



## North Wales Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve Work Parties in NE Wales (Denbighshire, Flintshire & Wrexham) June 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. 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 **June 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](http://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](mailto:Jordan.Vigus-Hurst@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk) or Paul Furnborough on 07880 033562 or [Paul.furnborough@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:Paul.furnborough@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk)**
- A volunteer workday at Minera or Marford Quarry (Wrexham area) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. **Contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst on 07764 897416 or [Jordan.Vigus-Hurst@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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).**

**All throughout June:**

Aberduna nature reserve, near Mold. Anytime between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

**Small Pearl Bordered Fritillary Survey**

We'd like to have boots on the ground looking for this elusive butterfly everyday throughout the month, during its flight period, when weather conditions are suitable. We're hoping to confirm its continued presence on the reserve. Surveys will be co-ordinated between surveyors through a dedicated WhatsApp group. Survey methodology, ID guides and data portal will be available to all volunteers via the website. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to be part of the survey team.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

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. We'll be installing strainer posts and tensioning up the fenceline. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

Coed y Felin, Hendre, near Mold. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet in the big (east) car park.

Coed y Felin is an ancient oak/ash woodland planted with sycamore, beech and sweet chestnut. The woodland has a long post-industrial heritage, and its timber has been used to support the local mining village for centuries. This peaceful woodland & sunny grassland are filled with colour & life, including the nationally rare Deptford pink and dozens of other wildflowers. Today we will be repairing the fence around the small western field ready for grazing. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

Coed y Felin, Hendre, near Mold. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet in the big (east) car park.

Another chance to brush up on your fencing skills! Today we will be completing the fence maintenance in the small field and repairing the boundary fence on the western border of the nature reserve. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

Coed y Felin, Hendre, near Mold. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet in the big (east) car park.

Today we will be step building at the eastern entrance and installing a handrail. We will also be checking that the fence is stock proof ready for sheep grazing. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

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.

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

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.

Today we will be installing a new bench at the grassland summit of Graig Wylt. We'll also carry out some monitoring of the grassland. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

Gors Maen Llwyd, near Llyn Brenig. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Today will be an infrastructure maintenance day! A rare summer visit to revive the boardwalk, bird hide, interpretation boards, remove some old steps and fence off an unsafe desire line. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

Marford Quarry, near Wrexham. Meet in the accessible car parking area off Springfield Lane (What3Words: rural.single.outcasts). 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Our Minera Quarry & Marford Quarry volunteers meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of every month. Why not join them and witness the incredible power of nature as it slowly reclaims these former quarries into wildlife havens? Today we will be working at Marford Quarry – a sandy nature reserve – managing the site for its many rare invertebrate species. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

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. Scything season starts at Aberduna! We'll scythe bracken to maintain the limestone grassland, enhancing it for butterflies and other invertebrates too. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

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