



North Wales Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve Work Parties in NE Wales (Denbighshire, Flintshire & Wrexham) January 2026

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda! Happy New Year! 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. Winter is a great 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 **January 2026** 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. Please 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).

Friday 2nd January

No work party.

Tuesday 6th January

Coed y Felin, Hendre, near Mold. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet in the large car park: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/sMwyyTmA4iZJvzSg9>

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 areas are filled with colour & life, including the nationally rare Deptford pink and dozens of other wildflowers.

This will be our first work party in 2026 - welcome back! We will continue coppicing along the old railway line, creating a wider variety of age structures in the trees, shrubs, and plants along the woodland edge. We will also be collecting woody material from beside the river and moving/staking it to higher ground to help with flood mitigation. Please contact Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

Friday 9th January

Blaenyweirglodd, near Llansannan. Parking off-road near the nature reserve (grid reference SH 9114 6322). 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

We return to this peaceful wetland reserve to remove encroaching scrub from the open mire. We will also be managing some of the large trees which are self-seeding onto the peatland. There may also be an opportunity to monitor the reserve's hydrology. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 13th January

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 will 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 14th January

Marford Quarry, near Wrexham. Meet in the accessible car parking area off Springfield Lane. 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? Today we have a wide variety of jobs to do - something for everyone! Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 16th January

Gors Maen Llwyd, near Llyn Brenig. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Please book with Carl – parking location will be determined depending on the number of people attending. Today we are heading back on to the moors, pulling and felling self-seeded Sitka saplings and trees. This work is important as it will help to restore precious heathland habitat. We will be pairing chainsaw trained and untrained volunteers to manage felling/processing and brashing. If you are registered with us for chainsaw use, please bring your PPE. Be prepared for a good walk to the work site! Please contact Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 20th January

Aberduna, Maeshafn, near Mold. Meet at the office car park. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Aberduna is a striking 20-hectare nature reserve offering stunning views across the Alyn Valley to Moel Famau & the Clwydian Range. Today is an opportunity to learn the art of hedge laying under the tutelage of Phil Lewis. We will begin to lay the long hedge which runs alongside Maeshafn Road. We are throwing you in at the deep end of hedge laying, as this hedge really needs some TLC! Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 23rd January

Coed Cilygroeslwyd, located 2 miles south of Ruthin on the A494. Meet in the Pwllglas Community Shop car park at 10 a.m. (What3Words; curls.vanished.union; nearest postcode LL15 2PE).

This is one of North Wales Wildlife Trust's oldest nature reserves. Today we will be carrying out woodland management, building up a protective barrier around the rare limestone woundwort and opening up one of the existing glades. If time allows, we may also go to Graig Wylt to complete some more work there. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 27th January

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, involving tree felling and coppicing overgrown and leggy elder and blackthorn. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 28th January

Minera Quarry, Coedpoeth, near Wrexham. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet in the car park.

Today we will be carrying out work to improve accessibility at this former limestone quarry as well as some woodland management. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 30th January

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

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/y46P7AHapSV7biwc9>

Today we will be planting a soft woodland edge boundary between the neighbouring plantation and our recently cleared heathland. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

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