

North Wales Wildlife Trust

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

February 2026

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 **February 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**
- A volunteer work day every Wednesday at our Gwaith Powdwr reserve, near Penrhyneddraeth, 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**
- Work parties at our Bryn Ifan site near Clynnog Fawr, on 2nd and 4th Tuesday 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 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** 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 4th February

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.

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Wednesday 4th February

Cors Goch, near Llanbedr goch, 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 5th February

Dolgarrog, Conwy Valley. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Meet outside the Community Centre in Conwy Road, Dolgarrog. Grid reference SH769673, What3Words: measuring.froth.heightens and nearest postcode LL32 8JU.

Today we will be working with the newly launched Gwneud Traciau (Making Tracks) Project in Dolgarrog. This is a 2 ½ year-long project, funded by the Nature Networks Programme. It is being delivered by the Heritage Fund, on behalf of the Welsh Government. **This work party provides an opportunity to learn the ancient art of hedge laying – a traditional technique used to manage hedges.** It helps to keep hedges stockproof as well as providing a real haven for wildlife. If you've always wanted to have a go, why not come along and join us! Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

Friday 6th February

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 maintenance of the bird hide 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 10th February

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 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 doing scrub clearance work to improve access into the site. Please contact Dafydd Thomas if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 11th February

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyneddraeth, 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 11th February

Cors Goch, near Llanbedrogoch, 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 and scrub management. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 12th February

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

Today we will be working with our friends from Cymdeithas Eryri (Snowdonia Society). 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. Weather permitting, we will have a fire to burn some of the brash and prevent it re-rooting in the wetter areas. Wellies essential! Please contact Luke Jones for more information.

Wednesday 18th February

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 more 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.

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Wednesday 18th February

Caeau Pen y Clip, Menai Bridge, Anglesey. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Surrounded by agriculture and urban housing, these wildflower-rich fields and mature hedgerows create a haven for wildlife. The grassland is studded with flowers during spring and summer, with bright yellow bird's-foot trefoil amongst the purples of common spotted-orchids and knapweed. Wetter areas are covered in the green spikes of rushes, sprinkled with white tufts of meadowsweet. Today we will be carrying out scrub management – this work will help to retain the flower-rich grassland areas. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 19th February

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.

Saturday 21st February

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, and students from Bangor University, carrying out various 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.

Tuesday 24th February

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 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 25th February

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyneddraeth, 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 carrying out various tasks around the nature reserve, including work in our tree nursery. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 25th February

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

Coppicing is an ancient woodland management technique that was once used to ensure a regular supply of timber and firewood. It involves felling trees at their base to create a 'stool' from which new shoots will grow. It is an excellent way of increasing the biodiversity in our woodlands. Today we will be coppicing hazel on our Cors Goch nature reserve. Why not join us and learn more about this ancient form of woodland management. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 26th February

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 27th February

There will be no work party at Eithinog today as we will be working with our volunteers in NE Wales at our Gors Maen Llwyd nature reserve.

Gors Maen Llwyd, near Llyn Brenig. 10 a.m. until 4.00 p.m. Meet at the main carpark: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Pw6B4jikjxoRaPa3A> **Lifts may be available from our Bangor Office if you would like to join us.**

Gors Maen Llwyd, bordering Llyn Brenig, is one of the Wildlife Trust's largest nature reserves and comprises upland heath, blanket bog, and wetland. Bursting with wildlife, this spectacular upland heather moorland feels truly wild. Today we will be working out on the moors, pulling, and clearing conifers which are self-seeding into the nature reserve from surrounding conifer plantations. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

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

