

North Wales Wildlife Trust

Nature Reserve Work Parties in NW Wales - Anglesey, Conwy & Gwynedd July 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. 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 **July 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 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**
- 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 workday 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.

Wednesday 2nd July

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 Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 2nd July

Mariandrys, 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 bracken management and control of non-native cotoneaster. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 3rd July

Conwy Valley, near Llanrwst. **Dormouse Monitoring.** 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.
Following on from our recent training course, today we will be surveying for dormice using footprint tunnels and nibbled hazel nuts in woodlands near Trefriw. It's a great opportunity to learn more about these elusive – and very sleepy – animals! We will also be pulling invasive Himalayan Balsam from alongside the forestry tracks. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

Friday 4th July

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.

Tuesday 8th July

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 at our newly acquired site. The work will include fencing repairs, improvements to the public rights of way and a reptile survey. Please contact Dafydd Thomas if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 9th July

Morfa Bychan, near Porthmadog. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.
Morfa Bychan is a truly maritime nature reserve, allowing you the rare chance to experience the whole range of habitats within a dynamic dune system. Today we be carrying out a number of different jobs including clearing vegetation in the scrapes, bridge and fencing repairs, a litter pick along Black Rock Sands and, weather permitting, a reptile survey. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 9th July

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'll be carrying out bracken management – a chance to learn - or brush up on - your scything skills! We will also be removing some old fencing from the Rhuddlan Fawr section of the reserve. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 10th July

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.

Tuesday 15th July

Dragonfly and Damselfly Identification Training Course

Bodfari Woodland Skills Centre, The Warren, Bodfari, Denbigh, LL16 4DT. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Today, as part of our Nature Counts project, we will be running a Dragonfly and Damselfly Training Course. It will be a classroom session for beginners followed by a practical field survey to put our new found skills into practice (subject to the weather!). We will cover the key species which we are likely to find on our nature reserves. It will provide an excellent foundation for volunteers who would like to help us with dragonfly and damselfly surveys on our reserves. **Booking is essential and there is an expectation that people taking part on the course will then commit some time to helping us with future dragonfly and damselfly surveys.** Please contact Helen Carter-Emsell on Helen.Carter-Emsell@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 16th July

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 16th July

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

Discover the spectacular patchwork of habitats, each with its own unique character and array of wildlife. Today we will be carrying out more bracken bashing – scythes at the ready! We will also be carrying out a reptile survey in the Graig Wen, Caban and Castell sections of the nature reserve. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 17th July

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Friday 18th July

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 our monthly task to help us keep on top of site management. Today we will be focussing on bracken management, cutting back footpaths and doing a litter pick. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 22nd July

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 23rd July

Traeth Glaslyn, near Porthmadog.
Traeth Glaslyn nature reserve is made up of a patchwork of wet grassland, salt marsh and wet willow woodland that at times can be completely submerged; this flood meadow is a haven for birds. Waders can be seen all year, picking their way through the mud; the species changing with the seasons. Today we will be doing various jobs around the reserve including repairing the bird hide and fencing and doing a deep litter pick. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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Thursday 24th July

Butterfly Identification Training Course

Bryn Pydew Village Hall, Bryn Pydew, near Glanwydden LL31 9QB (What3Words: dollar.bench.rather) 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Today will be a butterfly identification training session for beginners or people wanting to refresh their id skills! We will start with a classroom session learning about the key features of approx. 30 different species of butterfly which we are likely to find on our nature reserves. This will be followed by a field survey to put our new found skills into practice. It will provide an excellent foundation for volunteers who would like to help us with butterfly surveys on our reserves. **Booking is essential and there is an expectation that people taking part on the course will then commit some time to helping us with future butterfly surveys.** Please contact Helen Carter-Emsell on Helen.Carter-Emsell@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 30th July

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Wednesday 30th July

Porth Diana, Trearddur Bay, Anglesey.

A visit to this small coastal nature reserve, home to the charming little spotted rockrose – Anglesey's county flower. Today we will be carrying out fencing repairs and helping to control the invasive *Rosa rugosa* and bracken. Please contact Matt Cole for more details.

Thursday 31st July

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.

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

