

## North Wales Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve Work Parties in NW Wales - Anglesey, Conwy & Gwynedd 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 throughout 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 volunteer on 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 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 01248 351541 or 07375 520493 or [matt.cole@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:matt.cole@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk)**
- A monthly work party at Eithinog, near Bangor, held on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:matt.cole@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk)**
- Work parties at our Bryn Ifan site near Clynog Fawr, on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. **Contact Dafydd Thomas on [Dafydd.thomas@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:Dafydd.thomas@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk) or 07940 008799.**

Our work parties provide an interesting and lively mix of practical work and informal training. Each work day 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](http://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. 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.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd. 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 carrying out various tasks around the nature reserve including heathland management to provide habitat for nightjars and reptiles, and clearance work in the wetland areas alongside the stream. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

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 in Anglesey. Today we will be carrying out a variety of different work around the nature reserve including heathland management. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

Every Thursday we will be working on one of our nature reserves in the County of Conwy (10 a.m. until 4 p.m.). This includes our three nature reserves near Llandudno and Cors Bodgynydd, near Betws y Coed. Our work on these reserves can be weather dependent – we will always be working on one of them every Thursday, but the weather forecast will determine which one! We will confirm which reserve at the start of each week via WhatsApp, text message, etc. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Luke Jones. He will then contact you at the start of each week to let you know where we will be working.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

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 reed cutting and a litter pick along the shoreline. 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. Contact Matt Cole for more information.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January**

Bryn Ifan, near Clynog 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 450-acre site on the Llŷn Peninsula.

Working in partnership with local farmers and communities, North Wales Wildlife Trust intends to restore nature at Bryn Ifan for the benefit of people and wildlife.

Today we will be clearing away some old fencing and carrying out scrub clearance work in one of the wetland areas. Please contact Dafydd Thomas if you would like to attend.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

Caeau Tan-y-bwlch, near Clynnog Fawr. 10 a.m. until 4.00 p.m.

Swathed in wild flowers in spring & summer and offering lovely views of the coast, these traditional hay meadows offer a glimpse of our countryside's past. Today we'll be working in the wetter areas of the nature reserve, cutting and clearing willow. Don't forget your wellies! Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

Cors Goch, near Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey. 10 a.m. until 4.00 p.m.

Cors Goch reflects a long history of human activity. Used by the local community for centuries, it's a place where cattle grazed, reeds were cut and stone was quarried to make millstones. Discover the spectacular patchwork of habitats, each with its own unique character and array of wildlife. Today we'll be carrying out work on the heathland. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

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**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

Mariandyrys, near Llangoed, Anglesey. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

This nature reserve lies on a rocky limestone outcrop that raises it above the surrounding area and offers stunning, far-reaching views all year round. In spring and summer, this site comes alive with wildflowers that thrive on this lime-rich soil. Today we will be carrying out heathland management work. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

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**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

Coed Crafnant, Llanbedr, near Harlech. 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Filled with primitive plants and ancient oak trees, a visit to Coed Crafnant feels like stepping back in time to the ancient wildwoods of Wales. Today we will be carrying out halo thinning - a woodland operation which retains space and light around our old oak trees. This is beneficial for the trees and for the wildlife that lives in the many niches that these ancient trees provide. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

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**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

Eithinog, Bangor, Gwynedd.

Overlooking the Menai Strait on one side and with views of Eryri on the other, this is a much-loved wild oasis in the heart of Bangor. Our jobs today will include scrub clearance and gorse management. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

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 different jobs around the site including improvements to the public rights and way; scrub clearance; fencing repairs and possibly some tree planting. Please contact Dafydd Thomas if you would like to attend.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd. 10 a.m. until 4.00 p.m.

Our work focusses on maintaining the variety of habitats whilst protecting the history of the nature reserve. Today we will be working in the tree nursery, potting up naturally regenerating oak and holly seedlings with Sarah Ellis, our Tree Nurseries' Officer. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

Canolfan Addysg Conwy. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Today we will be working in Canolfan Addysg Conwy, helping to set up an area in the school grounds which will be used by the pupils for outdoor Forest School sessions. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

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

