



# North Wales Wildlife Trust

## Nature Reserve Work Parties in NE Wales

### (Denbighshire, Flintshire & Wrexham)

### February 2026

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 **February 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](http://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](mailto:carl.williams@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk) or Paul Furnborough on 07880 033562 or [Paul.furnborough@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:Paul.furnborough@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk) or Jordan Vigus-Hurst on 07764 897416 or [Jordan.Vigus-Hurst@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:Jordan.Vigus-Hurst@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk)**
- A volunteer workday at Minera or Marford Quarry (Wrexham area) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. **Contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst on 07764 897416 or [Jordan.Vigus-Hurst@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

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 we will finish off our winter tasks, brashing up felled ash and sycamore; building dead hedges and, if needed, finishing the coppicing and planting. We might also make a start on some tricky hedge laying with some over-mature hazel. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

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

At the second attempt following Storm Goretta, 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 10<sup>th</sup> February**

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 continue 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.

### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

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 13<sup>th</sup> February**

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.

### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

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. As the water level rises over winter, we'll do another reed cut with the boat and finish off our winter tree work. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

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/sMwyTmA4iZJvzSg9>

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.

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.

### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

Aberduna, Maeshafn, near Mold. Meet at the office car park. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Another opportunity to learn the art of hedge laying. We will continue to lay the long hedge beside 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.

### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January**

**Sorry – there will be no work party this Wednesday.** Why not use the time to visit one of your favourite nature reserves!

### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

Gors Maen Llwyd, near Llyn Brenig. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet at the main carpark: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Pw6B4jikjxoRaPa3A>

Today we will be joined by a group of students and so we will focus on hand pulling and using hand tools to clear conifer saplings. A second team with chainsaws will work on tackling more established, larger conifers. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

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

