

North Wales Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve Work Parties in NE Wales (Denbighshire, Flintshire & Wrexham) September 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 wonderful 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 **September 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 <u>carl.williams@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk</u> or Paul Furnborough on 07880 033562 or <u>Paul.furnborough@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk</u>
- 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 <u>sarah.ellis@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk</u> 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 <u>must</u> book ahead directly with the task organiser (their contact details are listed above).

Tuesday 2nd September

Coed y Felin, Hendre, near Mold. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Please check with Carl which car park to meet in.

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.

Over three sessions, we will be scything and raking the small field and the slope where the Deptford pinks grow, as well digging out regenerating scrub. The scrub will be replanted in the dormouse area at Ddôl Uchaf. We will also prepare the ground for planting Deptford pink seedlings to reinforce the population. Please contact Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

Friday 5th September

Coed y Felin, Hendre, near Mold. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Please check with Carl which car park to meet in.

Today will be a continuation of the work we started on Tuesday 2nd. Please contact Carl if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 9th September

Coed y Felin, Hendre, near Mold. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Please check with Carl which car park to meet in.

Today will be a continuation of the work we started on Tuesday 2nd & Friday 5th. Please contact Carl if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 10th September

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. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 12th September

Graig Wyllt, 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 coppice hazel stools on the recently planted slope, allowing our saplings to thrive! Other jobs will include mapping nest boxes on the reserve and removing vegetation on and around the lime kiln. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst or Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 16th September

Pisgah Quarry. 10 a.m. until 3 30 p.m. Meet in the small car park at the end of Pleasant View. Parking is limited, so please car share where possible. We are returning to this small yet charming nature reserve to scythe and rake the lovely grassland glade. We will also be carrying out some woodland thinning. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 19th September

Gors Maen Llwyd or Ddôl Uchaf – to be confirmed. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Today we will either be processing brash on the moors at Gors Maen Llwyd or scything the meadow around the ponds at Ddôl Uchaf. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend and he will confirm which nature reserve we will be working at.

Tuesday 23rd September

Gors Maen Llwyd or Ddôl Uchaf – to be confirmed. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Today we will either be processing brash on the moors at Gors Maen Llwyd or scything the meadow around the ponds at Ddôl Uchaf. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend and he will confirm which nature reserve we will be working at.

Wednesday 24th September

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

Today we'll have a splashing good time as we look to enhance the large pond, cutting back invading willow trees. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 26th September

Graig Wyllt, 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 return to this wonderful nature reserve to install a threshold information panel and noticeboard. There will also be opportunities to carry out some woodland management. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 30th September

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. Today we have lots of jobs to do including pond management, coppicing and installing new signs. 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.

