



North Wales Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve Work Parties in NE Wales (Denbighshire, Flintshire & Wrexham) May 2025

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with North Wales Wildlife Trust. With 35 nature reserves to manage across North Wales, there is always lots of work to be done and we would love you to come along and join us. Now that the signs of spring are all around us, it's a great time of year to visit our nature reserves and discover why they are such special places.

This programme lists the volunteering opportunities that are available throughout **May 2025** on our nature reserves in Denbighshire, Flintshire & Wrexham. You can also volunteer with our NE Wales Living Landscapes Project – see below for more information.

Our work parties provide an interesting and lively mix of practical work and informal training. **Details of the locations of our nature reserves can be found on our website** www.northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk Please wear work clothes and stout boots/wellies and bring waterproofs and a packed lunch. We will supply work gloves & 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.

In summary, there is usually:

- A volunteer workday every Tuesday & Friday on one of our nature reserves in NE Wales. **Contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst on 07764 897416 or Jordan.Vigus-Hurst@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk or Paul Furnborough on 07880 033562 or Paul.furnborough@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk**
- A volunteer workday at Minera or Marford Quarry (Wrexham area) on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month. **Contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst on 07764 897416 or Jordan.Vigus-Hurst@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk**
- Opportunities to volunteer with our NE Wales Living Landscape project, near Mold. Please contact Sarah Ellis on 07494 962909 or sarah.ellis@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk for more information about the project. We will be working with Denbighshire County Council growing trees and wildflowers at their plant nursery near St Asaph, as well as working at our tree nursery near Mold.

Please note, if you wish to attend any of the volunteer workdays, you must book ahead directly with the task organiser (their contact details are listed above).

Thursday 1st May

Gors Maen Llwyd, near Llyn Brenig. **4 a.m. start – no that's not a typo!!**

Set your alarms for a very early start! Join us at our Gors Maen Llwyd nature reserve for our annual **Black Grouse survey**. Booking is essential – details will be confirmed once you've booked your place. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to take part.

Friday 2nd May

Graig Wylt, 3 miles SE of Ruthin on the B5429. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet at the Three Pigeons Inn at 10 a.m., or if you are familiar with the reserve, feel free to head straight to the reserve entrance (What3Words: escorting.increment.sits) and we will meet you there at 10.15 a.m.

Forest of the Future Part III! Today is the final part in the tree planting trilogy at Graig Wylt. We will also be installing some new fencing at the grassland summit and carrying out woodland management work. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 6th May

Cors y Sarnau, Sarnau, near Bala. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet at the southern end of the nature reserve. On-road parking is available near Ysgol Ffridd Y Llyn (What3Words: highly.rugs.cute).

Our regular monthly visit to this reserve. Today there'll be no sitting on the fence! We'll be finishing off a couple of fencing jobs; hanging a new gate and making sure that all the paths are clear for people to use. You'll definitely need your wellies! Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 9th May

Coed Trellyniau, near Rhydymwyn. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Parking is limited – please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend so that we can confirm whether there will be space to park directly on site or if we will need to arrange car sharing from our nearby Coed y Felin nature reserve.

This nature reserve is a fragment of a once larger ancient woodland. It sits within an agricultural landscape and is linked to other scattered woodlands by ancient hedgerows and tracks that are the last refuge for many native plants and animals. We're returning to this beautiful woodland during peak flowering season along the green lanes, to continue fencing maintenance along our boundary. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 13th May

Aberduna, Maeshafn, near Mold. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet in the office car park. Aberduna is a striking 20-hectare reserve offering stunning views across the Alyn Valley to Moel Famau & the Clwydian Range. Today we will be doing fencing repairs and installing new interpretation in the woodland. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 14th May

Minera Quarry, Coedpoeth, near Wrexham. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet in the reserve car park.

Join us as we work to maintain the wonderful patchwork of habitats at this former limestone quarry. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 16th May

There will be no work party today. Why not use the time to visit one of your favourite nature reserves!

Tuesday 20th May

Ddôl Uchaf, near Afonwen, Flintshire. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Meet in the reserve car park – overspill parking is available in laybys along the Mold to Denbigh road (A541) which runs beside the reserve.

Our two main jobs today are installing new fingerposts around the nature reserve and removing a dam which is causing problems with erosion. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Friday 23rd May

Coed Trellyniau, near Rhydymwyn. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Parking is limited – please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend so that we can confirm whether there will be space to park directly on site or if we will need to arrange car sharing from our nearby Coed y Felin nature reserve.

Today we are returning to this beautiful woodland during peak wild flower season to continue fencing maintenance along our boundary. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 27th May

Maes Hiraddug, near Dyserth. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet in the lay by on Carreg Heilin Lane where it joins Pandy Lane.

Maes Hiraddug was saved from development when it was bought by the Wildlife Trust back in 1996. Since then, it has been managed as a hay meadow, continuing centuries of traditional practices. Today we'll be tree popping and root digging in the main field and making sure that the scrub edges don't encroach into our hard-earned wildflower meadow! Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 28th May

Just to confirm - there will be no volunteer session on the 4th Wednesday of this month.

Friday 30th May

10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Today will be our end of the month catch-up session – location to be confirmed. Please contact Paul Furnborough for more information.

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

