



North Wales Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve Work Parties in NE Wales (Denbighshire, Flintshire & Wrexham) August 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 **August 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 Carl Williams on 07946 089179 or carl.williams@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).

Friday 1st August

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 improving footpaths through the nature reserve, focussing on laying stone on two sections of muddy path close to the main car park. We will also be trimming and strimming alongside the paths. Please contact Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 5th August

Coed Cilygroeslwyd, Pwll-glas, near Ruthin. Meet in the Siop Pwllglas car park. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

This is one of our first nature reserves, purchased in 1964. It is home to some genuine rarities and is brimming with wildlife. Today we will carry out our annual count of limestone woundwort plants as well as scything and raking the vegetation around it to benefit this rare plant. We'll also spend some time clearing the footpaths running through the reserve. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 8th August

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. We will be managing scrub on our calcareous grassland as well as carrying out fencing repairs and installing new information boards. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 12th August

Rhydymwyn Valley Nature Reserve, 17 Nant Alyn Road, CH7 5HQ. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Himalayan Balsam season continues from where we left off the last time we visited. We'll meet at Rhydymwyn and work around the Antelope Industrial Estate area of the catchment. Bring wellies, long sleeves and a stick! Please contact Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 13th August

Marford Quarry, near Wrexham. Meet in the accessible car parking area off Springfield Lane (What3Words: creatures.galloping.spooked). 10 a.m. until 3.30p.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. Today we will be removing invasive saplings and evening primrose from across the nature reserve. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 15th August

Big Pool Wood, 2.5 miles east of Prestatyn. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Parking off the road, close to the reserve entrance. Meet at the entrance to the nature reserve. A wonderful reed bed and woodland site filled with wildflowers, birdsong and facilities that allow you to get closer to wildlife. We'll take advantage of the summer heatwave to jump into the pool and dig out reed roots and silt. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Monday 18th August

Coed y Felin, Hendre, near Mold. 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Meet in the big (east) car park.

Today we will be carrying out our annual count of the lovely Deptford pink flower. Join us as we look for this rare little flower and find out whether all last year's bespoke management has paid off. Please note, the survey area includes a steep slope – please wear appropriate footwear and bring along a stout stick if required. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend

Tuesday 19th August

Coed y Felin or Rhydymwyn – location to be confirmed. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Himalayan Balsam continues where we left off last time, surveying and removing as we go. Bring wellies, long sleeves and a stick! Please contact Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

Friday 22nd August

Y Graig, near Tremeirchion, just off the B5429. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Parking is restricted – please use the layby at Ffynnon Beuno on B5429.

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Y Graig is a haven for wildflowers and butterflies with breath-taking views over the Vale of Clwyd & beyond. Today we will focus on bracken control, with one final cut and rake of the material on the site's summit, to try and reclaim some of the underlying calcareous grassland. If we get that done, we'll put up the very last of the Y Graig bat boxes and/or do some gap filling in the dead hedge. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 26th August

Aberduna, Maeshafn, near Mold. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet in the office car park. We return to this wonderful nature reserve to continue fencing repairs, scrub removal and installing interpretation. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 27th August

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

Join us as we work to halt successional processes to maintain a mosaic of habitats at this former limestone quarry. Today you will have an opportunity to practice the traditional technique of scything. We will also install a new gate and cut back vegetation from footpaths. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 29th August

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. One last push (or pull!) on the regular summer root removal sessions. Hopefully we'll be able to say hello to some lovely livestock whilst we work! Please contact Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

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

