



# North Wales Wildlife Trust

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

### March 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. As we head into spring, it's 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 **March 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](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!**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

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 installing signage 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 6<sup>th</sup> March**

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 from the wetter areas of the nature reserve. Wellies essential! Please contact Luke Jones or Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

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 13<sup>th</sup> March**

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. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

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.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

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 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Cemlyn, near Cemaes Bay, Anglesey.

Situated on the wild north coast of Anglesey, with its unique, elliptical shingle ridge, Cemlyn is an incredible site to visit. From May through to July the islands within the lagoon host nesting colonies of Sandwich, common and Arctic terns. In preparation for the return of the migratory terns, we will be carrying out various tasks including the installation of fencing and nest boxes on the islands in the lagoon. Don't forget your wellies or waders if you have them! There should also be time for a spot of bird watching. Please contact Matt Cole for more details.

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**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

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; fencing & work in the tree nursery. Something for everyone! Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

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 carrying out grassland and woodland management. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

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 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

This nature reserve is an important site for reptiles including grass snakes & slow worms. If the weather conditions are favourable, you will have the opportunity to take part in a reptile survey as well as helping to enhance buildings for wildlife and people; path maintenance and habitat management. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Cors Goch, 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 work on the fen so don't forget your wellies! Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

Gogarth, Great Orme, Llandudno.

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

