the pool. We will also be clearing vegetation in the woodland glade. Don't forget your wellies or waders! Please contact Mark Hughes if you would like to attend.

### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

Pisgah Quarry, Froncysyllte, Wrexham. Meet at the small car park at the end of Pleasant View (Grid Reference SJ 26821 41092 - please note there is only room for 3 – 4 cars). 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Enjoy commanding views over the Dee and Vale of Llangollen toward Castell Dinas Bran whilst we cut the calcareous grassland glade and remove some of the regenerating trees. We will also undertake a tree safety inspection across the nature reserve. Please contact Mike Klymko if you would like to attend.

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

Minera or Marford Quarry, near Wrexham – location to be confirmed. 10 a.m. until 3.30p.m.

Please contact Simon Mills if you would like to attend.

### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

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

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

Woodlands, streams, wildflowers and ponds – this diverse nature reserve is filled with life and deeply connected to its unique geology. Today is an end of season scything session to manage the species rich grassland around the ponds, benefitting the rare Grass of Parnassus. We will also look to install two shiny new threshold panels at the entrances to the reserve. Please contact Mike Klymko for more information.

### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

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 managing bramble growing in recently coppiced areas of the woodland. There will also be an opportunity to learn some tool maintenance and sharpening skills. Please contact Jordan Hurst if you would like to attend.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

Gors Maen Llwyd, 7 miles south-west of Denbigh. Meet in the main car park at Gors Maen Llwyd at 10 a.m. (Grid Reference: SH97068 58064).

Spend the day enjoying one of our largest nature reserves. We will be removing invasive Sitka spruce conifers that have seeded from neighbouring forestry plantations. These non-native trees can quickly colonise and dominate the moorland if left unchecked. Please contact Jordan Hurst if you would like to attend.

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

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! Be a Friend of Y Graig whilst taking in the stunning views. Help to improve pathways and steps; remove bramble & cotoneaster; 'pop' trees and protect regenerating oak trees, under the guidance of warden Martin Baxter. Please contact Mike Klymko if you would like to attend.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

Minera or Marford Quarry, near Wrexham – location to be confirmed. 10 a.m. until 3.30p.m.

Please contact Simon Mills if you would like to attend.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

Aberduna, Maeshafn, near Mold. Meet in the office car park. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Enjoy the peace and quiet as we manage the woodland pond & remove the encroaching Great Reedmace (*Typha latifolia*).

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

