



## North Wales Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve Work Parties in NE Wales (Denbighshire, Flintshire & Wrexham) October 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 **October 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](http://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](mailto:carl.williams@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk) or Paul Furnborough on 07880 033562 or [Paul.furnborough@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:Paul.furnborough@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk) or Jordan Vigus-Hurst on 07764 897416 or [Jordan.Vigus-Hurst@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:Jordan.Vigus-Hurst@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk)**
- A volunteer workday at Minera or Marford Quarry (Wrexham area) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. **Contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst on 07764 897416 or [Jordan.Vigus-Hurst@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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).**

In addition to our regular work days listed below, **every Thursday from 2<sup>nd</sup> October until 27<sup>th</sup> November, we will be holding a work party at Pen y Corddyn Bach, Rhyd y Foel, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.**

Join us to remove dead invasive cotoneaster from this lovely limestone grassland and help offer native wildflowers and grasses the space they need to grow. Bring your own garden gloves and meet at Rhyd y Foel Community Centre. Please contact either Carl Williams on [carl.williams@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:carl.williams@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk) or Hannah Everett on [hannah.everett@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:hannah.everett@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk) if you would like to attend.

### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

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 woodland management, installing new interpretation signs and removing scrub from the limestone grassland. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

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.

Today we will finish scything the top meadow and clearing arisings. Any pathways which are low on stone, will be topped up. We'll also begin to remove scrub on the slope – digging out or cutting and treating if the weather permits. Please contact Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

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 10<sup>th</sup> October**

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 Graigfechan 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](https://www.what3words.com/)) and we will meet you there at 10.15 a.m.

Today we have a variety of jobs to do in this wonderfully secluded woodland reserve including installing new interpretation signs, installing bird and bat boxes, planting trees to replace any which failed last season, and other habitat management work. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

Cors y Sarnau, Sarnau, near Bala. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet in Sarnau village. Our regular monthly visit to this reserve. Don't we all scrub up well! Today we will be clearing scrub from the peatland restoration area to promote the growth of wetland plant communities. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

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 we will be cutting up logs and clearing paths throughout this lovely woodland. We'll also continue to dig out or cut and treat the scrub encroachment on the Deptford pink slope, hoping to give our seedlings the best chance of success. Any sapling dug out will be transplanted in our other nature reserves. Please contact Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

This work party has been re-scheduled to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

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? Pop goes the birch tree! Today we will be focussing on opening up areas of this former sand and gravel quarry by removing regenerating tree saplings, benefitting the sand-loving invertebrates here. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October****Please note – Thursday not the usual Tuesday!**

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. As the autumn season begins, we will tackle trees and reeds encroaching on the lake. Don't forget your wellies! Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

Gors Maen Llwyd, near Llyn Brenig. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet at the layby:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/VSA4e936ArdtFgYu5>

A return to the moors! Today we will be cutting, pulling and processing invasive Sitka spruce from the heathland. Please contact Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

Ddôl Uchaf, near Afonwen, Flintshire. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Meet in the reserve car park – overspill parking is available in laybys along the Mold to Denbigh road (A541) which runs beside the reserve.

Pond day! Today we will thin the Typha and thick submerged vegetation from the ponds to keep open areas for newt displays, and pollard some of the over-hanging willows to let in more light. Don't forget your wellies! Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

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 scrub control and woodland management. Please contact Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

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

