



North Wales Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve Work Parties in NW Wales (Anglesey, Conwy & Gwynedd) December 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. 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 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). 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 Katy Haines on 07948 402630 or katy.haines@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 Katy Haines on 07948 402630 or katy.haines@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!

Wednesday 1st December

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. Today we will be clearing scrub to create habitat for nightjars and reptiles. Please contact Katy if you would like to attend.

and

Wednesday 1st December

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 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.

Thursday 2nd December

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 Katy if you would like to attend.

Friday 3rd December

Spinnies, Aberogwen, near Bangor, Gwynedd, **morning only 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.**

A series of lagoons and surrounding habitat provide shelter & food for wildfowl, waders and smaller birds, especially during the autumn & spring migrations. Today we will be carrying out a variety of tasks around the reserve with an opportunity to do some bird watching! Don't forget your binoculars! Meet at the nature reserve at 10 a.m. Contact Matt for more information.

Wednesday 8th December

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd.

Today we will be carrying out scrub clearance to provide important habitat for reptiles. Please contact Katy if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 8th December

Mariandyrys, near Llangoed, Anglesey.

This splendid reserve lies on a rocky limestone outcrop that raises it above the surrounding area. Enjoy extensive views of the mountains and coast as we carry out heathland management work. Please contact Matt if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 15th December

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

Today we will be thinning and coppicing the woodland as well as carrying out path & building maintenance. Please contact Katy if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 15th December

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 working with our friends from Snowdonia Society clearing invasive conifers, birch & willow. An opportunity to find yourself a Christmas tree! Wellies essential! Please contact Katy for more information.

Thursday 16th December

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 clearing scrub from around the edges of the glades to help protect this important habitat. Please contact Katy if you would like to attend.

Friday 17th December

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. This is our last work party of 2021 and we will be carrying out a variety of tasks including scrub clearance and footpath maintenance. Please contact Matt if you would like to attend.

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

Thank you so much for your support throughout the year.

From everyone at North Wales Wildlife Trust.

