

## North Wales Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve Work Parties in NW Wales - Anglesey, Conwy & Gwynedd August 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 **August 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:matt.cole@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk)**
- A monthly work party at Eithinog, near Bangor, held on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:matt.cole@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk)**
- Two work parties at our Bryn Ifan site near Clynog Fawr, normally held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. **Contact Dafydd Thomas on [Dafydd.thomas@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto: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](http://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.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August**

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 5<sup>th</sup> August**

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 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 6<sup>th</sup> August**

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 6<sup>th</sup> August**

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

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August**

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 13<sup>th</sup> August**

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 removing old sections of fencing in the woodland as oak trees have successfully regenerated inside these tree guards and no longer require protection. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August**

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 – as well as some other maintenance jobs. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

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### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August**

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 20<sup>th</sup> August**

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. **For any budding botanists out there, today we will be carrying out our annual Marsh Gentian count.** This is one of the key botanical species on the nature reserve. We will also be surveying the lake area for Medicinal Leeches and dragonflies. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August**

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**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

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 26<sup>th</sup> August**

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 27<sup>th</sup> August**

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

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 27<sup>th</sup> August**

Cemlyn, near Cemaes Bay, Anglesey. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

After another successful season for the migratory terns at Cemlyn, we will be setting down the site now that the birds have flown. We'll be taking down fencing and signage and removing nest boxes from the two islands. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August**

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

