



North Wales Wildlife Trust

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

October 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. As we head into autumn, it's a great time of year to visit 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 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 morning 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!

Friday 1st October

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 6th October

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd.
From 1865 until 1995 this site was home to a world-renowned explosives factory.
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 6th October

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 on Anglesey. Today we will be carrying out a variety of
different work around the nature reserve which will benefit wildlife & people. This will
include cutting firebreaks on the fen area – scythes & brushcutters at the ready!
Don't forget your wellies! Please contact Matt if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 6th October

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. Today we
will be clearing willow from the wetter areas of the nature reserve and clearing brash
& scrub from the meadows. Please contact Rob if you would like to attend.

Thursday 7th October

Rhiwledyn, Llandudno.
Rhiwledyn, also known as the Little Orme, has stunning sea views and wonderful
limestone grassland. Today we will be carrying out scrub management to
encourage the development of more species-rich limestone grassland and clearing
footpaths. 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 13th October

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd.
Today we will be carrying out a variety of different jobs which will benefit the wildlife
living on the nature reserve and the people who visit it. Please contact Rob if you
would like to attend.

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Wednesday 13th October

Morfa Bychan, near Porthmadog.

Morfa Bychan is a truly maritime nature reserve, allowing you the rare chance to experience the whole range of habitats within a dynamic dune system. Today we will be clearing vegetation from scrapes on the dunes and carrying out fencing repairs. Please contact Rob if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 13th October

Cors Goch, near Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

Today we will be carrying out fen & heathland management. Don't forget your wellies! Please contact Matt if you would like to attend.

Thursday 14th October

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 cutting and raking the grassland glades – this ensures that the limestone flower-rich grasslands will continue to thrive on this site. Please contact Rob if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 20th October

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

Messing around in the water! Today we will be clearing water horsetail from the big pond by hand. Please bring waders or wellies as it will be a wet and muddy affair! Please contact Rob if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 20th October

Mariandyrys, near Llangoed, Anglesey.

Enjoy extensive views of the mountains and coast as we carry out heathland management work. Please contact Matt if you would like to attend.

Thursday 21st October

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

Friday 22nd October

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 carrying out a variety of tasks including scrub and footpath clearance. A good opportunity to look for colourful grassland waxcap fungi. Please contact Matt if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 27th October

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

This nature reserve is an important site for reptiles & amphibians & today Mandy Cartwright of ARC Trust will be leading an **amphibian survey training day**. Please contact Rob if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 27th October

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 as we carry out management work on the fen and heathland areas. Don't forget your wellies! Please contact Matt if you would like to attend.

Thursday 28th October

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 scrub clearance and fencing repairs to ensure that the site is stock-proof. Wellies essential! Please contact Rob for more information.

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

