



# North Wales Wildlife Trust

## Nature Reserve Work Parties in NW Wales - Anglesey, Conwy & Gwynedd

### December 2023

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 on our nature reserves and discover why they are such special places.

This programme lists the volunteering opportunities that are available throughout **December 2023** 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](mailto: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 Luke Jones on 07764 897414 or [luke.jones@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:luke.jones@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 Luke Jones on 07764 897414 or [luke.jones@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:luke.jones@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk)**
- A volunteer work day 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](mailto:matt.cole@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk)**
- A monthly work party at Eithinog, near Bangor, held on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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 and tools. We ask that you make sure your work boots or wellies are clean; biosecurity is an important part of our work - you can find out more on our website.

**Please remember, if you are interested in attending a particular work party, you must contact the relevant task leader in advance. Thank you!**

### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 carrying out various tasks around the nature reserve including work in the tree nursery; path maintenance; heathland management & clearing firebreaks. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 in Anglesey. Today we will be carrying out wetland and heathland management work. Don't forget your wellies! Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> century to supply water for the mining industry. Today we will be carrying out fencing repairs, clearing invasive conifers, birch & willow and checking the Carneddau ponies who are helping us manage the nature reserve. Wellies essential! Please contact Luke Jones for more information.

### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 including clearing some of the grassland areas and having a general tidy up. There will be an opportunity to do some bird watching so don't forget your binoculars! Meet at the nature reserve at 10 a.m. Contact Matt Cole for more information.

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

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

**Today will be our Christmas (work) party!** In the morning we will be carrying out non-native species control (buddleia, cotoneaster & rhododendron); woodland management & work in the tree nursery. The afternoon will be an opportunity for us to celebrate Christmas with festive food and drinks, a Christmas quiz and some decoration making! Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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

Cors Goch, near Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

Discover the spectacular patchwork of habitats, each with its own unique character and array of wildlife. Today we will be carrying out heathland and wetland management work. Don't forget your wellies. **From 5.00 p.m. we'll be celebrating Christmas back at our Bangor office with festive food and drinks, a Christmas quiz and an opportunity to try your hand at making some decorations.** Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Bryn Pydew, Glanwydden, near Llandudno. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

The limestone pavements, flower-rich grasslands & ash & yew woodlands found on this nature reserve support a wealth of plant & animal life. **Today will be our Christmas (work) party!** In the morning we will be strimming and raking off the limestone grassland glades and clearing scrub & invasive trees. The afternoon will be an opportunity for us to celebrate Christmas with festive food and drinks, a Christmas quiz and some decoration making in the nearby village hall! Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

This nature reserve is an important site for reptiles including grass snakes & slow worms. Today we will be carrying out habitat management work to provide more opportunities for reptiles to thrive on this site. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Mariandyrys, near Llangoed, Anglesey.

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

### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

Rhiwledyn, Llandudno.

Rhiwledyn, also known as the Little Orme, has stunning sea views and wonderful limestone grassland. Today we will be carrying out scrub clearance; work on the footpaths which pass through the site & checking fence lines. There may even be time for a short walk to do some seal spotting! Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

Eithinog, Bangor, Gwynedd. **Morning only 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.**

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 will be our last work party in 2023, helping us keep on top of site management. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Everyone at North Wales Wildlife Trust would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you so much for your support throughout the year – we look forward to working with you again in 2024.

