



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

This programme lists the volunteering opportunities that are available throughout **November 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 direct (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** 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:

- Volunteer work days 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 Paul Furnborough on 07880 033562 or Paul.furnborough@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk**
- A volunteer work day at Minera or Marford Quarry on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month. **Contact Simon Mills on 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 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 or 07375 520494 for more information.**
- A volunteer work day on the 2nd Friday of the month at Big Pool Wood, Gronant. **Contact Mark Hughes on mjdughes1108@gmail.com or 07800 771570.**

Tuesday 2nd November

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 managing scrub to help conserve the Deptford pink. Caution – this will involve working on very steep ground! Please contact Jordan Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 5th November

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

A visit to this rare wild bog-land reserve to remove invasive trees and to clear a pathway between Cors y Sarnau & the neighbouring Coed Ty Uchaf – wellies essential! Please contact Jordan Hurst if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 10th November

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 12th November

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 removing a fallen tree from the pool. Don't forget your wellies or waders! Please contact Mark Hughes if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 16th November

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. Please contact Jordan Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 19th November

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. Join in the fun with our annual pond clearance task – we will be clearing 1/3 of each of 8 ponds. This will help to maintain a healthy habitat for great crested newts whilst they are in hibernation.

Please contact Jordan Hurst for more information.

Tuesday 23rd November

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 continue our woodland management at this wonderful reserve. We will be managing bramble in recently coppiced areas of the woodland. Please contact Jordan Hurst if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 24th November

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 26th November

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. Wrap up well! Please contact Jordan Hurst if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 30th November

This will be an end of the month catch-up task. Location to be confirmed nearer the time. Please contact Jordan Hurst if you would like to attend.

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

