



North Wales Wildlife Trust

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

February 2024

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 **February 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 1st February

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.

Wednesday 7th February

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 7th February

Bryn Ifan, near Clynnog Fawr. Meet in front of the former pub (a big white building) in Clynnog Fawr at 10 a.m. We will car share from here as car parking is limited at Bryn Ifan. The grid reference for the meeting point is SH 415497; postcode is LL54 5AQ and what3words is ///reclining.apricot.disarmed.

We will be working on our newly acquired 450-acre site known as Bryn Ifan. Working in partnership with local farmers and communities, we are restoring habitats for rare butterflies, birds, ferns, fungi and flowers whilst supporting sustainable and regenerative farming. Today we will be working with Dafydd Thomas, our Bryn Ifan Project Officer, planting hedges in some of the lower fields. Lifts may be available from Bangor. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 8th February

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 14th February

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

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Wednesday 14th February

Caeau Tan-y-Bwlch, near Clynnog 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. Wellies required! Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

Thursday 15th February

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.

Wednesday 21st February

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 21st February

Coed Porthamel, near Brynsiencyn, Anglesey.

Today we will be carrying out woodland management work & path clearance. The snowdrops should be in full bloom! Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 22nd February

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 23rd February

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 and we will be coppicing blackthorn scrub and carrying out general site management. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 28th February

Caeau Tan-y-Bwlch, near Clynnog 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 28th February

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 29th February

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 we will be strimming and raking off the limestone grassland glades and clearing scrub & invasive trees. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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

