



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

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with North Wales Wildlife Trust. With 35 nature reserves to manage across North Wales, there is always lots of work to be done and we would love you to come along and join us. Winter is a great time of year to volunteer and discover why our nature reserves are such special places.

This programme lists the volunteering opportunities that are available throughout **December 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** 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 usually:

- 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 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.**

Friday 3rd December

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 and continuing the rotational coppice management in the woodland. Please contact Jordan Hurst if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 7th December

Coed Cilygroeslwyd, Pwll-glas, near Ruthin. Meet in the Siop Pwllglas car park. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Another opportunity to imitate wild boar as we disturb the ground with mattocks to stimulate the germination of dormant seeds of *Stachys alpina* (Limestone woundwort). This is Denbighshire's county flower and was once much more abundant within this woodland. We'll also be clearing brambles which are encroaching on to wild daffodil habitat. Please contact Jordan Hurst if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 8th December

Minera Quarry, Coedpoeth, near Wrexham. 10 a.m. until 3.30p.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. Our volunteers get involved with 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 10th December

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 to maintain open water for over-wintering waterfowl. We will also be removing a fallen tree from the pool near Gill's Hide. Wellingtons recommended! Please contact Mark Hughes if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 14th December

Aberduna, Maeshafn, near Mold. Meet at the office car park. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. The last Aberduna task of the year! We will be burning brash from last month's hedging work, followed by a gathering around the fire. Enjoy some mulled apple juice, mince pies and other festive treats! Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Friday 17th December

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 last volunteer day of 2021 enjoying one of our largest nature reserves. It's also a final opportunity to cut a Christmas tree for conservation! We will be removing invasive Sitka spruce saplings from the rare heathland habitat. Wind/waterproof clothing and all-terrain footwear required. Wrap up well! Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

We would like to wish you a Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you so much for your support
throughout the year.

From everyone at North Wales Wildlife
Trust.

