



North Wales Wildlife Trust

Nature Reserve Work Parties in NW Wales - Anglesey, Conwy & Gwynedd

December 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 wonderful 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 **December 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 December

Abercorris, (approximately midway between Dolgellau and Machynlleth, just off the A487). 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Oak, ash and hazel trees create a thick leafy canopy in this steep-sided valley, providing shelter for lots of nesting birds and invertebrates. The River Deri runs through the site and the moist air around the river creates an environment where mosses and ferns thrive. This is our first work party at Abercorris for many years and today we will be carrying out fencing and gate repairs and dealing with trees with ash dieback. Lifts may be available from Gwaith Powdwr in Penrhyndeudraeth. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 3rd December

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 carrying out heathland management work. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.



Thursday 4th December

Cors Bodgynydd, near Betws y Coed. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The wide variety of wetland habitats at this remote, upland nature reserve in the Gwydir Forest were created when water levels were raised artificially in the 19th century to supply water for the mining industry. Today we will be carrying out fencing repairs, clearing invasive conifers, birch & willow and checking the Carneddau ponies who are helping us manage the nature reserve. Wellies essential! An opportunity to take home a free Christmas tree! Please contact Luke Jones for more information.

Friday 5th December

Llyn Celanedd (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 including cutting reeds and having a general tidy up. 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.

Saturday 6th December

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth. 10 a.m. until 4 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 working with students from Bangor University carrying out various tasks in the tree nursery. We will also be potting up naturally regenerating oak saplings. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 9th December

Bryn Ifan, near Clynnog 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 Clynnog Fawr – for the benefit of people and wildlife. Today we will be doing a variety of jobs including fencing, clearing conifers, and carrying out scrub clearance work in one of the wetland areas. Please contact Dafydd Thomas if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 10th December

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 work on the heathland. This work is important as it provides and maintains suitable habitat (sunny glades with nearby cover) for the reptiles which live on the nature reserve. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 10th December

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 heathland again today, cutting and clearing vegetation. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.



Thursday 11th December

Cors Bodgynydd, near Betws y Coed. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

We're back in the wetland again today clearing invasive conifers, birch & willow and checking the Carneddau ponies who are helping us manage the nature reserve. Wellies essential! An opportunity to take home a free Christmas tree! Please contact Luke Jones for more information.

Wednesday 17th December

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Today will be our Christmas (work) party for our NW Wednesday volunteers!

In the morning, we will be carrying out non-native species control (buddleia, cotoneaster & rhododendron), woodland management & work in the tree nursery. The afternoon will be an opportunity for us to celebrate Christmas with festive food and drinks, a Christmas quiz and some decoration making! Please contact Luke Jones or Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 18th December

Bryn Pydew, Glanwydden, near Llandudno. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The limestone pavements, flower-rich grasslands & ash & yew woodlands found on this nature reserve support a wealth of plant & animal life. **Today will be our Christmas (work) party!** In the morning, we will be strimming and raking off the limestone grassland glades and clearing scrub & invasive trees. The afternoon will be an opportunity for us to celebrate Christmas with festive food and drinks, a Christmas quiz and some decoration making in the nearby village hall! Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

Everyone at North Wales Wildlife Trust would like to wish you 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.

