



North Wales Wildlife Trust

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

May 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. 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 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 Penrhyndeudraeth, 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 Llyn Celanedd (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 most Tuesdays at our Bryn Ifan site near Clynog Fawr, 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.

Friday 1st May

Llyn Celanedd (Spinnies Aberogwen), near Bangor, Gwynedd & Eithinog, Bangor. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet at our nature reserve at 10 a.m. Lifts may be available from our Bangor Office

The series of lagoons and surrounding habitat at Llyn Celanedd 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 nature reserve including repairs to the bird hides & a litter pick along the shoreline. There will be an opportunity to do some bird watching so don't forget your binoculars! In the afternoon, we'll move on to our Eithinog nature reserve in Bangor to carry out some site management work. Contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend and if you would like a lift from our Bangor Office.

Tuesday 5th May

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 450-acre site on the Llŷn Peninsula. Working in partnership with local farmers and communities, North Wales Wildlife Trust is managing Bryn Ifan for the benefit of people and wildlife. Today we will be doing a variety of jobs including fencing, improvements to the public rights of way and a reptile survey (weather dependent). Please contact Dafydd Thomas if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 6th May

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 on with the removal of old sections of post & wire fencing which was originally installed around regenerating trees to prevent them being damaged by grazing animals. The trees are now established, and so the fencing can be removed. We will also be setting up devices around the reserve in readiness for bat surveys. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 6th May

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 is 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 will be carrying out a variety of jobs including rhododendron control and repairs to the boardwalk. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 7th May

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.

Tuesday 12th May

Bryn Ifan, near Clynog Fawr. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

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Wednesday 13th May

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 footpath maintenance and the removal of invasive non-native plants. Please contact Rachel Johncock on Rachel.johncock@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 13th May

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 scrub clearance on the limestone pavement and weather permitting, carry out reptile and butterfly surveys. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 14th May

Dolgarrog, Conwy Valley. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Meet at the Community Centre in Dolgarrog. Grid reference: SH769673; What3words: measuring.froth.heightens; Postcode: LL32 8JU.

Today we will be working with staff from our 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.

Today we will be removing Himalayan Balsam, an invasive, non-native plant. It's very easy to pull out of the ground and very satisfying work, but there's lots of it spreading throughout the Conwy Valley! Please contact Sue Loughran if you would like to attend on susan.loughran@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk or 07943 137561.

Friday 15th May

Dolgarrog, Conwy Valley. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Meet at the Community Centre in Dolgarrog. Grid reference: SH769673; What3words: measuring.froth.heightens; Postcode: LL32 8JU.

Today we will once again be removing Himalayan Balsam, an invasive, non-native plant. We are trying to create a buffer zone around Coed Dolgarrog National Nature Reserve to prevent the spread of INNS into this wonderful woodland. Today we are working with our friends from Cymdeithas Eryri (Snowdonia Society). Many hands make light work and so it would be great if you could come along and join us. Don't worry if you can't stay all day – any help is welcome! Please contact Sue Loughran if you would like to attend on susan.loughran@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk or 07943 137561.

Tuesday 19th May

Bryn Ifan, near Clynnog Fawr. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

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Wednesday 20th May

Morfa Bychan, near Porthmadog. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Morfa Bychan is a truly maritime nature reserve, allowing you the rare chance to experience the whole range of habitats within a dynamic dune system. Today we be carrying out a number of different jobs including the removal of invasive non-native plants such as cotoneaster, a litter pick along Black Rock Sands beach and, weather permitting, a reptile survey. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 20th May

Cors Goch, near Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Today we will be doing a variety of jobs around the nature reserve including bracken control. It's a great opportunity to have a go at using an Austrian scythe. It's very relaxing work and so much quieter than using a brushcutter! Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 21st May

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 22nd May

Eithinog, Bangor, Gwynedd. Morning only - 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Overlooking the Menai Strait on one side and with views of Snowdonia on the other, this is a much-loved wild oasis in the heart of Bangor. This is one of our monthly tasks to help us keep on top of site management. Our jobs today will include bracken control, checking cattle, doing a litter pick and weather permitting, carrying out a butterfly survey. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 26th May

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, wildlife surveys, and fencing repairs. Please contact Dafydd Thomas if you would like to attend.

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Tuesday 26th May

Dolgarrog, Conwy Valley. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Meet at the Community Centre in Dolgarrog. Grid reference: SH769673; What3words: measuring.froth.heightens; Postcode: LL32 8JU.

Today we will be working with staff from our Gwneud Traciau (Making Tracks) Project in Dolgarrog removing Himalayan Balsam, an invasive, non-native plant. We are trying to create a buffer zone around Coed Dolgarrog National Nature Reserve to prevent the spread of INNS into this wonderful woodland. Today we are working with our friends from Cymdeithas Eryri (Snowdonia Society) once again. Many hands make light work and so it would be great if you could come along and join us. Don't worry if you can't stay all day – any help is welcome! Please contact Sue Loughran if you would like to attend on susan.loughran@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk or 07943 137561.

Wednesday 27th May

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 carrying out various tasks around the nature reserve, including work in our tree nursery, removal of invasive non-native plants mainly buddleia and Himalayan Balsam, and weather permitting, we will carry out a reptile survey. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 27th May

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

Today we will be carrying out more bracken control – another great opportunity to try your hand at using an Austrian scythe. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 28th May

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.

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

