



North Wales Wildlife Trust

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

May 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. Spring is a wonderful 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 **May 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 1st May

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 we will continue any unfinished jobs following last week's session here – not least the fencing repairs! Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 5th May

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 be maintaining the dragonfly survey route and paths around the nature reserve. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 8th May

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. Please contact Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

Monday 11th May

Ddôl Uchaf, (near Afonwen) and Aberduna (near Mold). **Evening survey work (8.00 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 12th May

Coed Trellyniau, near Rhydymwyn. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Parking is limited – please contact Carl Williams if you would like to attend so that we can confirm whether there will be space to park directly on site or if we will need to arrange car sharing from our nearby Coed y Felin nature reserve. This nature reserve is a fragment of a once larger ancient woodland. It sits within an agricultural landscape and is linked to other scattered woodlands by ancient hedgerows and tracks that are the last refuge for many native plants and animals. We're returning to this hidden gem at the perfect time of year to see the green lanes and beautiful woodland flowers. We'll spend the day carrying out fencing repairs. Please contact Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 13th May

Old Pulford Brook Meadows. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet outside the Parish Church of St. Mary's in Pulford (CH4 9DG). We will then car share to the reserve entrance.

Today we will tidy up the nature reserve, carrying out fencing repairs and removing old plastic wrap (from hay bales) caught on trees and fences. There will also be an opportunity to search for the rare mousetail plant around the gateways between the fields. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

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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. **Dormouse Survey Training.** We're looking for volunteers who can commit to helping us monitor dormice footprint tunnels at least once a month for the next six months. If you are interested, we are putting on this training day to teach you how to identify dormouse footprints and nibbled hazel nuts. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Friday 15th May

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.

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Tuesday 19th May

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 at this wonderful woodland reserve. Later in the day, we may also move on to our nearby Coed Cilygroeslwyd nature reserve to carry out some work there. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 20th May

Minera Quarry, Coedpoeth, near Wrexham. **Evening survey work (8.30 p.m. until 12.00 a.m.). Meet in the reserve car park.**

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.

Friday 22nd May

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 strim sections of the circular walk to help it bed in before foot-traffic establishes the route. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 26th May

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.

Today we'll be cutting back vegetation from around the young saplings we planted in the winter, so they don't get swamped out. We'll also do some dead hedging and plant tree stumps to create standing deadwood – an important habitat on our nature reserves. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 27th May

Marford Quarry, near Wrexham. Meet in the accessible car parking area off Springfield Lane (What3Words: rural.single.outcasts). 10 a.m. until 3.30p.m.

Today we will be working at Marford Quarry – a sandy nature reserve – managing the site for its many rare invertebrate species. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 29th May

Aberduna, Maeshafn, near Mold. Meet at the office car park. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Today we will be carrying out **Grassland monitoring**. Get your eye in and help us monitor the condition of our grassland at this wonderful nature reserve. A great opportunity to brush-up on your plant ID skills! We'll also carry on with fencing repairs. 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.

