



North Wales Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve Work Parties in NE Wales (Denbighshire, Flintshire & Wrexham) November 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 **November 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).

In addition to our regular work days listed below, **every Thursday from 2nd October until 27th 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 or Hannah Everett on hannah.everett@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 4th November

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.

Coppicing continues! Today we'll be coppicing an existing hazel copse in the woodland at Aberduna. We'll also undertake some scrub control. Please contact Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

Friday 7th November

Tree nursery in Maeshafn, near Mold. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Parking is available in the village of Maeshafn. Meet by the children's play park entrance.

Today we will be carrying out maintenance work in our field grown tree nursery in Maeshafn village. Please contact Sarah Ellis if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 11th November

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. 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. Please contact Luke Jones on luke.jones@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 12th November

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. Today we will be enhancing our pond for wildlife by thinning the willow trees that are encroaching. Wellies recommended! Some waders will also be available for you to use. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 14th November

Aberduna, Maeshafn, near Mold. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet in the office car park.

Coppicing continues! Today we'll be coppicing an existing hazel copse in the woodland at Aberduna. Please contact Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 18th November

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 continue 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.

Thursday 20th November**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. Today we have three key tasks: reed cutting; tree safety work and removing willows from the pond. Don't forget your wellies! Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Friday 21st November

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.

Today will be a day of mixed woodland management. We will be coppicing overgrown, leggy elder and blackthorn, and planting out a variety of undergrowth and canopy species. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 25th November

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 clearing scrub from the former conifer plantation known as Coed Ty Uchaf. This will make it easier for the ponies to move around and browse plants in this area. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 26th November

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

Friday 28th November

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) and we will meet you there at 10.15 a.m.

As our TWIG grant-funded project comes to an end, we will finish installing new interpretation boards, as well as putting up nest boxes and clearing vegetation from around the lime kiln. 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.

