



North Wales Wildlife Trust

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

July 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. Summer 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 **July 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 July

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 – repairing the middle entrance gate and fixing a new post; 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 7th July

Coed Cilygroeslwyd, Pwll-glas, near Ruthin. Meet in the Siop Pwllglas car park. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Today we will be clearing encroaching vegetation from the paths, installing and repairing signs on the nature reserve and lots more! If time allows, we might finish the day with a visit to nearby Graig Wylt to carry out some work there. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 8th July

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

Today we will be working at this former limestone quarry and it's a great opportunity to practice the traditional skill of scything. We'll be scything bracken to prevent it encroaching on to our wildflower-rich meadows. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 10th July

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 to excavate any scrub roots in the meadow. We'll also be fixing the water trough pipe ready for when the cattle return. 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 14th July

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 clearing and maintaining the various paths around the nature reserve, as well as creating habitat piles from the brush left by contractors. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 17th July

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 will continue with the bridge repairs. We'll also be cutting back vegetation from around the young saplings we planted in the winter, finishing the footpath maintenance and beginning the dead hedging. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 21st July

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 will continue with the bridge repairs. We'll also be cutting back vegetation from around the young saplings we planted in the winter, finishing the footpath maintenance and beginning the dead hedging. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend. **It is possible that this session may be swapped with the Y Graig session on Friday 24th July.**

Friday 24th July

Y Graig, near Tremeirchion, just off the B5429. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. **Please book with Paul Furnborough to confirm the meeting point.**

Y Graig is a haven for wildflowers and butterflies with breath-taking views over the Vale of Clwyd & beyond. Today we will be scything and raking bracken from the limestone grassland on this stunning nature reserve. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend. **It is possible that his session may be swapped with the Ddôl Uchaf session on Tuesday 21st July.**

Tuesday 28th July

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.

Wednesday 29th July

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.

There will be a selection of jobs on offer at Marford today – everything from painting sculptures and clearing scrub to scything bracken and strimming paths. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 31st July

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. Scrubs up well! Today we will be maintaining and enhancing our limestone grassland by uprooting thistles and scything bracken, reducing its extent and preventing it from taking over. Please contact Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

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

