

North Wales Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve Work Parties in NW Wales - Anglesey, Conwy & Gwynedd May 2025

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. Now that the signs of spring are all around us, it's 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 **May 2025** 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 or Katy Haines on 07948 402630 or katy.haines@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 or Katy Haines on 07948 402630 or katy.haines@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**
- Two work parties at our Bryn Ifan site near Clynog Fawr, normally held on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. **Contact Dafydd Thomas on Dafydd.thomas@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk or 07940 008799.**

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 about this on our website.

Thursday 1st May

Every Thursday we will be working on one of our nature reserves in the County of Conwy (10 a.m. until 4 p.m.). This includes our three nature reserves near Llandudno and Cors Bodgynydd, near Betws y Coed. Our work on these reserves can be weather dependent – we will always be working on one of them every Thursday, but the weather forecast will determine which one! We will confirm which reserve at the start of each week via WhatsApp, text message, etc. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Luke Jones. He will then contact you at the start of each week to let you know where we will be working.

Wednesday 7th May

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.
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 path maintenance, a reptile survey, work in the tree nursery & clearing invasive rhododendron and buddleia. Please contact Katy Haines if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 7th May

Mariandyrys, near Llangoed, Anglesey. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.
This nature reserve lies on a rocky limestone outcrop that raises it above the surrounding area and offers stunning, far-reaching views all year round. In spring and summer, this site comes alive with wildflowers that thrive on this lime-rich soil. Today we will be carrying out various jobs including work on the tracks and control of non-native cotoneaster. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 8th May

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Tuesday 13th May

Bryn Ifan, near Clynnog Fawr. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.
Today we will be working with Dafydd Thomas, our Bryn Ifan Project Officer, carrying out various jobs including improvements to the public rights of way, bridge installation, a reptile survey and fencing repairs. It's a great opportunity to see our newly acquired site and learn more about the wildlife living there. Please contact Dafydd Thomas if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 14th May

Coed Crafnant, Llanbedr, near Harlech. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Filled with primitive plants and ancient oak trees, a visit to Coed Crafnant feels like stepping back in time to the ancient wildwoods of Wales. Today we will be installing protective tree guards on naturally regenerating oak saplings on the fridd and carrying out footpath maintenance. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 14th May

Nantporth, Bangor. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Coastal waders and woodland birds await you in this lovely strip of woodland overlooking the world-famous Menai Strait. Today we will be installing interpretation panels and carrying out control of non-native cotoneaster. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 15th May

Every Thursday we will be working on one of our nature reserves in the County of Conwy (10 a.m. until 4 p.m.). This includes our three nature reserves near Llandudno and Cors Bodgynydd, near Betws y Coed. Our work on these reserves can be weather dependent – we will always be working on one of them every Thursday, but the weather forecast will determine which one! We will confirm which reserve at the start of each week via WhatsApp, text message, etc. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Luke Jones. He will then contact you at the start of each week to let you know where we will be working.

Friday 16th May

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 the installation of a tapping rail to make the reserve more accessible. 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. Please contact Matt Cole for more information.

Wednesday 21st May

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

Our work focusses on maintaining the variety of habitats whilst protecting the history of the site. Today we will be carrying out a variety of different jobs around the reserve including installing benches, clearing non-native buddleia and working in our tree nursery. Weather permitting, we will also carry out a reptile survey. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 21st May

Cors Goch, near Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

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 on Anglesey. Today we will be carrying out a variety of different work around the nature reserve including path maintenance and heathland management. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 22nd May

Conwy Valley, near Llanrwst. **Dormouse Monitoring Training.** 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Today we will be working with Natural Resources Wales to learn more about surveying for dormice using footprint tunnels and nibbled hazel nuts. There will be an initial classroom session followed by a site visit to two woodlands located in the Conwy Valley. Anyone attending this training session will be expected to help NWWT with on-going survey work in this area over the summer months. It's a great opportunity to learn more about these elusive – and very sleepy – animals! **Booking essential.** Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

Friday 23rd May

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 creating and installing a section of boardwalk to improve accessibility at this well-used nature reserve. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 27th May

Bryn Ifan, near Clynog Fawr. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Today we will be working with Dafydd Thomas, our Bryn Ifan Project Officer, carrying out various jobs including improvements to the public rights of way, bridge installation, a reptile survey and fencing repairs. It's a great opportunity to see our newly acquired site and learn more about the wildlife living there. Please contact Dafydd Thomas if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 28th May

Coed Crafnant, Llanbedr, near Harlech. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Filled with primitive plants and ancient oak trees, a visit to Coed Crafnant feels like stepping back in time to the ancient wildwoods of Wales. Today we will be installing protective tree guards on naturally regenerating oak saplings on the fridd and carrying out footpath maintenance. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 28th May

There will be no Anglesey work party today.

Thursday 29th May

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

