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

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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. As we head towards summer, it's 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 **June 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).

Every day throughout June (subject to weather conditions)

Aberduna nature reserve, Maeshafn – anytime between 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary Survey.

We'd like to have boots on the ground looking for this elusive butterfly every day throughout the month, during its flight period, when weather conditions are suitable. We aim to confirm its continued presence on the reserve. Surveys will be co-ordinated between surveyors in a dedicated SPBF WhatsApp group. Survey methodology, ID guides and data portal will be available to all volunteers via the website. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to get involved. You will be added to a dedicated WhatsApp group and receive a link to the survey details on our website.

Tuesday 2nd June

Aberduna, Maeshafn, near Mold and Rhes y Cae (possibly Rhydymwyn for a classroom session). 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Join the butterfly survey volunteers for a **short training session focussing on “tricky butterfly species for improvers”**. If the weather is favourable, we will also kick off our Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary surveys at a known site in Rhes y Cae, before trying to confirm their continued presence at Aberduna. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Friday 5th June

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/sMwyyTmA4iZJvzSg9>

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.

Continuing our traditional summer tasks, we will finish off the estate maintenance tasks – steps, fencing and footpaths, as well as processing some felled birch for willow tit breeding habitat. Please contact Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 9th June

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.

Wednesday 10th June

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 at this former limestone quarry. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 12th June

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 is our Ddôl Uchaf Bioblitz! We will set up reptile and butterfly transects, survey the ponds and river for dragonflies and check the dormouse footprint tunnels. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 16th June

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 piling up brash resulting from contractors' scrub clearance work on site, as well as installing a new gate and maintaining the various paths around the reserve. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 19th June

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

Aberduna is a striking 20-hectare nature reserve offering stunning views across the Alyn Valley to Moel Famau & the Clwydian Range. We'll clear scrub from areas of limestone grassland, to keep it in tip-top condition. We'll also continue to make good some of our fencing. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 23rd June

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 24th June

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 at this former limestone quarry. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 26th June

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.

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.

Tuesday 30th June

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/sMwyyTmA4iZJvzSg9>

Today we kick off the summer Himalayan Balsam pulling season! Don't forget your wellies! Please contact Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

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

