

North Wales Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve Work Parties in NW Wales - Anglesey, Conwy & Gwynedd September 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 **September 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 3rd September

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 Katy Haines on katy.haines@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk or 07948 402630 if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 3rd September

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 will be cutting and clearing vegetation from the fen so don't forget your wellies! Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 4th September

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! Please contact Katy Haines on katy.haines@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk or 07948 402630 if you would like to attend.

Friday 5th September

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 and 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 9th September

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 recently acquired site on the Llŷn Peninsula. Working in partnership with local farmers and communities, North Wales Wildlife Trust intends to restore nature at Bryn Ifan – 450 acres near Clynog Fawr – for the benefit of people and wildlife. Today we will be carrying out fencing repairs, making improvements to the public rights of way and, weather permitting, carrying out a reptile survey. Please contact Dafydd Thomas if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 10th September

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 10th September

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 back out on the fen, cutting and clearing vegetation. Don't forget your wellies! Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 11th September

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 17th September

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 17th September

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 working on the firebreaks, cutting and clearing vegetation. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 18th September

Dolgarrog Memorial Gardens & woodland in the Conwy Valley. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Park near the entrance to the Memorial Gardens, Conwy Road, Dolgarrog. Grid reference SH769676, What3Words: lectures.whiplash.series and nearest postcode LL32 8JR.

Today we will be working with the newly launched **Gwneud Traciau (Making Tracks) Project in Dolgarrog**. This is a 2 ½ year-long project, funded by the Nature Networks Programme. It is being delivered by the Heritage Fund, on behalf of the Welsh Government.

In 1925, Porthllwyd was devastated by a terrible flood which resulted in the deaths of sixteen local people. The barren ground, scattered with huge boulders and debris, stood as a grim reminder of the tragic Dolgarrog Dam Disaster. 100 years later, the area is enveloped by a woodland full of wildlife. The Gwneud Traciau Project aims to increase biodiversity and link three significant sites in the Dolgarrog area – Porthllwyd Memorial Gardens, Coed Dolgarrog National Nature Reserve (NNR) and Pwll Du (within the Eryri Site of Special Scientific Interest) – to create three informative and accessible tracks where people and wildlife can thrive together. The Memorial Gardens will become an inviting gateway to the NNR and Eryri National Park. This is the first of our work parties in the area, in preparation for the centenary event (Sunday 2nd November) which will honour the Dam Disaster. We've got lots of work to do and so if you have some free time we would love to see you there. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 23rd September

Sorry – no Bryn Ifan work party today. Why not use the opportunity to visit one of your favourite nature reserves.

Wednesday 24th September

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 returning to this beautiful woodland to remove more sections of old fencing. The oak trees within these fenced areas have successfully regenerated and no longer require protection. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 24th September

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. We're back out on the fens again today, cutting and clearing vegetation. Don't forget your wellies! Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 25th September

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Friday 26th September

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 cutting back footpaths, checking fence lines and carrying out a litter pick. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

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

