



North Wales Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve Work Parties in NE Wales (Denbighshire, Flintshire & Wrexham) December 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 **December 2025** on our nature reserves in Denbighshire, Flintshire & Wrexham. You can also volunteer at our tree nurseries in NE & NW Wales – 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 or Jordan Vigus-Hurst on 07764 897416 or Jordan.Vigus-Hurst@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 Sarah Ellis in our tree nurseries in NE & NW Wales. Please contact Sarah Ellis on 07494 962909 or sarah.ellis@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk for more information about how you can get involved.

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).



Tuesday 2nd December

Gors Maen Llwyd, near Llyn Brenig. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet at the main car park: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/b88s8X5nRzrPm7aD7>

A return to the moors! Today we will be cutting, pulling, and processing invasive Sitka spruce from the heathland. **It's an opportunity to claim yourself a free Christmas tree!** If you can carry it to your car and transport it home, then you can pick your own tree! We'll try to pair chainsaw trained and untrained volunteers to manage felling, processing and brashing. If you're registered with us for chainsaw use, please bring your PPE. Be prepared for a good walk to our work site. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 3rd December

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. Today we have three key tasks: tree, reed and lake work. Something for everyone! Don't forget your wellies! Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Friday 5th December

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.
Total will be a day of complete woodland management, combining coppicing, tree thinning and tree planting. Please contact **both** Paul Furnborough and Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 9th December

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. Today we'll continue to make Coed Ty Uchaf more pony-friendly by giving scrub the brush-off! Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 10th December

Minera Quarry, Coedpoeth, near Wrexham. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet in the nature reserve car park.
Today we'll be getting the accessible parking area ready at this wonderful nature reserve. There will also be an opportunity, over some festive food, to take stock of the fantastic work that has been achieved by volunteers at Minera Quarry and Marford Quarry over the past year. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 12th December

Coed y Felin, Hendre, near Mold. **10 a.m. until 2 p.m. - note the earlier finish.**
Please check with Carl which car park to meet in.
Today we will be tree popping if it's wet, and stump treating if it's dry. We will also be coppicing along the old railway line, opening up a wider variety of age-structures along the woodland edge. Please contact Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 16th December

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 **Christmas Work Party** for our Big Pool Wood and Tuesday teams. Join us for some willow, tree and reed work, followed by some mulled juice, jacket potatoes and mince pies. Please contact **both** Carl Williams and Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Friday 19th December

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.

It's the time of year when everyone is slowing down - but not just yet! We'll finish coppicing and brash piling in the woodland, as well as fixing a couple of new signs in the car park. We'll also enjoy some festive food over the fire. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

There will be no work sessions over the Christmas period. Time to enjoy a well-earned break! Our volunteer work parties will start again on Tuesday 6th January 2026. We hope to see you then.

Everyone at North Wales Wildlife Trust would like to wish you and your family and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you so much for your support throughout the year – we look forward to working with you again in 2026.

