



North Wales Wildlife Trust

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

January 2024

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda! Happy New Year! 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 **January 2024** 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 Luke Jones on 07764 897414 or 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**
- 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**
- 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 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!

Thursday 4th January

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.

Saturday 6th January

Plast Off! 2024 beach clean. 10.00 a.m. until 2.00 p.m.

Our big annual January beach clean event is back – and it's bigger than ever! Come and help to collect as much plastic as possible from the beaches and coastline of Anglesey. This year we will be working on TWO different beaches, Porth Tre Castell and Trearddur Bay. We will be working in conjunction with Anglesey County Council and Keep Wales Tidy. Bring your own gloves and litter pickers if you have them. Booking essential. Please visit our website to find out more and to book your place.

[Plast Off! Beach Clean 2024 \(Porth Tre Castell and Trearddur Bay\) | North Wales Wildlife Trust](#) If you require any further information contact charlotte.keen@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk

Wednesday 10th January

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 10th January

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 management work. Don't forget your wellies! Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 11th January

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 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 12th January

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 17th January

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

This nature reserve is an important site for reptiles including grass snakes & slow worms. Today we will be carrying out habitat management work which will benefit reptiles living on the site as well as path maintenance work. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 17th January

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 wetland management work. Don't forget your wellies! Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 18th January

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 brambles, bracken & non-native cotoneaster to protect this valuable habitat. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 24th January

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

Today we will be carrying out non-native species control (buddleia, cotoneaster & rhododendron); woodland management & work in the tree nursery. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 24th January

Mariandrys, 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 25th January

Cors Bodgynydd, near Betws y Coed.

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 26th January

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 is one of our monthly tasks to help us keep on top of site management. Today we will be working in the woodland area. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 31st January

Caeau Tan-y-Bwlch, near Clynog 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 & juncus from the wetter areas of the nature reserve and maintaining the fence line. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 31st January

Cors Goch, near Llanbedrgoch, 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.

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

