



North Wales Wildlife Trust

Nature Reserve Work Parties in NE Wales (Denbighshire, Flintshire & Wrexham)

April 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. Now that spring has arrived, it's 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 **April 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 3rd April

It's Good Friday – a Bank Holiday - and so there is no work party today. Why not use the time to visit your favourite nature reserve with your friends and family.

Tuesday 7th April

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 bird hides that allow you to get closer to wildlife. Today we will be removing a windfall tree from the lake before it starts to rot. We'll have a general spring clean around the reserve – a lick of paint here, a boardwalk repair there ... Please contact Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

Friday 10th April

Maes Hiraddug, near Dyserth. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet in the lay by on Carreg Heilin Lane where it joins Pandy Lane.

Maes Hiraddug was saved from development when it was bought by the Wildlife Trust back in 1996. Since then, it has been managed as a hay meadow, continuing centuries of traditional practices. Today we will return to the nature reserve after the cattle have finished grazing and try our hand at excavating any scrub roots which they have left in the meadow. If conditions are suitable, we will trim back access to the fence line and experiment with a new technique – the Rootwave. We are looking forward to some help from Coleg Cambria students on this session - many hands make light work! Please contact Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 14th April

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 be installing a new pedestrian gate to prevent sheep from escaping. We'll also continue to make habitat piles following contractors' work here in the winter. Please contact Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

Friday 17th April

Graig Wyllt, 3 miles SE of Ruthin on the B5429. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet at the Three Pigeons Inn at Graigfechan at 10 a.m., or if you are familiar with the reserve, feel free to head straight to the reserve entrance (What3Words: escorting.increment.sits) and we will meet you there at 10.15 a.m. We'll be installing signs, bird boxes, strange wooden posts and probably more! If that sounds intriguing, come and join us at this wonderful woodland reserve. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

and

Friday 17th April

Ddôl Uchaf, (near Afonwen) and Aberduna (near Mold). **Evening survey work (7.30 p.m. until 12.30 a.m.)**

Join us for the **night-time newt survey**, counting amphibians in the ponds by torchlight. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 21st April

Gors Maen Llwyd, near Llyn Brenig. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet at the Llyn Brenig Visitor Centre at 10 a.m. and we will convoy around the lake to the lower entrance for the start of the session.

An out-of-season visit to do a host of estate jobs – installing waymarkers, boot brushes, kickboards and signage. We'll also trim sections of the circular walk to help it bed in before foot-traffic establishes the route. We will be joined by a film crew from a project funder to capture some of the works we've done over the course of the project. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 22nd April

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

Today we will be carrying out various tasks to improve accessibility at this former limestone quarry. Why not join us and witness the incredible power of nature as it slowly reclaims this former quarry into a wildlife haven. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 24th April

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 will be a day of re-use and repair. It will be an opportunity to make good some of our fences and install a re-purposed field gate on this lovely nature reserve. We'll also finish burning the brash generated from our recent hedge laying sessions. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

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Friday 24th April

Gors Maen Llwyd, near Llyn Brenig. **3.30 a.m. until 7.00 a.m. No that's not a typo!**

Set your alarm clocks and join us bright and early for the **annual black grouse count**. Bring walking boots or wellies (wellies recommended) and a head torch or hand torch if you have one. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Monday 27th April

Ddôl Uchaf, (near Afonwen). 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.

Note – this is a Monday session rather than our usual Tuesday session.

Today we will be joined by ecologists from Enfys to deploy dormouse footprint survey tunnels across the reserve in readiness for the season's monitoring. This is an exciting new project for Ddôl! Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 28th April

Sorry, there is no daytime work party session today as we have an All-Staff meeting.

Tuesday 28th April

Minera Quarry, Coedpoeth, near Wrexham. **Evening survey work (8.00 p.m. until 1.00 a.m.)**

Join us for a **night-time newt survey**, counting amphibians in the ponds by torchlight. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Thursday 30th April

Gors Maen Llwyd, near Llyn Brenig. **3.30 a.m. until 7.00 a.m. No that's not a typo!**

Black Grouse Survey – **back up date** in case of bad weather on Friday 24th April. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Friday 1st May

Aberduna, Maeshafn, near Mold. Meet at the office car park. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Today we will continue with any unfinished jobs following last week's session here. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

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

